Chapter 12: Maheshwar

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12.1 Let us Think A — Answer the following

Q1 Who was Ahilya Bai?

Ahilya Bai was a warrior queen who belonged to the great Holkar family. She ruled over Maheshwar in Madhya Pradesh with kindness and wisdom. She protected her people and built temples, schools, and wells.

Q2 Where is Maheshwar Fort located? What makes its location special?

Maheshwar Fort is located in Maheshwar, Madhya Pradesh, about 95 kilometres from Indore. Its location is special because it stands on a hill overlooking the town of Maheshwar on one side and the Narmada River on the other.

Q3 What materials were used to build Maheshwar Fort, and where did they come from?

Maheshwar Fort was built using special red stones brought from Gujarat and Rajasthan.

Q4 What does the statue of Queen Ahilya Bai in front of the palace represent?

The 13-feet tall statue of Queen Ahilya Bai stands like a guardian watching over her land. It represents her protection and care for the people of her kingdom.

12.2 Let us Think B — Think and discuss

Q1 Aarav and Ananya get excited about visiting Maheshwar Fort. What do you think makes historical places like this interesting?

Sample answer: Historical places like Maheshwar Fort are interesting because they tell us stories about the past. They show how people lived, the great leaders who ruled, and the amazing buildings made without modern tools. Visiting them makes history feel real and exciting.

Q2 If you were Aarav or Ananya, what part of the fort would you be most excited to see — the overhanging balconies, the statue, or the temples? Why?

Sample answer: I would be most excited to see the overhanging balconies because they seem to float in the air. Standing on them, I could enjoy the view of the Narmada River and the town below, and marvel at how they were built so long ago.

12.3 Let us Learn A — Odd one out

Q1 Circle the odd one out: sad, unhappy, tearful, thrilled

thrilled (it means excited/happy; the others mean sad)

Q2 Circle the odd one out: talk, discuss, kind, speak

kind (it describes a quality; the others mean talking)

Q3 Circle the odd one out: noisy, quiet, silent, calm

noisy (it means loud; the others describe quietness or stillness)

Q4 Circle the odd one out: cotton, wooden, silk, woollen

wooden (it comes from trees/wood; the others are types of cloth or fabric)

Q5 Find out two such sets of words (similar meaning with one odd one out) and write them.

Sample answer: Set 1 — big, large, huge, tiny (odd one out: tiny). Set 2 — run, sprint, jog, sleep (odd one out: sleep).

12.4 Let us Learn B — Silent 'g'

Q1 Read the following words and underline the words that have a silent 'g' letter: sign, light, goat, night, sing, sugar, king, high, magnet

Words with silent 'g': sign, light, night, high

12.5 Let us Learn C — Match the following

Q1 Match the words with their meanings. Kindness — (a) Being wise / (b) Being royal / (c) Being special / (d) Being devoted / (e) Being strong / (f) Being kind / (g) Being brave

1. Kindness — (f) Being kind; 2. Bravery — (g) Being brave; 3. Wisdom — (a) Being wise; 4. Majestic — (b) Being royal; 5. Unique — (c) Being special; 6. Fierce — (e) Being strong; 7. Dedicated — (d) Being devoted

12.6 Let us Listen — Arrange sentences in order

Q1 Arrange the following sentences in the order in which they appear in the passage about Maheshwari sarees: (A) Later, Maheshwari sarees are made with a blend of silk and cotton. (B) Today, these sarees are available both in India and other countries. (C) The weavers originally used pure silk. (D) The sarees are famous for their reversible borders.

Correct order: (C) The weavers originally used pure silk → (D) The sarees are famous for their reversible borders → (A) Later, Maheshwari sarees are made with a blend of silk and cotton → (B) Today, these sarees are available both in India and other countries. So the sequence is: C, D, A, B (or numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 respectively).

12.7 Let us Speak A — Presentation activity

Q1 Find out from elders about a historical place in your town or nearby. Collect information and pictures and present it to the class. Your presentation must include: Name of the place, Name of the monument, Historical people associated, Special features, How it is connected to the people, and any other relevant information.

Ask elders in your family or locality about a nearby fort, temple, palace, or monument. Gather its name, the ruler or person linked to it, its special features (design, materials, history), and how local people feel about it. Arrange your notes under the given headings, add pictures, and speak clearly to the class.

12.8 Let us Speak B — Articles (a, an, the)

Q1 Complete the following passage with suitable Articles (a, an, the): Once upon __ time, there live __ monkey on __ oak tree. One day, __ monkey saw __ old man with __ bag. __ naughty monkey snatched the bag. Inside __ bag was __ apple, __ pear, __ olive and __ carrot. It gave __ pear to __ elephant and __ carrot to __ bear. It kept __ olive and __ apple inside __ empty box. While __ monkey slept, __ dog found __ apple and stole it. The monkey was left with only __ olive to eat.

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12.9 Let us Write A — Description of Maheshwar Fort visit

Q1 Imagine you are visiting Maheshwar Fort with your family. Write a short description of what you see and feel as you explore the fort's balconies and temples.

Sample answer: I am visiting Maheshwar Fort with my family today. As we climb the hill, the tall red-stone fort comes into view. I step onto one of the overhanging balconies and gasp — it feels like I am floating above the Narmada River! The water sparkles below and the town spreads out on the other side. Inside, the grand staircases are beautiful. Near the fort, there are temples with lovely carvings. Standing near the statue of Queen Ahilya Bai, I feel proud of her bravery and wisdom.

12.10 Let us Write B — Short paragraph on Maheshwar Fort

Q1 Based on the facts that you have learnt in the lesson, write a short paragraph on the Maheshwar Fort.

Sample answer: Maheshwar Fort is a majestic fort located in Maheshwar, Madhya Pradesh, about 95 kilometres from Indore. It was built by Queen Ahilya Bai of the Holkar family on a hill on the banks of the Narmada River. The fort is famous for its overhanging balconies and grand staircases made of special red stones from Gujarat and Rajasthan. A 13-feet tall statue of Queen Ahilya Bai stands in front of the palace. The town of Maheshwar is also known for its beautiful Maheshwari sarees made from cotton and silk.

12.11 Let us Do — Fort puzzle activity

Q1 Draw a template of a puzzle on thick chart paper/cardboard. Draw a picture of a fort on the back. Cut the puzzle pieces and rearrange them into a fort. Play with your friends.

This is a hands-on craft activity. Draw a puzzle grid on cardboard, draw or paste a fort picture on the back, carefully cut along the grid lines with child-friendly scissors, mix the pieces, and challenge a friend to reassemble the fort picture.