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Arabia

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L- 8 The Land of Sand- Saudi

New Words

- 1. separated
- 2. province
- 3. venomous
- 4. domesticated
- 5. legislative
- 6. barrels
- 7. pastures
- 8. Keffiyeh
- 9. skyscrapers
- 10. exploited

Define the following terms

- 1. <u>Wadi</u> wide passage in a desert that contains water after rains
- 2. <u>Oasis</u> a fertile spot in a desert , where water is found
- 3. <u>Judicial</u> appropriate to a law court or judge
- 4. Legislation laws

5. <u>**Barrel**</u> – a cylindrical container bulging out in the middle , traditionally made of wooden staves with metal hoops around them.

Fill in the blanks

- 1. <u>The Mount Sawda</u> is the highest point in Saudi Arabia .
- 2. The official language of Saudi Arabia is Arabic .

- 3. Saudi Arabia has 25% of the world's oil reserves .
- 4. Traditionally men wear a long garment known as thawb.
- 5. <u>Saudi Arabia</u> has developed a desert land in a rich and prosperous country .
- 6. <u>Riyadh</u> is the capital of Saudi Arabia .

Answer the following questions

Q 1- Where is Saudi Arabia located ? List the countries that surround it .

Ans – Saudi Arabia is located in western Asia . The following countries surround Saudi Arabia –

1.	Jordan and Iraq	North
2.	Kuwait	Northeast
3.	Qatar, Bahrain and UAE	East
4.	Oman	Southeast
5.	Yemen	South

Q 2- Why is there a shortage of Saudi Arabia ?

Ans- 1. Most of Saudi Arabia is covered with dry and barren Arabian Desert .2. There are no rivers or lakes in Saudi Arabia . Moreover, the wadis or Streams that are formed during rains last for a short time .

3. It's annual rainfall is also very low . So there is an acute shortage of water in the country .

Q 3- What type of climate does Saudi Arabia has ?

Ans- 1. Saudi Arabia has extremely high day time temperature and sharp temperature drop at night .

2. Average summer temperatures are around 45 degree Celsius but can be as high as 54 degree Celsius .

3. In winters the temperature rarely drops below 0 degree.

4. Annual rainfall is very low .

Q 4- Describe the life of the Bedouins .

Ans- 1. Bedouins are nomads . They earn their livelihood by tending flocks of Sheep , goats and camels .

2. They move from one place to another in search of water sources and pasture .

Q 5- Briefly discuss the cities of Saudi Arabia .

Ans – 1. Saudi Arabia is a delightful place with both old and new cities.

2. The new cities have all the modern facilities like skyscrapers , parks markets , educational institutions and hospitals .

Think and answer

Q- In what way has the discovery of petroleum helped the people of Saudi Arabia ?

Ans-1. The discovery of petroleum has helped the people of Saudi Arabia as almost the entire income comes from the export of petroleum .

2. With the discovery of petroleum Saudi Arabia has developed a desert land to a rich and prosperous country .

Q- Mark Saudi Arabia on World political map

