

Exercise walk-through

Economic Sectors and Patterns ■ 7.2

eXercise

You must be able to

- define the **primary** 第一产业, **secondary** 第二产业, **tertiary** 第三产业, **quaternary** 第四产业, and **quinary** 第五产业 sectors
- give an example job in each
- explain how the sector mix changes with development
- classify a given job

Method — The five sectors

Primary: extracting raw materials (farming, mining). **Secondary:** manufacturing (factories). **Tertiary:** services (retail, transport). **Quaternary:** information/research. **Quinary:** top decision-making (executives).

Method — Sectors and development

As a country develops, employment shifts from **primary** to **secondary**, then to **tertiary** and **quaternary** work.

Method — Classifying jobs

Ask what the worker does: extract (primary), make (secondary), serve (tertiary), handle information (quaternary), or lead top decisions (quinary).

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

Define the secondary sector and give one example job.

Solution 2.1

Worked steps

manufacturing/processing raw materials into goods **B1**; e.g. a factory/assembly worker **B1**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Explain how the sector mix changes as a country develops.

Solution 2.2

Method: Sectors and development

Worked steps

employment shifts from primary to secondary **B1** and then to tertiary/quaternary services **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

Classify each job by sector.

- (a) A farmer.
- (b) A software researcher.
- (c) A shop cashier.

Solution 2.3

Worked steps

(a) primary **B1**. (b) quaternary **B1**. (c) tertiary **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

A worker in a car factory is employed in the

- A** primary sector
- B** secondary sector
- C** tertiary sector
- D** quinary sector

Solution 3.1

A primary sector

B secondary sector 

C tertiary sector

D quinary sector

Worked steps

B. manufacturing a car = secondary sector.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

As countries develop, the share of workers in the primary sector usually

- A** rises
- B** falls
- C** stays fixed
- D** reaches 100%

Solution 3.2

A rises

B falls 

C stays fixed

D reaches 100%

Worked steps

B. primary employment falls with development.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A country's economy is dominated by information technology and research firms.

- (a) Which sector dominates?
- (b) What does this suggest about its development level?

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) the quaternary sector **B1**. (b) it is highly developed **B1**.