

# Silk Road

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## Case Study Based Questions

### 1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

Further on, where the plains became more stony than grassy, a great herd of wild ass came into view. Tsetan told us we were approaching them long before they appeared. "Kyang," he said, pointing towards a far-off pall of dust. When we drew near, I could see the herd galloping en masse, wheeling and turning in tight formation as if they were practising manoeuvres on some predetermined course. Plumes of dust billowed into the crisp, clean air.

#### (A) The phrase 'more stony than grassy' means:

- (a) terrain had become hilly.
- (b) terrain now had less greenery.
- (c) terrain had become plain.
- (d) both (a) and (b).

#### (B) Fill in the blank with an appropriate answer:

The word which means the same as manoeuvres' is.....

#### (C) What are 'drokbas'?

**Ans. (A)** (d) both (a) and (b)

**Explanation:** As they moved ahead, the greenery was reducing and the terrain had started to become hilly. Hence, (d) is correct.

**(B)** movement

**Explanation:** The synonym of the word 'manoeuvres' is movement. It means a movement or series of moves requiring skill and care.

**(C)** Drokbas are the people, men or women, who were tending their flocks in the rocky wilderness. They wear long-sleeved sheepskin coat to protect themselves from the cold of the high mountains.

### 2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The snow didn't look too deep to me, but the danger wasn't its depth, Daniel said, so much as its icy top layer. "If we slip off, the car could turn over," he suggested, as we saw Tsetan grab handfuls of dirt and fling them across the frozen surface. We both pitched in and, when the snow was spread with soil, Daniel and I stayed out of the vehicle to lighten

Tsetan's load. He backed up and drove towards the dirty snow, eased the car on to its icy surface and slowly drove its length without apparent difficulty.

**(A) Antonym of the word 'apparent' is:**

- (a) supposed
- (b) hidden
- (c) probable
- (d) possible

**(B) What happened about ten minutes after the Tsetan eased the car on the road's icy surface?**

**(C) Fill in the blank with an appropriate answer.**

**After reading the extract, one can say that the author has crossed the height of .....**

**Ans. (A)** (b) hidden

**Explanation:** Antonym of the word 'apparent' is hidden. Apparent means something is clearly visible or understood. Hence, (b) is correct.

**(B)** Ten minutes later, the narrator, Daniel and Tsetan faced another snow blockage.

Tsetan jumped out of the car to survey the scene and decided to drive around the snow.

**(C)** 5,210 meters

**Explanation:** The author has just crossed the height of 5,210 metres above sea level and they were ascending towards Mount Kailash.