

## CHAPTER 13

**A SHELTER SO HIGH !**

## 1- Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).

(i) Which of the following place is a 'cold desert'?

(a) Manali  (b) Changthang

(c) Ladakh  (d) Srinagar

(ii) Where is Leh?

(a) Changthang  (b) Ladakh

(c) Srinagar  (d) Manali

(iii) The carving on the ceiling of houseboat and big houses in Srinagar is called

(a) motif  (b) panel

(c) Khatamband  (d) Mehraab

(iv) Some old houses in Srinagar have a special window which comes out of the wall known as

(a) Lekha  (b) Donga

(c) Dab  (d) Mehraab

(v) Which of the following is not a type of house?

(a) Dab  (b) Donga

(c) Houseboat  (d) Rebo

(vi) Bakarwal people live in houses made of

(a) mud and lime

(b) stones and mud

(c) bamboos

(d) mud and hay

(vii) In which direction does one have to travel while going from Mumbai to Leh?

(a) East  (b) West

(c) North  (d) South

(viii) It is difficult to breathe at high places. Why?

(a) The body stops working properly at such heights

(b) Air is thin and at low pressure.

(c) Due to cold, air freezes

(d) Nose has to work harder to breathe in air

2- Write 'T' for True and 'F' for False statements.

(i) Gaurav Jani's journey took about 4 months.

(ii) The roads to reach Leh were difficult to travel on.

(iii) Ladakh gets very little rainfall.

(iv) Changthang is at height of almost 6000 m.

(v) Changpa tribe has only 500 people.

(vi) Changpas had horses and yaks.

(vii) Changpas move from one place to another.

(viii) Leh, a cold desert, receives heavy rainfall in summers.

(ix) The roof is the most important part of houses in Leh.

(x) The design of Rebo is more than a thousand years old.

(xi) There were houses of different colours in Leh.

3- Fill in the blanks with appropriate words given in the box.

Shikara, houseboat, donga, Loner, Jumbo, Ladakh, welcome, bye, 50, 5, 80, 8, 1400, 2800, Mumbai, Jammu, dab, mehraab, 250, mud, dab, lime, lekha

(i) Gaurav Jani went on a long journey with his motorcycle named .....

(ii) The distance between Mumbai and Delhi is ..... km.

- (iii) Delhi looked just like .....
- (iv) In ..... there were high snowcapped mountains and cold, flat ground.
- (v) Jule means .....
- (vi) Tourists who come to Srinagar love to stay in a .....
- (vii) Houseboats can be as long as ..... feet and ..... feet wide.
- (viii) Many families in Srinagar live in a .....
- (ix) ..... are the beautiful arches in the old houses.
- (x) The walls of houses in Leh were coated with thick layer of ..... and .....
- (xi) ..... is a place to keep sheep and goats.
- (xii) A special type of window which comes out of the wall is called .....
- (xiii) One Pashmina shawl is made after almost ..... hours of weaving.

4- Give reason.

- (i) Roof is the most important part of the houses of Tashi.

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- (ii) Goats are a treasure for the Changpa tribe people.

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- (iii) Changpas graze their goats at higher and colder places.

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- (iv) Each family puts a special mark on their animals.

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- (v) Houses on the mountain have a sloping roof.

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- (vi) Every lane in Kashmir has a bakery.

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5- Observe the picture and answer the following questions.



(i) Changpa people live in such tents. What do they call their tents?

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(ii) Near the tents Changpas keep their animals. What do they call this place?

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(iii) How are these tents made?

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(iv) Why there is an opening in the tent?

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6- Observe the figure and answer the questions that follow.



(i) Where are such houses found?

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- (ii) What are the special features of these houses?

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- (iii) For what purpose are the ground floors used in these houses?

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- 7- Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

### **The World famous Pashmina Shawls**

It is believed that a pashmina shawl is as warm as 6 sweaters! It is very thin yet very warm. The goats from which the soft pashmina wool is collected are found at very high altitudes of 5000 metres. In winter, temperature here drops below  $0^{\circ}C$  (down to  $-40^{\circ}C$ ). A coat of warm hair grows on the goat's body which protects it from extreme cold. The goats shed some of their hair in summer. This hair is so fine that six of these would be as thick as one hair of yours !

The fine hair cannot be woven on machines and so weavers of Kashmir make these shawls by hand. This is a long difficult process. After almost 250 hours of weaving one plain pashmina shawl is made. Imagine how long it would take to make a shawl with embroidery.

- (i) What is so special about pashmina shawls?

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- (ii) From which animal is the wool for pashmina shawl obtained? Where are these animals found?

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- (iii) What is the speciality of Pashmina wools?

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- (iv) Who makes these shawls? How?

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- 8- Answer the following questions briefly.

- (i) Why did Gaurav Jani go on such a long journey?

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(ii) What all things did Gaurav Jani take with him on his journey?

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(iii) Which lake and river are situated near Srinagar? What kind of houses are seen near the lake?

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(iv) What things attract tourists to Srinagar?

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(v) What is a Shikara?

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(vi) How was Gaurav feeling on his return journey?

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9- Write the similarities and differences in the life of Bakarwal people and the life of the Changpas.

**Similarities**

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**Differences**

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10- Gaurav was amazed to see the beautiful houses in Srinagar. He also made a photo album. What were the special features of these houses? Explain in your own words.

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11- Answer the following

(i) What type of roofs are there in houses of Ladakh?

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(ii) What type of roofs are there in houses of Srinagar?

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(iii) Why is there a difference between the roofs of houses in Srinagar and in Ladakh?

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12- What were special features of houses in

Delhi	Leh	Changthang	Jammu

13- The names of types of house are given in jumbled form along with their pictures. Write their correct names in the spaces provided.

(i)



TUH .....

(ii)



NUBLWOAG .....

(iii)



TOHEASUOB .....

(iv)



TTESUEOHN .....

(v)



OOGIL .....

(vi)



ARVCAAN .....

14- Describe the different kinds of shelters in Ladakh and Kashmir which suit the needs of the local people.

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15- Search for ten items needed for a trip from the word grid given below.

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F	O	O	D	J	K	L	U	Y	R	G
A	D	R	R	B	L	A	N	K	E	T
S	E	C	Y	U	S	O	A	P	K	J
Q	W	H	D	F	T	Y	H	E	M	E
W	R	T	Y	U	I	O	W	D	Q	W
N	A	P	K	I	N	L	A	F	G	Y
A	S	D	F	C	L	O	T	H	E	S
V	B	N	M	J	Y	D	E	F	G	J
A	T	O	O	T	H	B	R	U	S	H
M	E	D	I	C	I	N	E	S	J	S



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| (i) .....   | (ii) .....   |
| (iii) ..... | (iv) .....   |
| (v) .....   | (vi) .....   |
| (vii) ..... | (viii) ..... |
| (ix) .....  | (x) .....    |

16- Name the states in which the given hill stations are situated.

- (i) Manali - .....
- (ii) Ooty - .....
- (iii) Srinagar - .....
- (iv) Kodaikanal - .....

17- Identify the things in the pictures and name them.

- (i) Many families in Srinagar live in boats. These boats can be seen in Dal Lake and Jhelum River.



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- (ii) Beautiful carvings on wood that can be seen on the ceiling of houseboats and some big houses.



- (iii) Some old houses have a special type of window which comes out of the wall.



- (iv) The doors and windows of old houses in Srinagar have beautiful arches.



(v) The well decorated and beautiful boats on the Dal Lake.



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