PASTORALIST IN THE MODERN WORLD

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5. Discuss the main features of the pastoral nomads of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.  
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* In Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, we found the dry central plateau covered with stone and grass inhabited by cattle, goat and sheep herders.
* The Gollas herded cattle and the Kurumas and Kurubas reared sheep and goats and sold woven blankets. They lived near the woods, cultivated small patches of land, engaged in a variety of petty trades and took care of their herbs.
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Low hills

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Answer:  
Himachal Pradesh

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Answer:  
The low hills of Siwalik range

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Why were wasteland rules enacted by the colonial officials ?  
Answer:  
To turn the uncultivated lands into cultivable lands.

Question 6.  
Africans depend on some form of pastoral activity for their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .  
Answer:  
Livelihood

Question 7.  
The Maasai cattle herders live primarily in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .  
Answer:  
East Africa

Question 8.  
Name the pastoral communities of the mountains.  
Answer:  
Gujjars, Gaddis, Bhotiyas and Sherpas

Question 9.  
The word Maasai means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .  
Answer:  
My people

Question 10.  
In 1885, Massailand was cut into half with an international boundary between :  
Answer:  
Kenya and Tanganyika

Question 11.  
Give one advantage of changing grazing lands into cultivated farms by British in India.  
Answer:  
Land revenue was one of the main sources of income, by expanding cultivation it would increase its revenue collection.

Question 12.  
Large areas of grazing land in East Africa were turned into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .  
Answer:  
Game reserves.

Question 13.  
When did European imperial powers divide Africa into different colonies?  
Answer:  
1885.

Question 14.  
Maasai society was divided into two social categories \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .  
Answer:  
Elders and warriors.

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Question 16.  
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Answer:  
Criminal Tribes.

Question 17.  
What was the status of the Massai pastoralists in pre-colonial times ?  
Answer:  
They had dominated their agricultural neighbours both economically and politically.

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Who were called “The Elders’ in Maasai society?  
Answer:  
The Elders formed the ruling group and met in periodic councils to decide on the affairs of the community and settle disputes.

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‘Dhangars’ were an important pastoral community of Maharashtra.

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They raise cattle, camels, goats, sheep and donkeys. They sell milk, meat, animal skin and wool.

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They defended the community and organised cattle raids.

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* They also had to set up a relationship with farmers on the way, so that the herds could graze in harvested fields and manure the soil.
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What was the impact of frequent drought on the pasture lands of Maasai community ?  
Answer:  
Drought affects the life of pastoralists everywhere. When rains fail, and pastures are dry, cattle are likely to starve unless they can be moved to areas where forage is available. But from the colonial period, the Maasai were bound down to a fixed area, confined within a reserve, and prohibited from moving in search of pastures. They were cut off from the best grazing lands and forced to live within a semi-arid tract prone to frequent droughts.

Since they could not shift their cattle to places where pastures were available, large numbers of Maasai cattle died of starvation and disease in these years of drought. An enquiry in 1930 showed that the Maasai in Kenya possessed 720,000 cattle, 820,000 sheep and 171,000 donkeys. In just two years of severe drought, 1933 and 1934, over half the cattle in the Maasai Reserve died.

Question 11.  
Who were Banjaras ?  
Answer:

* Banjaras were another well-known group of graziers. Banjaras were nomadic.
* They were to be found in the villages of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.
* In search of good pastureland for their cattle, they moved over long distances, selling plough cattle and other goods to villagers in exchange for grain and fodder.

Question 12.  
Explain any three laws which were introduced by the colonial government in India, which changed the lives of pastoralists.  
Answer:

* From the mid-nineteenth century, Wasteland Rules were enacted in various parts of the country. By these rules uncultivated lands were taken over and given to selected ‘ individuals.
* By the mid-nineteenth century, various Forest Acts were also enacted in different provinces. Through these Acts some forests which produced valuable timber like deodar or sal were declared ‘Reserved’. No pastoralist was allowed access to these forests. Other forests were classified as ‘protected’.
* In 1871, the colonial government in India passed the ‘Criminal Tribes Act’. By this Act, many communities of craftsmen, traders and pastoralists were classified as Criminal Tribes. They were stated to be criminal by nature and birth. Once this act came into force, these communities were expected to live only in notified village settlements.
* To expand its revenue income, the colonial government looked for every possible source of taxation. So, tax was imposed on land, on canal water, on salt, on trade goods, and even on animals (the Grazing Tax). (Any three)

Question 13.  
Write a short note on Gujjar Bakarwals of Jammu and Kashmir.  
Answer:  
The Gujjar Bakarwals of Jammu and Kashmir are great herders of goat and sheep. Many of them migrated to this region in the nineteenth century in search of pastures for their animals. Gradually, over the decades, they established themselves in the area, and moved annually between their summer and winter grazing grounds.

In winter, when the high mountains were covered with snow, they lived with their herds in the low hills of the Siwalik range. The dry scrub forests here provided pasture for their herds. By the end of April, they began their northern march for their summer grazing grounds.

By end September the Bakarwals were on the move again, this time on their downward journey, back to their winter base. When the high mountains were covered with snow, the herds were grazed in the low hills.

Question 14.  
Where do the Raikas live ? Mention characteristics of their economy and life.  
Answer:  
The Raikas lived in the deserts of Rajasthan. The characteristics of their economy and life are :

* As the rainfall in Rajasthan,was meagre and uncertain, so the Raikas found the cultivation of their land tracts very difficult. Their harvest fluctuated every year. Over vast stretches, no crop could be grown. Therefore, the Raikas combined cultivation with pastoralism.
* During the monsoons, the Raikas of Banner, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur and Bikaner stayed in their home villages, where pasture was available.
* By October, when these grazing grounds were dry and exhausted, the Raikas moved out in search of other pasture and water, and returned again during herded next rainy season.
* One group of Raikas—known as the Maru (desert) Raikas—herded camels and another group reared goats and sheep.
* Therefore, we can say that the life of the Raikas as pastoral groups was sustained by a careful consideration of a host of factors. They had to judge how long the herds could stay in one area of Rajasthan, and know where they could find water and pasture in Rajasthan and nearby provinces.

Question 15..  
Discuss the main features of life of the Dhangars pastoral community of Maharashtra.  
Answer:  
The main feature of life of the Dhangars :

* Dhangars were an important pastoral community of Maharashtra. In the early twentieth century, their population in this region was about 4,67,000.
* Most of the Dhangars were shepherds, some were blanket weavers and still others were buffalo herders.
* The Dhangar shepherds stayed in the central plateau of Maharashtra during the monsoon. This was a semi-arid region with low rainfall and poor soil. It was covered with thorny scrub. Nothing but dry crops like bajra could be sown here.
* In the monsoon, the central plateau became a vast grazing ground for the Dhangar flocks.
* By October, the Dhangars harvested their bajra and started on their move towards west. After a march of about a month, they reached the Konkan. This was a flourishing agricultural tract with high rainfall and rich soil. Here, the shepherds were welcomed by Konkan peasants.

Question 16.  
Write down the main features of the life of Gaddi shepherds of Himachal Pradesh.  
Answer:  
The main features of the life of Gaddi shepherds of Himachal Pradesh as given below :

* In different areas of the mountains, the Gaddi shepherds of Himachal Pradesh had cycle of seasonal movement. In winter, they moved downward and in summer, they moved upward to the valley. Gaddi shepherds also spent their winter in the low hills of Siwalik range, grazing their flocks in scrub forests. By April, they moved north and spent the summer in Lahul and Spiti. When the snow melted and the high passes were clear, many of them move on to higher mountain meadows.
* By September, Gaddi shepherds bean their return movement. On the way, they stopped once again in the villages of Lahul and Spiti, reaping their Kharif crop and sowing their Rabi crop. Then,- they come down with their flock to their lower areas or plains on the Siwalik hills.
* Next April, with the coming of summer, Gaddi shepherds, once again, began their march with their sheep and goats, to the summer meadows.

Question 17.  
How did the Indian pastoralists cope with the changes that was brought about by the British colonial officials ?  
Answer:  
Under colonial rule, the life of pastoralists changed dramatically. Their grazing grounds shrank, their movements were regulated, and the revenue they had to pay increased.

* Some reduced the number of cattle in their herds, since there was not enough pasture to feed large numbers.
* Others discovered new pastures when movement to old grazing grounds became difficult. After 1947, the camel and sheep herding Raikas, for instance, could no longer move into Sindh and graze their camels on the banks of the Indus, as they had done earlier
* In recent years they have been migrating to Haryana where sheep can graze on agricultural fields after the harvests are cut. This is the time that the fields need manure that the animals provide.
* Over the years, some richer pastoralists began buying land and settling down, giving up their nomadic life. Some became settled peasants cultivating land, others took to more extensive trading.
* Many poor pastoralists, on the other hand, borrowed money from moneylenders to survive. At times they lost their cattle and sheep and became labourers, working on fields or in small towns.