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SOCIAL STUDIES

CLASS IV

CHAPTER 3 – THE NORTHERN PLAINS

SUMMARY

The Northern Plains are low-lying flat lands which occupy most of northern and eastern India. The plains are supplied with perennial rivers and hence the land is very fertile and suitable for agriculture. Because of this, many people earn livelihood by this means and therefore settled in this region.

THREE RIVER BASINS

The Northern plains consist of three major river basins –

1. The Indus Basin

It originates in the Tibetan Plateau and flows through three countries namely, China, India, and Pakistan. Chenab, Jhelum, Satluj, Beas and Ravi are the main rivers which flow through Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.

2. The Ganga Basin

The Gangotri Glacier in the Himalayas, is the source of river Ganga. It flows through Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Bihar, West Bengal and Jharkhand.

3. The Brahmaputra Basin

The Brahmaputra originates in Tibet. It enters India through the state of Arunachal Pradesh, then to Assam and drains into Bay of Bengal after leaving from Bangladesh.

STATES UNDER NORTHERN PLAINS

1. Punjab
2. Haryana
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Bihar
5. West Bengal
6. Assam

WORK OUT

A. Fill in the blanks with the correct answers.

1. The ruins of the ancient university of Nalanda are located in _____.
a. Haryana b. Uttar Pradesh c. Bihar
2. The river Hooghly flows through _____.
a. West Bengal b. Bihar c. Uttar Pradesh
3. The capital of West Bengal is _____.
a. Lucknow b. Kolkatta c. Chandigarh
4. The river Ganga rises from the _____ glacier.
a. Gangotri b. Yamunotri c. Tibetan Plateau
5. The Golden temple is located in _____.
a. Tripura b. Amritsar c. Chandigarh

B. Write T for true and F for false.

1. Guwahati is an important city of Assam. ☐
2. The Indus River flows through three countries. ☐
3. Yamuna is one of the major distributaries of the river Ganga. ☐
4. The river Brahmaputra drains into the Arabian Sea. ☐
5. West Bengal is the largest producer of wheat in India. ☐

C. Answer these questions.

1. What is a river basin?
2. Where do the rivers Ganga and Brahmaputra originate?
3. Name the countries through which the Indus River flows.
4. In which river basin does the state of Haryana lie?
5. Why is the land in the Northern Plains fertile?
6. Which state receives water from the Ganga and Hooghly? How is the life of the people in this state?

ASSIGNMENT – HOME WORK

A. Map Work

On an outline map of India, mark the states of the Northern Plains.



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