

Chapter 2. Role of Government in Health

Very Short Q&A:

Q1: Define health.

Ans: Health means ability of a person or animal to remain free of illness and any kind of injuries.

Q2: Name some factors that affect our health.

Ans: Diseases, polluted water and atmosphere.

Q3: People do not get adequate food or have to live in cramped conditions, will be prone to illness. True/false.

Ans: True

Q4: Private services like healthcare are funded by the tax money. True/false

Ans: False

Q5: To avail private healthcare services patient have to pay a lot of money. True/False.

Ans: True

Q6: Adequate healthcare available to all in India. True/False.

Ans: False

Q7: To be healthy, it is not necessary to live without mental strain. True/ False.

Ans: False

Q8: India has the largest number of medical colleges in the world and is among largest producer of _____.

Ans: Doctors

Q9: India gets large number of medical _____ from many countries.



Ans: Tourist

Q10: Most Doctors in India are settled in _____ area.

- a. village
- b. district
- c. town
- d. urban

Ans: Urban

Q11: Who runs public health care system?

Ans: Government

Q12: Suppose you see long queues, outside a hospital opd counter. What kind of hospital is that?

Ans: Public hospital

Q13: Which of the two is expensive a private hospital or public hospital?

Ans: Private hospital

Q14: State the function of village health workers.

Ans: They deals with common illness and works under the supervision of Doctors at primary Health Centre.

Q15: From where does government gets fund to invest on various health care plans and schemes?

Ans: By the tax paid by people

Q16: Establishing equality in a democratic society is a continuous struggle. True/ False.

Ans: Shortage of medicines, insufficient hospital beds, Availability of less doctors etc.

Q17: _____ is an essential part of education.

Ans: Health education

Q18: What is OPD?

Ans: OPD stands for out patient department

Q19: What is the function of OPD?

Ans: In an OPD patients are first brought in and treated in a hospital without being admitted to any special ward.

Q20: Define communicable diseases.

Ans: Diseases that can spread from one person to another person through water, food air etc.

Short Q&A:

Q1: A man is getting his beard shaved by a barber. How this is related to health?

Ans: If the tool used by barber to shave his beard is not sterilized and clean and then it may affect health of man .

Q2: A lady is carrying drinking water from an open well. How this is related to health?

Ans: If the lady and her family will drink water of the open and polluted well without boiling or cleaning it, then they may fall ill or may prone to infections and diseases.

Q3: A boy lives in a neighbourhood where there are lot of plants, parks and garbage bins. Safai karamcharies always cleans his surrounding and take out the garbage kept in garbage bins. Do you think Aman lives in healthy environment? Give reason for your answer.

Ans: Yes, Aman lives in a healthy environment. Since there are lot of trees he get pure air to breathe in that is always good for health. Also his society is clean. Living in clean and green area is always good for health.

Q4: Lavy lives at a place where garbage is thrown here and there. There is no dustbin in her society and no clean water coming out from tap. Water puddles are here and there on which flies keeps on fluttering. Do you think Lavy lives in healthy environment? Give reason for your answer.



Ans: No, because there is no cleanliness in her place. Water puddles and garbage promotes growth of flies and disease causing microbes.

Q5: Why do you think why most of the doctors settle in urban area?

Ans: Individual answer.

Q6: What do you mean by proper and adequate health care facilities?

Ans: Proper and adequate health care facilities mean adequate number of health centres and hospitals, laboratories with proper facilities for testing, quick ambulance service and blood bank facilities. All these services and facilities should be easily accessible to people.

Q7: Differentiate between public health care system and private health care system.

Ans: Public health care system runs by government, it is less costly. It involves government hospitals and health care centres, while private health care system is runned by people. It is expensive and involves private clinic and hospitals.

Q8: Find out name of five private hospitals and five public hospitals of your state. How both are different?

Ans: Individual answer

Q9: Why government hospitals are less expensive as compared to private hospitals?

Ans: Government hospitals are run by the taxes and fund collected by government from people. They are for welfare of people to provide better service without any profit. While a private hospital is run by a private person who bears all its expenses on his own.

Q10: Suppose you went to a public hospital, what problems did you have to face there?

Ans: Individual answer

Q11: Where do you go when you are ill? Do you face any problem there? Share your experience.

Ans: Individual answer

Q12: Describe the function of public health system.

Ans: To provide quality health care service at low cost to people, it also includes taking necessary action against spread of various diseases like malaria, TB, cholera, jaundice etc.

Q13: In India we are facing the problem of increasing of private health service but decreasing of public health services. What do you think is the reason behind this?

Ans: Individual answer

Q14: Why it is important to pay taxes to government?

Ans: Because government uses tax money to provide services for benefits of public. Like defence, police judicial system, road and highways construction etc. it also funds some developmental programmes related with health and education. Tax money is used for relief and rehabilitation in case of natural disaster like floods, tsunami, earthquakes, etc. Space, missile and nuclear programmes are also funded from tax money.

Q15: To earn more money, private hospitals are encouraging practices that are not correct. Comment on the statement.

Ans: This is true in some cases. Instead of availability of cheaper methods, some private health care centres use expensive methods. It is very common to find doctors prescribing unnecessary medicines, injections and saline bottles when tablets or simple medicines can suffice.
