

BIJENDRA PUBLIC SCHOOL, PURNEA

Class - 4

Subject - SOCIAL STUDIES

Chapter - 6 THE GREAT INDIAN DESERT

A. Write T for true and F for false.

1. Sand dunes remain at one place. T
2. An oasis does not support vegetation. F
3. A camel cannot survive without water even for a day. F
4. The Satpura Range is to the north-east of the Thar Desert. F
5. The Great Indian region receives heavy rainfall.

B. Match the following.

Column A	Column B
1. An oasis	e. Area is a desert with water and greenery.
2. Vegetation	b. Thorny shrubs
3. Camel	a. Important means of transport
4. The climate in the desert	c. Extreme
5. Great Rann of Kutch	d. Salt marsh

C. Fill in the blanks.

1. The **Luni** river flows through the Thar Desert.
2. The small hills of sand in a desert are called **sand dunes**.
3. To the south of the Thar Desert is the **Great Run of Kutch**.
4. The **Aarravali Range** lies to the south-east of Thar Desert.
5. The Thar Desert covers a major part of **Rajasthan**.

D. Answer the following questions in short.

1. What kind of wind blows in Thar Desert?

Ans. Hot and dry kind of wind blows in Thar Desert.

2. What part of Rajasthan is mainly covered by the Thar Desert?

Ans. Western part of Rajasthan is mainly covered by The Thar Desert.

3. What is an oasis?

Ans. An oasis is small area in a desert that has a supply of water and is able to support vegetation.

4. Name the trees found in the Great Indian Desert region.

Ans. The trees found in the Great Indian Desert region:

- i. Date Palms
- ii. Kikar
- iii. Babul trees

5. How is camel important for the people living in the desert region?

Ans. It is an important means of transport for the people living in the deserts. The camel also helps in ploughing fields and drawing water from wells.

E. Think and answer.

1. Can sand dunes used as landmarks to give directions in a desert? Give reasons.

Ans. No, sand dunes cannot be used as landmarks to give directions in a desert because sand dunes do not remain at one place. The strong winds of the desert keep moving the dunes from one place to another.

2. Will people in desert need to build stilt house? Give reasons.

Ans. No, there is no need to build stilt house in desert because stilt houses are usually constructed on water bodies or the area which is usually destroyed by the flood like Golaghat in Assam.

3. Some features of the kind of houses built in deserts: flat roofs, small windows, thick walls and underground water tanks. How do you think each of these features is useful for the desert?

Ans. Features of the kind of houses built in deserts:

- i. Flat roofs - They are easier to construct and as there is not much rainfall. Water will not collect on the rooftops.
- ii. Small window - It protects from hot wind and direct sunlight.
- iii. Thick walls - It helps in summer from hot and in winter from cold.
- iv. Underground water tank - It can store for longer days in underground water tanks because due to sunlight it will be dry soon.