

Revision Notes

Class – 4 Environmental Studies

Chapter 6 – Omana’s Journey

Summary of Omana’s journey

- This chapter is about how two best friends Omana and Radha were excited about their train journey to Kerala.
- Omana was planning to visit her grandmother with her family while Radha was supposed to go on a trip with her family.
- Due to an unexpected accident with Radha, her family cancelled the trip since she fractured her right leg and she should not move for six months.
- The two best friends were disappointed about the situation since they had a lot of plans for the upcoming trip.
- Suddenly Radha’s mother had a great idea. She asked Omana to write a diary during the journey about each and every experience she is about to encounter. So, in this way, Radha can read the diary once Omana returns and she will not miss the train trip.
- As Omana promised to Radha, she wrote about each and every little experience she encountered during the train journey.

Omana’s Journey

- Omana and Radha were best friends and they were excited about their train journey to Kerala with their families.
- Omana was planning to visit her grandmother while Radha was supposed to go on a trip.
- Due to an unforeseen accident with Radha, her family cancelled the trip since she fractured her right leg and she should not move for six months.
- The two best friends were saddened about the condition since they had a lot of plans for the upcoming trip.
- Radha’s mother had a great idea. She asked Omana to pen a diary through the journey about each and every experience she is about to encounter.
- Omana immediately went to her house and found a note with many pages so that she could pen down the experience of the trip.



Image: Radha's leg got fractured

Omana's Diary – 16th May

- Omana and her family reached the railway station and were about to board the train. They checked the reservation chart and their names were present.
- The coach was almost full. The train started from Gandhidham, Kutch, Gujarat.
- After a great struggle among the passengers with the luggage, they managed to get their seats and sat.
- After some time, the ticket collector came and checked their tickets and confirmed whether they were sitting in the right place.
- Amma and Appa were confirmed with a lower berth and unni and Omana got the middle berth. The upper berth was taken by two college students. Side berths were occupied by a family with two children.
- Now Omana sat near a window seat and started to write about the journey for Radha to read.
- It was time for eating lunch and Omana's Amma opened the lunch box which had dhokla with chutney, lemon rice, and a few mithai.



Image: Omana's Diary

Omana's Diary – 16th May (After lunch)

- After lunch, most of them slept but Omana did not sleep and was watching the fields outside which were dry and brown in color.
- The train seemed to run fast at one point in time and the things outside seemed to run in the opposite direction.
- At last, the train reached Ahmedabad where the sun began to set and the sky was orange in color.
- They just passed through the Valsad station. Even though the train halted for only two minutes, there was a great deal of noise.
- "Chai! garam, chai!" exclaimed one man, "batata vada! batata vada!" exclaimed another, doodh-Thanda-doodh! puri-shaak!". Omana bought some bananas and chikoos.



Image: Coach inside the train

The Theme of the Chapter

This chapter teaches us about the following topics:

- The chapter talks about the friends Omana and Radha and about their trip to Kerala.
- It tells how Radha was unable to go on the trip due to her fracture.
- It discusses how Omana wrote a diary about the trip so that Radha can read it and experience it too.
- The chapter emphasizes the importance of friendship between Omana and Radha.

Practice Questions

Q 1. Why was it so crowded at the door of the coach?

Ans: People nowadays do not have the patience when it comes to waiting. Few were in a rush to get in, and others were whistling down the train at the same time.

Q 2. Have you ever travelled on a train? When?

Ans: Yes. I have travelled by train several times. My relatives reside in Bangalore, and I visit them frequently.

Q 3. What food would you like to take with you when you travel? Why?

Ans: When I travel, I want to bring fruits, chocolates, and cookies. While travelling, heavy foods could be harder to digest.

Q 4. What does the ticket-checker do?

Ans: The ticket-checker authenticates that all passengers have acknowledged their tickets and are seated in the correct seats.

Q 5. How will you recognize the ticket-checker?

Ans: A black coat with a name badge on the chest is worn by the ticket-checker. On both of his shoulders will be a badge that reads 'TTE,' which stands for 'Travelling Ticket Examiner.'

Solved Examples

Q 1. What did Omana see from the window?

Ans: Small settlements, fields, and other objects in Omana's view were travelling in the other direction. She was also taken aback by the stunning orange sky at sunset.

Q 2. What are some of the things that are sold at Railway stations?

Ans: At the railway station, you may buy books, fast food, toys, cold drinks, and other items. Vatata Vada (snacks), puri-Shaak (puri and veggies), garam chai (hot tea), Thanda doodh (cold milk), and other items were sold by hawkers in Oman.

Q 3. Can you recognize who are these people shown in the picture? What work do they do? Discuss.



Image: Recognize the people

Ans:

1. **Coolie** - A coolie is a person who assists passengers in carrying their luggage.
2. **Train guard** - A train guard is in control of the train, signals it to start, and keeps an eye on it.
3. **Train driver** - He is in charge of keeping the train on schedule.
4. **Ticket-Checker** - He examines passengers' tickets and compares them to available seats.
5. **Railway Police** - The railway police are responsible for providing security to railway stations, trains, and train passengers.
6. **Safai Karamcharis** - He is in charge of keeping the stations and trains clean.
7. **Ticket-seller** - He is in charge of selling tickets to passengers.