

MODEL QUESTION 12

A: Seen Part

Read the text and answer questions 1 and 2:

River gypsies are an ethnic group in Bangladesh. They are known as bedey to local people. The gypsies have their own lifestyle and culture. They live in groups and do not own any land. Therefore, they live a nomadic life travelling from one place to another. These people roam across our rivers and waters from May to December in small country boats. These boats are their houses and these people are a part of our waters. In winter, many water bodies dry up. At that time they return to the mainland and live in makeshift tarpaulin tents on open river banks. You can see their men relaxing in the tents. Toddlers play with dogs or other pets in the dust. Women often idle away time by hair doing, picking off lice in twos or threes sitting in a row. Throughout the monsoon, they remain busy with fishing. They also dive for natural pearls in waters. Sometimes, they camp for a couple of weeks. Men catch snakes and entertain people with snake charming and sell herbal cures. Women go from door to door to sell bangles, cosmetics and other things. They also try to heal pains of old people often by sucking out blood from their body. Many villagers believe in the magical power of the gypsies. They can an evil spirit leave someone's body by magic or special Powers.

1. Choose the correct answer to each question from the alternatives given and write the corresponding number of the answers in your answer script. 1x7=7

- a. The term '**ethnic**' is connected with _____
- i) people ii) plants. iii) animals. iv) fishes.
- b. River gypsies roam around on their boats about _____ months a year.
- i) six ii) seven iii) eight iv) nine
- c. River gypsies live in tents in _____
- i) summer. li) winter. lli) monsoon. lV) spring.
- d. The term '**nomadic**' refers to a person _____
- i) living permanently at a place. ii) travelling from place to place.
iii) living in one's own house. iv) living in a rented house.
- e. The word **gypsy** means _____
- (i) valuable jewelry (ii) a smooth lustrous inside the shell of oyster
(iii) valuable things (iv) platinum shell
- f. The word **tarpaulin** means _____
- (i) water proof canvass (ii) fire proof canvass (iii) water bodies (iv) jewelry
- g. The word **special** is a/an _____
- (i) noun (ii) adjective (iii) adverb (iv) verb



- h. The word **tent** means _____
- (i) room (ii) camp (iii) house (iv) inn
- i. The word **Toddlers** means _____
- (i) little children (ii) adult boys (iii) infants (iv) small girls
- j. The word **monsoon** refers to text _____
- (i) summer season (ii) rainy season (iii) spring season (iv) winter season
- k. Which statement is correct?
- (i) The river gypsies have no language (ii) The river gypsies have no religion
- (iii) The river gypsies have no land (iv) The river gypsies have no culture
- l. river gypsies live a _____ life.
- (i) poor (ii) different (iii) cultured (iv) nomadic
- m. The word **dive** means _____
- (i) deep (ii) dip (iii) drive (iv) dig
- n. The word **herbal** means _____
- (i) creation (ii) medicine (iii) heir (iv) creeper
- o. The word **sucking** means _____
- (i) assimilate (ii) silt (iii) imbibing (iv) combined
- p. The word **evil** means _____
- (i) evaluation (ii) veil (iii) devilish (iv) devil
- q. The word **spirit** means _____
- (i) drink (ii) spiritual (iii) solo (iv) soul
- r. The word **roam** means _____
- (i) walk (ii) drive (iii) dive (iv) move from one place to another
- s) The word '**heal**' means _____
- (i) hill (ii) cure (iii) carve (iv) prevent
- t) The word '**cures**' means _____
- (i) capabilities (ii) curious (iii) medicines (iv) remedies

u) The word 'row' means _____

- (i) line (ii) ray (iii) shine (iv) rope

v) In winter, the gypsy men relax _____

- (i) in the tents (ii) in the boats (iii) in the open space (iv) in houses

w) They can drive the evil spirit away by _____

- (i) herbal medicine (ii) sucking blood (iii) magic powers (iv) other things

x) 'Waterbodies' refers to _____ in the passage.

- (i) rivers (ii) canals (iii) swamps (iv) all the above

y) River gypsies are _____ in Bangladesh.

- (i) an ancient group (ii) a modern group (iii) a racial group (iv) a migrated group

z) During dry season, the women — away their time.

- (i) busy (ii) pass (iii) idle (iv) run

ea) The antonym of **idle** is _____

- (i) active (ii) dormant (iii) inert (iv) latent

eb) The antonym of **charming** is _____

- (i) alluring (ii) repelling (iii) captivating (iv) luring

2. Answer the following questions from your reading of the above text.

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a) Who are river gypsies? How do they live?

b) What do river gypsies do in winter?

c) What do river gypsy men do for a living?

d) What do river gypsy women do for a living?

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