8. India–Forests and Wildlife



(A) Answer the following questions.

1. How many types of forests are there in India? Name them.

2. Name one tree that grows in each type of forest.

- 3. How much land area of India is under vegetation?
- 4. What are the reasons for the destruction of forests?
- 5. How are we trying to save India's wildlife?
- (B) Write True or False.
 - 1. The growth of vegetation depends mainly on temperature & rainfall.
 - 2. Tidal forests cannot grow in freshwater.
 - 3. Tribals depend on forests for their livelihood.
 - 4. Gazelle is a species of bird.
 - 5. The logo of WWF shows a Himalayan bear.

(C) Fill in the blanks.

- 1. ______ are the first form of life that appeared on Earth.
- 2. Evergreen forests are found in _____ and _____ regions.
- 3. Sandalwood is a ______ tree found in ______ forests.
- 4. The Ganga-Brahmaputra delta has the largest area under ______ forests.

5. _____ live in the forests of Assam, Kerala and Karnataka.

Answers to Worksheet I

- A. 1. There are five types of forests in India: Evergreen, Deciduous, Thorny, Tidal and Mountain.
 - 2. Ebony [Evergreen]; Sal [Deciduous]; Kikar [Thorny]; Sundari [Tidal]; and Pine [Mountain].
 - 3. 20% of India's land area is under vegetation.
 - 4. Forests are destroyed when they are cut or burnt down to make way for cities or for timber. They are also damaged and destroyed by overgrazing and forest fires.
 - 5. We are trying to save India's wildlife by putting them in wildlife reserves and bird sanctuaries and National Parks, building awareness by celebrating Wildlife Week and by prohibiting hunting.
- B. 1. True 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. False

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C. 1. plants 2. hot; wet 3. softwood; deciduous 4. tidal 5. Elephants



A See the pictures below and name the trees.







1. _____



5. _____





3. _____

6. _____









3. _____

1. _____



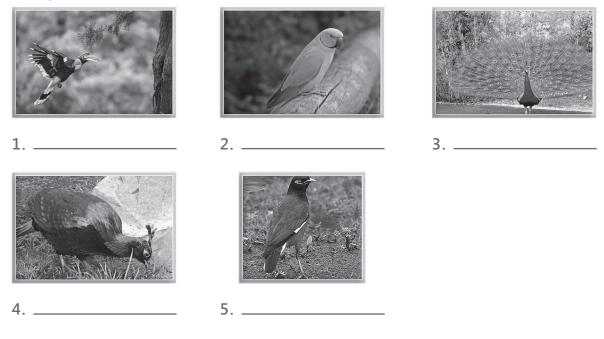
4. _____

- 5. _____

2. .



C See the pictures below and name the birds.



Answers to Worksheet 2

A. 1. Kikar 2. Sundari 3. Banyan 4. Pine 5. Bamboo 6. Mango

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- B. 1. Blackbuck 2. Rhinoceros 3. Langur 4. Neelgai 5. Hippopotamus
- C. 1. Hornbill 2. Parakeet 3. Peacock 4. Pheasant [Monal pheasant] 5. Mynah