

Transport

People of the earlier times prepared bullock carts and went on long, slow journeys on the bad, rough roads. Bullock carts were a common means of transport. Now, we only have to buy a ticket for a road, rail or air journey, and we are taken to our destination in hours instead of days. The modern transport is time saving, and helps to promote both social and national unity by keeping people in contact with one another.

Transport is a mode of conveyance. It carries people and cargo from one place to another. People use transport for trade, business and for going on pleasure trips. They visit their relatives, friends and offices. Transport has made the life of man mobile, fast and efficient. Nobody can deny its importance.

Travelling from one place to another is not a problem in the modern age. A man can go miles away in the morning and, after doing his job in the day, can come back home in the evening.

In the past, people mostly walked to other places, or rode on animals. Sometimes, they used carts or carriages pulled by bullocks or horses. These were slow forms of transport, used only at times of absolute necessity. With the invention of internal combustion engine, transport was revolutionized. It became fast and easily available.

There are three types of transport. One is road transport including the railway. The second is water-transport and the third is air transport. The railways became a popular mode of travelling in the middle of the twentieth century. It carries thousands of people and thousands of tons of freight with speed and ease. But with the development of a modern network of roads, freight has shifted mainly to the road transport. Now, motor vehicles carry a larger proportion of freight than does the railways.

Buses are a widely used form of public transport in the country. Inter-city transport has made the mobility of people faster and easier. Working people use buses to travel to their jobs. Many people have their own vehicles such as cars, motorcycles and vans. Auto rickshaws are also available in urban areas. People hire them to reach their place of employment.

Water-transport consists of boats, ships and tankers. In the first half of the twentieth century, people usually went abroad by ships. But the road and air transport now provides better, more luxurious and faster means of transport. The ships and oil tankers are now used to carry the freight. Inter-continent travel has made the air transport popular. It has made people come closer to share their socio-cultural heritage. It has made the movement from one part of the world to another easier and more

desirable.

Transport is now considered important for the economic life of a country. Hundreds and thousands of people travel daily from one place to another to enhance their income or get education. They can also visit far off holiday resorts. Transport delivers aid and relief goods to calamity stricken people in a short time. It is a companion of good and bad times.

Words

Meanings

mobile	moving
efficient	performing duties well
freight	cargo, burden

EXERCISES

1. Choose the correct answer.

i. Transport is a mode of

- a) travel.
- b) conveyance.
- c) truck.
- d) bus.

ii. People use transport to

- a) replace the bullock cart.
- b) work from morning to dawn.
- c) carry their material from one place to another.
- d) attack the enemy.

iii. In the past people used animals to pull their

- a) cars.
- b) carts.
- c) huts.
- d) bags.

iv. Modern transport is

- a) time saving.
- b) time killing.
- c) time consuming.
- d) time bar.

v. Transport has shortened

a) the difference

b) the distance

c) the deference

d) the preference

2. Write true (T) or false (F) against each statement.

i. Transport has made life difficult.

ii. It provides a wider choice of moving from one place to another.

iii. There are many types of transport.

iv. Railways carry the larger portion of freight inland.

v. Buses are not used for transport.

3. Write short answers.

i. Why do the people move around in the country?

ii. What is the importance of transport in the country?

iii. What is auto-traffic?

4. Fill in the blanks.

i. Transport is a _____ of conveyance.

ii. It carries people from _____ place to _____.

iii. _____ has made life mobile, fast and efficient.

iv. In the past people used to ride or _____.

v. Bullock _____ is a slow speed transport.

vi. The _____ from one place to another not a problem now.

vii. There are _____ types of transport.

viii. Water transport consists of _____, ships and _____.

5. Punctuate the following lines.

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6. Use the proper form of verbs given in the brackets.

- i. In the past people mostly (walk) to other places.
- ii. They (use) carts driven by bullocks.
- iii. The railway (become) a popular mode of travel.
- iv. Water transport (consist) of boats, ships and tankers.
- v. It (deliver) aid and relief goods.

7. Use the following words in sentences of your own.

conveyance, efficient, invention, environment, development.

8. Adverbs can be formed by adding 'ly' to many adjectives
e.g. certain + ly = certainly. Write five more adverbs.

9. Ask your class fellows five questions about railways.

10. Match the opposites.

Column I	Column II
central	weakness
modern	rural
cheap	remote
urban	expensive
strength	old