

There are also people in our country who are nomads. They do not plant or grow food but move from place to place with their goats, sheep, donkeys and camels. Usually there is little rain in the areas where these people live so they have to move to find water and grass. When they find a good place they build their manyattas. Then they stay until the animals have eaten all the grass.

A manyatta may have one family or many families. In times of danger many families live together. Around the manyatta there is a wall made of branches from thorny trees. Inside, there are houses for the families and safe places for domestic animals. Sometimes there are dogs but not many. Their work is to look after the manyatta at night. If thieves come the dogs chase them.

Questions (6mks)

5. Majority of people in our country practice _____ Cultivation

6. Who are nomads

7. Nomads live in _____ .

8. Name two things found around the manyatta

a)

b)

9. What acts as guards?

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follows

The sun is the closest star to Earth and it is the Star at the centre of our Solar system. The Solar System contains the sun and the objects that move around it such as planets.

A Planet is a smaller sphere in the solar system that moves or revolves around the sun in a large Circle. Planets do not produce their own light. They reflect light and they do not twinkle the sky.

The sun has eight planets that revolve around it in the solar system.

We live on a planet called Earth, which is the third planet from the sun in the solar system. Planet Earth is the only Planet that has the ability to support life, like you, animals and plants. The sun is very, very big-much bigger than all the other stars. Because the sun is so large, it is able to pull in everything else to orbit around it. Without the energy we receive from the sun, no life could exist on Earth.

10 Write a title that best fits the passage. (1mk)

11. In each paragraph, write two sentences to summarize the information given. (4mks)

Fill in the blank spaces numbered 12 to 16 with the correct word from the brackets. (5mks)

Long, long ago the goat and the leopard 12 the best of friends. They lived together and slept together. Everyday they would 13 together with the sun and together they would go out to attend their daily chores. They would sit 14 and at nightfall, they would lie next to 15 other and talk on and on, late into the night about nothing 16.

12 (were, was)

13 (rise, rose)

14 (beside, side by side)

15 (One, each)

16 (useful, specific)

Write the opposite of the underlined word in the sentences

17. The moist soil supported the growth of crops. _____.

18. This knife is very sharp. _____.

Complete the sentences

19. The medicine is as sweet _____.

20 Our last born brother is as foolish as a _____.

Write a word that means the same as the underlined words

21. This car belongs to the lady who is getting married tomorrow. _____.

22. The doctor wrote words on the packet of medicine. _____.

Complete the following sentences

23. I travelled to Mombasa _____ bus.

24 The tailor cut the materials _____ a pair of scissors.

25. I will meet you _____ the bus stop.

A DAY I WILL NEVER FORGET

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