

CBSE Class –VIII Social Science
NCERT Solutions
Geography Chapter 9
Life in the Temperate Grasslands

Q1. Answer the following questions.

- (i) What are the Temperate Grasslands of North America called?**
- (ii) What are the cattle farms in the North American Grasslands known as?**
- (iii) Name the rivers that drain the Velds.**
- (iv) When is the rainy season in the Velds?**
- (v) What is the major occupation of the people of the South African grasslands?**

Answers: (i) The temperate grasslands of North America are called the Prairies.

(ii) The cattle farms in the North American grasslands are known as Ranches.

(iii) The rivers Orange and Limpopo drain the Velds.

(iv) The rainy season in the Velds is from November to February, mainly because of the warm ocean currents that wash the shores of the Velds.

(v) The major occupation of the people of the South African grasslands is sheep rearing. Apart from this, dairy farming and mining are the other important occupations of the people of this region.

Q2. Tick the correct answer.

- (i) River Mississippi drains**
(a) Canada (b) Africa (c) USA

Ans: (c) USA

- (ii) Drakensberg Mountains are to the west of**
(a) Prairies (b) Velds (c) Pampas

Ans: (b) Velds

(iii) Merino is a species of

(a) fish (b) elephant (c) sheep

Ans: (c) sheep

(iv) Kimberley is famous for

(a) diamonds (b) silver (c) platinum

Ans: (a) diamonds

Q3. Match the following.

(i) Cowboys	(a) Iron and Steel
(ii) Gold	(b) Prairies
(iii) Kudu	(c) Hot wind
(iv) Chinook	(d) Velds
(v) Coal	(e) Johannesburg
-	(f) Animal

Ans:

(i) Cowboys	(b) Prairies
(ii) Gold	(e) Johannesburg
(iii) Kudu	(f) Animal

(iv) Chinook	(c) Hot wind
(v) Coal	(a) Iron and Steel

Q4. Give reasons.

(i) The Prairies are known as the 'Granaries of the World'.

(ii) Rise of wool industry in the Velds.

Answers: (i) Scientific methods of cultivation and the use of tractors, harvesters and combines have made North America a surplus food producer. The temperature and fertile soil with high humus content make the region suitable for crop production. There is huge production of wheat in the region. Hence, the Prairies are called the 'Granaries of the world'.

(ii) Sheep rearing is the most-important occupation in the Velds. Sheep are bred mainly for wool, and this has given rise to the wool industry in the Velds. Merino sheep is a popular species and their wool is very warm.