U 8 Grassland of the Temperate Zone.

Value : Beauty of Nature.

Difficult word

1. stretches 10. Harvesting

2. scattere 11. ploughing

3. prairies 12. sowing

4. Pampas 13. threshing

5. Steppes 14. population

6. Veld 15. ranches

7. Savannas 16. slaughter

8. Mississippi 17. Equipped

9. Missouri

Answer the following

Q1. Where are most grasslands of the World situated ?

Ans Most of the grasslands of the world are located in the Temperate

Zone.

Q2. What are the prairies ?

Ans Prairies are vast grasslands in North America that are now used for

farming wheat.

Q3. Describe the climate of the prairies.

Ans The Prairies have hot summers and cold winters. They get

moderate rainfall.

Q4. There were millions of bison a few hundred years ago in the

prairies. But we cannot see any now why ?

Ans The Prairies were the home to the bison many years ago but

European settlers cleared the land for agriculture and cattle

rearing so very few bison are left in these grasslands.

Q5. Why are the prairies so attractive for farming ?

Ans The Prairies are very fertile since two major rivers Mississippi and

Mussouri flow through this area. The fertile top soil makes it

ideal for agriculture.

Q6. What is the main occupation of the people in the western part of

the prairies ?

Ans The Western parts of the prairies are not very fertile, so people

have cleared this area and used it for rearing cows, horses and

sheep.

Q7. What is a ranch ? What are the main products of a ranch in the

prairies ?

Ans Ranches are large farms, where cattles are reared in large

grasslands. The main products of ranches are beef and dairy

products.

Q8. The prairies have a small population why ?

Ans The farms in the prairies are huge and most of the work is done

by machines, so the population in grassland us thin.

Hots

1. The park near your houses have a large lawn with grass growing

In it?

Ans The park cannot be called grassland since the grass has been

grown by humans and not grown naturally.

Text Book Activities.

I. Fill in the blanks.

1. Most grasslands lie in the **Temperate** zone.

2. Prairies have **hot** summers and **cold** winters.

3. The **Mississippi** and **Missouri** rivers flow through the prairies.

4. The main crop grown in the prairies is **wheat.**

5. Large farms in the western part of the prairies used to rear cattle,

are known as **Ranches**.

II. Match the following

1. Steppes Russia

2. Veld South Africa

3. Downs Australia

4. Prairies North America

5. Pampas South America

6. Savannas Central Africa

III. MCQ

1. Most of the grasslands of the World lie **between latitude 23 ½ °N**

**and 66** ½ °N and between latitude **23 ½ °S and 66** ½ °S.

2. The grasslands in North America are known as the **Prairies**.

3. The natural vegetation in the prairies consists of **plenty of grass**

**and a very few trees**.

4. In which part of the prairies are most of the ranches present

**west .**