

13 Written questions

1. an isolated spot where water is found in a desert

2. 1. Farmers plant crops, like millet and sorghum, that grow in dry places. 2. Farmers use shifting agriculture. 3. Herders move their herds from one grazing area to another throughout the year. 3. People are starting to use coal instead of wood for cooking.

3. a period of time with no rain

4. changes made by people to become better fitted to survive and multiply in their environment.

5. the process by which land becomes a desert

6. an area not well suited for growing crops

7. 1. Farmers grow cash crops like dates and vegetables. 2. Visiting nomads trade their products for water and food. 3. Farmers build windbreaks to protect their fields from the desert. 3. People sometimes must walk to distant wells as an oasis town expands.

8. 1. The Tuareg wear long, loose clothing to protect them from the sun. 2. Tuareg traders use camels for transportation. 3. Drilling machines have reached underground water to create new oases.

9. a windstorm that blows hot air, dust, and is made worse by desertification.

10. a barren area of landscape where little precipitation occurs and consequently living conditions are hostile for plant and animal life

11. a place, usually in a desert, where water can be found. Created by a spring bubbling up, a low spot in the ground, or humans digging

12. Erosion, overgrazing, drought, soil compaction, agriculture

13. groups of herders who move their animals in search of water
