



Question 1. What changes can you make in your habits to become more environment-friendly?

Answer: We should use the formula of three R's in our home in order to be environment friendly.

1. Reduce, i.e. to use less, and save the water and the electricity by stopping their wastage.
2. Recycle, i.e. to segregate the waste so that materials which can be recycled should be dumped in a place for recycling.
3. Reuse, i.e. to reuse certain materials like bottles Of jams and pickles for storing other kitchen items, etc.

Question 2. What would be the advantages of exploiting resources with short-term aims?

Answer: There would be no advantage of exploiting resources with short-term aims. Their exploitation may appear to be advantageous in the short-term but it is highly disadvantageous in the long- term. By doing so, we may be able to enjoy the comforts Of life but we would damage our environment gradually.

Question 3. How would these advantages differ from the advantages of using a long-term perspective in managing our resources?

Answer: The exploitation of natural resources with short-term aims are advantageous for present generation to meet their daily requirements whereas management of natural resources with long-term perspective are aimed to fulfill the needs of future generation and to maintain their sustainability.

Question 4. Why do you think there should be equitable distribution of resources? What forces would be working against an equitable distribution of our resources?

Answer: Everybody has equal rights over natural resources and also everybody should get the benefits from them. Therefore, equitable distribution of resources is essential to ensure that everybody gets their due benefit. But many forces go against the equitable distribution of natural resources. The geographical factors are the most important factors which do not allow equitable distribution of natural resources. Economy is another factor which prevents equitable distribution Of these resources.

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Question 1. Why should we conserve forests and wildlife?

Answer: We should conserve forests and wildlife for preserving our environment. They together maintain an ecological balance Of nature. We should conserve them for our economic and social growth and to meet our material aspirations.

Question 2. Suggest some approaches towards the conservation of forests.

Answer: The principles of three R's should be followed to conserve the forests. In addition to this, all stakeholders should be made a part of any conservation programmes. Also, the interests of local forest dwellers should always be kept in mind while Organising a conservation programme.

Question 2. Compare the above system with the probable systems in hilly/mountainous areas or plains or plateau regions.

Answer:

In plains, the water harvesting structures are crescent-shaped earthen embankments. These are low, straight, and concrete. In hilly regions, the system of canal irrigation called Kulhsis used for water harvesting. This involves a collection of rain water in a stream, which is then diverted into man-made channels down the hill sides.

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