

Read the following passage and choose the best answer

The Rock Garden of Chandigarh (*)

In Chandigarh, a city in India, there is an amazing garden. There are tall rocks, waterfalls, pools, and hundreds of sculptures. The sculptures are surprising because they are all made from rubbish, like plastic, jewellery, bottles, broken pots, toilets, and electrical equipment.

The garden has a surprising history too. It was built in secret. A man called Nek Chand started building the garden in 1957. He chose some land in a forest near the city, where there were rocks and a river. Nobody was allowed to build here, so Nek knew that people would not see him there. Then he started to collect rubbish and make the sculptures.



Nek's project was against the law, but nobody found it. However, in 1975, the government discovered it. By that time, the garden was nearly 49,000m² in size. The government tried to destroy the garden, but when the people in the city heard about it, they wanted to keep it. In 1976, the garden became a public park.

However, the garden was not safe yet. In 1990, the government tried to build a road through the park, but the plan failed. Later, Nek became famous. He travelled to the USA to tell people about his garden. But when he returned, his garden was destroyed! It took a long time to rebuild it and keep it safe.

Now, a charity manages the garden. Five thousand visitors visit this special place each day. Volunteers, workers, and local children still work here. They keep the garden clean and learn to make sculptures.

- 1 The most surprising thing in the garden is the
 - a) sculptures
 - b) rocks
 - c) plants
- 2 When Nek first started building the garden, he was
 - a) living in the USA
 - b) breaking the law
 - c) selling rubbish
- 3 When the garden was discovered in 1975, the
 - a) the government wanted to sell it.
 - b) government wanted to keep it.
 - c) the local people wanted to keep it.
- 4 While Nek was in USA,
 - a) the government sold the garden.
 - b) someone stole some sculptures.
 - c) people destroyed the garden.
- 5 In this garden, you can train to be a/an
 - a) Indian
 - b) doctor
 - a) artist

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