

Exercise walk-through

Agricultural Production Regions ■ 5.6

eXercise

You must be able to

- classify farming as subsistence or commercial and intensive or extensive
- describe **shifting cultivation** 迁移农业 and **pastoral nomadism** 游牧
- describe **plantation** 种植园 and **market gardening** 商品园艺 agriculture
- match an example to its region type

Method — Two axes

Farming is classified by purpose (**subsistence** vs **commercial**) and by input (**intensive** vs **extensive**).

Method — Subsistence types

Shifting cultivation clears and farms a plot, then moves on as soil tires. **Pastoral nomadism** herds animals across dry lands, moving to find pasture.

Method — Commercial types

A **plantation** grows one cash crop for export with much labour. **Market gardening** grows fruit and vegetables intensively near cities for sale.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Describe pastoral nomadism.

Solution 2.1

Method: Subsistence types

Worked steps

herding livestock **B1** and moving seasonally to find pasture/water in dry lands **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State whether a plantation is subsistence or commercial, and intensive or extensive.

Solution 2.2

Method: Two axes

Worked steps

commercial (grown for sale/export) **B1**; intensive (much labour on the crop) **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

Farmers clear a patch of forest, grow crops for a few years, then move to a new patch.

- (a) Name this farming type.
- (b) Explain why they must keep moving.

Solution 2.3

Method: Subsistence types

Worked steps

(a) shifting cultivation **B1**. (b) the soil loses fertility after a few years, so they move to fresh land **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Growing vegetables intensively on small plots near a city to sell fresh is

A pastoral nomadism

B market gardening

C shifting cultivation

D plantation farming

Solution 3.1

Method: Commercial types

A pastoral nomadism

B market gardening 

C shifting cultivation

D plantation farming

Worked steps

B. intensive fruit/veg near cities for sale = market gardening.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Herders moving animals across dry grasslands practise

A plantation agriculture

B pastoral nomadism

C market gardening

D monoculture

Solution 3.2

Method: Subsistence types

A plantation agriculture

B pastoral nomadism



C market gardening

D monoculture

Worked steps

B. moving livestock for pasture = pastoral nomadism.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A large estate grows only coffee for export using many workers.

- (a) Name this agricultural type.
- (b) Classify it on both axes (subsistence/commercial, intensive/extensive).

Solution 3.3

Method: Two axes

Worked steps

(a) plantation agriculture **B1**. (b) commercial and intensive **B1**.