

HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. Examine the utility of plateaus.

Ans.

- i. Plateaus are the storehouse of minerals. Various minerals can be easily extracted by mining from the plateaus like, gold, silver, copper, coal, iron, manganese, etc.
- ii. In the plateau areas, there may be several waterfalls as the rivers fall from a great height.
- iii. The lava plateaus are rich in black soil that are fertile and good for cultivation.
- iv. Many plateaus have scenic spots and are of great attraction for tourists.

Q.2. How do landforms bear effect on the human life?

Ans.

- i. Although these landforms are the creations of nature but since the dawn of civilisations on this earth, man is dependent for its survival on them.
- ii. People live in almost all forms of landforms be it mountains, plateaus or plains.
- iii. These landforms have a great bearing on man's life.
- iv. A slight change in the form of earthquake, flash floods or tectonic movements causes great damage to human beings.
- v. On the other hand, man is also tampering with these landforms by cutting down forests, making highways in mountainous areas, which has disturbed these landforms a lot.