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Q2. List five products we get from forests.

Ans. Gum, oils, spices, fodder for animals and medicinal plants are some of the products which we get from the forest.

Q3. What are known as understoreys in forest?

Ans. Trees have crowns of different types and sizes. These create different horizontal layers in the forest. These are known as understoreys.

Q4. What is the effect of deforestation on soil?

Ans. Roots of trees normally bind the soil together, but in their absence the soil is washed away or eroded.

Q5. In which layer of the soil would you find humus? What is its importance to the soil?

Ans. Humus is found in the top, organic layer of soil. Humus provides many useful nutrients to the soil.

Q6. Why does the forest floor seem to be dark-coloured?

Ans. The forest floor seem to be dark coloured as it is covered with a layer of dead and decaying leaves, fruits, seeds, twigs and small herbs. The decaying matter is moist and warm.