

Class: IX

Subject: Social Science (087) - History

Chapter: 5 Pastoralists in the Modern World

Assignment Questions

1. Explain why nomadic tribes need to move from one place to another. What are the advantages to the environment of this continuous movement?
2. Discuss why the colonial government in India brought in the following laws. In each case, explain how the law changed the lives of pastoralists:
 - Waste Land rules
 - Forest Acts
 - Criminal Tribes Act
 - Grazing Tax
3. Give reasons to explain why the Maasai community lost their grazing lands.
4. There are many similarities in the way in which the modern world forced changes in the lives of pastoral communities in India and East Africa. Write about any two examples of changes which were similar for Indian pastoralists and the Maasai herders.
5. Name the regions of the cyclic movement of Kurumas and Kurubas.
6. Why were the British officials suspicious of the nomadic people? Give one reason.
7. Where did the gujjar bakarwals live during the winter when the high mountains were covered with snow?
8. What were the professions of the dhangars?
9. Who are called maru Raikas?
10. In which year the criminal tribes act was passed?
11. What was kaffila?
12. What are kharif and rabi crops?
13. Describe the lifestyle of the banjaras.
14. What was Bhabar?
15. What were the views of Environmentalists and economists on pastoral nomadism?
16. How did the British administer the affairs of the Maasai community?
17. How did the pastoralists in Africa adapt themselves to tide over the bad times?
18. Describe the social division of the Maais.
19. Why were the chiefs appointed by the British not affected by war or drought in Maasai land?
20. What were the waste land rules?
21. Which grazing lands of Kenya were converted into national parks?
22. Which parts of the African continent are inhabited by the pastoralists? What are the different types of activities they are involved in?
23. How did the restrictions put by colonial powers make the situations even worse adverse during droughts?
24. How did Raikas of Rajasthan practice cattle rearing?
25. Which similarities are observed in the lifestyles of the Pastoralists of Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh? Describe.
26. How did the pastoralists cope with the serious shortage of pastures? Explain.
27. Discuss the various restrictions imposed on pastoral groups in Africa
28. Distinguish between 'Reserved Forests' and 'Protected Forests'.