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Life in the Desert

Notes :-

① Desert :-

It is an arid region characterised by extremely high or low temperatures and has scarce vegetation.

- * There are two types of deserts $\Rightarrow$ hot and cold deserts.
- * The Sahara desert touches eleven countries. These named as Algeria, Chad, Egypt, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Sudan, Tunisia and Western Sahara.
- * Ladakh is a cold desert lying in the Great Himalayas, on the eastern side of Jammu and Kashmir.
- * ~~A~~ Oasis are the places where ground water came out suddenly ~~at~~ due to some pressure and the greenery is formed in that place.
- * The altitude in Ladakh varies from about 3000m in Kargil to more than 8000m in the Karakoram.

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

Ans: The people of Sahara wear heavy robes as protection ^{from} dust storms and hot winds.

(f) Name the tree that grow in Ladakh.

Ans: Trees such as apple tree, apricots ~~and~~, walnuts bloom and poplars ~~and~~.

Give reason.

(i) There is scanty vegetation in the deserts.

=> Because it ~~receives~~ little rainfall.

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

→ They wear heavy robes to protect themselves from the dust storms and hot winds.

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* Tourism is a major activity with several tourists streaming in from within India and abroad.

(1) Answer the following questions :-

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

Ans- In notes.

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

Ans- It is located in Africa.

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

Ans- The climate of Ladakh is extremely cold and dry. The air at this altitude is so thin that the heat of the sun can be felt intensely.

(d) What mainly attracts tourists to Ladakh?

Ans- Tourists mainly visit to the gompas, lakes to see the meadows and glaciers. Witnessing ceremonies and festivities are important activities.