

English - FA Part 2 English Chapter 12 Short Questions Test

Q1. What was the most noticeable feature of the desert city named Ghardaia?

Ans 1: Ghardaia was a desert city with numerous and stickier flies. The food was covered with flies. They followed the food to the mouth and remained stuck on the face of children constantly. The children looked as if wearing a veil of flies.

Q2. Describe Christopher's Journey through the land of Thirst and Death?

Ans 1: Between Tamanrasset and Kidal, the most dangerous stage of journey was "The land of thirst and death" that area was known for sand storms and dried up wells. Christopher and his companions had to face a storm. They could have been buried by the sand, but fortunately the storm ceased shortly.

Q3. Write a note on Christopher's Journey to Kidal?

Ans 1: While travelling to Kidal, Christopher and his companions ran short of food and water. They also came across 20 vultures there. They were anxious to eat them up when they died. Luckily they were able to reach the next water hole safely.

Q4. What happened with Christopher when he jumped barefooted from the front cabin of the truck?

Ans 1: When he jumped out of the truck barefooted, he felt as if he had jumped onto a bed of burning coals. With a scream of pain, he jumped back into the truck. Meanwhile his thirst became fiercer.

Q5. Whom did Christopher meet in Tamanrasset?

Ans 1: In Tamanrasset, Christopher made one of his most valuable contacts and met with Professor Claude, a Frenchman.

Q6. How is El-Golea different from In-Salah?

Ans 1: El-Golea was a beautiful town. It was a true oasis. There was much water available there. In Salah was barren and hot. Sand was encroaching the town. The quality of water was not good.

Q7. What is the Sahara desert situated?

Ans 1: The Sahara desert is situated in North Africa. It spreads over thirty lakh square miles and extends from the Atlantic to the Red Sea and from the Mediterranean to Central Mali, Niger, Chad and Sudan.

Q8. Give an idea of the size of the Sahara. How is it in comparison with England?

Ans 1: The full Sahara area, stretching almost the complete width of North Africa, is many times the size of Great Britain. For example, if England is placed somewhere in the desert, it will be an uphill task to find it.

Q9. In which thing Christopher travelled from Ghardaia to El Golea?

Ans 1: Christopher travelled from Ghardaia to El Golea in a heavy truck. It weighed ten tons. The road continued only for ten miles. Then the truck could not move on soft sand. They had to spread steel strips on the sand under the wheels of the trucks. Thus it was very difficult to continue the journey.

Q10. What do you know about Professor Claude Balangueron?

Ans 1: Claude Balangueron was very prominent French Professor and he had devoted himself to the service and education of the Tuareg people. He acted as Christopher's host, guide, and friend. Towards the end of his trip, he saved Christopher's life.
