

Evaluate

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. The largest plateau in India is the Deccan Plateau.
2. The Nagarjuna Sagar Dam is built across river Krishna.
3. Jog falls in Karnataka is the highest waterfall in India.
4. Abu Hills or mountain ranges are situated to the southeast of the Thar.
5. Ranthambore and Sariska are two famous national parks of Rajasthan state.

B. Choose the correct answer.

1. This river divides the Southern Plateau into Central Highlands and Deccan Plateau.
a. Ganga b. Kaveri c. Narmada d. Tapi
2. This plateau is not a part of the Southern Plateau.
a. Chota Nagpur plateau b. Malwa plateau
c. Deccan Plateau d. Tibetan plateau
3. The Eastern and Western Ghats meet at these hills.
a. Cardamom b. Satmala c. Rajmahal d. Nilgiri
4. It is a seasonal river of the Great Indian Desert.
a. Satluj b. Luni c. Yamuna d. Kosi
5. The Indira Gandhi Canal gets its water supply from this river.
a. Indus b. Satluj c. Yamuna d. Brahmaputra

C. State true (T) or false (F).

1. Nilgiri is the highest peak in the Western Ghats.
2. Rajmahal Hills are a part of the Deccan Plateau.
3. Dust storms in deserts can move sand from one place to another.
4. An oasis is a large water body found in deserts that is formed by rainwater.
5. The Deccan Plateau and the Central Highlands have red soil.

Ch-5The Plateau and DesertRegionsHard words

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| 1. extent | 7. minerals |
| 2. plateau | 8. extreme |
| 3. tableland | 9. dust storms |
| 4. waterfalls | 10. oases |
| 5. climate | 11. irrigation |
| 6. vegetation | 12. banjaras |

Flow chart

The Plateau

Rivers

[Godavari, Krishna, Kaveri]

Climate

[pleasant]
hot in summer
cool in winter

Soil and Vegetation

Soil - black and red

Vegetation - cotton, rice, sugarcane

Minerals

[coal, iron, bauxite, mica]

The Great Indian

Water System

[Indira Gandhi Canal
Luni River]

Climate

[hot and dry]

Desert

Vegetation

[cactus, keekar, babul]

Wildlife

[camel, chinkaras, red fox, wild cat]

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Answer the following questions

Q1 What is a plateau? Name three rivers which originate in the Peninsular Plateau region of India.

Ans A plateau is a highland which is higher than the land around it and has a flat top.

Godavari, Krishna and Kaveri are the main river originating in the Peninsular Plateau region of India.

Q2 Why are the Central Highlands good for agriculture?

Ans Central Highlands are good for agriculture because of its black soil.

Q3 Differentiate between the Deccan rivers and Himalayan rivers.

Ans Difference between Deccan and Himalayan Rivers

Deccan Rivers

1. These rivers are seasonal, means they depend on rain for water

2. Originates from the plateau region

3. Ex: Kaveri, Godavari

Himalayan Rivers

1. These rivers are perennial, means they have water throughout the year.

2. Originates from Himalayas

3. Ex: Ganga

Q4. Why is camel called the 'the ship of the desert'?

Ans Camel is called 'the ship of the desert' because it is the most common mode of transportation in the desert area. Camel can survive in the harsh conditions of the desert without food and water for many days. As, the ship sails in water, in the same way camel walks in the desert.

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Q5 How has the Indira Gandhi Canal benefitted the people of the Great Indian Desert?

Ans Indira Gandhi Canal provides drinking water and supports irrigation in the region.