



The Torrid Zone-II The Tropical Grasslands

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(A) Answer the following questions:

1. Name the countries where the Tropical Grasslands exist in Africa.

Ans:- Northern and Southern parts of Africa encircling the Congo Basin from Sudan, parts of Senegal, Guinea, Ghana, Togo in West Africa to parts of Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Malawi, and Mozambique in East, South and Central Africa.

2. What are the names given to these grasslands in different parts of the world?

Ans:- The names of Tropical Grasslands in different parts of the world are -

- i) Llanos in the Orinoco River Basin.
- ii) Campos in the Brazilian Highlands.
- iii) Savanna in Africa.

3. Why do the eastern coasts of the continents having Tropical Grasslands receive more rainfall?

Ans:- The eastern coast of the continents having Tropical Grassland receive more rainfall because the regular winds blow from the East.

4. Name two types of trees found in these grasslands in Africa. How have they adapted to the climate of this region?

Ans:- Two trees found in Tropical Grassland in Africa are Baobab and Acacia. Baobab have swollen trunk to store water and Acacia can withstand the dry period.

5. How do the grasses survive forest fires?

Ans:- The grasses survive forest fires as the grass grow from the base and not from their tips.

6. What are national parks? How do the tourists get to see the animals here?

Ans:- National parks are set up to preserve and protect animals from being hunted.

Thousands of tourists visit these national parks and go on conducted tours on jeeps. Such tours are called Safaris.

7. What is 'migration'? Why do the animals migrate in the Tropical Grasslands?

Ans:- Migration is movement to a new location.

Animals in Tropical Grasslands migrate because of seasonal rainfall. Different areas provide food at different times of the year.

8. State two problems faced by the cattle rearers in the Savanna Grasslands of Africa.

Ans:- Two problems faced by the cattle rearers in the Savanna Grasslands of Africa are-

i) Cattle here is not of good quality and hence milk production is not high.

ii) The cattle often suffer from sleeping sickness caused by tse-tse flies.