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1. A plateau is an elevated flat land.
2. It is a flat-topped table land standing above the surrounding area.
3. A plateau may have one or more sides with steep slopes.
4. The height of plateaus often varies from few hundred metres to several thousand metres.
5. Plateaus, like mountains may be young or old.
6. The Deccan plateau in India is one of the oldest plateaus.
7. The Tibet plateau the highest plateau in the world with a height of 4,000 to 6,000 metres above the mean sea level.
8. Plateaus are rich in mineral deposits.

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Ans. Importance of mountains

1. The mountains are a storehouse of water.
2. Many rivers have their source in the glaciers in the mountains.
3. Reservoirs are made and the water is harnessed for the use of people.
4. Water from the mountains is also used for irrigation and generation of hydro-electricity.
5. Mountains have a rich variety of flora and fauna.
6. The forests provide fuel, fodder, shelter and other products like gum, raisins, etc.
7. Mountains provide an idyllic site for tourists.
8. Several sports like paragliding, hang gliding, river rafting and skiing are popular in the mountains.