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Lesson- Environment

Our surroundings are called our environment. It is a French word *environer* meaning neighborhood. It is our basic life support system as it provides us water, air and land. Environment can be natural or manmade. A natural environment composed of land, air, water and plants and animals. Natural environment can be biotic or abiotic means living and non- living for eg. Plants and land respectively. Land is Lithosphere which is composed of solid crust or hard upper layer of earth. It is composed of rocks and soil which is important for various activities. Water is Hydrosphere or domain of water bodies on the earth like river, lakes ponds, seas and oceans. Atmosphere is blanket of air around us. It gives us oxygen and also protect us from UV rays. Biosphere is narrow zone where land ,air and water interact to make life possible. The system formed by interaction of organisms with each other and with its physical and chemical factors is called an Ecosystems. Manmade environment means things which are made by human beings for making their life comfortable .With time our needs change and hence we changes our environment. For example industries, buildings, roads, parks etc. There are number of large ecosystems in the world like Forests,desert,mountains,oceans etc.

EXTRA QUESTIONS

1. Why environment is important for us?
2. Define biotic and abiotic environment.
3. What are components of Natural environment?
4. What is human-made environment?
5. When do we celebrate World Environment Day?
6. Name some ecosystems of the world?