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Ans. Most of the plains are formed by rivers and their tributaries. The rivers flow down the slopes of mountains and erode them. They carry forward the eroded material. Then they deposit their load consisting of stones, sand and silt along their courses and in their valleys. It is from these deposits that plains are formed.

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1. Plains are large stretches of flat land.
2. They are, generally, not more than 200 metres above mean sea level.
3. Most of the plains are formed by rivers and their tributaries.
4. Generally, plains are very fertile.
5. Construction of transport network is easy.
6. Plains are very thickly-populated.

Q3. How plateaus are useful to us?

Ans. Plateaus are very useful because they are rich in mineral deposits. African plateau is famous for gold and diamond mining. In India huge reserves of iron, coal and manganese are found in the Chhotanagpur plateau. In the plateau areas, there may be several waterfalls as the river falls from a great height. The lava plateaus are rich in black soils that are fertile and good for cultivation. Many plateaus have scenic spots and are of great attraction to tourists.