



VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

1. How many countries are touched by the Sahara desert? Name them.

Answer: The Sahara desert touches eleven countries—Algeria, Chad, Egypt, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Sudan, Tunisia and Western Sahara.

2. What are the two characteristic features of a desert? [V. Imp.]

Answer: The climate of a desert is either very hot and dry or very cold and dry.

The vegetation is sparse.

3. Mention the day and night temperatures of the Sahara desert.

Answer: The day temperature—It may soar as high as 50°C.

The night temperature—Nearing zero degrees

4. What vegetation is found in the Sahara desert?

Answer: Vegetation in the Sahara desert is comprised of cactus, date, palms and acacia.

Green islands with date palms can be seen near the oases.

5. Name the two nomadic tribes living in the Sahara desert.

Answer: The Bedouins and Tuaregs.

6. Name the animals reared by the Bedouins and Tuaregs.

Answer: Goats, Sheep, Camels and horses.

7. What do these animals provide them?

Answer: These animals provide them with milk and hides.

8. Name the countries associated with the discovery of oil

Answer: Algeria, Libya and Egypt.

9. Ladakh is made up of two words. Mention these words with their meaning.

Answer: The two words with which Ladakh is made up of are La meaning mountain pass and Dak meaning country.

10. Where is Ladakh located?

Answer: Ladakh is located in the Great Himalayas, on the eastern side of Jammu and Kashmir.

11. Name an important river that flows through Ladakh.

Answer: Indus.

12. Why is there little rainfall in the Ladakh desert? [Imp.]

Answer: It is because the Ladakh desert lies in the rain shadow of the Himalayas.

13. Name the birds which are common in the Ladakh desert.

Answer: Robias, redstarts, Tibetan snow cock, raven and hoopoe.

14. What is the use of the hair of the sheep and goat in the cold

desert of Ladakh?

Answer: The hair of the sheep and goat is used to make woollens.

15. Why do people hunt Chiru or the Tibetan antelope?

Answer: People hunt the Chiru or the Tibetan antelope for its wool known as Shahtoosh

16. Name some famous monasteries of Ladakh.

Answer: Hemis, Thiksey, Shey and Lamayuru.

17. Which National Highway connects Leh to Kashmir valley and through which pass?

Answer: The National Highway A connects Leh to Kashmir valley through the Zojila pass.

18. Name the four passes which Manali-Leh highway crosses.

Answer: Rohtang La, Lungalacha La, Baralacha La and Tanglang La.

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