

COMPREHENSION

The Arabs who are not in the cities live in the desert all the year round. They live in tents that can be put up and taken down easily and quickly so that they move from one place to another seeking grass and water for their sheep, goats, camels and horses. These desert Arabs eat ripe, sweet figs, and also the dates that grow upon the palm trees. They have the finest horses in the world. An Arab loves his horse almost as much as he loves his wife and children. He never puts heavy loads upon him and often lets him stay in the tent with his family. The camel is much more useful to the Arab, for he is much larger and stronger. One camel can carry as much as, or more than, two horses. The Arabs load the camel with goods and ride him too, for miles and miles across the desert- just as if he were really “ship of the desert”, which he is often called.

Answer the following questions from the above passage:

1. The Arabs load the camel with
 - a. Goods
 - b. books
 - c. water
 - d. foods
2. The Arabs eat
 - a. Ripe, sweet figs
 - b. dates
 - c. both a and b
 - d. none of these
3. The Arabs have the _____ in the world.
 - a. Lions
 - b. elephants
 - c. horses
 - d.cats
4. Where do the Arabs stay all the year round?
 - a. desert
 - b. house
 - c. village
 - d. town
5. What is the “ship of the desert” and why it is so called?

6. How did the Arabs treat their horses?

7. Dates grow on _____

- a. coconut trees
- b. Palm trees
- c. mango trees
- d. none of these

8. What are the animals the Arabs normally have with them?