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Ans. There is scanty vegetation in the deserts because

- i. Climate of deserts is extremely hot and dry or cold and dry.
- ii. There is short rainy season or little rainfall, as low as 10 cm every year.

Q2. Why do nomadic tribes of Sahara desert rear livestock?

Ans. Nomadic tribes of Sahara desert rear livestock because these animals provide them with milk, hides from which they make leather for belts, slippers, water bottles; hair is used for mats, carpets, clothes and blankets.

Q3. What are the climatic conditions of the Sahara desert?

Ans. The climate of the Sahara desert is scorching hot and parch dry. It has a short rainy season. The temperatures during the day may soar as high as 50°C and the nights may be freezing cold with temperatures nearing zero degrees.

Q4. How did the Sahara become a desert?

Ans. Sahara once used to be a lush green plain. Cave paintings in Sahara desert show that there used to be rivers with crocodiles. Elephants, lions, giraffes, ostriches, sheep, cattle and goats were common animals. But the change in climate has changed it to a very hot and dry region.