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**DIRECTIONS:** Read the article. Answer the questions.

A nomadic community is a group of people that move from place to place, instead of remaining in one place. Nomadism is different from migration, which means a major and permanent move from one particular location to another. Nomads move regularly, though they return to their original location from time to time. There are three kinds of nomads. Hunter-gatherers live by foraging seasonally available wild plants and hunting game. Pastoralists raise herds and move with them so as not to deplete pasture beyond recovery in any one area. Peripatetic nomads are seen most often in industrialized nations. They travel from place to place offering a trade (a business or service) everywhere they go.

Though the development of modern agriculture, industrialization and national borders has changed the lifestyle of many indigenous people, there are still possibly as many as 40 million nomads in the world today. Still, those living a nomadic lifestyle are a minority, and are looked upon with suspicion by those living in settled communities. Although nomadic people have a history of having strong community ties and a strong sense of identity, it is becoming harder and harder for them to preserve their cultural heritage in the modern world, and their lifestyle is endangered.

1. How is nomadism different from migration? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What are the three types of nomads and what characterizes each? \_\_\_\_\_

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## **ANSWERS**

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