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New Terms.

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| 1. undulating | 9. ephemeral |
| 2. separated | 10. Khariif |
| 3. Bhakars | 11. nourishing |
| 4. settlements | 12. Jaisalmer |
| 5. consumption | 13. Bikaner |
| 6. reservoirs | 14. embroidered |
| 7. prosperity | 15. Ghumar |
| 8. perennial | 16. Kalkelia |
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Define

1. Oasis - An Oasis is a fertile spot where underground springs water comes on the surface and form a small lake.
 2. Reservoir - It is place where water is stored by building a dam across a river.
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3. Ephemeral - It means lasting for a very short time or something that is temporary.
4. Nomads - Nomads are people who move from place to place in search of food, water and shelter.

Answer the following questions.

Q1. Write a note on sand dunes.

Ans. The sand dunes are hills of loose sand built by activity of wind. Their shapes and sizes keep on changing. Some older sand dunes are stable and may reach upto a height of 300 feet. Hot and dry winds blowing during day keep the sand dunes changing their position.

Q.2. What type of vegetation is found in the Thar Desert?

Ans. Natural Vegetation is scarce and scanty due to little rainfall. Perennial Plants of thorny and stunted shrubs are mostly found. Seasonal plants bloom only during rainy season and disappear after that. Crops includes

bajra, jowar, maize, sesame and groundnuts.

Q.3. What is the state of Rajasthan called Rangilo Rajasthan?

Ans. Rajasthan is called Rangilo Rajasthan because of people of Rajasthan have transformed the dry land into the most colourful desert in the world. It has rich and colourful culture - dresses, cuisine, folk song and dances.

Q.4. How does the Thar desert help tourism industry in India?

Ans. The Thar desert is full of sand dunes, hillocks, salt lakes, palaces and spacious havelis. Desert safaris on jeep and camel to explore the desert, forts and havelis are very popular. Jaisalmer is famous for mirror work, embroidered items, small wooden boxes and silver jewellery. Jaipur is renowned for precious and semi-precious stones.

Q5. What qualities do you think are important for people working in the desert?

Ans. Many people in the desert are nomads rearing cattle and moving from place to place in search of fodder. Some people do farming and other sell handicrafts and embroidery items. Thus they are rooted, grounded, courageous and heritage conscious.

Give Reasons -

1. Why do people prefer to settle around an oasis?

Ans. Oasis provide a reliable source of water, the soil around is fertile and provide a stable food source. It also protects from the harsh desert environment.

2. The Indira Gandhi canal has brought Green revolution in Rajasthan.

Ans. By providing water for irrigation, the canal has turned 'Thar Desert' into lush fields to grow crops like wheat, cotton, mustard.

and vegetables. It has boosted agriculture and improved the livelihood of local farmers.

Ghumar, Kalbelia, Bhavai, Drum dance and Fire dance are important dance forms.

Jodhpur, Jaisalmer & Bikaner are main cities.

Jaipur is renowned for precious and semi-precious stones.

Significance of Great Indian Desert

Jeep Safaris & Camel Safaris are popular to explore Forts & Havelis

Villages of Rajasthan are famous for protecting rich heritage.

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