

RUSSIA AND THE REPUBLICS

Human-Environment Interaction

A. Places & Terms If the statement is true, write “true” on the line. If it is false, write “false” on the line.

- _____ 1. The water supply in the Caspian Sea has been depleted as a result of water being diverted to irrigate farmlands.
- _____ 2. Rainfall that is not absorbed by the soil is called runoff.
- _____ 3. Though Siberia is known for its extremely cold winters, warmer weather also brings a problem of mosquitoes and other insects.
- _____ 4. The Trans-Siberian Railway runs from Moscow to western Europe.
- _____ 5. The building of the Trans-Siberian Railway increased access to the mineral wealth of the region surrounding it.

B. Extended Response Briefly answer the following question in the space provided.

How are the severe Russian winters both a benefit and a hindrance to the people of the region?
