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Unseen Passage

Worksheet- 1

Class – V

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions:

Legends will tell you that flamingoes are no ordinary visitors to Kutch. They were the honoured guests of King Lakho and he had forbidden the hunting of flamingoes, which came to Kutch from various parts of the world every year to breed. For centuries the region has been a heaven for the migratory bird. Today Flamingo City, an island in the middle of Rann of Kutch, known the world over as one of the breeding grounds of Greater Flamingo, is strewn with bodies of hundreds of flamingo chicks. The parents of these chicks have fled the island due to lack of food. Zooplanktons, algae and a small fish that these birds survive on are dying due to sudden increase in the salinity of the Rann waters.

One can even see dead fish floating. Flamingoes need salt- encrusted, damp mud to build the nests. The place where they build their nests has to be inaccessible to predatory cats and birds. It should also have sufficient food. The right mix of sweet and blackish water in the Rann is crucial for the proliferation of planktons and algae that the flamingoes feed on. Faced with starvation flamingoes have fled the islands leaving their chicks to fend for themselves. Till date around a thousand flamingoes have died.

A. Tick the option you consider the most appropriate.

- a. Flamingo City in Kutch is known as:
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| i. the famous habitat of flamingoes | ii. one of the main breeding ground of flamingoes |
| iii. the most suited place for the chicks of flamingoes | iv. the heaven for flamingo |
- b. Flamingoes feed on:
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| i. salt- encrusted damp mud | ii. planktons, algae and small fish |
| iii. fish | iv. none of the above. |
- c. Flamingoes have fled the island due to:
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| i. their chicks' | ii. starvation |
| iii. cats | iv. birds |
- d. Choose the correct statement:
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| i. King Lakho is a kind of a flamingo | ii. Flamingoes are not migratory birds |
| iii. The Rann contains a mixture of sweet and blackish water | iv. Flamingoes are not afraid of cats. |
- e. 'Forbidden' means:
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| i. given | ii. shared |
| iii. seen | iv. banned |

