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- Q1. What do you mean by season of the retreating monsoons?
- Ans. Winds move back from the mainland to the Bay of Bengal. This is the season of the retreating monsoons. The southern parts of India, particularly Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh receive rainfall in this season.
- Q2. Write a note on thorny bushes.
- Ans. This type of vegetation is found in dry areas of the country. The leaves are in the form of spines to reduce the loss of water. Cactus, khair, babool, keekar are important and are found in the states of Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Eastern slopes of Western Ghats and Gujarat.
- Q3. Name the different seasons in India.
- Ans. The major seasons in India are:
 - i. Cold Weather Season (Winter) December to February
 - ii. Hot Weather Season (Summer) March to May
 - iii. Southwest Monsoon Season (Rainy) June to September
 - iv. Season of Retreating Monsoon (Autumn) October and November
- Q4. Why are forests necessary?
- Ans. Forests are necessary due to the following reasons.
 - i. Plants release oxygen that we breathe and absorb carbon dioxide.
 - i. The roots of the plants bind the soil; thus, they control soil erosion.
 - iii. Forests provide us with timber for furniture, fuel wood, fodder, medicinal plants and herbs, lac, honey, gum, etc.
 - iv. Forests are the natural habitat of wild life.