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1. Forests cover what percentage of land area around the world?

- a. 10–20%
- b. 30–40%
- c. 50–60%

2. In the last 50 years, how much of the world's forests have been cleared?

- a. 5%
- b. 15%
- c. 20%

3. How many people living in extreme poverty depend on forests for their livelihoods?

- a. 50%
- b. 70%
- c. 90%

4. Forests are home to what percentage of the world's terrestrial biodiversity?

- a. 65%
- b. 80%
- c. 85%

5. Seven countries hold what percentage of the planet's forest?

- a. 40%
- b. 60%
- c. 75%



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Answers

1. b. 30–40%

Over 30% of the Earth's surface is covered with forests, which are home to more than two-thirds of known terrestrial species.

2. c. 20%

The reasons for the degradation vary from region to region, and include agricultural expansion, mining, settlement, shifting agriculture, and infrastructure development.

3. c. 90%

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4. b. 80%

Forests are not just important to us, but to billions of other creatures and species as well. Much more than trees, forests comprise entire ecosystems of animal and plant species, herbs, fungi, microorganisms and soils.

5. b. 60%

Ranked in the highest to lowest order, the countries with most closed natural forest cover are: Russia, Canada, Brazil, USA, Dem. Rep. of Congo, China, and Indonesia.