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Chapter - 2

The Northern Mountains

In this chapter we shall about the Northern Mountains the Northern part of India is bordered by the Northern mountains which include the Himalayas the karakoram and the kailash range of mountains. There mountains are like great mountain walls in the northern and north – eastern part of the country. It covers a distance of about 3600 km and the width varies from 150 to 400 km. These are the highest mountains in the world and are snow – capped. The word Himalayas in Sanskrit mean abode of snow.

The three Mountain Ranges:- The Himadri or the Greater Himalayas, the Himachal or the middle Himalayas and the shivalik or the outer Himalayas. The Himadri or The Greater Himalayas. This is the northern most range of mountains which lie in the Tibetan plateau closer to china border. The world highest mountain peak mountain Everest (8848 metres) in peak is present in greater Himalayas. The other important peaks here are Nanga Parbat, Nanda Devi, Annapurna and KanchenJunga. These sheets of ice that move are called glaciers Rivers like the Ganga, The Yamuna , The Brahmaputra, The Indus and The Sutlej start from these mountain ranges. The river Ganga begin in the Ganjotri glaces.

Deforestation in this region has destroyed the forests. To prevent this Indian government has ceclared many protected areas in this regaion. The Corbett Nationsl Park and The Kaziranga Park are some of the protected areas here.

Climate in the Mountains:- Summer of May and June are not really not in the mountain.

Life in the mountains:- The main occupation of people living in the mountains is farming. The beautiful valleys and lakes are great attraction for the tourists. On Dal lake in Kashmir many people make their living by using boat called shikaras to give rides to tourists.

New words:- Learn it –

1. Perennial – The river that never dries up,
2. Valley – How are of land surrounded by high mountains?
3. Deforestation – Cutting down trees.
4. Adventure – Exciting experience.
5. Trekking – Long difficult Journey in the mountains.
6. House boats – Boat used as house.

Important Points -

- i. The Northern Mountains include the Himalayas Kasakoram and kailash ranger.
- ii. Himalayas consist of three ranges of mountains – The Himadri , The Himachal and The Shivalika.
- iii. Mount Everest is the highest peak in the world.
- iv. Himadri is the highest and Shivalik is the lowest range.
- v. Himalayas are of great importance to our country.
- vi. Many of the rivers in the north originate in the Himalayas.
- vii. The Himalayas pass through number of states namely, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, West Bengal and the seven states in the north-east.

Exercise :

1. Choose the right answer and put a tick (✓).

- i. The southern most Himalayas are known as the –
 - a. Shivaliks
 - b. Himadri Lesser
 - c. Himalayas
 - d. Himachal
- ii. Himachal range of mountain are also known as –
 - a. Greater Himalayas
 - b. Meddle Himalaya
 - c. Lesser Himalayas
 - d. Outer Himalayas
- iii. The peremial rivers are those that –
 - a. Never dry
 - b. Dry up in Summer
 - c. Run only in winter
 - d. Run during monsoon
- iv. Dasjeeting is a hill station in –
 - a. Assam
 - b. West Bengal
 - c. Tripura
 - d. Uttarakhand
- v. Capital of Assam is –
 - a. Guwahati
 - b. Dispur
 - c. Agartala
 - d. Imphal

2. Match the following.

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| i. Arunachal | a. Shilong |
| ii. Pradesh | b. Agartala |
| iii. Meghalaya | c. Itanagar |
| iv. Nagaland | d. Kohima |
| v. Misoram | e. Aizawl |
| vi. Tripura | |

3. State whether the following statements are true or false.

- a. The highest peak in the world is Kancheejunga.
- b. Terai region is at the foothills of shivalik ranges.

- c. People of Kashmir carry phiran to keep warm.
- d. Capital of Sikkim is Gangtok.
- e. Ganges begins in the Gangatri glaciers.

VI. Answer the following question.

- a. What is the meaning of Himalayas Hmalays?
- b. Which are the rivers that sriginatethe Himalayas?
- c. Name the state in the Himalayas that grow tea?
- d. What does houseboat means?
