

Hots (Higher Order Thinking Skills)

Q.1. What are the various occupations found in velds?

Ans. (i) Sheep rearing is the most important occupation of the people.

(ii) Sheep is bred mainly for wool and has given rise to the wool industry in the velds.

(iii) Merino sheep is a popular species.

(iv) The next important occupation is dairy farming.

(v) Cattle are reared in the warmer and wetter region.

(vi) Dairy products like butter and cheese are produced for both domestic supply and also for export.

Q.2. How are velds a mineral rich region?

Ans. (i) The velds have rich reserve of minerals.

(ii) Iron and steel industry has developed where coal and iron are present.

(iii) Gold and diamond mining are major occupations of people of this region.

(vi) Johannesburg is known as the gold capital of the world.

(v) Kimberley is famous for its diamond mines.

(vi) Mining of diamond and gold in South Africa (earlier a British colony) with well-developed transport system has led to the development of this region.