

English - ICOM Part 2 English chapter 12 Short Questions Preparation

Q1. 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.

Q2. What does hitch hiking mean?

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

Q3. What happened when Christopher mixed a little wine with water?

Ans 1: He was overcome by a strange sickness. His head started to pound. He began to shiver violently. Finally he fainted and fell down. He could not speak for an hour.

Q4. Where is situated the Timbuktu Desert?

Ans 1: Timbuktu is an ancient city in the heart of West Africa, it is near the river Niger in the extreme south of the Sahara Desert.

Q5. How did Christopher manage to get a seat in the weapon carrier?

Ans 1: Christopher showed a permit from the war ministry to join the French Foreign Legion. That permit was cancelled later but the Lieutenant did not notice it and allowed him to travel in the army vehicle.

Q6. 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.

Q7. 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.

Q8. Who was Christopher?

Ans 1: Robert Christopher was an American adventure who did hitch-hiking across the Sahara, His first adventure was to go around the world, He completed this trip with only eighty dollars.

Q9. 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.

Q10. 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.
