

LAND

Land is the major Africa's resource.

Importance of land.

- i. Land is used for farming(growing crops and rearing animals).
- ii. Land is used for settlement.
- iii. Land is a source of raw materials.
- iv. Land is a source of income when sold.
- v. Land is used for burying the dead.
- vi. Land supports the existence of other resources e.g. plants, animals, minerals, etc.

Land degradation

Land degradation is the lowering of the quality of land.

Qn: How is land degraded?

1. Through deforestation.
2. Through bush burning.
3. Through over-cultivation.
4. Through swamp drainage.
5. Through over-grazing.
6. Through mining.

Causes of land degradation.

- Population increase / population pressure.
- Industrialization
- Urbanization
- Poverty among people.

Problems facing land

- ❖ Soil erosion.
- ❖ Soil exhaustion.
- ❖ Over-grazing
- ❖ Over-cultivation
- ❖ Land pollution.

Land conservation

Land conservation is an act of protecting land against destruction.

Ways of conserving land

- ✓ Through afforestation.
- ✓ Through re-afforestation.
- ✓ Through swamp conservation.
- ✓ Through bush fallowing.
- ✓ Through agro-forestry.
- ✓ Through proper waste disposal.

ACTIVITY

1. Name one natural resource found on land.
2. In which one way can we use land to get money?
3. Write down two human activities that can lower the quality of land.
4. Give one way of protecting land from soil erosion.