

## English - FSC Part 2 English Chapter 12 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. 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 hitch-like, he saved Christopher's life.

Q2. What does hitch hiking mean?

**Ans 1:** Hitch -Hiking means to travel by using irregular modes of traveling. In the mode a traveler reaches his destination by taking free lifts from various passing vehicle.

Q3. What happened with the christopher when he jumped bare footed 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 burning coals. With a screen of pain, he jumped back into the truck. Meanwhile his thirst became fiercer.

Q4. What is Timbuktu?

**Ans 1:** It is an ancient city in the heart of French Africa. It is near the river Niger in the extreme south of Sahara Desert.

Q5. What is Sahara desert situated?

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

Q6. 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.

Q7. How did Christopher manage to get water at in Abbangarit?

**Ans 1:** In Abbangarit the well was about 275 meters away but water was 46 meters below. He took a tape recorder's wire and tied it with a teapot and lowered it in the well. This method worked and he succeeded in collecting a lot of water.

Q8. What happened with the three English men who attempted to cross the Sahara Desert?

**Ans 1:** Hanton told the story of three English men whose car got stuck into a dune. They tried to drink water from the radiator and

even the oil from the crank case. Three days later, their bodies were found dried like leaves.

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Q9. 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 town. Sand was encroaching the town, The quality of water was not good.

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Q10. How did Christopher develop interest for crossing the Sahara?

**Ans 1:** Christopher's foster mother often threatened him to send him to Timbuktu, if he does any mischief. Instead of alarming this threat created in him a keen desire and interest to see his distant place.

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