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Teaching learning material:

Chapters: Natural Vegetation and Wildlife

Class 9th                      Subject Geography

### The Thorn Forests and Scrubs

The natural vegetation consists of thorny trees and bushes. This type of vegetation is found in the north-western part of the country, including semi-arid areas of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.

Trees are scattered and have long roots penetrating deep into the soil to get moisture.

The stems are moist to conserve water.

Leaves are mostly thick and small to minimise evaporation.

Acacias, palms, euphorbias and cacti are the main plant species.

Common animals are rats, mice, rabbits, fox, wolf, tiger, lion, wild ass, horses and camels.

### Montane Forests

Montane forests are the forests which are found in the mountains.

The wet temperate type of forests are found between a height of 1000 and 2000 metres.

At high altitudes, generally, more than 3,600 metres above the sea level, temperate forests and grasslands give way to the Alpine vegetation.

Alpine grasslands are used for grazing.

At higher altitudes, mosses and lichens form part of tundra vegetation.

The common animals found are Kashmir stag, spotted deer, wild sheep, jack rabbit, Tibetan antelope, yak, snow leopard, squirrels, shaggy horn wild ibex, bear and rare red panda, sheep and goats.

Read the above passage thoroughly and try to understand and give the answer of the following question:

1. Write the area of Throne and Scrubs forest.
2. Write the name of the Animals and Plants which lives in Throne and Scrubs forest.
3. What is the Mountane forest?
4. What is the Alpine vegetation ?

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