**L. 4 The Desert Region**

**Value: “The Desert tells a different story every time one ventures on it”**

**Text Book Activity**

**A.Tick the correct answer.**

1. c. Kaveri 2. a. sand dunes 3. b. Satluj 4. b. Jaipur

**B. Fill in the blanks**

1. Sariska, Ramthambore

2. padded

3. Oases

4. Satluj

**C. True or False**

1. False 2. False 3. False 4. False 5. False

**D. Match the following**

1. d 2. c 3. e 4. a 5. b

**Difficult words**

1. Rann of Kutch 6. Irrigation 11. Ranthambore

2. Oasis 7. Textile 12. sariska

3. sand dunes 8.forestry 13. Jaisalmer

4. blackbucks 9. Udaipur 14. Gangaur

5. sandy 10. Bikaner

**Answer the questions in brief.**

Q1. Name the two important festivals that Rajasthan people celebrate.

Ans: Gangaur and Teej are the two important festivals of Rajasthan.

Q2. Name two wildlife sanctuaries in Rajasthan.

Ans: Ranthambore, Bharatpur and Sariska are the famous wildlife sanctuaries in Rajasthan.

Q3. What are sand dunes?

Ans: Sand dunes are a low hill-like shape formed by means of the deposition of sand in the deserts. While the wind blows, it lifts and transports sand from one place to another. While it stops blowing, the sand falls and gets deposited in low hill-like systems. These are referred to as sand dunes.

Q4. Name the animals and birds we see in a desert area.

Ans: Animals and birds like camels, blackbucks, chinkara deer and the Great Indian Bustard are found in desert area.

Q4.Who are nomads?

Ans: Nomads are the people who move from one place to another in search of food and water. They are also known as Banjaras.

**Answer the following in detail**

Q1. Describe the climate of the Great Indian Desert.

Ans: In summers, the days in the desert are very hot but the nights are pleasant. In winters, the days are pleasant but the nights are very cold. This is because sand heats up quickly during the day and also cools down quickly at night. Hot and dry winds are very common here. The desert gets little or no rainfall.

Q2. Why is a camel called the ship of the desert?

Ans: Camel is called as the ship of desert as it has padded feet which help it to walk on sand. Camel can live without food and water for some days. They help people to travel, to plough lands and to draw water from wells.

Q3. How can you say life in a desert is difficult?

Ans: Life in a desert is challenging due to extreme temperatures, limited water, and scarce vegetation. The harsh climate, with scorching (very hot) days and freezing nights, makes it difficult for both humans and other living things to survive.

Q4. How did the Indira Gandhi Canal benefit Rajasthan?

Ans: The Indira Gandhi canal water has solved drinking water scarcity as well as provide water for agricultural activities in Rajasthan.

Q5. Why are human settlements located near oases? **(HOTS)**

Ans: Human settlements develop around oases because:

1) Underground water comes to the surface, Oasis also support a variety of plants and crops like date palms.

2) It also helps in water preservation and conservation in the desert regions.