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Chapter-9 Life in the Temperate Grasslands

Notes:-

- * Grasslands make up almost a quarter of the total land surface.
- * The temperate grasslands of North America are known as the Prairies.
- * The prairies are bound by the Rocky Mountains in West and the Great Lakes in the east.
- * In the USA, the area is drained by the tributaries of Mississippi and the Canadian prairies are drained by the tributaries of Saskatchewan Rivers.
- * The summers are warm with temperatures of around 20°C , while in winter -20°C has been recorded in Winnipeg, Canada.
- * These areas are suitable for cattle rearing. Large cattle farms are called ranches.
- * Bison or the American buffalo is the most important animal of this region.
- * The people of this region are very hardworking. They have successfully harnessed technology to utilise their rich natural resources.
- * The temperate grassland of South Africa are called the Velds.
- * The Velds have a mild climate due to influence of the Indian Oceans.
- * Winters are cold and dry. Temperature vary between 5°C and 10°C and July is the coldest month. Summers are short and warm. Johannesburg records about 20°C temp in the summer.

- * The vegetation cover is sparse. Grasses dominate the landscape.
- * Velds are known for cattle rearing and mining.
- * Sheep rearing is most important occupation of the people.

Questions / Answers.

Ques-1 = What are the Temperate Grasslands of North America called?

Ans-1 = Prairies

Ques-2 = What are the cattle farms in the Northern American Grassland known as?

Ans-2 = Ranches

Ques-3 = Name the rivers that drain in the Velds?

Ans-3 = Orange and Limpopo rivers.

Ques-4 = When is the rainy season in the Velds?

Ans-4 = From November to February.

Ques-5 = What is the major occupation of the people of the South African Grassland?

Ans-5 = Sheep rearing.