

Chapter 20: Whose Forests

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Questions

Question 1

What do you think is a forest?

Solution

Answer: A forest is a large area covered with varieties of trees. It provides shelter to animals, insects and birds.

Question 2

If someone grew lots of trees close to each other, would this become a forest?

Solution

Answer: No, this would not become a forest because it won't grow thicker like the forest.

Find out and Write:

Question 1

Other than trees, what are there in a forest?

Solution

Answer: Apart from trees, the forest consists of animals, birds and insects.

Question 2

Do all forests have similar types of trees? How many trees can you identify?

Solution

Answer: No, all forests do not have similar types of trees. We can identify trees like the banyan tree, neem tree, mango tree and sandal tree.

Question 3

Suryamani says, "If the forests are not there, we too will not remain." Why so?

Solution

Answer: This is because forests help to maintain the balance of the environment. Green plants absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen which is a basic need. Forest also provides shelter and food to many living beings.

Think and Write:

Question 1

Do you know anyone who loves the forest?

Solution

Answer: Yes, my parents and I love the forest.

Question 2

The contractor did not allow Suryamani's people to go into the forest. Why?

Solution

Answer: The contractor may have been in the forest to cut the trees to sell somewhere. He may not want local people to use forest resources and hence did not allow Suryamani's people to go into the forest.

Question 3

Is there any place around your area which you feel should be open to everyone, but where people are not allowed to go?

Solution

Answer: Yes, there is a pond near my place which should be open to everyone. However, for safety purposes, people are not allowed to go there.

Discuss:

Question 1

Who do you think the forest belongs to?

Solution

Answer: Forests belong to everyone.

Question 2

Bhudhiyamai said –“Forest is our ‘collective bank’ – not yours or mine alone.” Are there other things which are our collective wealth? So, if someone uses more, everyone would suffer?

Solution

Answer: Yes, there are some other things which are our collective wealth. They are groundwater, minerals, and fossils.

Think and Write: (2)

Question 1

Do you have a friend with whom you can share everything?

Solution

Answer: Yes, I have a friend with whom I can share everything.

Question 2

Some people have moved far away from the forest, and they can't understand the lives of forest people. Some even call them 'jungli'. Why is it not correct to say this?

Solution

Answer: The word jungli refers to uncivilised. These peoples have their own distinct cultures. They are not civilised rather, they are living in a way which is different from our way of living. Hence, it is wrong to call them 'jungli'.

Question 3

What do you know about how Adivasis live? Write and draw a picture.

Solution

Answer: Adivasis live in forests. They use flowers and leaves as their clothes. They use forest products for their basic needs. They use trees as medicinal herbs.



Question 4

Do you have an Adivasi friend? What have you learnt about the forest from her?

Solution

Answer: No, I don't have an Adivasi friend.

Think:

Question 1

Do you know of anyone who works to save forests?

Solution

Answer: Yes, I know someone who is famous for planting trees. Her name is Saalu Marada Thimmakka.

Question 2

What is your dream? What will you do to make your dream come true?

Solution

Answer: I want to become a doctor. I will study hard to make my dream come true.

Tell:

Question 1

Is there any factory or some construction work going on in and around your area? What type of work?

Solution

Answer: Yes, construction work is going on in my area. Metro construction is going on in my area.

Question 2

Due to the factory, is there any effect on the trees and land? Have the people in that area raised this issue?

Solution

Answer: Yes, trees are affected due to the pollution from the factory. Now, people in that particular area raised this issue.

Look at the map and write:

Question 1

What all is shown on the map?

Solution

Answer: The given one is a map of India which shows states and forests located in India.

Question 2

Is there a sea close to Orissa? How did you find out?

Solution

Answer: Yes, the Bay of Bengal is closer to Orissa. I found it with the help of the map.

Question 3

Which are the states which have the sea on one side?

Solution

Answer: The following states have the sea on one side: Kerala, Karnataka, Goa, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Gujarat, Orissa and West Bengal.

Question 4

Where is Suryamani's state, Jharkhand, on the map?

Solution

Answer: Jharkhand is situated in the south of Bihar.

Question 5

Where are forests on the map? How will you find these?

Solution

Answer: Forests are in almost all states of India. They are marked in green colour.

Question 6

How can you find out which states have very thick forests and which have less thick forests?

Solution

Answer: Thick forests are marked in dark green colour, and less thick forests are marked in parrot or light green colour.

Question 7

For someone in Madhya Pradesh, in which direction would the country's thickest forests be? Name those states.

Solution

Answer: For someone in Madhya Pradesh, the country's thickest forests would be in the north and in the east. The states with thick forests are Arunachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

Find out:

Question 1

Which are the states around Mizoram?

Solution

Answer: The States around Mizoram are Tripura, Assam and Manipur.

Question 2

Chamui said they measure land using tin. Which are the other ways of measuring land?

Solution

Answer: Some of the other ways to measure land are in yards, square metres and in feet.

Question 3

Returning from school, children drank water in a bamboo cup. Who do you think would have made this cup and kept it in the forest? Why?

Solution

Answer: The Adivasis would have made these cups. They made these cups to help travellers.

Question 4

What could be done to save forests?

Solution

Answer: Some of the measures to save forests are as follows:

1. By planting more trees.
2. Control over the forest fire.
3. Regulated and planned cutting of trees.
4. Reforestation.

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