



## Quickies

**Dust storms** : Very strong winds which carry clouds of fine dust, soil and sand over a large area

**Sand dunes** : A mound of loose sand

**Safari** : An expedition to observe animals in their natural habitat

**Oasis** : A place in desert where sufficient water is available for permanent plant growth and human settlement



## Let us Revise

- Land covered by a thick layer of loose sand is called 'desert'.
- The climate of desert is hot and dry with very little rainfall.
- Plants like date palm, thorny shrubs, cactus and babool which require less water grow here.
- Camels are commonly used in the desert for transportation.
- There are spots in the deserts called oasis where underground water reaches the surface.
- Government has started many developmental projects which have improved the environment of this region.
- People of this region like to wear colourful clothes and celebrate many festivals.
- This state is known for its historical places, temples, forts and monuments.

## L-5 EXERCISES

### A. Multiple choice questions (MCQs).

Choose the correct answer from the given options:

1. It lies in the western part of India.
  - (a) Sahara desert      (b) Namib desert      (c) Kalahari desert      (d) Thar desert ✓
2. Which of the following statements regarding the Thar desert is wrong?
  - (a) It is a hot and dry region.
  - (b) It receives maximum rainfall in India. ✓
  - (c) Sand dunes are the main feature of the Thar desert.
  - (d) Hot and dry wind 'loo' blows in this part.
3. Which of the following vegetation is found in the Thar desert?
  - (a) Lichens      (b) Mosses      (c) Thorny shrubs      (d) None of these ✓

4. It is the most significant canal of the Thar desert.  
 (a) Panama Canal (b) Suez Canal  
 (c) Indira Gandhi Canal ✓ (d) Bhakra Canal
5. Which of the following tribes is shown in the adjoining picture?  
 (a) Bhil (b) Banjara ✓ (c) Santhal (d) Negro



**B. Very short answer type questions.**

1. Define the term 'desert'.
2. Name the cities covered by the Thar desert.
3. What type of climate is found in the Thar desert?
4. What is an Oasis?
5. At which place our government has set up country's largest wheat farm?
6. Name the plants found in the desert.

**C. Short answer type questions.**

1. What makes the sand dunes move?
2. Why is camel known as the ship of the desert?
3. Write down a short note on the Indira Gandhi canal of the Thar desert.
4. Describe the people of the Indian desert.
5. What do you know about the capital city of the Thar desert?

**D. Read the following statements carefully and mark (✓) on the true and (✗) on the false one.**

1. The summers are hot and winters are cold in deserts. ✓
2. Many big rivers pass through the Indian desert. ✗
3. Sand dunes are actually hills of loose sand. ✓
4. Nature is fully responsible for the creation of the deserts. ✓
5. Indira Gandhi Canal brings water from the Satluj river. ✓

**E. Give reasons.**

1. The Thar desert experiences hot summers and cold winters.
2. Camel is called the ship of the desert.
3. Desert areas are thinly populated.

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**F. Correctly match List I with List II.**

**List I**

- (i) Sand dunes
- (ii) Oasis
- (iii) Indira Gandhi Canal
- (iv) Suratgarh
- (v) Jaipur

**List II**

- (a) India's largest wheat farm
- (b) Pink City
- (c) The mounds of sand
- (d) Underground water
- (e) The only source of river water

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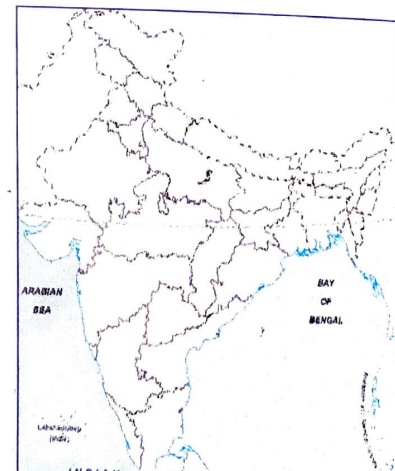
1. 'Almost all the deserts of the world are found along the western edge of each continent.' Why? Give reason.
2. Why is Jaipur called the "pink city"?



**ACTIVITY**  
**Based Exercises**

1. **On an outline map of India, mark and label the following.**

Indian Desert, Aravalli mountain range, Indira Gandhi Canal, Haryana, Pakistan, Rann of Kachchh, Satluj river and Jaisalmer.



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## The great Indian desert

Q1 Define the term 'desert'.

Ans: Land covered by a thick layer of loose sand is called 'desert'.

Q2 Name the cities covered by the Thar desert.

Ans: Barmer, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Suratgarh, Ganganagar.

Q3 What type of climate is found in the Thar desert?

Ans: Extremes of climate hot summer and cold winter.

Q4 What is an Oasis?

Ans: A place in desert where sufficient water is available for plants permanent growth.

Q5 At which place our government has set up the country's largest wheat farm.

Ans: Suratgarh.

Q6 Name the plants found in the desert.

Ans: Date palm, cactus, thorny shrubs, Keekar and babool.



Long Q/Ans L-5 sst. class IV

Q1 What makes the sand dunes move?

Ans The sand dunes move from one place to another due to the strong winds which move loose sand of the dunes and form another dunes.

Q2 Why camel is known as the ship of the desert?

Ans Camel is known as the ship of desert as it is used for various purposes in the desert area by the people. It helps them to travel in desert and pull cart of the people.

Q3 Write down a short note on the Indira Gandhi canal of the Thar desert.

Ans Indira Gandhi canal is constructed by the government. It takes water from the Satluj river to the some part of the desert and helps desert to look green with trees and crops of many types.

Q4 Describe the people of the Indian desert.

Ans The climate of desert is hot and dry with very little rainfall. There life in this region is very hard and difficult. They rear sheep, goat, camels and cattle. They love to wear colourful clothes.

Q5 What do you know about the capital city of the thar desert?

Ans The capital city of Thar desert is



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Jaipur. It is also known as the Pink city. Many tourists visit the city every year.

The state has many beautiful temples, forts and palaces.

### Word-meaning

Word	E / Meaning	H / Meaning
1. Expert	A person who has a lot of special knowledge of.	कुशल
2. Construct	To build or make something	निर्माण करना
3. Extreme	Very great in degree or intensity	अत्यधिक
4. Source	Stream, Origin	साधन
5. Regions	A large area of land	कोई बड़ा इलाका
6. Desert	Sands, retreat	रेगिस्तान
7. Permanent	Lasting for ever	स्थायी
8. Available	Receivable	उपलब्ध