

Q.3 Explain the modern theory of International trade in detail. What are the characteristics of International Business.

Modern theory :-

The modern theory of International trade has been advocated by Bertil Ohlin. Ohlin has drawn his ideas from Heckscher's General Equilibrium analysis.

According to Bertil Ohlin, trade arises due to the difference between the different commodity price is due to the difference because endowments differ in countries, hence trade occurs because different countries have different factors endowments.

The Heckscher-Ohlin theorem states that countries are rich in labour will export labour intensive goods and countries which are capital rich will export capital intensive goods.

Explain the modern approach to International trade on the basis of following assumptions

- i) There are two countries involved,
- ii) Each country has two factors.
- iii) Each country produce two commodities of goods.
- iv) There is perfect competition in both commodity and factors markets.
- v) All production functions are homogeneous of the first degree production function is subject to constant return to scale.
- vi) factors are freely mobile within a country but immobile between countries
- vii) Two countries differ in factor supply.
- viii) Each commodity differs in factor intensity.
- ix) There is full employment of resources in both countries and demand are identical in both countries.
- x) Trade is free there are no trade restrictions in the form of tariffs or non-tariff barriers.
- xi) There are no transportation cost.



## Characteristics of International Trade :-

- i) Immobility of factors.
- ii) Heterogeneous Markets.
- iii) Different National Groups.
- iv) Different political units.
- v) Different National policies and Government Intervention.
- vi) Different Currencies.
- vii) Different Trade policies.
- viii) Territorial Specialization.
- ix) International competition.
- x) Long chain of Middlemen.
- xi) Government Control.
- xii) Several Documents.
- xiii) International Rules and Regulations.