

7. Saudi Arabia – The Land of Hot Sand

Worksheet 1

A Fill in the blanks with suitable options from below.

- The nomads of Saudi Arabia are _____
(a) Inuit (b) Bedouin (c) Bantu
- The national dance of Saudi Arabia is _____
(a) Abha (b) Al Ardha (c) Wadi
- Long rows of camels moving with people and goods are called _____
(a) caravans (b) Petroleum (c) Barley

B Answer the following questions.

- How are camels useful to the Bedouins?

- What is a sand dune?

- Why are cacti able to grow in Saudi Arabia?

C Explain the following words.

- Oasis _____
- Wadi _____
- Peninsula _____

Answers to Worksheet 1

A. 1. b 2. b 3. a

- B. 1. Camels are the best means of transport across the desert. Besides they provide milk, meat, skin and fur to the Bedouins.
2. A sand dune is a hill of sand that can shift with the wind. It is found in sandy deserts.
3. Cacti have long and fleshy roots and stems to draw and store water from the earth. Besides they have thorns instead of leaves. This prevents evaporation of moisture from the plant. They can survive in the hot dry desert.
4. The capital of Saudi Arabia is Riyadh.

C. 1. An oasis is a place in the desert with a natural spring of water around which the soil is fertile and villages come up.

2. Wadi is a temporary stream.

3. A peninsula is a land surrounded by water on three sides.

Worksheet 2

(A) A. Name the animals seen below.



1. _____



2. _____

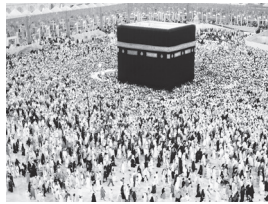


3. _____

(B) B. What do the following pictures show.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____

(C) C. Take a map of the world and mark the outline of Saudi Arabia on it, showing its neighbouring countries, seas and gulfs.

(D) D. **Project:** Make a sandy desert with sand dunes, cacti and a caravan travelling over it in a small tray.

Answers to Worksheet 2

A. 1. Camel 2. Snake 3. Monitor lizard

B. 1. An oasis 2. Mecca 3. Cactus 4. A sand dune

C&D. Any reasonable work is acceptable.