



MODEL QUESTION 15

Unit: 8, lesson: 4

Read the following passage and answer the questions following it:

Lake Baikal is the deepest and one of the biggest and most ancient lakes of the world. It is situated almost in the center of Asia. Lake Baikal is a gigantic bowl set 445 meter above sea level. This grand, enormous, unusual and charming miracle of nature is located in the south of Eastern Siberia, in the Buryat Autonomous Republic and region of Irkutsk, Russia.

The lake covers 31,500 sq.km. It is 636 km long and an average of 48 km wide. The widest point of the lake is 79.4 km. The water basin occupies 557,000 sq. km. and contains 23,000 cu.km.(cubic kilometer) of water, which is about one fifth of the world's reserves fresh surface water. The average water level in the lake is never higher than 456m. The average depth of Lake Baikal is 730 m., and its maximum depth in the middle is 1,620 m. It would take about one year for all the rivers of the world to fill Baikal's basin, and would take four hundred years for all the rivers, streams and brooks now flowing into Siberian lake-sea to do the same.

There are hot springs in the surrounding area of Lake Baikal. The quality of the water of these springs is excellent. The lake acts as a powerful generator and bio filter producing this water. Baikal is a stormy lake. Autumn is the most stormy time. The wind blows various directions.

The weather depends on the wind. If it is blowing from the north, the weather is bright and sunny. The water of the lake looks green and dark blue. But if the winds get stronger, Baikal turns black, waves rising high with white crest. The beauty of Lake Baikal is exceptional.

1. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

1 × 7 = 7

a) Which of the following has the closest meaning of the word '**gigantic**' used in the passage?

- i. tremendous ii. hug iii. tiny iv. miniature

b) Which of the following words describes '**miracle**' best?

- i. marvelous ii. murmur iii. excellent iv. theurgy

c) Which of the following words describes '**Autonomous**' best?

- i. self-confident ii. Self-explanatory iii. self-restraint iv. Self-sacrificed

d) Which of the following words describes '**occupies**' best?

- i. dug ii. Rent iii. grabs iv. Ply

e) Which of the following words describes '**surface**' best?

- i. survival ii. periphery iii. philosophy iv. Predictors

- f) Which of the following words describes '**brooks**' best?
- i. creeks ii. rivers iii. oceans iv. seas
- g) Which of the following words describes '**waves**' best?
- i. wires ii. ripples iii. wears iv. wounds
- h) Which of the following words describes '**crest**' best?
- i. fire ii. hill iii. peak iv. low
- (i) The word '**brook**' means _____
- i. a small drain ii. a small canal iii. a small stream iv. a small river
- (j) In this passage, the phrase "**white crest**" indicates _____
- i. the highest line of a hill ii. white feathers of birds iii. white top iv. white cream
- (k) In the passage, the phrase "**miracle of nature**" stands for _____
- i. the scenario around Lake Baikal ii. wonderful creation of nature
iii. the hot springs around Lake Baikal iv. Lake Baikal itself
- (l) What do you understand by the phrase "fresh surface water"?
- i. unpolluted river water ii. fresh sea water iii. fresh drinking water iv. non-salty surface water
- (m) What does the expression, '**Lake Baikal is a gigantic bowl**' mean?
- i. Lake Baikal is more pint-sized than any other lake
ii. Lake Baikal is one of the most miniature lakes
iii. It is a very big container (of water)
iv. Lake Baikal is the smallest lake in shape.
- (n) What is the main purpose of the author of this passage?
- i. To make the readers known about Lake Baikal
ii. To make the readers known about the Himalayas
iii. To get introduced the Buryat Autonomous Republic
iv. To draw the traits of the north wind of lake
- (o) It is said "**Baikal is a stormy lake**". What does it mean by this sentence?
- i. A cyclone is produced from the center of the lake.
ii. The wind blows in various directions in Autumn.
iii. The weather is blowing from the south.



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iv. The wind relies on the weather

(p) What does the expression "The beauty of lake Baikal is exceptional" mean'?

- i. The lake is different from other lakes contaminated
- ii. The lake is not a lake.
- iii. The lake is same as other lakes
- iv. The lake is like other lakes

(q) What is the meaning of this sentence 'The quality of the water of these springs is excellent'?

- i. The water is contaminated
- ii. The water is drinkable
- iii. The water is polluted
- iv. The water is salty

(r) "There are hot springs in the surrounding area of Lake Baikal". Here the meaning of **spring** is _____

- i. season
- ii. stream
- iii. fountain
- iv. small river

2. Answer the following questions.

2 × 5 = 10

- a) Where is Lake Baikal situated?
- b) What is the area of Lake Baikal?
- c) What kind of lake is Lake Baikal?
- d) How is the weather of Lake Baikal?
- e) Give a short description of Lake Baikal.

Have you ever thought of a very delicate career? Have you dreamt of a rosy environment full of colour and fragrance? How much would you love it if you were placed in a house full of flowers to deal all day? I'm just going to give you some clues for a way of business, a job. Yes. Daises, violets, tulips, marigolds, dahlias, bellies, jasmines, roses and all those things of beauty can also earn you a living if you handle them professionally. In fact, a florist's career is rather a good choice as an unconventional job for many around the world. Wherever you see eye-catching floral displays, you actually see the professional performance of a floral designer. They are also known as florists and they create superb arrangements with flowers. Using both real and artificial flowers with other greeneries, florists prepare flower displays for a variety of events such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, marriage days, Valentine's Day, official receptions and even funerals. Every flower is with its distinct colour, design, significance and meaning which flower designers have to know well. There are conventions and significance associated with flowers. We know that conventionally roses are meant for romance and anniversaries and tulips for birthdays. Although formal education or a diploma is not always essential, florists must have a good taste, good eye for colours, shapes and proportion. They have to have good sense for selecting flowers, ribbons and other accessories to make beautiful arrangements. Professional florists are knowledgeable about not only flowers but also designs and techniques. Most florists learn the trade mainly through apprenticeship in a previous flower farming job and also by attending formal floral schools and courses. However, a true passion for flowers and a bit of aesthetic sense are all that can make a florist's career successful. Flower designers earn fairly

handsome money. But the bonus is that they belong to a fresh fun job. They work in flowers all day long in a nice atmosphere with fresh air, pleasant smells and vivid colours around. But there is a disadvantage too, if you are inclined to see so. Florists deal with flowers, but miss their honey!

3. From your reading of the above passage, fill in the blank with suitable word. 1 × 5 = 5

Career as a florist is rather a good (a)_____. It is an unconventional job. The use of flower is (b)_____ day by day throughout the country. People are using flowers in (c)_____ programmes. Flowers bloom for others. Flower never takes anything in (d)_____ of its outstanding role. It is a great opportunity for a florist that he can pass his day in a nice atmosphere with (e)_____ air and fragrance.

