

Worksheet

The Temperate Grasslands Prairies

MCQs

Question 1: The Prairies lie between

- (a) Canada and Alaska.**
- (b) India and Pakistan.**
- (c) Canada and Mexico.**
- (d) North and South America.**

Ans.

Correct Answer is Option C

Lands typically referred to as "prairie" tend to be in North America. The term encompasses the area referred to as the Interior Lowlands of Canada, the United States, and Mexico, which includes all of the Great Plains as well as the wetter, hillier land to the east.

Question 2: The two rivers that flow through the Prairie region are

- (a) Michigan and Manitoba.**
- (b) Mississippi and Missouri.**
- (c) Mackenzie and Ontario.**
- (d) Colorado and Rio Grande.**

Ans.

Correct Answer is Option B

Rivers in the United States: Prairie River (Michigan), a tributary of the St. Joseph River in southern Michigan. Prairie River (Mississippi River), in northern Minnesota.

Question 3: Very few trees are found in the Prairies because

- (a) of the soil.**
- (b) they were cut to make farmlands.**
- (c) ranches were built.**
- (d) of an unsuitable climate.**

Ans.

Correct Answer is Option A

Because of the low annual precipitation, temperate grasslands have very few trees. Grasses are the dominant vegetation; their roots and rhizomes provide increased fertility to the soil.

Question 4: In the Prairies, most farm work is done by

- (a) machines.**
- (b) labourers.**
- (c) animals.**
- (d) foreigners.**

Ans.

Correct Answer is Option B

Most of the farm work is done by hired contractors, or the land is rented out to a third party. In 2006, more than half of all Prairie farmers earned at least some non-farm income.

Fill in the blanks

Question 5:

- (a) Two temperate grasslands V ___ L ___ S and D ___ N ___**
- (b) Animals found in the Prairies ___ I ___ N and C ___ Y ___ T ___**

(c) Minerals mined _ _ _ D and _ _ _ T _ _ _

(d) Two countries bordering USA _ A _ A _ _ and _ _ X _ _ O

(e) Crops grown in the Prairies _ A _ _ _ Y and _ O _ _

Ans.

- Two temperate grasslands **VELDS and**
- Animals found in the Prairies **BISON and COYOTE**
- Minerals mined **OLD and --**
- Two countries bordering USA **CANADA and MEXICO**
- Crops grown in the Prairies **BARLEY and OATS**

Answer these questions.

Question 6: What are grasslands? What type of climate do grasslands have?

Ans.

The grasslands are covered with grasses and some trees are found here which are grown by farmers only. Grasses are tall in Prairies rainfall is more while short in steppes because of influencing climate. The climate is warm and dry. Rainfall is moderate and occurs mostly in the summer season.

Question 7: Why are the Prairies called the 'Wheat Basket of the World'?

Ans.

The soil and climate of Prairies are the most suitable for the cultivation of wheat and maize. So the production of wheat is so large that USA exports surplus wheat to other countries. Therefore, the Prairies of North America are called the 'Wheat basket of the world'.

Question 8: In the Prairies, machines have almost replaced manual labour. Explain.

Ans.

In the prairies the entire farm work of ploughing, sowing, harvesting, threshing, winnowing and storing of food grains is done by machines. Cultivation of thousands of hectares of farmland needs very few workers. Big dairy farms also use machines.

Question 9: Write the names of some animals found in the Prairies.

Ans.

Many animals share the prairie. Prairie animals are badger, beaver, blackfooted ferret, bobcat, bison/ buffalo, squirrel, vole, white-tailed deer.

Question 10: Why is cattle reared in the western part?

Ans.

Animals are reared on the western side of the prairies because that area consists of extensive grasslands on which animals can graze. That area is also not very suitable for farming as it is comparatively dry.

Think and answer.

Question 11: Why are dairy farms and meat-processing factories well-developed in the Prairies?

Ans.

It is because of the fertile soils where different kinds of nutrient rich grasses grow on which cattle and sheep are reared in huge numbers which has grown over there as a larger industry.