

5.12 Women in Agriculture

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• agriculture 农业

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on the role of **women in agriculture** 农业中的妇女.

You must be able to:

- describe women's role in **subsistence agriculture** 自给农业
- explain the gap between women's work and their land rights
- explain how supporting women farmers raises output
- compare women's roles across development levels

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ Women in subsistence farming

In many developing regions women do much of the **subsistence farming** — planting, weeding, harvesting, and processing food for the family.

■ Work vs rights

Despite this work, women often have weaker rights to **own land**, get credit, or access tools, limiting how much they can produce.

■ Supporting women farmers

Giving women equal access to land, credit, and training raises yields and improves family nutrition and income.

2 Practice

2.1 Describe the role of women in subsistence agriculture in many developing regions.[2]

2.2 Explain the gap between women's farm work and their land rights. [2]

2.3 A programme gives women farmers equal access to credit and training.

(a) Predict the effect on farm output. [1]

(b) State one wider benefit to the family. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 In many developing countries, women perform much of the [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** commercial export farming only
 - B** subsistence farming labour
 - C** industrial factory work only
 - D** quaternary-sector work

3.2 A common barrier facing women farmers is limited access to [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** sunlight
 - B** land ownership and credit
 - C** seeds that exist
 - D** any customers

3.3 Two regions differ in women's land rights.

(a) Explain how stronger rights could raise a region's food output. [1]

(b) Explain how women's roles may differ in a highly developed country. [1]
