

PARAGON CONVENT SCHOOL

CLASS-4

SOCIAL STUDIES

CHAPTER-8

NATURAL RESOURCES

SUMMARY

- Natural resources are the wealth given to us by nature.
- Water, land, air, sunlight, forests, animals and minerals are natural resources.
- Human beings are destroying the natural resources by overusing them.
- Renewable resources are the ones that can be replenished. Sunlight, water and air are the renewable resources,
- Non-renewable resources are the ones which are limited in quantity and will get exhausted, like the metals, coal and petroleum.
- Petroleum is refined to make petrol, diesel and kerosene.
- Solar energy is described as the 'resource of the future'.

➤ WRITE SHORT ANSWERS

Q1: Name three renewable natural resources.

Ans: Three renewable natural resources are:

1. Sunlight
2. Water
3. Air

Q2: Name two states that are harnessing wind energy.

Ans: Two states that are harnessing wind energy are Kerala and West Bengal.

Q3: What are non-renewable resources?

Ans: Resources that are available to us in limited quantity and will get exhausted are called non-renewable resources. For example- metals, coal, petroleum etc.

Q4: What is 'black gold'?

Ans: Petroleum is called 'black gold'.

➤ **ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

Q1: How are plants important to us?

Ans: Plants are important to us because:

1. They provide us food and oxygen.
2. They are homes to many animals, insects and birds.
3. They provide shelter and prevent soil erosion.
4. They provide us medicines.

Q2: What are the uses of coal?

Ans: Coal is used as a fuel to cook , heat and generate electricity. It is used to run steam engines, factories, etc. it is also used in production of glass, cement and steel.

Q3. Differentiate between renewable and non-renewable resources.

Ans:

RENEWABLE RESOURCES	NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCES
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.They can be used again and again.2. They are available in unlimited quantity.3. For example- water, air etc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. They cannot be used again and again.2. They are available in limited quantity.3. For example- coal, metals etc.