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Q1. Bauxite is the ore of

- a) Tin
 - b) Aluminium
 - c) Iron
 - d) Zinc
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Q2. Identify the most infertile amongst the following soils.

- a) Laterite soil
 - b) Peaty soil
 - c) Black cotton soil
 - d) Alluvial soil
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Q3. India's rank in rice production in the world is

- a) Third
 - b) Fourth
 - c) First
 - d) Second
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Q4. The leading producer of copper in the world is

- a) India
- b) U.S.A.
- c) Australia

d) Chile

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Q5. The crop mainly grown in hills is :

- a) sweet potato
- b) sweet pea
- c) sweet corn
- d) sweet jowar

Q6. Laterite soil develops as a result of :

- a) leaching
- b) continued vegetation cover
- c) deposits of alluvial
- d) deposits of loess

Q7. Which region of the World, would you associate with 'Bushman'?

- a) New Zealand
- b) Kalahari
- c) East Africa
- d) Sahara Desert

Q8. Which one of the following is called the 'Sugar Bowl' of the world?

- a) India
- b) Philippines
- c) Hawaii Islands

d) Cuba

Q9. Which one of the following countries has the largest known reserves of oil?

a) Iraq

b) Nigeria

c) Kuwait

d) Venezuela

Q10. Which one of the following countries is known for very important uranium-ore deposits?

a) Australia

b) Zaire

c) Canada

d) China

Q11. The original home of the Gypsies was

a) India

b) Persia

c) Egypt

d) Russia

Q12. 'Taungya' agriculture is practised in

a) New Zealand

b) Philippines

c) Myanmar

d) Japan

Q13. The leading producer of Uranium in the world is

- a) Kazakhstan
- b) India
- c) Australia
- d) Canada

Q14. Which one amongst the following has the largest livestock population in the world?

- a) India
- b) USA
- c) Brazil
- d) China

Q15. Which crop group out of the following contains crop/crops that cannot be used for biofuel production?

- a) Lentil, Sugarbeet, Wheat
- b) Soyabean, Corn, Rapeseed
- c) Sugarcane, Corn, Mustards
- d) Jatropha, Sugarcane, Palm

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (b)

Q2. Answer: (a)

Lateritic soils are the most weathered and infertile of all soil types. Due to intensive leaching and low base-exchange capacity, typical lateritic soils are generally infertile and of little value for crop production (Geography of India by Smita Sengupta, p 63).

Q3. Answer: (d)

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Q4. Answer: (d)

Q5. Answer: (d)

Sweet potato may be grown either on hills or beds. Rows need to be spaced 90-120 cm apart with plants spaced 30-40 cm apart in the row.

It is known in Nepal as 'Sakar kand.' It is grown both in the terai and the mid-hills throughout the country. It is the second most important root crop after potato in terms of production and area.

Q6. Answer: (a)

Laterite has been derived from the Latin word 'later' which means brick. The laterite soil develops in areas with high temperature and heavy rainfall. This is the result of intense leaching due to heavy rain.

The Humus content of the soil is low because most of the microorganisms, particularly the decomposers, like bacteria, get destroyed due to high temperature.

Q7. Answer: (b)

Q8. Answer: (d)

Q9. Answer: (d)

Q10. Answer: (a)

Q11. Answer: (a)

Q12. Answer: (c)

Q13. Answer: (a)

Q14. Answer: (a)

Q15. Answer: (a)

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