

CHAPTER 5

A VISIT TO KASHMIR

Fill in the blanks

1. Kashmir is called the _____ due to its snow-covered mountains and beautiful landscapes.
2. The summer capital of Kashmir is _____, while its winter capital is _____.
3. To reach Srinagar, the author travelled by train to _____ first, then took a bus.
4. The _____ Tunnel, one of Asia's longest, is nearly 3 km long and lies on the route to Srinagar.
5. Dal Lake is famous for its _____ gardens where fruits and vegetables grow.
6. At night, Dal Lake glows with the reflection of _____ from hundreds of houseboats.
7. The Mughal gardens of _____ and _____ were built by Empress Noor Jahan.
8. Kashmir exports high-quality _____ and peaches worldwide from its orchards.
9. The author's mother bought Kashmiri _____ with beautiful embroidery, and his father purchased a _____.
10. The river _____ divides Srinagar and has seven unique bridges over it.

Yash has intermixed the word and their meaning with each other given in your textbook on page no 32. Can you help him to rearrange them correctly?

Column A

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| 1. scenic | |
| 2. paradise | |
| 3. charming | |
| 4. thrilling – | |
| 5. serpent-like | |
| 6. ditches | |
| 7. tunnel | |
| 8. cosy | |
| 9. spacious | |
| 10. reflection | |

11. cushioned	
12. spots	
13. orchards	
14. handicraft	
15. rare	
16. marvellous	

Column B

- a) which has a lot of space
- b) long narrow holes dug at the side of a road to hold water
- c) scarce, not often, uncommon
- d) beautiful, natural scenery
- e) an area of land where fruit trees are grown
- f) coiling, snake like
- g) heaven
- h) extremely enjoyable or exciting
- i) an underground passage, way
- j) an activity in which people make beautiful objects using their hands
- k) attractive
- l) places
- m) quietly suppress or soft
- n) warm and comfortable
- o) causing excitement and pleasure
- p) an image that you see in a mirror or water

Multiple Choice Questions

1. Why is Kashmir called the "Paradise on Earth"?

- a) Due to its snow-covered peaks, lush gardens, and serene lakes.
- b) Because it has the highest mountains in the world.
- c) It is the only place where houseboats exist.
- d) The Mughal emperors declared it a paradise.

2. What makes Dal Lake unique?

- a) It is the deepest lake in Asia.
- b) It never freezes, even in winter.

- c) It is the only lake with seven bridges.
- d) It has floating gardens where vegetables grow and houseboats with electric lights.

3. How did the author travel from Jammu to Srinagar?

- a) By a thrilling 12-hour train ride through mountains.
- b) By a bus journey passing through the Jawahar Tunnel.
- c) By a Shikara boat ride along the Jhelum River.
- d) By a short flight over the Himalayas.

4. What did the author's family purchase as souvenirs?

- a) Kashmiri apples and peaches from an orchard.
- b) A model of the Jawahar Tunnel.
- c) Embroidered shawls and a rare-designed carpet.
- d) Snow from the Himalayan peaks.

5. What is special about the Mughal gardens of Shalimar and Nishat?

- a) They have spacious lawns, colorful flowers, and were designed by Noor Jahan.
- b) They were built by Emperor Akbar for his queens.
- c) They are the only gardens with floating sections.
- d) They are located inside the Jawahar Tunnel.

6. Why did the author mention the Jawahar Tunnel?

- a) It is the coldest place in Kashmir.
- b) It is one of Asia's longest tunnels (3 km) on the route to Srinagar.
- c) It was built by the British for trade.
- d) It has a famous market selling handicrafts.

7. What role does the Jhelum River play in Srinagar?

- a) It divides the city and has seven unique bridges.
- b) It is the only source of water for Dal Lake.
- c) It freezes in winter, becoming a skating rink.
- d) It is where all houseboats are manufactured.

8. Which activity did the author NOT mention experiencing in Kashmir?

- a) Buying dried fruits and nuts.

- b) Visiting sulphur springs at Tattapani.
- c) Skiing in Gulmarg.
- d) Riding a Shikara on the Jhelum River.

9. What does the term "serpent-like road" describe?

- a) A road with dangerous snakes along the path.
- b) A winding, twisting highway through mountains and ditches.
- c) A road built by Mughal emperors.
- d) A shortcut to Dal Lake.

10. What is the main theme of this chapter?

- a) The history of Mughal emperors in Kashmir.
- b) The process of making Kashmiri handicrafts.
- c) The dangers of traveling through mountain tunnels.
- d) A tourist's experience of Kashmir's natural beauty and culture.

