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Ans. Causes of deforestation

- i. Forests are cut down to obtain more agricultural land.
- ii. Forests shrink to a great extent to meet the requirements like for construction of roads, development of houses, mineral exploitation and expansion of industries.
- iii. Forests are cut down to obtain wood for making paper.
- iv. Forests are cut down to obtain wood for firewood and for making doors, windows and furniture.
- v. Natural factors such as forest fires and drought also causes deforestation.

Consequences of deforestation

- i. Deforestation will cause an increase in temperature of earth's atmosphere leading to global warming.
- ii. Deforestation disturbs the water cycle and may reduce rainfall. This could cause droughts.
- iii. Deforestation leads to the change in soil properties and leads to desertification.
- iv. Deforestation leads to extinction of many wild animals and plants.
- v. Deforestation also leads to a decrease in the water holding capacity of the soil. This could cause floods.