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The Mountains of the North

Quest Complete the following sentences:

1. The peaks of the greater Himalayas are covered with snow all year round because they are at a great height. ie above 6000 m.
2. Hill stations are crowded with tourists in summer because they want to escape from the summer heat.
3. Slopes of the Shivaliks are covered with thick forests because this area gets sufficient rain from the monsoons.
4. Freezing cold winds cannot enter India from the north in winter because the Himalayas block these winds.
5. Rivers originating in the Himalayas don't dry up in summer because the melting snow provides them with water.

II Question and Answers

Quest: Why are the Himalayas so named?

Ans: The word Himalaya is a Sanskrit^{word} that



2. means the 'slide of snow'. It is so named as several of its peaks are covered with snow throughout the year.

Ques 2 How is the climate of Greater Himalayas different from that of the Shivaliks?

Ans 2 The climate of the Greater Himalayas is cold and dry with heavy snow in winters. The Shivaliks are warm in summers with a cool winter.

Ques 3 How do the Himalayas help in bringing rain to India?

Ans 3 The Himalayas help in bringing rain by stopping the moisture laden clouds. The clouds strike against the mountains and come down as rain.

Ques 4 How do the snow fed Himalayan rivers help our farmers?

Ans 4 The snow fed rivers help our farmers as they are able to grow crops all year round because of these rivers.

Ques 5 How are humans harming the Himalayan region?

Ans 5 Humans are harming the

Himalayan region as forests are being cut due to increased population, the rivers and lakes here have become dirty and polluted soil is being washed away due to the absence of trees.