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**Class-V**

**Subject- Social Science**

**L-6 The Land of Dense Forest -The DRC**

**New Words**

- 1.equatorial
- 2.landlocked
- 3.topographical
4. unbearable
- 5.canopy
- 6.pounded
- 7.primitive
- 8.stature
- 9.pygmies
- 10.infrastructure

**Define the following terms**

- 1.**vagatation** – plants and trees
- 2.**canopy** – a mass of leaves and branches that spread over an area to form a roof
- 3.**cassava** – a tuber root used to make flour
- 4.**forestry**- the practice of planting trees and taking care of forests
- 5.**infrastructure** – the basic facilities and services that people need like , roads , schools, markets and hospitals

**Fill in the blanks**

- 1.Congo gained independence from **Belgium** in 1960.
2. The river Congo is known as the **Highway of Central Africa** .
- 3.The DRC receives the maximum number of **lightening strikes** in the world .

4. Congo is the world's largest producer of **cobalt ore** .

5. The water of river Congo is used to produce **hydroelectricity** .

6. The DRC has more than **200** airports.

### **Answer these questions**

**Q 1.** Name the lakes of the country .

**Ans-** The lakes of the country are –

- i- Albert
- ii- Edward
- iii- Kivu
- iv- Tanganyika
- v- Mweru

**Q2.** Describe the wildlife of the country .

**Ans-** The wildlife of the region includes–

i. Bonobos or pygmy chimpanzees, African forest elephant , mountain gorilla, okapi and white rhino are some rare animals found here.

ii. The rivers and lakes are full of crocodiles, alligators and fish .

iii. Lions , cheetah, hyenas, giraffes and wild buffaloes live in the grassland .

iv. Pelicans, ducks , owls and eagles are some birds found here.

v. Butterflies are found in large numbers.

vi. Many types of snakes are also found here .

**Q 3.** Briefly discuss the climate of the Democratic Republic of Congo .

**Ans-** i. The equator passes through the Democratic Republic of Congo therefore it experiences a tropically hot and humid climate throughout the year.

ii.This region has no winter season . In the early morning mists often occur .

iii.Gradually clouds build up , resulting in heavy rainfall in the afternoon.

iv.Evenings and nights are cool and comfortable.

**Q 4.** Which means of transport would you use to travel in the country ?

**Ans-** We would use water and air transport to travel in the country .

**Q 5.** List the minerals found in the Democratic Republic of Congo .

**Ans- i.**The Democratic Republic of Congo is the world's largest producer of cobalt ore.

ii.It is a major producer of copper and diamond .

iii.Cadmium , gold, silver , zinc, manganese, tin, germanium, uranium, radium, bauxite ,iron ore and coal are also found here .

### **Think and answer**

**Q-** Why is the land transport a major problem in the DRC?

**Ans-** The land transport is a major problem in the DRC as the dense forests of the country have made it difficult to build roads and railways .

**Q. Mark Democratic Republic of Congo on World Political Map**



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