

## Ch-5 Protecting Forest and Forest People

### **A. Fill in the blanks:-**

- 1) Desert forest are located in **Rajasthan**.
- 2) Trees and plants of the forests help prevent soil **erosion** .
- 3) Forests are home to many tribal communities known as **adivasis** in India.
- 4) Khasi tribes lives in **Meghalaya** .
- 5) Van Mahotsav was started in **1950**.

### **B. Answer the following in One word:-**

- 1) Which forest grows in the deltas of the Ganga ? - Sunderbans
- 2) What is called the planting of new trees in a barren area? - Reforestation
- 3) What is deforestation ? - Cutting down trees without planting new ones
- 4) Name a tribe of Assam. - Khasi
- 5) Name a scared grove in Himachal Pradesh. - Deodar groves

### **C. Match the following:-**

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| 1) Mountain forest | Himalayas      |
| 2) Bhil            | Madhya Pradesh |
| 3) Munda           | Odisha         |
| 4) Chipko Movement | 1973           |
| 5) National Park   | Reserve forest |

### **D. Answer the following questions briefly:-**

1. What are the different types of forests found in India?

Ans. The different types of forests are:

- a. Evergreen tropical rain forests.
- b. Deciduous or monsoon forests.
- c. Mountain or Coniferous forests.
- d. Desert or thorn forests.
- e. Tidal or Mangrove forests.

2. Why are forests important to us?

Ans. Forests are important to us in following ways:-

- i) Forests are home and source of livelihood for many people.
- ii) Forests supply oxygen to breathe.
- iii) Forests help in moderating climate by absorbing carbondioxide and greenhouse gases.
- iv) Forests help in increasing the level of ground water by increasing rainfall.
- v) Forests help maintain humidity in the air, reduces noise and air pollution.
- vi) Many dyes, resins ,charcoal, cane, wood, fuel, fibre, honey and many medicines are obtained from the forests.
- vii) Forests help prevent soil erosion and thereby preserve the fertility of the soil.

3. What is the difference between deforestation and reforestation ?

Ans. The difference between deforestation and reforestation are :

Deforestation is the widespread destruction of forests by cutting down trees without planting new ones.

While reforestation refers to the re-establishment of large forest areas by forest management and local people in order to conserve forests.

4. What are the threats faced by the tribal people of India?

Ans. The main threats faced by the tribal people of India are :

- i) Industrialisation and ii) Deforestation

Industrialisation and deforestation are forcing the tribal people to leave the forests which is their natural habitat and they are losing their livelihood and source of food. and some of the tribes have even become extinct.

5. What is Van Mahotsava?

Ans. Van Mahotsav is an event which is celebrated in the first week of July every year in India to promote forest conservation. Dr K M Munshi, the then Union Minister of Agriculture and Food started in 1950. On this day, state government and civic bodies provides saplings to schools, colleges, NGO and organisations for planting trees.

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