Class -V   **Subject-Social Science**   **L-4 Major Landforms**

New Words

1. plateau
2. summit
3. barrier
4. elevation
5. canyon
6. deposition
7. civilizations
8. arid
9. frequent
10. meander

Define the following terms

1. **arid-** an area with very little rain
2. **canyon-** a deep valley with steep sides made of rock
3. **mouth-**the place where a river joins a sea or a lake
4. **rapids-** part of a river where water flows very fast over rocks

Fill in the blanks

1. **Landforms** are the natural features of the landscape .
2. The highest point of a mountain is called a **peak** or a **summit.**
3. A **mountain range** is a series or chain of mountains that are close together .
4. The largest and the highest plateau in the world is the **Tibetan** Plateau**.**
5. Rivers are natural **channels** of fresh water .
6. **Plains** are the best areas for human habitation.
7. The largest delta in the world is formed by the **Ganga** and the **Brahmaputra** rivers .

Answer the following questions

Q1- What are the landforms ?

Ans- Landforms are the natural features of the landscape . The surface of the land varies from one place to another . Some parts are flat and level while others are raised .

Q2- How are mountains important ?

Ans- Mountains are important as :-

a. they help in condensation of moisture by forcing winds to rise .
b. they act as barrier against hot and cold winds .
c. rivers originating from them provide water for irrigation .
d. they are great tourist attraction because of lot of scenic spots .
e. they provide many forest products like wood, herbs, medicinal plants ,honey etc.

Q3- Which plateau is famous for gold and diamond mines ?

Ans- The African Plateau is famous for gold and diamond mines .

Q4- Why are plains thickly populated ?

Ans- Plains are thickly populated as:-

a. they are usually highly fertile and hence most ideal for cultivation .
b. it is easy to make transport network in them.

Q5- List the main features of a desert .

Ans- Deserts have :- **a.** bare soil **b.** low vegetation cover
c. very hot days and cold nights
d. frequent dust storms .

Think and answer

Q- Why are deserts less populated ?

Ans- Deserts are less populated due to harsh weather conditions and low vegetations cover.