

Short Answer Questions

Q.1. What is a public activity.

Ans. An activity or service that is meant for all people in the country and is mainly organised by the government. This includes schools, hospitals, telephone services, etc. People can demand these services and also raise questions about their non-functioning.

Q.2. Who are medical tourists?

Ans. This refers to foreigners, who come to this country specifically for medical treatment at hospitals that offer world-class facilities at a lower cost than what they would have to pay in their own countries.

Q.3. Why should taxes be paid to the government?

Ans. (i) Taxes should be paid to the government as government uses the tax money for providing many public services for the benefit of the citizens.

(ii) Taxes, fund development programmes and services like education, healthcare, employment, etc.

(iii) Tax money is also utilised for relief and rehabilitation, in case of natural disasters like floods, earthquakes, etc.

Q.4. How is public health service provided?

Ans. (i) The public health services are a chain of health centres and hospitals that are run by the government.

(ii) They provide treatment from common illness to special services.

(iii) At village level, a nurse and a village health worker are provided in every village.

(iv) They are trained under doctor's supervision in the Primary Health Centres (PHC).

(v) At the district level, the district hospitals supervise all the centres.

Q.5. How does the judiciary in India help in promoting public health?

Ans. (i) The judiciary regards health as a part of the Right to Life of every person.

(ii) It is essential for a hospital to provide timely treatment to a person.

(iii) The court says that it is the duty of the government to provide the necessary healthcare services, including treatment in every situations.

Q.6. What can be done to promote healthcare in India?

Ans. (i) Health situation of most people in India is not good.

(ii) It is the responsibility of the government to provide quality healthcare to its citizens, especially the poor and the disadvantaged.

(iii) Health is as much dependent on basic amenities and social conditions as it is on healthcare services.

(iv) Therefore, it is important to work on improving the health situation of the people.