

The treeless grasslands ch-10

A. Oral questions

1. Describe the life of a farmer in the Prairies.

A. On every farm, there are small homesteads in which the farmer's family lives with the workers called cowboys. Small sheds are built to keep cattle and farm machinery.

2. Who are cowboys?

A. Cowboys were mostly young men who herd cattle, they also helped care for horses, repaired fences and buildings, and work cattle drives.

B. Write short notes on the following.

1. grasslands

A. Grasslands cover more than one-fifth of the land surface on the earth. These are enormous and flat plains of grass with very few trees and bushes. The summers are hot and the winters are cold. The rains are less, so forests cannot grow. The grasslands are known by different names in different regions.

2. ranches

A. Animal rearing is another important occupation in the open hilly land towards the west. Here, the soil is not very fertile. Cattle-rearing is done in ranches that are well equipped with modern machinery. Ranches are the large open areas.

3. cattle rearing in Prairies

A. Cattle are mostly reared for meat, which is consumed locally or exported to Europe. Animals are also reared for milk and milk products. Well equipped, farming with the help of machine huge dairy farms are located near the cities.

C. Answer the following questions.

1. What are the Prairies? What is the main occupation of the people living there?

A. Prairies are the biggest farming regions of the world. They are called the Wheat Basket of the World. The main occupation of the people living there is farming.

2. What do you know about the climate and agriculture of the Prairies?

A. In the Prairies, the climate is extreme. The winters are cold and the summers are hot. Rainfall is moderate and occurs mostly in the summer season. This climate is not suitable for trees to grow. Trees are rare in the Prairies, except along the river. But grasses grow quickly and are very tall. The spring

season shows the best growth of grasses. Sometimes hot winds called chinook, which blow in spring over the Prairies help to melt the snow and make grazing possible.

3. Name three animals found in the Prairies.

A. The three animals found in the Prairies are dogs, susliks and hawks.

4. How is farming done in the Prairies?

A. They use scientific technologies. Ploughing, sowing harvesting, threshing and winnowing are done with the help of machines. The storing of food grains in the silos is done through machines. Huge harvesters are used to complete the work of hundreds of workers in a few hours.

C. Match the following.

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| 1. Prairies | temperate zone |
| 2. ranches | cattle rearing |
| 3. Mississippi | river |
| 4. bison | Prairie animal |
| 5. tiger beetle | Prairie insect |

A. Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) - Tick (/) the correct answers.

1. Most of the grasslands of the world are found in the .

(a) tropical zone (b) temperate zone (c) torrid zone (d) frigid zone

A. (b) temperate zone

2. Grasslands cover more than $\frac{1}{5}$ of the Earth's land surface

(a) $\frac{1}{5}$ (b) $\frac{2}{5}$ (c) $\frac{1}{2}$ (d) $\frac{3}{5}$

A. (a) $\frac{1}{5}$

3. Name the two rivers that flow through the Prairies.

(a) Lena and Amur (b) Congo and Nile (c) Mississippi and Missouri (d) None of these

A. (c) Mississippi and Missouri

4. Very few trees are found in the Prairies because

(a) of the soil (b) they were cut to make farmlands (c) of the unsuitable climate (d) ranches were built

A.(c) of the unsuitable climate

5. The climate of Prairies is extreme

(a) moderate (b) extreme (c) cold (d) both (a) and (b)

A.(b) extreme

Fill in the blanks:

1.Prairie means a large open area of grassland.

2.Mississippi and Missouri are the two rivers which pass through this region.

1. farmer's family and workers live in this homesteads

2. the country bordering America Canada

3. the wheat basket of the world Prairies

4. grassland of Australia Downs

5. the largest producer of wheat America

6. animal found in Prairies bison

7. grassland of South Africa Velds

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