



1. Answer the following questions briefly.

- Which winds bring rainfall in India? Why is it so important?
- Name the different seasons in India.
- What is natural vegetation?
- Name the different types of vegetation found in
- What is the difference between evergreen forest and deciduous forest?
- Why is tropical rainforest also called evergreen forest?

Answer:

- Monsoon winds bring rainfall in India. Agriculture in India depends on rains. Good monsoons mean sufficient rain and a good crop. Hence, monsoon winds are very important. Our prosperity depends on these winds.
- The different seasons in India are:
 - Cold Weather Season (Winter)
 - Hot Weather Season (Summer)
 - Southwest Monsoon Season (Rainy)
 - Season of retreating Monsoon (Autumn).
- The grasses, shrubs and trees that grow on their own without any human interference or help are termed natural vegetation.
- The different types of vegetation found in India are:
 - Tropical evergreen forest
 - Tropical deciduous forest
 - Thorny bushes
 - Mountain vegetation
 - Mangrove forests.

Evergreen Forest	Deciduous Forest
1. Evergreen forests are so dense that sunlight doesn't reach the ground.	1. Deciduous forests are not so dense.
2. They shed their leaves at different times of the year.	2. They shed their leaves at a particular time of the year.
3. These forests are found in the areas which receive heavy rainfall.	3. These forests are found in a large part of the country.
4. Important trees found in these forests are— <i>mahogany</i> , <i>ebony</i> and <i>rosewood</i> .	4. Important trees of these forests are <i>sal</i> , <i>teak</i> , <i>peepal</i> , <i>neem</i> and <i>shisham</i> .
5. These forests are found in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, part of North-Eastern states and a narrow strip of the western slope of the Western Ghats.	5. These forests are found in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa and in part of Maharashtra.

(f) Tropical rainforest always appears green and therefore it is called evergreen forest.

2. Tick the correct answer.

- The world's highest rainfall occurs in
 - Mumbai
 - Asansol
 - Mawsyuram.
- Mangrove forests can thrive in.....
 - saline water
 - fresh water
 - polluted water.
- Mahogany and rosewood trees are found in.....
 - mangrove forests
 - tropical deciduous forests
 - tropical evergreen forests

- (d) Wild goats and snow leopards are found in.....
 (i) Himalayan region
 (ii) Peninsular region
 (iii) Gir forests.
 (e) During the South-west monsoon period, the moisture laden winds blow from
 (i) land to sea
 (ii) sea to land
 (iii) plateau to plains.

Answer:

- (a)—(iii), (b)—(i), (c)—(iii), (d)—(i), (e)—(ii).

3. Fill in the blanks.

- (a) Hot and dry winds known as..... blow during the day in summers.
 (b) The states of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu receive a great amount of rainfall during the season of.....
 (c) forest in Gujarat is the home of.....
 (d) is a well-known species of mangrove forests.
 (e) are also called monsoon forests.

Answer:

- (a) loo
 (b) retreating monsoon
 (c) Gir, Asiatic lions
 (d) Sundari
 (e) Tropical deciduous forests.

I. Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct option to complete the statements given below:

- (i) Sundarbans is in
 (a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
 (b) West Bengal
 (c) Orissa
 (d) Madhya Pradesh.
 (ii) Which one forms the group of migratory birds?
 (a) Siberian Crane, Flamingo and Crow
 (b) Sparrow, Crow and Stork
 (c) Stork, Siberian Crane and Flamingo
 (d) Duck, Bulbul and geese.
 (iii) These places experience moderate climate
 (a) Mumbai and Kolkata
 (b) Patna and Lucknow
 (c) Bikaner and Jaisalmer
 (d) Ranchi and Asansol.
 (iv) Elephants and one-homed rhinoceroses are found in the forests of.....
 (a) Assam
 (b) Gujarat
 (c) Kerala
 (d) Karnataka.
 (v) Wild life week is observed every year in the first week of
 (a) November
 (b) August
 (c) September
 (d) October.

Answer:

- (i)—(b), (ii)—(c), (iii)—(a), (iv)—(a), (v)—(d).

II. Fill in the Blanks

Fill in the blanks with appropriate words to complete each sentence:

- (i) Camels and wild asses are found in the and the
 (ii) in Rajasthan receives least rainfall.
 (iii) Tropical Rain Forests occur in the areas which receive rainfall.
 (iv) Cold weather season remains from..... to
 (v) The climate of India has been described as type.

(vi) The roots of the plants kind the..... , thus, they control soil erosion.

(vii) Parrots, pigeons, geese, etc. are examples of birds.

Answer:

(i) Great Indian desert, Rann of Kuchchh

(ii) Jaisalmer

(iii) heavy

(iv) December, February

(v) Monsoon

(vi) bind

(vii) common

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