

Vocabulary

V. 1 Fill in the blanks using the words in the bracket.

(enchanting, travelogue, alluring, stunned, miraculous, panoramic)

Once we visited the natural park. We were **stunned**, when we looked a view **panoramic** of nature. It was really **enchanting** . The flowers were so **alluring** that we can't avoid touching. It has a **miraculous** effect on me that I wrote a **travelogue** on it.

V. 2 Here is a list of words. Find out the sentences in which they are used and understand their meanings.

Vibrant, splendid, alluring, enchanting, miraculous, diversity, magnificent

(1) vibrant - lively

It is a vibrant and splendid national park

(2) splendid - fine

It is a vibrant and splendid national park

(3) alluring - attractive

This alluring place is known as the Valley of Flowers

(4) enchanting - captivating, attractive

Writers and poets have written essays, travelogues and poems on the enchanting beauty of this place.

Type equation here.

(5) miraculous - amazing

They prescribed 'sanjeevani' -a miraculous medicinal plant found only in the Himalayas.

(6) diversity – variety

It is designated as a centre of plant diversity,

(7) magnificent – grand

This is the best time to explore

Comprehension

C.1 Check these facts about the Valley of Flowers [VF]. Mark true or false.

1. the VF is a National Heritage Park. **[False]**
2. The VF is a very interesting place for the botanists. **[True]**
3. Hanuman brought sanjeevani plant from the VF. **[True]**
4. The Govindghat is the gateway of the VF. **[True]**
5. The river Pushpavati is 6kms long. **[True]**
6. We can see the snow leopards and the snow pigeons in the VF. **[True]**
7. The plant and flowers in the VF are just for beauty. **[False]**
8. Diwali vacation is a suitable time for trekking in the VF. **[False]**

C.2 Complete the table using information from the text.

WELCOME TO THE VALLEY OF FLOWERS

Official name	Nanda Devi and Valley of Powers National Park
Location	Near Ghaghariya town, Chamoli district, Uttarakhand
Area	87.5 square kilometres
Important dates	1. 1931 - Accidentally discovered by three British mountaineers 2. 1982-Declared as a National Park 3. 1988-Included in the World Heritage Site
Flowers	magnolia fern, brahmkamal, sunflower, vajradanti, ajwayan, blue poppies, kanphuliya, sallampanja, bantsa, balsam, bariti, haldiphool mow leopards, grey langurs, Himalayan black bears, red foxes, Himalayan weasels. k deer, ghorals, thars, bharals or blue sheep. flying squirrels. Himalayan valhures, yellow and red billed choughs, koklass pheasants, monal pheasants, yellow-nape woodpeckers, blue throated barbets and snow pigeons and reptiles, butterflies and other insects
Wild life	now leopards, grey langurs, Himalayan black bears, and fos, Himal musk deer, ghorals, thars, bharals or blue sheep Dying vultures, yellow and red billed chough, koklas en was Aliyan yellow-nape woodpecker blue throated barbet and butterflies and other insects
Months for visit	July, August, September
Major attractions	Himalayan vultures. yellow and red billed choughs, koklass pheasants, monal pheasants, yellow-nape wood peckers, blue throated barbets and snow pigeons

C. 3 Answer these questions.

1.Why is the beauty of VF called 'dreamlike'?

- The beauty of the VF is called 'dreamlike' because the emerald mountains, green meadows, white clouds and colourful patches of flowers create a panoramic view.

2. What tempts photographers to VF?

- The huge variety of alpine flowers that make the valley colourful attract photographers to the VF

3. How would you reach the VF from Ahmedabad?

- I would take a train to Rishikesh. From there, I would go up to Govindghat by road. The trek of the VF starts from Govindghat.

4. What is the connection between the VF and the Ramayan?

- It is said that when Lakshmana became unconscious in the battle with Ravana, Rama called the Ashwinikumars - the heavenly healers. They prescribed sanjeev mrcou plant found only in the Himalayas. That place was the VF.

5. How did the VF get its name?

- In 1031 three British mountaineers accidentally reached this beautiful valley. They were stunned by the variety and colour of flowers. So they named it Valley of Flowers.

6. Why are plants and flowers in the VF important?

- Many of the plants and flowers in the VF are rare and endangered. There are many medicinal plants, too. So they are important in the VF.

7. Make a list of phrases describing the beauty of the VF.

- Emerald mountains, green meadows, white clouds and colourful patches of flowers create a panoramic view. 2. Dewdrops on flowers, the rhythmic sound of water, rich flora and fauna, and delightful breeze of cool air are waiting for you.

Language Practice

L. 1 Read the conversations given below.

Conversation : 1

A : **Where** are you going?

B : I am going to Ahmedabad

A : **Why** are you going?

B : I have a function to attend at Ahmedabad.

A : **When** are you going?

B : Tomorrow morning.

A : And **how** have you planned to go there?

B: By train.

A : And **when** will you be back?

B : hmmm ... a day after tomorrow. But **why** are you inquiring so much?

A : Actually, I need your bike.

Conversation : 2

A: Hello!

B :Hi!

A : **What** are your plans for tomorrow evening?

B : Thinking of going for a movie.

A : **Which** one?

B: That's a surprise. You just be ready.

A : Alright. But tell me, **what** time are we going?

B : A night show. Around 9 o'clock.

A : OK. And **how** should we reach the place?

B : I will pick you up from your home.

A : That's great. **Who** else is joining us?

B: Your teacher. My father!

3. Now complete the conversation using your imagination.

A: Hi! What are you doing B:Hi! Nothing special. I was just ?

B: thinking about exams.

A: When is it ?

B: From next week most probably.

A:OK. By the way what is the assignment given in maths ?

B: To memorize the exam dates.

A: What?

B:I am just kidding



L.2 Put a tick mark against the correct question:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where he is going? <input type="checkbox"/> • Where is going he? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why worried are you? <input type="checkbox"/> • Why are you worried? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When you are going to pay the electricity bill? <input type="checkbox"/> • When are going to pay you the electricity bill? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which one is your cycle? [✓] • Which one your cycle is? [] 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why you look so anxious? [] • Why do you look so anxious ? [✓] • Why so much anxious you look? []
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L. 3 Frame 'wh-' questions as shown in the examples.

Example : (when I you I go to school?)

When do you go to school?

1. (what I you I do?)

What do you do?

2. (where/ you/ live?)

Where do you live ?

3. (where/ Rajesh I come from?)

Where does Rajesh come from?

4. (when I you I go to bed?)

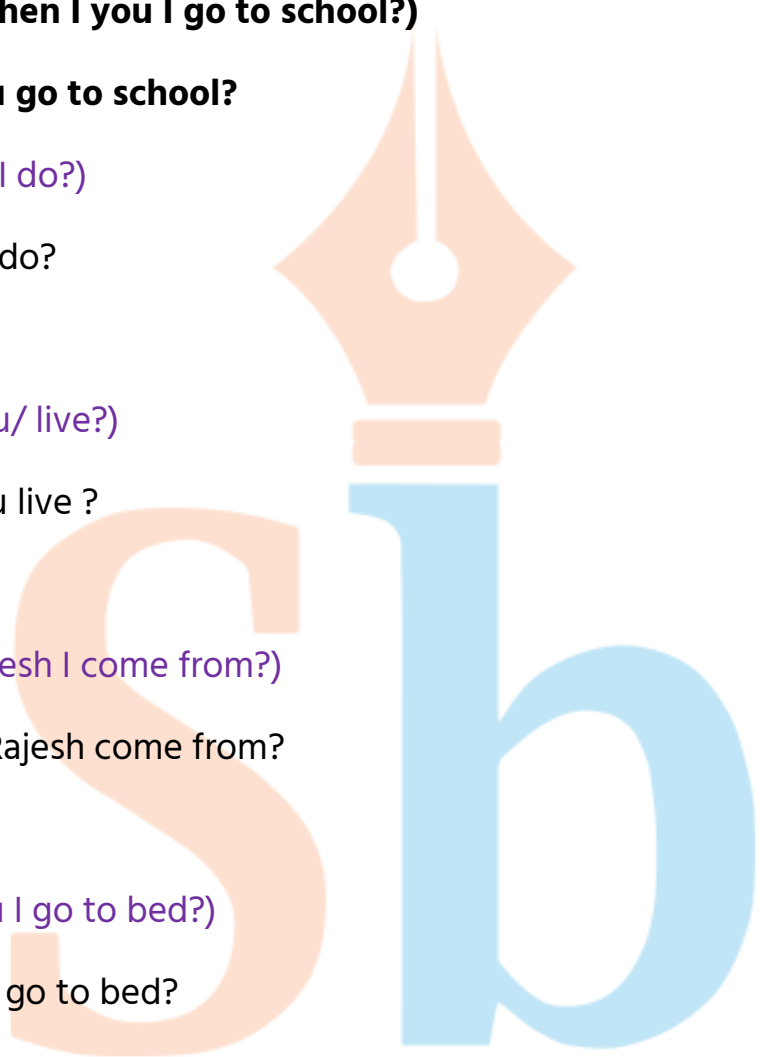
When do you go to bed?

5. (when I Rajesh I come back home?)

When does Rajesh come back home

6. (how often I he I go for movies?)

How often does he go for movies?



7. (how often/ he/ study English?)

How often does he study English?

8. (why/ he I seem worried?)

Why does he seem so worried ?

L. 4 What would you say in these situations?

You happen to meet a new person in a family gathering. Ask him (i.e. where he works. i.e ... Where do you work?)

1. You want to know the number of holidays in the current month. Ask your friend.

➤ How many holidays do we have thiN month ?

2.You are looking for your friend at a theatre. At last you make a call and ask him about his location

➤ Where are you sitting? OR In which row are you sitting?

3) You have forgotten the date of your exams.

➤ Ask your friend. When do our exams begin ?

(4) You had given your bicycle to your friend. And now you are looking for it in parking Ask him about it

➤ Where have you parked my bicycle?

(5) You want to know where your teacher is. Ask your friend

➤ Where is our teacher?

L. 5 A popular host of a quiz programme, Amitabh, is answering the questions. Fill in the gaps with the appropriate words given in the brackets.

(how far, how long, how often, how many, what, what, what kind, when, where, who)

	<u>Quiz Master</u>	<u>Amitabh</u>
1	Where is Garampani sanctuary situated?	In Assam
2	What is the science studies insects known as? That	Entomology
3	Who was an Italian astronomer who discovered the telescope?	Galileo
4	When was the battle of Plassey fought	In 1757
5	How long is a game of kabaddi?	40 minutes
6	How often are the Olympic games held?	Every 4 years
7	Which player has scored the most runs in a single	Brian Lara
8	Which folk dance form is associated with Punjab?	Bhangra
9	Who is the father of English Poetry?	Chaucer
10	How many centimetres are there in a foot ?	30 cms.

Writing

W. 1 Write a paragraph on: The Natural place I like most. Focus on these points.

Place, how to reach there, major attractions, reason for your liking, your memories of visiting that place

The Natural Place I Like the Most'

Hingolgadh Sanctuary is a natural place I like the most. It is located in Jasdan Taluka of Rajkot District. It is just 180 km away from Ahmadabad. Monsoon and winter are the best seasons to visit this beautiful place.

I visited this sanctuary during the Diwali holidays. It has a large forest area, with a variety of trees like gorad, vikalo, baval and gugal. The area is hilly and rocky. The sanctuary gets full of life during rainy season with beautiful shades of green colour all around and the area buzzing with life.

You can see animals like the chinkara, nilgai, Indian porcupine, Indian hare, mongoose, wolf, hyena, jackal, etc. There are 230 species of birds. The whole sanctuary is filled with the chirping of birds. There are bulbuls and weaver birds also. There are 19 species of snakes of which 3 are venomous and 16 non venomous. In fact, there is a snake house and a cactii house, too.

The area was declared as a 'Private Forest' in 1973 and a 'Wildlife Sanctuary' in the year 1980 and has been given special protection since then. In 1984, the management was handed over to GEER (Gujarat Ecological Education and Research) Foundation, Gandhinagar. It holds a 3-day nature camp for students.

I learnt a lot about nature, ecology, birds and animals, hill-slopes, soil and soil erosion, soil depth, etc. The sanctuary is popularly known as Hingolgadh Nature Education Sanctuary as nature education is one of the basic objectives of its management.

W. 2 Write a letter to your friend insisting on visiting the VF. Use details from the text and C.2.

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Dear Raj.

How are you ? How was your summer vacation ?

I am writing this letter to tell you about my visit to the Valley of Flowers during my summer holidays.

The Valley of Flowers is located near Ghaghariya town in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand. It is about 300 km north of Rishikesh, near Badrinath. You can go by road to Govindghat and from there the track of this Valley starts

The Valley range All you can see is flowers and flowers all around. Emerald mountain green meadows, white clouds and coloured flowers It is so amazing- so magical The Valley of Flowers has a variety of flowers and plants. There are 600 species of magnolia, 30 species of ferns and 62 species of sunflower. Other beautiful flowers are : vajradanti, ajwain, blue poppies, kanphuliya, sallampanja, banisi,

balsam, bariti, haldiphoool, etc, The botanists have discovered 58 new plants, many of which are rare and endangered. There are many medicinal plants also. Brahma Kamal is the most famous flower for medical use and as a religious offering to the Goddesses-Nanda Devi and Sunanda Devi



The park is also rich in fauna. There are 13 species of endangered mammals. You can see snow leopards, grey langur, Himalayan black bears, red foxes, Himalayan weasels, musk deer, ghorals, thars, bharale or blue sheep, flying squirrels, etc.

Moreover 114 species of birds are seen in this park. The main attractions are Himalayan Vultures, yellow and red billed choughs, koklass pheasants, monal pheasant, yellow-nape woodpeckers, blue throated barbets and snow pigeons. There are several varieties of reptiles, butterflies and other insects too.

The Valley remains covered with thick blanket of snow during winter. It is in full bloom during July, August and September. This is the best time to visit the valley. Raj, you must visit this enchanting valley. Dewdrops on flowers, the rhythm sound of water, rich flora and fauna, and

cool breeze are waiting for you. Write to me soon. My love and regards to all at home. Your loving friend,

Nisha

W. 3 Plan a one day picnic to a nearby place. Work in a group of four, discuss with your group members and write the planning in a dialogue form.

You can begin like this:

Kandarp : Friends, hurrah! tomorrow is a holiday.

Rahim : What shall we do tomorrow?

Nisarg : Shall we plan for a picnic?

Firoz :That's a great idea. Where shall we go?

Now complete this dialogue

Let's go to the Indroda Park.

Rahim: Oh, yes! That's a good idea.

Nisarg :Yes. I enjoy watching the animals in this nature park.

Firoz : And there is a botanical garden, too. I want to see that.

Kandarp: Sure. We will spend the whole day and see the zoo, the botanical garden and also the skeletons of blue whales and a dolphin.

Rahim : Wow ! That's amazing. I will bring my camera. I would love to click options. 1. The Valley of Flowers is at the height the pictures to make this trip memorable

Hisar True. And I will bring some books that I have on wildlife and plant kingdom

Firoz I have a book written by Salim Ali on birds I will bring that

Kandarp Great idea And I will bring my sketch book with me

Rahim That's all OK But what about snacks?

Nisarg We all will bring something to eat. Firoz And how will we go there?

Kandarp By bus, of course, Rahim Yes, that's a good idea. We will start at 9 am and come back by 4 pm Let's all share our plans with our parents and take their permission.

Nisarg Yes. So the trip is final. Please bring some cash, too. We will need money for bus tickets and entry fee.

All Yes. Let's enjoy our holiday nature!

