Chapter- 5

To the Amazon

STUDY NOTES

AT A GLANCE

1) This story is based on an expedition to the Amazon.
2) Two brothers Suleiman and Zaid are having conversation on it.
3) Zaid is the elder one, who is an explorer and is ready for an adventurous expedition.
4) The expedition is on travelling across the world's largest river.
5) It is the Amazon River in the continent of South America.
6) The Amazon originates from the Andes Mountains and is almost 6400 kms long.
7) It looks like almost a sea.
8) According to Zaid, Amazon is located to the right of the equator.
9) Almost every day it experiences rainfall.
10) The design of the river is as a saucer.
11) Hence, all the rain water gets collected in the Amazon River.
12) The Amazon River is surrounded by the thick rainforests.
13) The trees there are very close to each other, so flow of water is very slow.
14) There are no roads and bridges, hence people have to rely on pack rafts, canoes and boats.
15) Suleiman is very much excited to know more about the Amazon River.
16) Zaid takes the help of internet to make his brother gather information about the Amazon.
17) Kapok Tree is the biggest tree in the Amazon Rainforest.
18) The leaves of Kapok Trees are very large.
19) The height of the tree is almost 200 feet.
20) Water Lilies in Amazon Rainforest are about 3 metres wide.
21) Suleiman is excited to know how Zaid would reach Amazon and what type of life he would have there.
22) In Amazon Rainforest there are about 3,000 different varieties of fruit trees.
23) Only 200 types among them are edible.
24) Suleiman urged his brother to bring some photographs about different birds and animals that he sees there.
25) Amazon is home to the largest number of animal and bird species.
26) Zaid shows a number of spectacular pictures which holds the attention of Suleiman.
27) There are over 300 different types of fish in the Amazon River.

28) Piranhas, the flesh eating are one of them.

29) To save himself from the bite of the insects Zaid has ordered 20 bottles of medicated cream.

30) There are around 2 million species of insects found in that place.

31) At the end Zaid is all set to go on the expedition for almost duration of about 1 year.

<u>Get Going</u>

A. Let us find the answers from the text.

    1) Fill in the blanks with the correct options.

      a) The Amazon River is almost <u>6,400</u> kilometers long.

      b) The Kapok Tree grows up to <u>200</u> feet at times.

      c) Over <u>3,000</u> varieties of fruits grow in the Amazon Rainforest.

    2) Answer these questions.

      a) Name the countries through which the Amazon river flows.
Ans) The Amazon river along its course flows through Peru, Brazil, Venezuela, Ecuador and Bolivia

      b) What surrounds the Amazon river?
Ans) The Amazon river is surrounded by a thick rainforest called the Amazon Rainforest.

      c) Why is Zaid planning to carry several bottles of medicated cream with him?
Ans) Zaid needs several bottles of medicated cream in order to deal with the insects such as scorpions, ticks and spiders that are found in large numbers in the forest.

B) Let us read between the lines.

1) Why do you think there are so many species of birds and animals in the Amazon forest?
Ans) There are so many different species of birds and animals in the Amazon Rainforest because the forest provides food and shelter to animals and birds and acts as a shield against human encroachment and poaching.

    2) What is Zaid's dream?
Ans) As Zaid is an explorer and is about to go on an expedition trip, I feel exploring Amazon might be his dream.

C) Let us go beyond the text.

1) 'Well, there will be difficulties, but that is what all the fun is about, Suleiman!' What does this tell us about Zaid?

Ans) It tells us that Zaid is a brave and adventurous boy.

Listening and Speaking Junction

Listen to the conversation between two friends and complete the table.

Name of the person	Place visited	Activity	Food
Neha	Tarkarli Beach, Maharastra	1) She and her family enjoyed adventure sports like snorkeling and Scuba diving. 2) They made a huge sand castle on the beach and decorated it with shells. 3) They went on boat rides to see dolphins and starfish.	They had local food, mainly rice and fish. They enjoyed the Malvani style preparations of surmai. Bangda, pomfret and crabs.
Michael	Jaisalmer, Rajasthan	1) Michael and his family went for camping. 2) They rode a camel across the desert to see the sunset. 3) They enjoyed sitting around a campfire, watching folk dancers	They relished the delicious food like daal baati churma, gatte ki sabzi and kachori.

		and singers perform.	

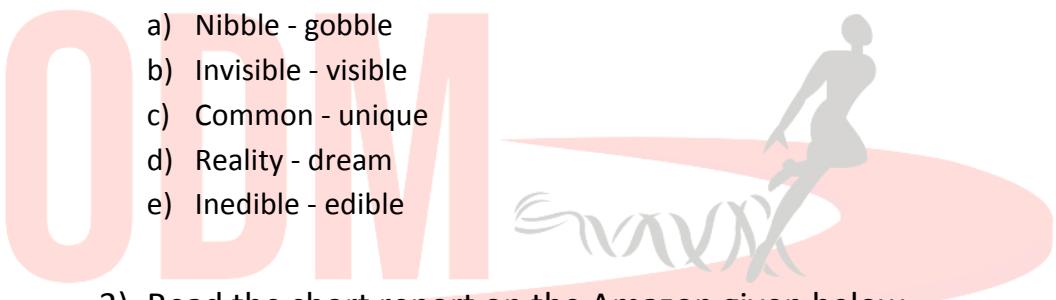VOCABULARY JUNCTION

1) Match the synonyms.
   a) Desire   Wish
   b) Naughty   Mischievous
   c) Hard   Difficult
   d) Happy   Cheerful
   e) Great   Wonderful

2) Find the antonyms of these words from the text.
   a) Nibble - gobble
   b) Invisible - visible
   c) Common - unique
   d) Reality - dream
   e) Inedible - edible

3) Read the short report on the Amazon given below.

> The Amazon is a great place for an **exciting** adventure expedition. It is the largest river in the world. It is **located** right at the equator. The Amazon is surrounded by a **thick** rainforest. There are no roads or bridges in the forest. Explorers have to **rely** on pack rafts, canoes and boats to travel across the Amazon. The Kapok Tree is the biggest tree species in the Amazon forest. The Amazonian water lily has very large leaves. Water lilies with leaves as wide as 3 meters have been **spotted** by explorers. There are over 3,000 varieties of fruits that grow in the rainforest.

Replace the words in bold in the passage above with their synonyms from the box and complete the report given below.

The Amazon is a great place for a <u>thrilling</u> adventure expedition. It is the largest river in the world. It is <u>situated</u> right at the equator. The Amazon is surrounded by a <u>dense</u> rainforest. There are no roads and bridges in the forest. Explorers have to <u>depend</u> on pack rafts, canoes and boats to travel across the Amazon. The Kapok Tree is the biggest tree in the

Amazon Rainforest. The Amazonian water lily has very large leaves. Water lilies with leaves as wide as 3 metres have been <u>sighted</u> by explorers. There are over 3,000 varieties of fruits that grow in the rainforest.

GRAMMAR JUNCTION

1) Select the appropriate option from the brackets to complete each sentence.

   a) If Manoj falls ill, we <u>might have to change</u> our plans.
   b) I <u>will have finished </u>my homework by 5 o'clock.
   c) We are <u>going to learn</u> about the Amazon Rainforest today.
   d) They <u>are about to go </u>out for dinner in half an hour.
   e) Ritesh is going to the Himalayas. He <u>will be trekking</u> many miles!

2) Complete the conversations using going to and the clues given in the brackets. One has been done for you.

   Sheena: What are you doing this weekend?
   Rima: (grandmother's house) <u>I am going to my grandmother's house.</u>
   a) Joe: What are all those pots and plants for?
      Mother: (build, garden) I am going to build a garden in the open space.
   b) Father: Why are you taking that big bag?
      Mother: (buy, vegetables) I am going to buy vegetables from the market.
   c) Raju: Can I borrow your colouring pencils?
      Swati: (no, art exam) No, I am sorry. I am going to appear my Art exam.
   d) Yugansh: Tarun, are you not coming for Shyam's birthday party?
      Tarun: (yes, but first, gift) Yes, but at first, I am going to buy a gift for him.

3) Use will/won't and the clues given in brackets to make predictions about the future.

   a) Shriya: The teacher is in a good mood. (class, think)
      Ans) I think the English class today will be a lot of fun.
   b) Ramya looks tired. (race, probably)
      Ans) Ramya won't be able to win the race probably.

c) We worked very hard.(trophy, hope)

Ans) Let us hope that the team will win the trophy.

d) It is cloudy. (rain, think)

Ans) I think it will rain today.

e) The roads are bad. (trip, think)

Ans) I think the trip will take an extra hour than we expected.

WRITING JUNCTION

Study the fact file of Amazon and pick a place of your choice and create a similar fact file.

NB – To be done by the student