

Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. Describe the life of people living in the Amazon rainforests.

Ans. (i) People grow food after clearing some trees in the forest. Men hunt and fish along the river, while women take care of the crops.

(ii) Main crops are tapioca, pineapple and sweet potato. Slash and burn cultivation is practiced and the staple food is manioc.

(iii) They eat queen ants and egg sacs. Cash crops like coffee, maize and cocoa are also grown.

Q.2. How is the Ganga–Brahmaputra basin formed?

Ans. (i) The tributaries of rivers Ganga and Brahmaputra together form the Ganga–Brahmaputra basin in the Indian subcontinent.

(ii) The basin lies in the sub-tropical region.

(iii) The tributaries of the river Ganga, like the Ghaghra, Kosi, Chambal, Gandak and the tributaries of Brahmaputra drain it.

(iv) The plains of the Ganga and the Brahmaputra, the mountains and the foothills of the Himalayas and the Sunderbans delta are the main features of this basin.

Q.3. How does the basin have varied topography?

Ans. (i) The Ganga–Brahmaputra basin has a varied topography.

(ii) The mountain areas with steep slopes have inhospitable terrain. So, less population is found here.

(iii) The plain area provides the most suitable land for human habitation.

(iv) The soil is fertile. Agriculture is the main occupation and the density of population in the plains is very high.