

**SOCIAL STUDIES**

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**7. The land of Snow**

**I. Answer the following**

**1. Where is Greenland situated? Why is the island white?**

* Greenland is located towards the North-east of North America. More than two-thirds of the island is located north of the Arctic Circle.
* Greenland looks white as about 80 percent of the island is covered with ice and snow.

**2. Write five sentences on the climate of Greenland**.

* Greenland has an arctic type of climate.
* It is very cold throughout the year.
* The winters are long and cold with temperatures dropping below the freezing point.
* Summers are short and cool.
* The weather is bright and sunny, especially in the coastal areas.

**3. What is the effect of the climate on the vegetation of Greenland?**

* As it is very cold in Greenland, no crops can grow.
* Mosses .Lichens, grasses and bushes grow in the summer season.
* There are no forests in Greenland.

**4. What kind of animals lives in Greenland?**

Only animals with thick furry coats or those which can withstand extreme cold can survive in Greenland.

* Musk oxen, polar bears, reindeers, whales and seals are some animals found in Greenland.

**5. Write a short note on igloos.**

* The Inuits live in igloos or snow houses in the winter season.
* These houses are made of large blocks of ice and are dome-shaped.
* A hole is in made in the centre of the dome to allow smoke and hot air to pass through.
* The floor is covered with skins and furs of animals.

**6. Greenland is often called the “The land of Midnight Sun”. Why?**

During summers, Greenland has continuous sunlight for several weeks.

That is why Greenland is known as the “The land of the Midnight sun”.