Some Unique Places

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 54 minutes

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Show your working for Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands lie in the:
   (a) Thar Desert **(b)** Western Ghats **(c)** Arabian Sea **(d)** Bay of Bengal

2. Which of these best describes Lakshadweep?
   (a) coral islands in the Arabian Sea
   (b) a national park of untouched rainforest in Kerala
   (c) bamboo houses on stilts and the Seven Sisters
   (d) rainforest hills along the west coast

3. Which is true of the seahorse?
   (a) comes to beaches to lay its eggs
   (b) breathes air through a blowhole
   (c) lives safely among the stinging arms of sea anemones
   (d) the father carries the eggs in a pouch

4. Which of these is one of the Seven Sisters of north-east India?
   (a) Rajasthan **(b)** Punjab **(c)** Meghalaya **(d)** Haryana

5. The Western Ghats do NOT pass through:
   (a) Karnataka **(b)** Goa **(c)** Tamil Nadu **(d)** Assam

6. Where would you most likely see a clownfish in India?
   (a) on a Himalayan glacier **(b)** in a village well
   (c) in the sea around the Andaman Islands **(d)** in a hill forest of Meghalaya

7. A ship sails at 25 km an hour from the mainland to an island 325 km away. How many hours does the trip take?
   (a) 25 hours **(b)** 15 hours **(c)** 13 hours **(d)** 300 hours

8. Villagers plant mangrove saplings in 12 rows with 12 saplings in each row. How many saplings do they plant?
   (a) 132 **(b)** 156 **(c)** 24 **(d)** 144

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. What is a coral reef?

10. In which sea is each? (a) Minicoy Island (b) the Sundarbans

11. Is it one of the Seven Sisters? Write "yes" or "no": (a) Goa (b) Tripura

12. Write one special thing about each sea animal: (a) jellyfish (b) octopus

13. What is each place known for? (a) north-east India (b) Silent Valley

14. A honey collector in the Sundarbans gathers 3 kg of honey and sells it at ₹500 a kg. How much does she earn?

15. Suppose a coral grows about 1 cm a year. How many years will it take to grow 9 cm?

16. A tiger reserve had 112 tigers. After a few years, the number grew by 6. How many tigers are there now?

Section C — Word problems — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Describe life in the Sundarbans.

18. A family sails 900 km from Chennai to the Andaman Islands on a ship that goes 25 km an hour. A ticket costs ₹650 each. (a) How many hours does the trip take? (b) How much do 5 tickets cost?

19. Compare the Western Ghats and Lakshadweep: what is each known for, and how do people or animals there suit the place they live in?

20. Name the remaining Seven Sisters, if three of them are Meghalaya, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh. Why are houses there often built on stilts?

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	(d) Bay of Bengal	—
2	(a) coral islands in the Arabian Sea	—
3	(d) the father carries the eggs in a pouch	—
4	(c) Meghalaya	—
5	(d) Assam	—
6	(c) in the sea around the Andaman Islands	—
7	(c) 13 hours	325 ÷ 25 = 13
8	(d) 144	12 × 12 = 144
9	A rocky structure in warm, shallow sea built up by tiny sea animals called corals; many sea animals live there.	—
10	(a) Arabian Sea (b) Bay of Bengal	—
11	(a) no (b) yes	—
12	(a) has a soft, see-through body that can sting (b) has eight arms	—
13	(a) bamboo houses on stilts and the Seven Sisters (b) a national park of untouched rainforest in Kerala	—
14	₹1,500	3 × 500 = 1500
15	9 years	9 ÷ 1 = 9
16	118 tigers	112 + 6 = 118
17	The Sundarbans are a huge mangrove forest where rivers meet the sea. Trees grow in salty mud with breathing roots. Royal Bengal tigers, crocodiles and many birds live there. People fish, collect honey and travel by boat, and the mangroves protect them from storms.	—
18	(a) 36 hours (b) ₹3,250	900 ÷ 25 = 36; 5 × 650 = 3250

Q	Answer	Working
19	**the Western Ghats: rainforest hills along the west coast. Lakshadweep: coral islands in the Arabian Sea. Any sensible way of life for each, for example mangrove roots that breathe, boats for travel, stilt houses against floods, or reefs that shelter fish.**	—
20	**Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura. Stilts keep homes dry above heavy rain, floods and damp ground (and away from animals).**	—