

Chapter 6: The Land of Snow-Greenland

Assessment Zone:

I. Tick the correct option:

1. c

2. c

3. b

4. c

5. C

II. Fill in the blanks

1. Cold

2. huskies

3. umiak

4. Igloo

5. fishing, hunting and

Mining

III. Unscramble the letters with the help of given hints.

1. PARKA

2. ICEBERGS

3. KAYAK

4. INUITS

5. HUSKIES

IV. Answer in brief

1. In summers, the sun never sets in the region above the Arctic Circle. Hence, it is also called the land of midnight sun.

2. The capital of Greenland is Nuuk (Godthab). Other cities are Upernavik, Uummannaq, etc.

3. The Inuits (also called the Eskimos) are the inhabitants of Greenland.

4. In Greenland; men, women and children wear a warm jacket called Parka which has a hood on the top to cover the head. It saves them from cold winds.

5. The main occupations of the people of Greenland are fishing, hunting and mining.

V. Answer the following questions

1. Population in this region is less due to the extreme cold conditions. The Inuits (also called the Eskimos) are the inhabitants of Greenland. They came from parts of North America and North Europe. The Inuits are short and stout having flat faces and narrow black eyes. The languages spoken are Greenlandic and Danish. English is also widely spoken by the people. Eskimos wear clothes made from the skin of animals and waterproof shoes from the skin of seal.

2. Certain animals have successfully adapted to this weather. They have thick layer of fat, long hair and thick fur which provide them warmth in the chilly cold climate. Most animals hibernate in the winter season to protect themselves from harsh weather. Polar bear, reindeer, Arctic hare etc. are the animals which survive in this extremely cold region.

3. The Eskimos build houses with ice-blocks with animal skin used as flooring during winters. In summers, they build skin tents called tou pigs. With changing times, they have now started to live in houses made with wood and stone.

4. Population in the polar regions is sparse due to the extreme cold and very little vegetation. Harsh climate

makes it difficult to do farming or establish industry. Occupations available for people to adopt are very few.

5. The Inuit have undergone a major change in their lifestyle. They have started to settle down in houses made of wood and stone. Though their main occupation continues to be hunting, their equipment are modern e.g. guns and motorbikes. They have also started working in the mines and in the oil fields.