

Life in The Deserts

Q1. Answer the following questions.

(a) What are the two types of deserts found in the world?

Answer: There are two types of deserts in the world:

1. Hot Desert
2. Cold Desert

(b) In which continent is the Sahara desert located?

Answer: The Sahara Desert is located in the continent of Africa.

(c) What are the climatic conditions of the Ladakh desert?

Answer: Ladakh is a cold desert located in the Great Himalayas. Due to high temperature, the air is thin and the heat of the sun is felt intensely. In winter, the temperature is below -40°C and in summer the daytime temperature is just above zero degrees.

(d) What mainly attracts tourists to Ladakh?

Answer: The following attract tourists to Ladakh mainly:

- Gompas
- Treks to see meadows
- Glaciers
- Ceremonies and festivities.

(e) What type of clothes the people of the Sahara desert wear?

Answer:

- Clothes made of the hair of the animals.
- Heavy clothes as protection against dust storms and hot winds.

(f) Name the trees that grow in Ladakh.

Answer: The following trees grow (well) in Ladakh:

- Willows and Poplars
- Fruit trees bloom during summers.
 1. Apples
 2. Apricots
 3. Walnuts

Q2. Tick the correct answer.

(i) Sahara is located in which part of Africa

- (a) eastern
- (b) northern
- (c) western

Answer: b

(ii) Sahara is what type of desert

- (a) cold
- (b) hot
- (c) mild

Answer: b

(iii) The Ladakh desert is mainly inhabited by

- (a) Christians and Muslims
- (b) Buddhists and Muslims
- (c) Christians and Buddhists

Answer: b

(iv) Deserts are characterised by

- (a) scanty vegetation
- (b) heavy precipitation
- (c) low evaporation

Answer: a

(v) Hemis in the Ladakh is a famous

- (a) temple
- (b) church
- (c) monastery

Answer: c

(vi) Egypt is famous for growing

- (a) wheat
- (b) maize
- (c) cotton

Answer: c

Q3. Match the following.

(i) Oasis	(a) Libya
(ii) Bedouins	(b) monastery
(iii) Oil	(c) glacier
(iv) Gangri	(d) depressions with water
(v) Lamayuru	(e) cold desert
	(f) Sahara

Answer:

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Q4. Give reasons.

(i) There is scanty vegetation in the deserts.

Answer: The desert is an area with low rainfall, scanty vegetation and extreme temperatures. These climatic conditions are not suitable for plant growth. That's why it's scary Vegetation in the desert.

(ii) People of the Sahara desert wear heavy robes.

Answer: People of the Sahara deserts wear heavy robes in order to protect themselves from the dust storms and hot winds.