

Class 8 Geography Chapter 3 Mineral and Power Resources

Question 1. Answer the following questions.

(i) Name any three common minerals used by you every day.

Answer: (i) Three common minerals used by us in day-to-day life are copper, iron and salt.

(ii) What is an ore? Where are the ores of metallic minerals generally located?

Answer: (ii) An ore is a rock from which minerals are mined. Ores of metallic minerals are found usually in igneous and metamorphic rock formations.

(iii) Name two regions rich in natural gas resources.

Answer (iii) Two regions in India rich in natural gas resources are: Jaisalmer and Krishna-Godavari delta.

(iv) Give five ways in which you can save energy at home.

Answer: Five ways in which one can save energy at home:

- Promoting the use of solar energy as much as possible.
- Using biogas as cooking fuel.
- Drying clothes in sunlight instead of electric dryers to prevent emissions and unnecessary use of electricity.
- Avoiding misuse of electricity; switching off fans and lights when not required.
- Using pressure cookers for cooking.

Question 2. Tick the correct Answer:

(i) Which one of the following is not a characteristic of minerals?

(a) They are created by natural processes.

(b) They have a definite chemical composition.

(c) They are inexhaustible.

(d) Their distribution is uneven.

(ii) Which one of the following is not a producer of mica?

(a) Jharkhand

(b) Karnataka

(c) Rajasthan

(d) Andhra Pradesh

(iii) Which one of the following is a leading producer of copper in the world?

(a) Bolivia

(b) Ghana

(c) Chile

(d) Zimbabwe

(iv) Which one of the following practices will not conserve LPG in your kitchen?

(a) Soaking the dal for some time before cooking it.

(b) Cooking food in a pressure cooker.

(c) Keeping the vegetables chopped before lighting the gas for cooking.

(d) Cooking food in an open pan kept on low flame.

Question 3.

Give reasons.

- (i) Environmental aspects must be carefully looked into before building huge dams.

Answer

- Building huge dams causes destabilisation of the natural habitats of plants and wild animals living in the area.
- These environmental aspects should be looked into before building dams.

- (ii) Most industries are concentrated around coal mines.

Answer: Presence of coal mines around industries reduces the costs of transportation and also ensures easy availability of fuel.

- (iii) Petroleum is referred to as “black gold”.

Answer

- Petroleum is a very valuable fossil fuel.
- It is used for running all machineries, transport vehicles, from a bicycle to an aeroplane

- (iv) Quarrying can become a major environmental concern.

Answer : After the process of Quarrying, the pits are left as it is, they are not covered .which results in environmental hazards.