

## **STD VI**

### **Comprehension**

#### **Chapter - 2**

### **Word power**

**A. Find these words in the text. Then match them to the correct meaning.**

1. **Passengers** - people travelling on a bus, car, train etc.
2. **Sights** - things that you can see from a particular place.
3. **diverse** - of various kinds.
4. **highlights** - draws special attention to something.
5. **landscapes** - all the visible features of an area of land.

**B. Complete the sentences with the correct words from A.**

1. India is a land of varied **landscapes**; there are the mountains, the plains, the seashores and a desert.
2. The long bus journey left most of the **passengers** tired.
3. The report **highlights** the major causes of water pollution.
4. The **sight** we saw during the train journey was spectacular.
5. People from **diverse** backgrounds came together for the fund raiser.

**C. Find words in the text with the same meaning.**

1. travelled or moved through an area - passed
2. to notice someone or something in detail - observe
3. started or created an organisation or system - established.
4. essential characters of something - highlights
5. the manner in which someone behaves towards or deals with someone or something - treatment

**D. Complete the sentences with the correct word from C.**

1. My brother lives abroad. He always gets special **treatment** when he comes home.

2. The school was **established** sixty years ago to provide free education to the children in this area.
3. The river **passes** the country from east to west.
4. An artist must have a lot of patience to **observe** things around him/her.
5. These poems distinctly have the **highlights** of poems that were written in ancient times.

**E. Match the words that go together in the text.**

1. breathtaking - sights
2. highest - peaks
3. long - Journey
4. royal - treatment

## **Reading for detail**

**Circle a, b, c or d.**

***1. What is the Toy Train?***

- a. a superfast train
- b. an electric train
- c. a steam train**
- d. A goods train

***2. The Himsagar Express goes through***

- a. nine states in two days.
- b. ten states in two days.
- c. eleven states in three days.
- d. twelve states in three days.**

***3. The Himalayan Queen was built to allow***

- a. British women to travel to Shimla for the winter months.
- b. British women to travel to Shimla for the summer months.**
- c. British men and women to travel to Shimla for the winter months.

d. British men and women to travel to Shimla for the summer months.

#### **4. *The Palace on Wheels***

a. begins at Delhi and ends in Darjeeling.

b. begins at Delhi and ends in Mumbai.

c. begins and ends in Delhi.

d. begins and ends in Mumbai.

### **Using reference words**

Circle a, b, c or d.

1. In line 16, the word **it** refers to:

a. the journey on the Himalayan Queen

b. The Himalayan Queen

c. the journey on the Himsagar Express

d. the palace on wheels

2. In line 19, the word **they** refers to:

a. the sights

b. the stations

c. the passengers

d. the railways routes

### **Summary**

Complete the summary with words from the text.

There are a few trains journey in India that you must experience. The Toy Train runs between Darjeeling and Siliguri. It is a comparatively (1) **slow** train that offers breathtaking sights of the Himalayas. The Himsagar Express is the longest railway route in India. It travels through many states showing the (2) **different** flavours of India's varied culture . The Himalayan Queen runs between Haryana and Shimla and has 102 tunnels 87(3)**bridges** and 900 curves. The Palace of wheels is a little different from other train journeys in India, for it offers (4) **royal treatment** to its passengers. It highlights India's heritage, culture and (5)

**landscapes, and its sights include the TajMahal, the Jaipur forts and Ranthambore National Park.**