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Q1. What are the reasons for the degradation of the soil?

Ans. Soil erosion and depletion are the major threats to soil as a resource. Both human and natural factors can lead to degradation of soils. Factors which lead to soil degradation are deforestation, overgrazing, overuse of chemical fertilisers or pesticides, rain wash, landslides and floods.

Q2. Differentiate between tropical evergreen forests and deciduous forests.

| <u>Tropical Evergreen Forests</u> | <u>Deciduous forests</u> |
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| Evergreen forests do not shed their leaves simultaneously in any season of the year. | Deciduous forests shed their leaves in a particular season to conserve loss of moisture through transpiration. |

Q3. Name any two steps that government has taken to conserve plants and animals.

Ans. Two steps that government has taken to conserve plants and animals are:

- i. It has set up national parks, wildlife sanctuaries and biosphere reserves to protect our natural vegetation and wildlife.
- ii. It has banned the killing of lions, tigers, deer, great Indian bustards and peacocks.

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Ans. Ways to conserve water

- i. Rain water harvesting.
- ii. The canals should be properly lined to minimise losses by water seepage.
- iii. In dry regions with high rates of evaporation, drip or trickle irrigation is very useful.