

## **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.

