

Don Bosco English Medium School Monigram

class 5 chapter 9 Social Studies The land of snow and ice

HOMEWORK -VALUE CORNER F AND PAGES 54, 55, AND 57 INSIDE THE CHAPTERS.

WRITE ALL THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN THE COPY

Oral Questions

1. What are parkas?

A. Parkas are made from the fur of animals which are used by the Inuits dressed in trousers and hooded jackets to cover their heads.

2. What are kayaks?

A. Kayaks are narrow boats used for fishing and hunting sea animals.

TEST YOURSELF

Tick (✓) the correct answers.

1. Nuuk is the capital and largest town of Greenland.

(a) Inuits (b) Kalaallit Nunaat (c) Nuuk (d) Igloo

2. Icebergs are dangerous because both (a) and (b)

(a) thick fog makes it difficult for sailors to spot them (b) ninety per cent of an iceberg is under water and as a result, the ships may collide and be wrecked (c) both (a) and (b) (d) None of these

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

1. Greenland is located towards the north-east of Europe

(a) Europe (b) Asia (c) Africa (d) North America

2. 'Kalaallit Nunaat means land of the people

(a) land of the people (b) land of the children (c) land of the sailors (d) land of the spirits

3. Greenland is the world's largest island.

(a) Greenland (b) North America (c) Atlantic Ocean (d) None of these

B. Fill in the blanks.

1. The two frigid zones are the north frigid zone and the south frigid zone.
2. Greenland lies near the North Pole.
3. Greenland is the world's largest island.
4. The capital of Greenland is Nuuk

C. Write short notes on

1. food of Inuits

A. For years, Inuits lived by hunting, fishing and gathering foods during the summer and spring season. Most of their needs were fulfilled by the animals which they killed. In recent times, they can buy goods brought in from other countries. The Inuits get their food by fishing and hunting. They hunt animals for their meat, skin and fat.

2. house of Inuits

A. Earlier, Inuits lived in sod houses. These were built of stone and whale-rib-bones covered with grass and soil (for roofs). Some Inuits, who live in the extreme north, make homes or shelters of snow in winter. They are called igloos. These houses are like domes, for the snow to fall on either side. They have a hole in the centre for smoke and hot air to pass through. The floor is covered with the skin and fur of animals. Permanent houses are also being built in recent years from logs or stones. Tents made of animal skins are also used by people who travel especially during summers.

3. dress of Inuits

A. To protect themselves from the cold, the men, women and children wear clothes made from the skin of seals. The Inuits are (traditionally) dressed in trousers and hooded jackets to cover their heads. These are called parkas made from the fur of animals. The Inuits also wear water proof boots called mukluks, that are made from the seal skin.

D. Answer the following questions.

1. Why is the climate of Greenland so cold? How does it affect the vegetation?

A. The climate of Greenland is Arctic, which means freezing cold. Snow storms called blizzards, are a common feature. These storms start and come very suddenly. The winters are long and dark. The sun does not rise above the horizon. The sun is not seen for several weeks, hence, there are days of continuous darkness. There is heavy snowfall in the region. These factors affect the vegetation.

2. Describe the animal life of Greenland?

A. The animals with thick furs survive well in Greenland. Polar bears and reindeer roam around the island. The reindeer has flat feet that help it to run fast. It also has a water-proof coat to protect it from snow. Other animals include Musk oxen, Arctic foxes, snow hares and the rodents, called lemmings. Seals and whales live in the icy cold waters. Huskies or the wolf-like dogs are used to pull sledges.

3. Why is Greenland also called the 'Land of the Midnight Sun'?

A. In summers, the sun does not set even at midnight. This happens for months together. Therefore, this area is called the Land of the Midnight Sun.

4. What do you know about the economy of the country?

A. Greenland is dependent on financial help from the Danish government for more than half of its income. The islanders depend on fishing. The chief products are frozen, tinned, dried and smoked fish and shrimps that are exported. Today, the Inuits work in mines, oil fields and construction companies.

E. Higher Order Thinking Skills (HOTS) Question

Why is agriculture possible on only one percent of the land area?

A. Agriculture is possible on only one percent of the land area because of the extreme cold climate there.

F. VALUE CORNER(HOMEWORK)

Global warming is melting glaciers and posing a threat to life on the Earth. What are the things that you can do as a student to prevent this?

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