



SOCIAL SCIENCE

Class 8th

Chapter 1: Natural Resources and Their Use



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Questions and activities

Que 1. What can make what is today a renewable resource non-renewable tomorrow? Describe some actions that can prevent this from happening.

Ans:- A renewable resource can become non-renewable if it is used faster than nature can replace it. For example, excessive cutting of forests and overuse of groundwater can reduce their availability.

Actions to prevent this:

1. Use resources wisely and avoid wastage.
2. Plant more trees (afforestation).
3. Harvest rainwater.
4. Reduce pollution.
5. Follow sustainable farming and fishing practices.

Que 2. Name five ecosystem functions that serve humans.

Ans:- Five ecosystem functions that benefit humans are:

1. Providing oxygen for breathing.
2. Purifying air and water.
3. Maintaining soil fertility.
4. Pollination of crops by insects.
5. Regulating climate and rainfall.

Que 3. What are renewable resources? How are they different from non-renewable ones? What can people do to ensure that renewable resources continue to be available for our use and that of future generations? Give two examples.

Ans: Renewable resources are resources that can be replenished naturally in a short period of time.

Non-renewable resources are resources that take millions of years to form and cannot be replaced quickly once used.

To conserve renewable resources:

* Use them carefully and avoid overexploitation.

* Protect forests and water bodies.

* Promote recycling and conservation.

Examples of renewable resources: Sunlight and forests.

Que 4. Identify cultural practices in your home and neighbourhood that point to mindfulness in the use of natural resources.

Ans:- Some cultural practices showing mindful use of natural resources are:

1. Saving water during daily activities.
2. Reusing bags, bottles, and containers.
3. Planting and caring for trees.
4. Avoiding food wastage.
5. Celebrating festivals in an eco-friendly manner.
6. Switching off lights and fans when not in use.

Que 5. What are some considerations to keep in mind in the production of goods for our current use?

Ans:- The following points should be considered while producing goods:

1. Use natural resources efficiently.
2. Minimize waste and pollution.
3. Use renewable resources whenever possible.
4. Recycle and reuse materials.
5. Ensure production does not harm the environment.
6. Keep the needs of future generations in mind.

In short: Goods should be produced in a sustainable and environment-friendly manner.