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Lesson 1: Overview of Indian Economy
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1. Per Capita Income is one of the indicators of the state of an economy. Can you define per capita income? Do you know what is the per capita income of India and China for the year 2017-2018?
2. Have you ever wondered what is the total population of India? Do you think high population growth is bad for Indian economy? If yes, why and if not, how population can become a driving force of growth in India?
3. It is often said 'India is a land of villages', and majority of population still depends upon agriculture and other related activities. Can you comment upon the present state of agriculture in our country?
4. Do you think agricultural sector is contributing its best towards Indian economy? If your answer is yes then elaborate the positive aspects of Indian agriculture and if your answer is negative explain the reasons for that.
5. Poverty is a curse, isn't it? But do you know who is poor? Do you know which country has largest number of poor people? What, according to you, are the reasons that poor are getting poorer while rich are getting richer? How can this gap be bridged?
6. Do you think companies or sectors which are not doing well in public sector should be privatized? Make a list of 5 such companies or sectors which have been open for private sector since independence. Also, give a few reasons why privatization is needed in a country like ours?
7. Do you know India adopted its new economic policy in 1991? Is there any other way to refer to the economic policy of 1991? What could be the reasons that India needed new economic policy of 1991?
8. Occupational profile since independence has changed in our country. You are required to identify major occupations which were followed by Indian population before

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independence and the occupations which are followed today. Do you think there has been a shift in occupational profile of Indian population?

9. There has been a lot of changes in India since independence. You are required to do the following activities keeping in mind the pre independence India and present-day India.

9.1 Collect pictures of some famous places around your city/village/town of the pre independence period and compare them from present day pictures of same places.

9.2 Do you observe any changes in these places, list out some of these changes? In your opinion are these changes positive or negative?