I. Name the following.

1. A canal which carries water from the River Satluj
   - Indira Gandhi Canal

2. Two main crops of the Indian Desert
   - Jowar, Bajra

3. Capital of Rajasthan
   - Jaipur

4. A salt marsh to the south of the Thar Desert
   - Rann of Kachch

5. Small hills of sand
   - Sand dunes

II. Answer the following.

1. What kind of houses are built in the state of Rajasthan?
   - The houses have flat roofs. The walls are thick. They have tiny windows. The thick walls help to keep out the heat during the day and the heat in during the night.

2. Why is the camel called the ship of the desert? (ANY 2 POINTS FOR ANSWER)
   - This is because the camel
     a) can live without food and water without several days.
     b) can walk easily on desert sand. AND
     c) can withstand the desert heat

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**Did You Know?**

Kathputli is a j olk of two Rajasthani language words.
Kath meaning wood and Putli meaning a doll which has no life.
Kathputli means a puppet which is made entirely from wood.
However it is made out of wood, cotton cloth and metal wire.

The Siberian crane is a winter visitor to the Bird Sanctuary at Bharatpur in Rajasthan.
It travels to India to escape the cold winds of Siberia.
Many believe that this endangered bird is extinct.
III. Give reason.

1. Not many plants grow in the desert region. [Please use only one set of words for answer]
   This is because there is a scarcity of water/shortage of water/or less water in the desert region. The desert also has sandy soil.
2. The days are hot and dry and the nights are cool during summers in the Thar Desert.
   This is because the sand heats up quickly during the day and cools down fast at night.

IV. Write True or False. If false, correct the false statement.

1. River Luni flows across the southern part of the Great Indian Desert. True

2. The nomads of the Thar Desert are called Bengalis. False. The nomads of the Thar Desert are called Banjaras.


V. Look at the pictures and fill in the blanks with suitable answers.

This is a picture of an **oasis**.
It is an area in the desert with **water** and **greenery**. **Date** palms, **Kikar**, **Babool** trees and grasses grow here.

This is a picture of **Hawa Mahal**, also known as “Palace of winds.” It was built in **1799** under the rule of Maharaja Sawai Pratap Singh. It is a five-storey palace and has 953 small **windows**.