

INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT MIDDLE SECTION DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCE



INDIA: CLIMATE, VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE

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	Winds that bring rainfall in India:
	The grasses, shrubs and trees which grow on their own without interference from
	human beings:
C.	Hot and dry winds that blow during summers in India:
	The place that receives world's highest rainfall:
	A well-known species of tree found in mangrove forest in India:
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a.	Special programmes like involve people
	participation in planting more trees and to make people aware of need for
	conserving natural vegetation.
b.	The states of Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu receive a great amount of rainfall
	during the season of
c.	Mangrove forests can thrive in water.
d.	in Gujarat are the home of Asiatic lions.
e.	Agriculture in India is dependent on winds.
f.	region experience moderate climate.
g.	The term "monsoon" is derived from the Arabic word
h.	The moisture laden winds blow from to during the south
	west monsoon season.
i.	Tropical rainforest are also called as

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1	Wild goats and snow leopards	а	Mahagony and Ebony	1-
2	Peacock	b	Great Indian Desert	2-
3	Tropical rainforest	С	Teak and Shisham	3-
4	Elephants and one horned rhinoceroses	d	Himalayan region	4-
5	Camels and wild asses	е	National Bird	5-
6	Tropical deciduous forests	f	Assam	6-

IV ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN TWO POINTS:

MARKS

1. Why tropical rainforest is also known as evergreen forest?

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- The trees in the tropical rainforests region shed their leaves at different times of the year.
- Therefore, it remains green throughout the year and hence it is called as evergreen forests.
- 2. Differentiate between weather and climate.

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- The day to day changes in the atmosphere such as changes in temperature, sunshine and rainfall is known as weather.
- The average weather conditions which have been measured over many years are known as climate.Eg: monsoon type climate in India.
- 3. Write a short note on retreating monsoon.

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- When the winds move back from the Indian mainland to the Bay of Bengal results in the onset of retreating monsoon.
- Retreating monsoon brings rainfall to the southern parts of India especially in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.
- 4. Give an account on thorny bushes.

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- Thorny bushes type of vegetation is found in dry areas of India and the leaves are in the form of spines to reduce the loss of water.
- They are found in the states of Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Gujarat and Eastern slopes of Western Ghats. Eg: cactus, khair, babool, keekar.

V ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN THREE POINTS.

5. Why are forests necessary for living beings?

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- Forests are the natural habitat of wild life and they release oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide.
- The root of the plants binds the soil and thereby controls soil erosion.
- Forests provide us with timber, fuel wood, fodder, medicinal plants and herbs, lac, honey, gum etc.

Tropical Rain Forest	Tropical Deciduous Forest
Tropical rain forest occur in the areas which receive heavy rainfall	Deciduous forests are found in monsoon region
They are also known as evergreen forests	They are also called monsoon forests
These are very dense and the trees shed their leaves at different times of a year	These are less dense and they shed their leaves at a particular time of the year

VI ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IN FOUR POINTS:

7. Which are the major seasons recognised in India?

The major seasons recognised in India are:

- Cold Weather season (winter) which extends from December to February.
- Hot weather season (summer) from March to May.
- South West Monsoon season(Rainy) from June to September.
- Season of retreating monsoon (autumn) from October to November.

8. Mention the different types of vegetation found in India.

The different types of vegetation found in India are:

- Tropical rainforests or evergreen forests
- Tropical deciduous forests
- Mangrove forests
- Thorny bushes and Mountain Vegetation

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