

## Chapter 7: The Land of Sand : Saudi Arabia

### Assessment Zone :

#### I. Tick the correct option:

1. b

2. b

3. c

4. b

5. d

#### II. Fill in the blanks :

1. Islam

2. Camel

3. Mecca

4. Oman, Yemen

5. Red Sea

#### III. Circle the odd one out.

a. Dubai

b. Snow Leopard

c. Pakistan

#### d. Sunflower

#### IV. Answer in brief:

1. Patches of vegetation near small openings of underground water in a desert are called Oasis.
2. The neighbouring countries of Saudi Arabia are: Kuwait, Iraq and Jordan in the north; Qatar, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the east and Oman and Yemen in the south.
3. The continuous bodies of sandy hills which move with the winds are called sand dunes.
4. Saudi Arabia is a monarchy and is therefore, headed by a king
5. Saudi Arabia is a part of the Arabian Peninsula located in south-west Asia.

#### V. Answer the following questions :

1. Saudi men wear long loose cotton robes called thawb. They protect their head from the sun and dust by a head covering called ghutra. Women wear long robes called abaya and cover their faces with a veil.
2. Bedouins are mostly hunters and herders. They make clothes from animal skin and exchange animals and goods for food and water.
3. Cacti, date palm and thorny bushes are some plants which grow in this region. Several crops like date palm, rice, vegetables, wheat and barley can be grown near oases. Animals which live in this region are rats, lizards, spiders, snakes, etc. which protect themselves from extreme heat by living in burrows.
4. Saudi Arabia has several old and new cities. Cities have

modern facilities, good transport system, buildings and offices. Riyadh is the capital city as well as the most populous city. Jeddah, another important city, is one of the busiest ports of this region. The cities of Mecca and Medina are the main centres of pilgrimage for Muslims around the world.

5. Saudi Arabian cities have all modern means of transportation. Rail transport is not well established due to the sandy terrain. The country is well-connected to different parts of the world by air and sea route.