

# PARAGON CONVENT SCHOOL

## CLASS-4

### SOCIAL STUDIES

#### CHAPTER-4

#### THE WESTERN DESERT

#### SUMMARY OF THE CHAPTER

- The Great Indian Desert or the Thar Desert lies in Rajasthan. It extends from the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat to the borders of Haryana.
- A desert is a vast area of flat land covered with sand.
- Small hills of sand are called sand dunes.
- The climate of desert is very hot and dry throughout the year.
- Rainfall is scanty which leads to shortage of water.
- Summer season is marked by hot days and cool nights. In winter, but nights are extremely cold.
- Oases are the places where underground water

comes to the surface. Soil around an oasis is fertile.

- Villages are found around an oasis.
- Indira Gandhi Canal has changed the life of the people and has also made the desert green.
- Many people live like nomads.

NOTE: DO THE FOLLOWING WORK IN YOUR FAIR NOTEBOOK.

**A. WRITE SHORT ANSWERS:**

Q1: Where is the Great Indian Desert located?

Ans: The Great Indian Desert extends from the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat to the borders of Haryana.

Q2: What are dust storms?

Ans: When the strong winds blow, the sand dunes tend to shift. These storms are called dust storms.

Q3: What are oases?

Ans: Oases are places in the desert where the underground water comes to surface.

Q4: Why is there shortage of water in desert areas?

Ans: There is shortage of water in desert as rainfall is very little.

### **D: ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

Q1: Describe the climate of the Great Indian

Desert.

Ans: The climate of the Great Indian Desert is very hot and dry. In summer season, days are hot and nights are cool. In winter season, days are warm but the nights are very cold.

Q2: How has the Indira Gandhi Canal changed the life of the people in the desert?

Ans: Indira Gandhi Canal has changed the life of the people and has also made the desert green. Around the canal, green fields have come up over a period of time that has helped a lot of farmers.

Q3: Why are camels important in the desert region?

Ans: Camels are important in the desert region because it is most efficient mode of transportation in desert. The camels have padded feet and can walk as well as run on the loose sand.

Q4: Who are nomads? Why is their life difficult?

Ans: People who do not have permanent homes and move from one place to another in search of food

are called nomads. Their life is very difficult due to the shortage of water and very little rainfall.

**NOTE:** Do the back exercises (MCQs, Match the following ) in the book.