



### VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

Question 1. What are the possible reasons behind the uneven distribution of population around the world?

Answer: The reasons behind uneven population distribution are mainly the varied conditions of land and climate.

Question 2. Give three common forms of land use.

Answer: Three common land use forms are: (i) As cropland, (ii) Pasture, (iii) Forests.

Question 3. What human factors determine land use pattern?

Answer: Human factors affecting land use pattern are population and technology.

Question 4. Define soil.

Answer: The thin layer of grainy substance covering the surface of the earth is called soil.

Question 5. What is required to make soil fertile?

Answer: The right mix of minerals and organic matter is needed to make soil fertile.

Question 6. What is parent rock?

Answer: The rock from which soil is derived is called parent rock.

Question 7. What are the factors threatening soil as a resource?

Answer: Two factors that threaten soil as a resource are soil erosion and its depletion.

Question 8. What method of soil conservation may be used in coastal and dry regions?

Answer: Shelter belts are used to protect the soil in coastal and dry regions.

Question 9. Why is the earth called the “water planet”?

Answer: The earth’s surface has about three- fourths water, so it is called “water planet”.

Question 10. In what forms is fresh water found on the earth?

Answer: Fresh water is found in the forms of groundwater, water in rivers and lakes and as water vapour.

Question 11. What is the name given to the process involved in rain formation?

Answer: The process involved in the formation of rain is called “water cycle”.

Question 12. Name some regions of water scarcity in the world.

Answer: Africa, West Asia, South Asia, parts of western USA, northwest Mexico, parts of South America and Australia face water scarcity.

Question 13. Name a method to save surface run-off.

Answer: Water harvesting is a method to save surface run-off.

Question 14. How is a bird like vulture important for the ecosystem?

Answer: A vulture feeds on dead livestock and so it cleanses the

environment.

Question 15. What is the distinguishing feature between evergreen and deciduous forests?

Answer: Evergreen forests never shed their leaves whereas deciduous forests shed their leaves once a year.

Question 16. What is the Vanamahotsava?

Answer: The social programme of planting trees, organised at community level is called vanamahotsava.

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