

Chapter 9. Life In The Temperate Grass Land

Very Short Q&A:

Q1: World's grass land having two broad categories: those that occur in the region and those that occur in theregion.

Ans: Temperate region, tropical region

Q2: Temperate grass land of North America is known as.....

Ans: Prairies

Q3: Canadian prairies are drained by the tributaries of.....

Ans: Saskatchewan

Q4: The veld has a mild climate due to the influence of the Indian Ocean. (T/F)

Ans: True

Q5: Which of the following is known as the gold capital of world?

- a. Chicago
- b. Minneapolis
- c. Johannesburg
- d. Kansas

Ans: Johannesburg

Q6: Merino is a type of-

- a. Fish
- b. Goat
- c. Sheep
- d. Aquatic animal

Ans: Sheep

Q7: Kimberly is famous for

- a. gold mines
- b. silver mines
- c. diamond mines
- d. coal mines

Ans: Diamond

Q8: The name veld given by the –

- a. Spanish
- b. Britishers
- c. Dutch
- d. coal mines

Ans: Dutch

Q9: Drakensburg mountain lies in which of the following-

- a. USA
- b. South Africa
- c. Mexico
- d. Chile

Ans: South Africa

Q10: The tributaries of river orange and Limpopo drain in the region of veld (T/F)

Ans: True

Q11: Cattle farms in the North American grassland is known as?

Ans: Ranches

Q12: When is the rainy season in the veld?

Ans: The rainy season in the veld in summer month from November to February.

Q13: Name the river that drains the veld.

Ans: Orange, Limpopo

Q14: The word prairie originated from Latin word priata which means

Ans: Meadow

Q15: Due to the presence of discontinuous grasses exposing barren surface the soil of velds are not fertile. (T/F)

Ans: True

Q16: Name some important occupation of veld.

Ans: Cattle rearing, mining and dairy farming

Q17: Why prairies are known as the "GRANARIES" of the world?

Ans: Because of the huge surplus of wheat production prairies are also known as the granaries of the world

Q18: Bison is a species of-

- a. dog
- b. cat
- c. buffalo
- d. sheep

Ans: Buffalow

Q19: Name some animals found in the prairie region.

Ans: Rabbits, coyotes, gophers and prairies dog

Q20: Name some animals found in velds region.

Ans: lions, leopards, cheetah ,kudu

Short Q&A:

Q1: Name the region in which the prairies are located.

Ans: In North America, the region of the prairies lies between the foot hill of the Rockies and the great lakes, in south central Canada and north central USA.

Q2: In temperate grassland, there is major difference in temperature in various parts. Why?

Ans: This is because of two regions:

- a. Difference in the distance from the sea
- b. Differences in north-south extension of the region.

Q3: Describe the climate of prairies grassland.

Ans: Being located in the heart of a continent, the climate is of continental type with extreme temperatures. The summer is warm with temperature or around 20 degree centigrade while the winter is -20 degree centigrade has been recorded Winnipeg, Canada.

Q4: What do you know about 'Chinook'?

Ans: Chinook is hot wind that blows in winter and therefore raises the temperature in short time. This increase the temperature results in the melting of snow, making pasture land available for grazing.

Q5: What is the major crop of prairies area?

Ans: Major crops are-maize, and other crops including potatoes, soya bean, cotton and alfa-alfa grass.

Q6: Name the two most developed countries in the world which located in prairies region.

Ans: Two most developed countries are USA and Canada located in prairies.

Q7: Name the important cities in the American prairies.

Ans: Important cities in the American prairies are Chicago, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Kansas and Denver. In Canadian prairies the important cities are Edmonton, Saskatoon, Calgary and Winnipeg.

Q8: What is combine?

Ans: A machine which can sow, plough and work as thresher all by itself.

Q9: Name the countries that are covered by velds?

Ans: In South Africa, the veld steppe grassland is found in Transvaal state between the Drakensburg Mountain and Kalahari deserts.

Q10: What type of climate found in veld?

Ans: The veld has a mild climate due to the influence of the Indian Ocean. Winters are cold and dry. Temperatures vary between 5 to 10 degree and July is the coldest month.

Summer is short and warm.

Q11: What is the major and most important occupation of the people of the South African grassland?

Ans: Gold, diamond and mining are major occupation and sheep rearing is the most important occupation of the people of the South African grassland. Dairy farming is the next important occupation.

Q12: Name the main crops of South African grassland?

Ans: Main crops are-maize, wheat, barley, oats and potato. Cash crops like tobacco, sugarcane and cotton are grown.

Long Q&A:

Q1: Define veld.

Ans: The temperate grassland of South Africa are called veld. veld are rolling plateaus with varying height ranging from 600 m to 1100 m .It is bounded by Drakenburg mountain in the east, to its west lies the Kalahari desert. On the north-eastern part, high veld are located that attain a height of more than 1600 m in some place.