

Unexplored Beauty

Pre-reading Activities

Question 1:

Tourist places .

Look at the tourists centres given in column A and their peculiarities given in column B. Discuss with your partner and match them.

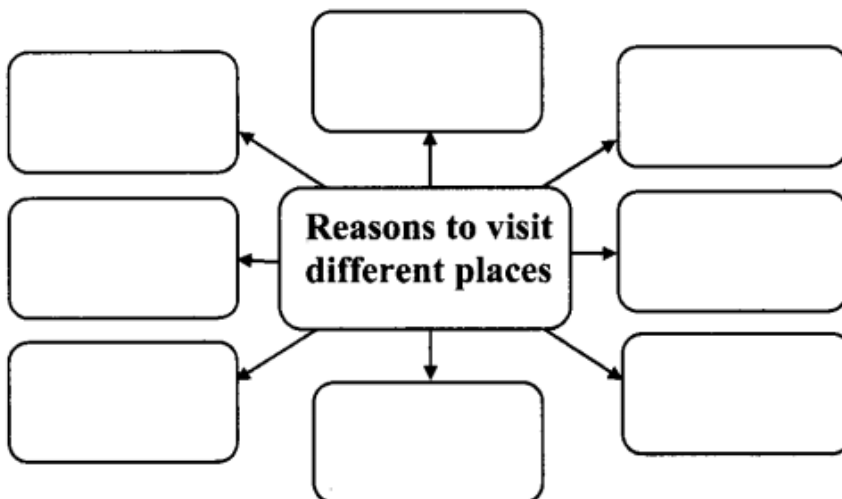
	A		B
i.	Ajanta and Ellora	a.	social activities and monument of freedom movement
ii.	CV Raman Centre	b.	lush green beauty
iii.	Mahabaleshwar	c.	scientific games and exploration of instruments
iv.	Lonar	d.	wonderful paintings and sculptures
v.	Sewagram	e.	salt lake

Answer:

(i – d), (ii – c), (iii – b), (iv – e), (v – a)

Question 2:

Reasons to visit tourist places Discuss with your partner and complete the following web on why people visit different places.



Answer:

- i. to fulfill religious beliefs
- ii. for better education and job opportunities
- iii. to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life
- iv. to enjoy and appreciate the art
- v. to know the culture
- vi. to know the historical importance
- vii. to enjoy the natural beauty
- viii. to relax and refresh

Question 3:

Advertisements

Look at the advertisements of different tourist places given in your textbook. Discuss with your partner which one you would prefer to visit. Why?

God's Own Land: Kerala

- i. Enjoy the backwaters
- ii. Valley of flowers
- iii. Serene atmosphere
- iv. Sea-side resorts
- v. Sea food and the south spices

Visit the Forts: Maharashtra

- i. Historical places
- ii. Full of natural beauty
- iii. Ideal for trekking and hiking
- iv. Explore flora and fauna

Land of Rajas: Rajasthan

- i. Enjoy the camel ride
- ii. Get lost in the desert
- iii. Adventure rides
- iv. Enjoy the lake cities

Answer:

I would like to visit the forts of Maharashtra, as I am very interested in getting acquainted with the history of my native land. A visit to the forts would throw light on the skills, intelligence and techniques of the people in the ancient times. It is really astonishing to see the massive forts constructed with a special focus on safety. In addition to this, the places are filled with natural beauty. There are different water sources and the greenery 'enchants' every person visiting the forts. The forts are ideal for trekking and hiking. Adventurous people can enjoy weekend trips to these forts. It would give them an opportunity to explore the flora and fauna while trekking and hiking.

[Note: The above answer is given for reference.]

Question 4:

Guessing the place

You are going to read about a famous tourist place. Look at the following words and guess what the place can be.

- i. Islands
- ii. Tribals

iii. South of India iv. Dense Forest
v. Mangrove vi. Beaches

Answer:

From the given words, I guess that the place might be Apdaman.

Part I

Passage 1

उतारा १

मराठी भाषांतर:

अस्पर्शित सौंदर्य

जगभरातील राष्ट्रे पर्यटकांना आकर्षित करण्यासाठी तीव्र स्पर्धा करत आहेत आणि तरी आजही बुद्धिजीवी लोकांचा एक असा मोठा वर्ग आहे, की जेवढे अधिक पर्यटक तेवढ्याच मोठ्या प्रमाणात त्या स्थळाच्या मूळ निसर्गाचा न्हास होतो याबद्दल त्यांची खात्री पटली आहे. अंदमानच्या शांत व आल्हाददायक समुद्रातील 'पॅरट आयलंड' हे असेच एक पर्यटकांच्या गर्दीपासून लांब असलेले स्थळ आहे.

समुद्रकिनार्यावर पसरलेली दाट हिरवी, सुव्यवस्थित खारफुटींची झाडे आणि हिरवी कुरणे असणारे हे स्थळ निसर्गाचा सर्वोत्कृष्ट आविष्कार असेल, तर त्यात काही नवल नाही. अस्पर्श आणि अबाधित असे मैलोन्मैल पसरलेले समुद्रकिनारे म्हणजे खरेतर निसर्गमातेच्या कुशीत विसावून समाधान मिळवू इच्छिणाऱ्या लोकांसाठी एक वरदानच आहेत.

प्रसन्नता आणि एकांत यांचा समन्वय, ना प्रवाही ना साचलेले असे निळसर संध पाणी यांची देणगी लाभलेले पॅरट आयलंड हे आत्म्याला सुखावणारे ठिकाण आहे. त्या बेटाकडे पोहोचण्याचा प्रवेशमार्गच अत्यंत आनंददायक आहे. या बेटाजवळ आपले आगमन होताच, पाच लहान बेटांचे मनोवेधक रूप दृष्टीस पडते. असे हे अत्यंत सुंदर, भव्य आणि अत्यंत आनंददायक वातावरण असलेले ठिकाण पर्यटकांपासून अज्ञात आहे, हे खरोखरच आश्चर्यकारक आहे. त्या संध्याकाळी मी त्या पाच बेटांचे सुंदर रूप पाहिले, तेव्हा साहजिकच मला असे वाटले, की मी तेथे उपस्थित असलेली एकुलती एक सर्वात नशीबवान प्रेक्षक होते.

पॅरट बेट आणि त्याच्याजवळील लाइमस्टोन गुंफांकडे (चुनखडीच्या गुंफांकडे) जाण्यासाठी निलांबुर धक्क्यापासून पर्याय उपलब्ध आहेत. निलांबुर धक्का ते पॅरट बेट या होडी प्रवासाचे अंतर २० मिनिटांचे आहे. कोणतेही आढेवेढे न घेता मी हे खात्रीने सांगू शकते, की प्रत्येक भारतीय नागरिकाने पॅरट बेटाला भेट दिलीच पाहिजे. जसजसा सूर्य मावळतीला जात असतो, तसतसे आकाश किरमिजी रंगाने भरून जाते. काही वेळा आकाशात नारिंगी, गुलाबी आणि जांभळ्या रंगाचे मिश्रण असते. पहाटे सूर्योदयाच्या वेळी पोपटांचे थवे आपले नंदनवन शोधण्यासाठी एकत्र येतात, ते दृश्य प्रत्यक्ष पाहण्याकरता या बेटाशी एकरूप व्हा. या नंदनवनाला एकदा अवश्य भेट द्या.

A1. Factual Reading

Question 1:

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions choosing from the correct alternatives.

i. Which is the island described in the text?

- a. Maldives
- b. Andaman and Nicobar
- c. Sri Lanka

Write the line that gives the answer

Answer:

b. Andaman and Nicobar.

The line that gives the answer is— 'Parrot Island, in the calm and balmy waters of Andaman, is one such place that has escaped the herd of tourists'.

ii. What type of text is it?

- a. story b. play
- c. travelogue

Answer:

c. travelogue

Question 2:

State whether the following statements are True or False.

- i. Parrot Island is situated in pristine and natural beauty of Andaman.
- ii. Parrot Island is full of green mangroves and green meadows bordering the sea.
- iii. Bluish backwater of Andaman sea is neither flowing nor stagnant.
- iv. Parrot Island is about a minute's boat ride from Nilambur Jetty.

Answer:

- i. True
- ii. True
- iii. True
- iv. False

A2. Understanding the Passage

Question 1:

Read the following statements and write the lines from the passage as a proof for your answer.

i. The visitors do not visit the Parrot Islands.

Answer:

Parrot Island, in the calm and balmy waters of Andaman is one such place that has escaped the herd of tourists.

ii. The Andaman Islands are calm and quiet.

Answer:

Gifted with the combination of serenity and solitude, bluish backwater, which is neither flowing nor stagnant, Parrot Island is like balm for the soul.

iii. Nilambur Jetty is very close to the Parrot Islands.

Answer:

It takes around 20 minutes of a boat ride from the Nilambur Jetty to Parrot Island.

iv. The Parrot Island offers a beautiful site for the early sunrise.

Answer:

Be one with this island for witnessing the early sunrise and parrots flocking together in search of their paradise.

Question 2:

Go through the passage quickly and mark which of the following statements best sums up its main idea.

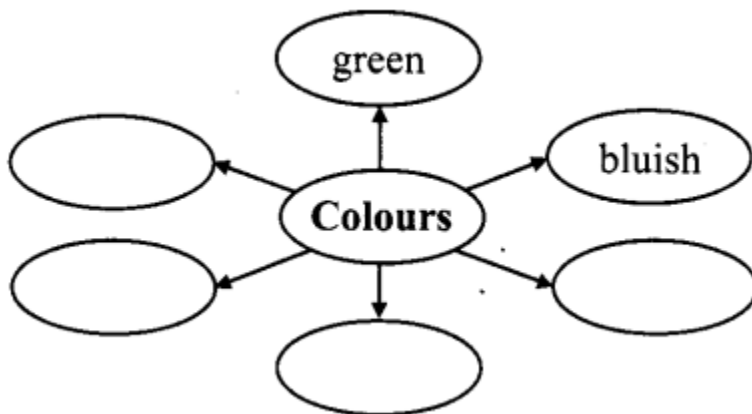
- i. Andaman is one such place that has escaped the herd of tourists.
- ii. Andaman has been trimmed with lush green mangroves and green meadows which stands like heaven for the visiting tourist.
- iii. Sea-shore of Andaman is untouched and unspoiled.
- iv. Bluish backwater of Andaman sea is neither flowing nor stagnant.

Answer:

Andaman is one such place that has escaped the herd of tourists.

Question 3:

Complete the web by choosing different colours mentioned in the passage.



Answer:

- i. crimson
- ii. orange
- iii. pink
- iv. purple

Question 4:

Complete the web by choosing the things that Parrot Island offers its tourists.

**Answer:**

- i. trimmed lush green mangroves
- ii. green meadows bordering the sea
- iii. miles of beach
- iv. bluish backwaters

A3. Meaning from the Text**Question 1:**

Find out the synonyms of the words given in column A.

	Column 'A'	Column 'B'
*i.	balmy	_____
*ii.	enchant	_____
*iii.	search	_____
iv.	stunning	_____

Answer:

	Column 'A'	Column 'B'
*i.	balmy	<u>soothing, pleasant</u>
*ii.	enchant	<u>delight</u>
*iii.	search	<u>find</u>
iv.	stunning	<u>beautiful</u>

Question 2:

Find the meaning of the following words and match them.

	A		B
*i.	atmosphere	a.	pristine
*ii.	pure	b.	stagnant
*iii.	heaven	c.	ambience
iv.	inactive	d.	paradise

Answer:

(i – c), (ii – a), (iii – d), (iv – b)

Question 3:

Look at the following sentences from the passage and find out, what they mean.

e.g. Andaman is a place that has escaped from tourists = Visitors have overlooked to visit Andamans.

i. Parrot Island is a balm for the soul. =

Answer:

Visit to the Parrot Island provides a very soothing and pleasant effect on the mind.

ii. Parrot Island is largely unexplored. =

Answer:

Tourists have not yet visited many places on Parrot Island.

iii. Parrot Island is a must visit for all Indians. =

Answer:**Question 4:**

Read and suggest one word for the following.

i. a class of educated and enlightened people

*ii. a long band of sand near the sea

iii. outward appearance of a place

iv. road that does not follow a straight line

Answer:

i. intelligentsia ii. beach

iii. visage iv. meandering

Question 5:

Find from the passage opposites of the following words.

i. tiny ii. explored

iii. uncertainty iv. ascend

Answer:

i. huge ii. unexplored

iii. certainty iv. descend

A4. Language Study

Do as directed.

Question 1:

Nations have been vying to attract tourists.
(Underline the infinitive)

Answer:

Nations have been vying to attract tourists.

Question 2:

It is nature at its best. (Add a question tag)

Answer:

It is nature at its best, isn't it?

Question 3:

The approach to the island is a pleasure.
(Rewrite as an interrogative sentence)

Answer:

Isn't the approach to the island a pleasure?

Question 4:

It is strange to see such a beautiful and gorgeous place.
(Rewrite as an exclamatory sentence)

Answer:

How strange it is to see such a beautiful and gorgeous place!

Question 5:

I felt I was the only luckiest spectator that evening when I saw the beautiful visage of the five islands.

(Rewrite using infinitive form of the underlined word)

Answer:

I felt I was the only luckiest spectator that evening to see the beautiful visage of the five islands.

A5. Personal Response

Question 1:

Name a few islands in India and write where they are located and what they are famous for.

Answer:

The following are some of the islands in India: Shivanasamudra Island of the Cauvery River, Chorao, Divar – Goa, Lakshadweep, Elephanta, Cross Island – Mumbai Harbour, Great Nicobar, Vypin – Kerala, Srirangam Island – Tamil Nadu, etc.

These islands are famous for lush greenery, speedboat drives, beaches, peaceful atmosphere and ambience.

Question 2:

Do you think that the writer has enjoyed her journey? Find the instances from the article.

Answer:

Yes, I do think that the writer has enjoyed her journey. Instances from the article that show this are

- i. It is nature at its best.
- ii. Untouched and virgin miles of beach that are an answer to the prayers of those seeking solace in the arms of mother nature.
- iii. Parrot Island is balm for the soul.
- iv. I felt I was one of the luckiest spectator that evening, when I saw the beautiful visage of the five islands.
- v. Without meandering, I can say with certainty that Parrot Island is a must visit for all Indians.

Part II

Passage 2

उतारा २

मराठी भाषांतर:

लाइमस्टोन गुंफा : बारटांग बेटावरती, विशेषकरून रॅफ्टर खाडीजवळ नयाडेरा येथे चुनखडीचे मोठ्या प्रमाणावर साठे आढळतात. बारटांग बेट हे दक्षिण व मध्य अंदमान बेटांच्या दरम्यान स्थित आहे. अंदमान महामार्ग तुम्हाला बारटांग बेटांकडे घेऊन जातो, ही बेटे अंदाजे १०० किलोमीटर दूर आणि रस्तेमार्गाने ४ तासांच्या अंतरावर आहे. या प्रवासात मध्य सामुद्रधुनी ते बारटांग बेट (निलांबुर धक्का) यांदरम्यान होडीचा एक लहान प्रवास देखील आहे. नयाडेरा धक्क्यावरून खाली

उतरल्यानंतर पायी चालून लाइमस्टोन गुंफांपर्यंत पोहोचण्याकरता घनदाट जंगलांतून दीड किलोमीटर पायी चालावे लागते.

बारटांग खाडीचा प्रवास उत्साहवर्धक आणि अनुभव समृद्ध करणारा आहे. हा प्रवास विशेषतः दिवसा उजेडीच्या सहलींकरता आदर्श असतो. जेव्हा स्पीड बोट बारटांग खाडीचे पाणी जोरात कापत जाते, तेव्हा तेथील लहान लहान बेटे, आदिम काळापासून अस्तित्वात असलेली जंगले आणि खारफुटींच्या दाट थरांमुळे आपल्या डोळ्यांना व मनाला अतिशय शांतता अनुभवता येते.

‘मॅग्नोक्वॅज् कॅनपी वॉक’ हा दीड किलोमीटर लांबीचा अरुंद रस्ता आहे. या रस्त्यावरून चालताना खारफुटींच्या अनेक पैलूंची ओळख करून घेता येते. चुनखडी गुंफांच्या रस्त्यावरून जाताना झारखंड आणि अंदमानातील आदिवासींच्या चिन्हांचे एकत्रीकरण असलेल्या झोपड्या आढळतात, कारण बारटांगमध्ये गावे स्थापित करणारे वसाहतकार मूळचे रांचीचे आहेत.

परतीच्या प्रवासात मी पोर्ट ब्लेअरपासून कोलकात्याकडे जाण्याकरता विमानात बसण्याच्या तयारीत असताना, पोर्ट ब्लेअरला भेट देण्याची उत्सुकतेने वाट पाहत आहे. ते बारटांगपासून १०० किलोमीटर अंतरावर आहे. तेथील गाडीच्या प्रवासाचा एक भाग पूर्णपणे जारवा या आदिवासी जमातीसाठी आरक्षित वनविभागातून जातो. जारवा ही या बेटावर उरलेल्या दुर्मीळ आदिवासी जमातीपैकी एक जमात आहे. दीर्घ काळापर्यंत या जमातीचा बाहेरच्या लोकांशी किंवा संस्कृतीशी संपर्क आला नव्हता. अंदमान महामार्ग दक्षिण आणि उत्तर अंदमान बेटांना याच आरक्षित क्षेत्रातून जोडतो. वाहनांना येथे थांबण्याची आणि इथल्या लोकांशी संपर्क साधण्याची परवानगी नाही; परंतु सर्व वाहने तेथून हळूहळू जातात, कारण अंदमान-निकोबारच्या सरकारने येथे वाहनांची गती ३० किलोमीटर प्रति तास एवढी मर्यादित केली आहे.

A1. Factual Reading

Question 1:

Read the passage quickly and supply the information asked.

- i. Baratang Island is situated between
- ii. The distance from Andaman to Baratang Island is
- iii. The Mangroves Canopy walk is about
- iv. Port Blair is away from Baratang.
- v. The tribe that is seen in Andaman Island is

Answer:

- i. South and Middle Andaman Islands.
- ii. about 100 kilometres.
- iii. one and a half kilometre long narrow path.
- iv. 100 km
- v. the Jarawa tribe.

Question 2:

Choose the correct alternative and complete the following sentence.

- i. Baratang Island is a huge deposit of
- a. granite
 - b. limerick
 - c. limestone

Answer:

- c. limestone
- ii. After getting off from Nayadera Jetty, one has to to reach the limestone caves.
- a. take a short ferry ride
 - b. walk through dense forest
 - c. drive all the way

Answer:

- b. walk through dense forest
- iii. Journeying through Baratang Creek is ideal for
- a. day trips
 - b. night trips
 - c. short trips

Answer:

- a. day trips
- iv. The Great Andaman connects the South and North Andaman.
- a. Railway Line
 - b. Trunk Road
 - c. Boating Facility

Answer:

- b. Trunk Road

A2. Understanding the Passage

Question 1:

Find out the proper words from Part I to fill and complete the following sentences.

i. The district collector plays badminton on everyday in the morning.

ii. Which road connects South and North Island?

- a. Great Andaman Highway
- b. Great Andaman Main Road
- c. Great Andaman Trunk Road

Write the line that gives the answer

Answer:

c. Great Andaman Trunk Road

The line that gives the answer is – ‘The Great Andaman Trunk Road’, connects the South and North Andaman through this reserve area.

iii. What is the speed limit for the vehicles in Andaman and Nicobar Island?

- a. 100 km. b. 90 km.
- c. 30 km.

Write the line that gives the answer

Answer:

c. 30 km.

The line that gives the answer is – ‘Vehicles are not allowed to stop there and to interact with them, but all vehicles do slow down because the speed is restricted up to 30 km. per hour by the Government of Andaman and Nicobar island.’

Question 2:

Go through the passage and describe the various places that are visited by the writer

Places the writer visited	Description
Baratang Island	huge deposits of limestone, limestone caves, dense forest
Baratang Creek	
Mangroves Canopy	
Port Blair	

Answer:

Places the writer visited	Description
Baratang Island	huge deposits of limestone, limestone caves, dense forest
Baratang Creek	speedboat drives, sight of the island, endless stretches of massive, primordial tropical forest and mangrove vegetation
Mangroves Canopy	one and a half kilometre long narrow path, people get acquainted with various aspects of mangroves, huts of tribals
Port Blair	airport, 100 kms away from Baratang

A3. Meaning from the Text

Question 1:

Read and suggest one word for the following.

- i. a piece of land surrounded by water
- ii. a narrow area of water where the sea flows into the land
- iii. a cover that is fixed or hangs above
- iv. an area where no one is allowed to enter
- v. something that is not commonly seen
- vi. control on something

Answer: i. island ii. creek
iii. canopy iv. reserve area
v. rare vi. restricted

Question 2:

Find out the synonyms of the words given in column A.

	Column 'A'	Column 'B'
i.	massive	
ii.	acquainted	
*iii.	dotted	
iv.	interact	

Answer:

	Column 'A'	Column 'B'
i.	massive	huge
ii.	acquainted	familiar
*iii.	dotted	spread
iv.	interact	associate

Question 3:

Write from the passage opposites of the following words.

- i. long ii. sparse
iii. broad iv. fast

Answer:

- i. short ii. dense
iii. narrow iv. slow

A4. Language Study

Do as Directed.

Question 1:

Baratang Island is situated between South and Middle Andaman islands.
(Frame a 'Wh question' to get the underlined part as answer)

Answer:

Where is Baratang Island situated?

Question 2:

They provide a soothing effect to the eye and the mind.
(Rewrite using 'not only but also')

Answer:

They provide a soothing effect not only to the

Question 3:

One can get acquainted with various aspects of mangroves.
(Rewrite using 'able to')

Answer:

One is able to get acquainted with various aspects of mangroves.

Question 4:

I get ready to board the jet my flight to Kolkata from Port Blair.
(Underline the Infinitive)

Answer:

I get ready to board the jet my flight to Kolkata from Port Blair.

Question 5:

The speed is restricted by the Government of Andaman and Nicobar Island.
(Change the voice)

Answer:

The Government of Andaman and Nicobar Island has restricted the speed.

A5. Personal Response

Question 1:

Would you like to visit Andaman-Nicobar Island? For what reasons?

Answer:

Yes, I would definitely like to visit Andaman- Nicobar Islands for its scenic beauty and wonders of nature. The beautiful description of the place makes me want to visit the islands at the earliest, to enjoy and fill my heart with all the beautiful sights they offer.

Question 2:

Why do you think Limestone Cave is a very important place in Andaman Islands?

Answer:

The Limestone Caves in the Andaman Islands are known for its stunning white beauty. According to me, they are also important from the point of view of commercial value of the mineral deposits.

Additional Questions for Practice

Question 1:

Read Part I again and after discussing with your partner answer the following questions.

i. Answer in just a few words

a. Where should you go to witness parrot island?

Answer:

We should go to the Andaman Island to witness Parrot Island.

b. How does the author describe the water of Andaman?

Answer:

The author describes the water of Andaman as calm and balmy.

c. Where do the green mangroves stand?

Answer:

The green mangroves stand bordering the sea.

d. What is the Parrot Island gifted with?

Answer:

The Parrot Island is gifted with a combination of serenity and solitude, bluish backwater, which is neither flowing nor stagnant.

e. Where is Nilambur Jetty located?

Answer:

The Nilambur Jetty is located at a distance of about 20 minutes by boat ride from the Parrot Island in the Andaman.

ii. Answer in about two to three sentences.

a. Why are the beaches of Andaman yet unspoilt and untouched?

Answer:

The beaches of Andaman are yet unspoilt and untouched because they have escaped the herd of tourists. A huge section of the intelligentsia is convinced that more than the tourists, the corresponding is the decline in pristine nature of the place. People are unaware about its beauty, serenity and solitude.

b. Why does the author think that visit to Andaman is a must?

Answer:

The author thinks that visit to Andaman is a must because it is a paradise that is unexplored. The waters of Andaman are calm and balmy. The Parrot Island in Andaman has trimmed lush green mangroves and green meadows bordering the sea. Nature is at its best. When the sun descends down, the sky spreads a crimson colour which sometimes looks like mixture of orange, pink and purple light. During early sunrise, one can witness parrots flocking together in search of their paradise.

c. Why have the Parrot Islands remained unexplored so far?

Answer:

The Parrot Islands have remained unexplored so far because of the fact that many people have not heard about them. They have also escaped the herd of tourists as not many people know about its serenity and solitude.

Question 2:

Title

Look at the title.

Unexplored Beauty

i. What do you mean by 'unexplored'?

Answer:

'Unexplored' means not visited by people (tourists) before.

ii. Why do you think that more number of people do not visit this place?

Answer:

I think that Parrot Island is not a familiar place and very few people know about its existence. So, more number of people do not visit it.

iii. What is 'beautiful'?

Answer:

Anything that draws our attention towards it, which is attractive, pleasing to the eyes and soothing to the heart is 'beautiful'.

iv. What is beautiful about Andaman and Nicobar?

Answer:

Lush green mangroves and green meadows, virgin beaches, serenity and solitude, bluish backwater, enchanting ambience, the beautiful sunrise and sunset in Andaman and Nicobar are all beautiful.

v. What other befitting title you can think of?

Answer:

The following are the befitting titles that I can think of:

i. A Paradise on Earth

ii. Enchanting Islands

Question 3:

Finding words

ii. The mountains are always human minds. to the

iii. T.V. has made us passive

iv. visit Mahabaleshwar during summer season.

v. When the sun sets it spreads the sky. all over

Answer:

i. the beach ii. stunning

iii. spectators iv. One must

v. a crimson colour

Question 4:**Describing words**

Go through both Part I and Part II quickly and find out the places that match the following describing words.

Describing Words	Place
calm and balmy water	
serene and solitary	
refreshing and enhancing experience	
tiny islands and stretches	

Answer:

Describing Words	Place
calm and balmy water	Andaman
serene and solitary	Bluish backwater of Parrot Island
refreshing and enhancing experience	Journey through the Baratang Creek
tiny islands and stretches	The waters of the Baratang Creek

Question 5:**Using describing words**

Go through both the Parts and find out all those words that are used to describe different places. Get to know their meaning. Then use these words to describe the places in your town or any nearby place.

For example: The journey towards Mahadev temple is a refreshing and enhancing experience.

Answer:

Describing words:

Part I – pristine nature of the place; calm and balmy waters; lush green meadows; untouched and virgin miles of beach; stunning visage; beautiful and gorgeous place; enchanting ambience; unexplored beauty.

Part II – refreshing and enhancing experience; massive, primordial tropical forest; soothing effect.

[Note: Students may refer to the 'Glossary' section for the meanings.]

Sentences:

- We enjoyed the pristine nature of Mahabaleshwar.
- Tourists are attracted towards the calm and balmy waters of the Goan beaches.

- iii. The horse ride through the lush green, meadows was a thrilling experience.
- iv. There are many untouched and virgin beaches on the western coast of India.
- v. The Himalayan ranges covered with snow form a stunning visage.
- vi. Beautiful and gorgeous palaces are the main tourist attraction of Rajasthan.
- vii. Delicious food was accompanied by enchanting ambience at the wedding reception.
- viii. I like to visit unexplored beautiful places in the remote rural areas of India.
- ix. A trek to the fort filled our minds and hearts with a refreshing and enhancing experience.
- x. It was so dark in the massive, primordial tropical forests that we lost our way.
- xi. Walking by the beach in the evening had a very soothing effect on my mind.

Question 6:

Read Part II again and after discussing with your partner answer the following questions.

i. Answer in just a few words.

a. Where do you come across a huge deposit of limestone?

Answer:

Baratang Island, particularly at Nayadera, near the Wrafter Creek

b. What is Baratang Creek ideal for?

Answer:

day trips

c. What provides a soothing effect to the eye and mind?

Answer:

The sight of the tiny island and endless stretches of massive, primordial tropical forest and mangrove vegetation

d. How long is Mangroves Canopy Walk?

Answer:

one and a half kilometres

e. Which tribes would you come across in the Mangroves Canopy?

Answer:

Jharkhand and Andamanese tribals

ii. Answer in a few sentences.

a. Where did the author enjoy ferry- ride?

Answer:

The author enjoyed ferry ride from middle strait to Baratang Island. The journey through the Baratang Creek was a refreshing and enhancing experience. The speedboat knifed its way through the waters of Baratang Creek. The sight of the tiny island and massive, primordial tropical forest and mangrove vegetation provided a soothing effect to the eye and the mind of the author.

b. What does mangrove vegetation provide during the journey through the Baratang Creek?

Answer:

The mangrove vegetation provides a refreshing and enhancing experience during the journey through the Baratang Creek. The endless stretches of massive, primordial tropical forest provide a soothing effect to the eye and the mind. One can also get acquainted with various aspects of mangroves, while walking on this path.

c. Where can you get acquainted with various aspects of mangroves?

Answer:

The Mangroves Canopy Walk is one and a half kilometre long narrow path. One can get acquainted with various aspects of mangroves while walking on this path.

Question 7:

Matching to form sentences Read Part II and then match the group of words to form meaningful sentences.

	Column A		Column B
i.	Baratang Island is located near Wrafters Creek	a.	where you may get acquainted with tribe-settlers.
ii.	The journey through the Baratang creek	b.	by Jet flight to Kolkata from Port Blair.
iii.	The mangroves canopy walk is about one and half kilometre long	c.	and is a huge deposit of limestone.

iv.	The author of the article made return journey	d.	can be undertaken in a boat.
v.	You may come across the Jarawa tribe in Baratang Island	e.	where tribals are far away from civilized way of life.
		f.	remember to carry your eatables and waters as there are no vendors or shops on the way.

Answer:

(i – c), (ii – d), (iii – a), (iv – b), (v – e)

Question 8:

Islands

Following are the names of islands. Categorise them into native and foreign islands.
[Sri Lanka, West Indies, Japan, Andaman, Daman, Nicobar, Diu, Maldives, New Zealand, Devbaug]

Answer:

Native islands	Foreign islands
Andaman Daman Nicobar Diu Devbaug	Sri Lanka West Indies Japan Maldives New Zealand

Question 9:

Develop a paragraph

Read the fact file and develop a paragraph based on the information.

Remember:

Make use of words like: whereas, however, largest, smallest, etc.

Fact File:

- Geographical area: 8249 sq. km.
- Number of islands: 556
- Number of inhabited islands: 38
- Number of districts: 3

v. Population (census 2011): 3.80 lakhs

vi. Capital city: Port Blair

Answer:

The Andaman Islands are located to the South East of the main continent of India. The total geographical area of the Andaman Islands is 8249 sq. km. While Andaman consists of 556 islands, only 38 of them are inhabited. The islands are divided into 3 districts. According to the census of 2011, the population of the Andaman Island is 3.80 lakhs. The capital city is Port Blair, which is also the largest city of these islands.

Question 10:

Do you know?

Prepare a paragraph based on the information given below.

Location of Andaman: South East of the main continent of India, group of islands

Geographical area: 8249 sq. km.

Number of islands: 556 Number of inhabited islands: 38 Number of districts: 3

Population (census 2011): 3.80 lakhs Capital city: Port Blair

Answer:

The Andaman Islands are located to the South East of the main continent of India. The total geographical area of the Andaman Islands is 8249 sq. km. While Andaman consists of 556 islands, only 38 of them are inhabited. The islands are divided into 3 districts. According to the census of 2011, the population of the Andaman Island is 3.80 lakhs. The capital city is Port Blair, which is also the largest city of these islands.

Question 11:

Infinitives

i. Look at the following sentences. Read the underlined part carefully and discuss the questions given below with your partner. Note down all the points of your observation.

a. On my return journey, I got ready to board the Jet, my flight to Kolkata from Port Blair.

b. The tourists love to enjoy the picturesque landscapes of the Parrot Island.

Discuss

- What is added before the underlined word? Ans: The word 'to' is added before the underlined word.

- What does it suggest, about the action?

Ans:

It suggests that the action does not belong to any specific time period, i.e. past, present or future.

ii. Working in pairs, use infinitives to join the following sentences. One is done for you.

I didn't go to adventure sports. I was frightened.

I was frightened to go to the adventure sports.

a. I met the Jarawa tribe. I was happy.

Answer:

I was happy to meet the Jarawa tribe.

b. I enjoyed the Parrot Island. I was immensely pleased. .

Answer:

I was immensely pleased to enjoy the Parrot Island.

c. We saw the unexpected beauty of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. We were surprised.

Answer:

We were surprised to see the unexpected beauty of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

d. We travelled through the Mangroves Canopy on foot. We were delighted.

Answer:

We were delighted to travel through the Mangroves Canopy on foot.

e. We heard about the beauty of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. We were thrilled.

Answer:

We were thrilled to hear about the beauty of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

iii. Look at the news headlines carefully. Form pairs and find to + verb forms in the headlines. After finding the correct to + verb forms, fill in the blanks of the given sentences with the appropriate to + verb form.

Govt. to give aid for crop damaged due to cold wave

Answer:

to give

PM to take steps to check inflation

Answer:

to take

RTO asks private vehicles to obtain license for carrying school students

Answer:

to obtain

It's impossible to replace Dravid, feels Tendulkar

Answer:

to replace

e.g. We decided to keep less baggage and environment friendly gadgets for the next month's tour to Mauritius.

a. We planned the world famous Salarjung Museum of Hyderabad.

Answer:

to visit

b. In spite of severe injury, Sachin resolved the mega final against the arch rivals.

Answer:

to play

c. Government is determined strict action against the anti-social elements doing mischief at the tourist places.

Answer:

to take

d. The students' council requested the Principal permission for conducting a Blood-Donation Camp in the school.

Answer:

to grant

e. For visiting a foreign country, we have permission and visa in advance from the embassy of the country.

Answer:

to obtain

f. It is difficult the seasoned player with a debutant.

Answer:

to match

g. Students demanded 24 hours library and internet facility during their term exams.

Answer:

to allow

h. The Tourism Minister resolved the meeting for making people aware of the pathetic conditions of some famous tourist places.

Answer:

to conduct

i. Many State Governments resolved and strictly implement an anti-alcohol drive at the tourist places.

Answer:

to enforce

iv. Complete the sentences by using the infinitive.

e.g. I reached the book stores to buy books.

a. Seeing the room dirty, Raju brought the broom

Answer:

to clean the floor

b. In the evening, we reached the Taj restaurant

Answer:

to have dinner

c. Regarding Ohm's law, I met the science teacher

Answer:

to clarify my doubts

d. We all sat silently

Answer:

to hear the speech.

v. Form pairs and use your own ideas and experience to complete the following sentences.

e. g. I went to Big Bazaar to buy groceries and electronic gadgets.

a. I phoned my brother

Answer:

to inquire about his health.

b. Ali took the breakfast hastily

Answer:

to be able to reach office in time

c. Omkar locked the front door

Answer:

to ensure safety

d. Gayatri needs a key

Answer:

to open the cupboard

e. I went to the Post Office

Answer:

to buy some postage stamps

f. Zaheer Khan took the ball in his hands

Answer:

to bowl to the batsman

g. The Principal called an emergency meeting

Answer:

to discuss the examination schedule

h. I am going out

Answer:

to deposit money in the bank

i. The salesman knocked on the door

Answer:

to sell his products

Question 12:

Travelogue

Imagine that you have visited a hill-station near your area as a part of your school excursion. Develop a travelogue on the following lines.

Reason to Visit the Place

i. One day our class-teacher announced

ii. In one voice we

iii. Lot of information

i. Attractive beginning

ii. Catchy title

iii. Appropriate vocabulary

Road-map to reach Hill Station

We all decide to travel

The distance was of

Sites on the way

i. Discuss and plan before you write

ii. Prepare a rough draft

Best time to Visit the Place We

were told

We decided to

In this time of the year

What, when, where, why, who and how – answer so as to develop your ideas

Accommodation Available

Our class-teacher made us aware

We were very eager

What a joyful!

i. Prepare paragraphs

ii. Use joining words for connecting ideas

Beautiful Points to be watched by the Tourists The place was full of

..... worth visiting.

The journey towards

i. Use variety of sentences

ii. Use interrogations

iii. Use exclamations

Describing Fun and Humour We

had a lot of fun

Watching tall trees and the flora and fauna

..... was like in a heaven.

i. Use the past tense form

ii. Look at the sequence of events Road-map of Return Journey

While in our return journey

..... was worth memorable.

We could never forget .

i. Attractive summing-up

ii. Proper end

iii. Give personal touch

Answer:

Beauty of Lonavala One day, our class teacher announced a trip to Lonavala. In one voice, everyone agreed to go. Some of our classmates had already visited the place. They came up with lot of information about Lonavala. A road map to the hill station was brought. We decided to travel by road and our teacher hired a bus for the same. The distance was about 104 km. There were thirty students, including myself. It was decided that each student would pay Rs.2500/- for the entire trip. We all planned the trip and decided on the things that we were going to carry along with us. We were going to stay at the MTDC resort in Lonavala. All the arrangements and bookings were made and the money was collected. Since it was November, it was the best time of the year to visit the place.

Finally, the day of departure dawned. Our entire luggage was loaded in the bus. We began our journey at around 7 am in the morning. At the beginning, nothing seemed to be exciting. However, as we reached Karjat, the fun and enjoyment seemed to have reached its peak. At Karjat, we had hot and spicy Vada Pav. The weather started getting colder as we went forward to Lonavala. During the journey, on one side of the road, there were cold waterfalls and on the other side, there was a deep green valley. Everything was so beautiful and pleasant. As we moved on, we saw that the trees were getting taller and the forests, thicker. Soon, we covered ourselves with shawls and mufflers. At around 10 am, we reached Lonavala. We were completely surrounded by mist and fog.

We checked into the MTDC resort. Our teacher asked us to relax for some time until the breakfast was arranged. After having the delicious food, we headed for the trek. Our teacher hired a guide who explained the significance of various flora and fauna on our way. Next, we headed towards Duke's nose. This cliff resembled the nose of the Duke of Wellington, which explained the origin of its name. It was a popular viewpoint, as it offered a breathtaking view of the surrounding mountains, valleys and forests. The next stop was the Tiger's leap. If it is viewed from a certain location, one gets the illusion of a tiger leaping across the valley. The echo caused by dropping rocks into the crevasse was another attraction. Moreover, the monkeys at the place were very entertaining.

We also relaxed at Lonavala Lake for some time. It was a pleasant experience, since Lonavala Lake was surrounded by natural scenery. We went to see the Karla caves next, a complex of cave shrines built by Buddhist monks around 2nd to 3rd century B.C. We also saw the famous temple of Goddess Ekvira Devi. We relaxed near the springs and waterfalls. The gushing sound of water was melodic and soothing. We went to our beds at around 10 pm. In the morning, it was time to leave. We had a mixture of feelings. We were glad to take such beautiful memories with us. At the same time, we were sad to return. While on our way back, we bought the famous Lonavala Chikki and Fudge. Indeed, it was a memorable trip—one which we would remember for a long time.

Question 13:

Letter

You have come across the following advertisement. Prepare a letter for planning a visit to Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Being the in-charge of the cultural committee of your school, write a letter to the Tourism Department of Andaman and Nicobar for providing the required information.

Visit Unexplored Beauty

Enjoy sea voyage and the life on island. A living paradise on earth. Visit Parrot Island, experience boating and all water sports. Comfortable stay and enjoyable sea-beaches.

Contact: The Incharge, Tourism Department, Andaman and Nicobar, Pin. _____, India.

The Officer Incharge,
Tourism Development Corporation,
Andaman and Nicobar.

Subject:

Sir/Madam,

- i. name of the school and other details
- ii. purpose of the visit
- iii. inquiry regarding accommodation, tariff, food, etc.
- iv. procedure for booking
- v. availability of seats
- vi. precaution and care

Thank you,

Yours faithfully,
Ravi Suryawanshi,

Answer:

M. Gandhi High School, Moregaon.
25th November, 2013.

To,
Chapter 8.1: Unexplored Beauty
Ravi Suryawanshi,
M. Gandhi High School, Moregaon.
25 Nov. 2013
The Officer Incharge,
Tourism Development Corporation, Andaman and Nicobar.
Subject: Request for information regarding school trip to the Islands

Respected Sir/Madam,
I am Ravi Suryawanshi, the incharge of the cultural committee of M. Gandhi High School. I am writing this letter to request for information regarding a trip to the Island. The main purpose of the visit is to gather maximum information about Andaman and Nicobar islands as it forms an important part of the curriculum. We also want to visit Parrot Island and enjoy the water sports there.
We would like to visit somewhere during mid-December. Kindly provide some information regarding the following:
i. Arrangement for accommodation of 30 students and 3 teachers
ii. Rates for accommodation, food, transportation, etc.
iii. Procedure of booking
iv. Availability of seats
v. Any precautions or restrictions to be followed (if any, what are they?)
Please let us know the details at the earliest. We would also appreciate if you could send across one of your brochures, as it would help us to plan our trip more systematically.
Awaiting a quick and positive response.
Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,
Ravi Suryawanshi