

Chapter 05

Coal and Petroleum

Natural Resources:

- Natural resources are those materials, which are available in nature freely.
- The air we breathe, water we drink, coal petroleum we get from the earth, wild life, forests around are the examples of natural resources.
- Natural resources can be broadly classified into two types. They are,

Inexhaustible natural resources:

The natural resources, which are present in unlimited quantity and cannot be consumed completely, are called inexhaustible natural resources.

Ex. Sun light, Air, Water etc.

Exhaustible natural resources:

The natural resources, which are present in limited quantity and can be consumed completely by human activities, will be called as exhaustible natural resources.

Ex. Forest, Wild life, Coal, Petroleum, Natural gas etc.

- Fossil fuels are those natural resources, which are obtained from the earth crust by dead burnt animals or plants.

Coal, Petroleum, Natural gas are examples of fossil fuels.