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Common Goals of Five-Year Plans

Concept Explanation: Planning in India refers to the organized effort to achieve economic goals through systematic allocation and utilization of resources over a specified period, primarily through Five-Year Plans.

Key Definitions / Features:

- **Planning:** A technique and means to attain economic goals.
- **Characteristics of Economic Planning:** Organized system, maximum resource utilization, applicable to whole economy, central planning authority, state interference, adaptability to economic changes, long-term process, predetermined objectives, valuation mechanism, and achievement of objectives.
- **Planning Commission:** Established in 1950 to formulate and evaluate plans; replaced by NITI Aayog in 2015.
- **National Development Council (NDC):** Apex body approving plans since 1952.
- **Goals of Planning:** Economic growth, modernization, self-reliance, and economic equity.

Illustrative Examples:

- First Plan (1951-56) focused on growth-oriented development; actual growth exceeded targets.
- Second and Third Plans had lower than targeted growth.
- Equity-oriented development strategy (1966-90) emphasized self-reliance, achieving near self-sufficiency in food grains and capital goods.

Failures of Economic Planning: Slow income growth, unemployment, economic disparity, instability, sectoral failures, dependence on foreign aid, and defective policies.

Suggestions for Success: Mass participation, price control, public-private coordination, integration of programs, physical achievements as success criteria, saving and investment encouragement, population control, job-oriented planning, coordination of industries, human resource utilization, and clean administration.

Practice Set:

- *Level 1:* Define economic planning and list its characteristics.
- *Level 2:* Explain the goals of planning in India with examples.
- *Level 3:* Analyze the reasons for failures in economic planning and suggest measures to overcome them.

Answer Key:

Provided in structured CBSE format with points and examples as above.

Quick Reference: Planning aims at growth, modernization, self-reliance, and equity through organized resource use and state guidance.

Glossary:

- **Planning Commission:** Former body for plan formulation.

- **NITI Aayog:** Current policy think tank replacing Planning Commission.
- **Five-Year Plan:** A government strategy document for economic development over five years.

Agriculture: Features, Problems and Policies

Concept Explanation: Agriculture in India has evolved from colonial stagnation to a sector vital for employment, income, and industrial base, shaped by reforms and technological advances like the Green Revolution.

Key Definitions / Features:

- **HYV Seeds:** High Yielding Variety seeds that increase agricultural output.
- **Importance of Agriculture:** Employment source, national income contributor, industrial base, foreign trade role, food supply, revenue contributor, and capital formation.
- **Characteristics:** Labour-intensive, monsoon-dependent, small land holdings, low productivity, disguised unemployment, predominance of food crops.
- **Land Reforms:** Abolition of intermediaries, tenancy reforms, and reorganization to address agrarian issues.
- **Land Ceiling:** Maximum land ownership limit to reduce concentration.
- **Green Revolution:** Strategy involving HYV seeds, fertilizers, irrigation, mechanization, and institutional support to boost productivity.
- **Economic Subsidies:** Government support to make inputs like fertilizers affordable.

Illustrative Examples:

- Green Revolution led to increased production, income, employment, rural prosperity, and industrial-agricultural linkages.

Practice Set:

- *Level 1:* Define Green Revolution and list its features.
- *Level 2:* Explain the importance of agriculture in India's economy.
- *Level 3:* Discuss the need for land reforms and their impact on Indian agriculture.

Answer Key:

Structured answers with definitions, features, and examples as above.

Quick Reference: Agriculture is vital for employment and economy; reforms and technology have improved productivity.

Glossary:

- **Land Ceiling:** Legal limit on land ownership.
- **Tenancy Reforms:** Changes in tenant-landlord relations.
- **Fertilizers:** Chemicals enhancing soil fertility.

Industries: Features, Problems and Policies

Concept Explanation: India's industrial sector developed post-independence from a weak base, with policies aimed at growth, infrastructure, and diversification, facing challenges that required reforms.

Key Definitions / Features:

- **Industrial Policy:** Government declarations guiding industrial development.
- **Industrial Policy Resolution 1956:** Classified industries into public/private sectors, emphasized small-scale industries, regional balance, foreign capital, and labor welfare.
- **Industrial Licensing Policy:** Government permission system for starting industries, based on 1951 Act and 1991 reforms.

- **Public Sector Enterprises:** Government-owned and managed enterprises with socio-economic objectives.
- **Small Scale and Cottage Industries:** Traditional and small capital investment industries important for employment and exports.

Problems: Energy shortages, high costs, capital and foreign exchange scarcity, lack of entrepreneurs, industrial unrest, neglect of small sectors, sickness, underutilization, regional disparities, and public sector inefficiencies.

Measures to Encourage Development: Infrastructure creation, entrepreneurial skill development, capital availability, financial stability, rehabilitation, deregulation, human capital formation, modernization, industrial relations improvement, management professionalization, and research.

Practice Set:

- *Level 1:* Define public sector enterprises and list their characteristics.
- *Level 2:* Explain problems faced by Indian industries and suggest measures to overcome them.
- *Level 3:* Analyze the role of small scale industries in India's economy.

Answer Key:

Detailed answers with points and examples as above.

Quick Reference: Industrial growth driven by policy, infrastructure, and reforms; challenges remain in efficiency and sectoral balance.

Glossary:

- **Industrial Licensing:** Government permission for industry establishment.

- **Disinvestment:** Government reducing ownership in public enterprises.
- **Cottage Industry:** Small traditional industries.

Foreign Trade of India: Features and Policies

Concept Explanation: India's foreign trade evolved from an inward-looking import substitution strategy to export promotion, playing a crucial role in economic development.

Key Definitions / Features:

- **Foreign Trade:** Exchange of goods and services across countries.
- **Import Substitution:** Producing domestic alternatives to imported goods.
- **Export Promotion:** Incentives to increase exports.
- **Features of India's Foreign Trade:** Growth in trade volume and value, changing export-import composition, export-import ratio, and trade direction shifts.
- **Problems:** Adverse balance of trade, rising imports, slower export growth, increasing domestic demand and prices, and foreign debt.

Illustrative Examples:

- Establishment of Export-Import Bank, Export Processing Zones, Special Economic Zones, and liberalized licensing to promote exports.
- India's exports reached \$57.03 billion in February 2022, a 25.41% increase.

Practice Set:

- *Level 1:* Define import substitution and export promotion.
- *Level 2:* Explain the role and importance of foreign trade in India.
- *Level 3:* Discuss the problems faced by India's foreign trade and suggest solutions.

Answer Key:

Structured answers with definitions, features, and examples as above.

Quick Reference: Foreign trade is vital for technology, consumption, production, and competition; policies evolved from import substitution to export promotion.

Glossary:

- **Balance of Trade:** Difference between exports and imports.
- **Foreign Debt:** Loans from foreign entities.
- **Export-Import Bank:** Institution supporting foreign trade finance.

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