

CHAPTER-8 | How the Land Becomes Sacred

QUIZ
PART-05

1. Mountains are often seen as a bridge between —
A. Earth and heaven
B. markets and ports
C. kings and soldiers
D. villages and cities only (A)

Explanation : Mountains symbolize connection between the earthly and divine worlds.

2. Earlier pilgrimages to hilltop temples were difficult and tested —
A. strength and devotion
B. wealth only
C. political skill
D. language ability (A)

Explanation : Difficult routes made pilgrimage a test of faith and endurance.

3. Which tree is sacred in Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, and Jainism?
A. Mango
B. Neem
C. Peepul
D. Coconut (C)

Explanation : The Peepul or Bodhi tree is sacred across several Indian traditions.

4. The botanical name of Peepul is —
A. Ficus religiosa
B. Mangifera indica
C. Azadirachta indica
D. Rosa indica (A)

Explanation : Ficus religiosa means the sacred or religious fig tree.

5. The Mohenjo-daro seal shows leaves of which tree?
A. Peepul tree
B. Neem tree
C. Banana tree
D. Banyan tree only (A)

Explanation : The seal shows the long-standing cultural importance of the Peepul tree.

6. The Mahabharata and Ramayana link spirituality with —
A. pilgrimage sites, rivers, forests, and mountains
B. only cities
C. only trade taxes
D. only royal palaces (A)

Explanation : The epics connect sacred journeys with natural landscapes.

7. Sacred groves are preserved because they are believed to be —
A. abodes of deities
B. mining lands
C. military spaces
D. market centres (A)

Explanation : Many communities protect groves as homes of local deities.

8. Sacred groves are important because they protect —
A. biodiversity
B. industrial growth
C. urban traffic
D. political borders (A)

Explanation : Sacred groves preserve plants, animals, and ecological balance.

9. In Meghalaya, sacred groves are linked with deities such as —
A. Ryngkew or Basa
B. Ayyappa only
C. Shiva only
D. Vishnu only (A)

Explanation : The chapter mentions Ryngkew or Basa as deities associated with sacred groves.

10. In Tamil Nadu sacred groves, bats are important because they help in —
A. pollination and seed dispersal
B. building temples
C. writing scriptures
D. making coins (A)

Explanation : Bats support the grove ecosystem by pollinating plants and spreading seeds.