

Lumbering in Canada

D.1 Define the term 'lumbering'.

Ans - It is the process of harvesting of forests and utilizing the forest products for commercial purposes.

2. Name the most important softwood trees that provide timber.

Ans - Trees like pines, spruces, Douglas fir, larch, hemlock, poplar and red cedar provide timber.

3. What are the major lumbering products of Canada?

Ans - Wood pulp and paper particularly newsprint are the major lumbering products.

4. What is the basic work of the lumberjacks?

Ans - The basic works are felling, limbing, skidding and hauling.

5. Name the four categories of lumberjacks.

Ans - They are high riggers, sawyers or buckers, skidders and haulers or transporters.

6. What kind of work is done by sawyers?

Ans - They cut the tree into smaller logs using axes or power driven saws.

7. State the changes that have occurred in the lifestyle of the lumberjacks of Canada.

Ans - The changes that have occurred are as (a) New tech techniques of lumbering and modern scientific machinery have reduced job-related risks. The living conditions have also become more comfortable.

(b) Since forestry in Canada has been intensified, lumbering in many places now goes on all the year round.

E.1. Coniferous forests are most suitable for lumbering.

Ans - It is because the trees here occur in pure stands, which makes it easy to locate and extract the valuable species of timber.

2. Lumbering activity is carried out in winter.

Ans - It is because (a) the ground is covered with snow so the cut logs can be easily hauled over the frozen ground. (b) Moreover, logs can be piled on the frozen rivers to be transported later, when the ice melts in spring.

3. The haulage do a very risky job.

Ans - It is because (a) haulage pile the chopped logs by the river bank, where the swift currents carry them to the mills.
(b) The course the logs float smoothly and do not pile up in one place.

4. The lumberjacks nowadays live in settled communities.

Ans - It is because of new techniques of lumbering and modern scientific machinery have reduced job-related risks. The living conditions have also become more comfortable.

(b) Forestry in Canada has been intensified and lumbering goes on all the year round.

5. The Canadian government strictly controls logging and felling of trees.

Ans - It is because (a) most of these forests are owned by the Canadian Government.

(b) Forests management measures like conservation replanting, preservation of young trees and protection against diseases or pests are of very high standard.

Inside Questions

- ① What is the extent of coniferous forests in Canada?
- ② Why lumbering is one of the most important occupation in Canada?
- ③ Name the lumbering industries of Canada.
- ④ What kind of work is done by High Riggers, skidders and headfellows?
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