

Chapter - 4

The Western Desert

Oral Questions :

Q 1 How do the people of Rajasthan enjoy themselves ?

Ans The people of Rajasthan enjoy themselves by dancing and singing .

Q2 Why is the camel called the ` ship of the desert ' ?

Ans Camel can withstand the desert heat , walk easily on sand and live without food and water for several days . It is therefore , called the ship of the desert .

Write short answers :

1 Where is the Great Indian Desert located ?

Ans: The Great Indian Desert is located in Rajasthan . It extends from the Rann of kutch in Gujarat to the borders of Haryana .

2 What are dust storms ?

Ans: Strong winds carrying loose sand particles are called dust storms .

3. What are oases ?

Ans: An area in the desert , with water and greenery is called an oases

4 Why is there shortage of water in desert areas ?

Ans: There is shortage of water in desert areas due to -

(i) Rainfall is scanty .

(ii) There is absence of permanent rivers .

Answer the following questions :

1 Describe the climate of the Great Indian Desert

Ans Climate of the Great Indian Desert –

(a) It is very hot and dry throughout the year.

(b) Rainfall is scanty .

2 Describe the vegetation of the desert region . How does the climate affect the vegetation of this region ?

Ans: (a) Vegetation is very less due to little rainfall .

(b) Cactus , keekar , date palm grow here .

Affect of climate on vegetation :

Due to hot and dry climate and scanty rainfall many crops are not grown here .

3 How has the Indira Gandhi Canal changed the life of the people in the desert ?

Ans: The Indira Gandhi Canal has changed the life of the people in the desert in many ways –

(a) It made the desert green .

(b) Its water is used for irrigation .

(c) The canal also fulfills the industrial and drinking water demands of this area .

4 Why are the camels important in the desert region ?

Ans: Camels are important in desert region because -

- (a) They are used as means of transportation .
- (b) They provide milk .
- (c) Their hair is used to make clothes and skin is used to make tents .
- (d) They are also used to plough the fields and draw water from wells .

5 Who are nomads ? Why is their life difficult ?

Ans (a) The people who move from one place to another in search of food are called nomads .

(b) Life of nomads is difficult because they don't have permanent homes .

6 People in desert live a difficult life yet they are happy . Do you think happiness is only for those who live comfortable lives ?

Ans The people who adjust themselves in good or bad situation , they always find themselves happy.

HOTS :

1. Why are villages found around oases ?

Ans : An oases is a quite fertile area in a desert , so villages are found around an oases .