

WELLAND GOULDSMITH SCHOOL

CLASS: V SOCIAL STUDIES(HISTORY)

TOPIC: THE EVOLUTION OF TRANSPORT (ANSWERS)

1. Write the meanings of:

- a. explorer- a person who discovers new lands.
- b. voyage- (here) a long journey by sea.
- c. New World- a term that was used to refer to North America and South America collectively by the Europeans.
- d. colony- an area that is controlled by a nation; such an area is usually far from the nation that controls it.
- e. locomotive- an engine that pulls a train.
- f. expressway- a wide road on which vehicles can travel fast.

2. Write short notes on-

- a. The importance of the invention of the wheel- With the invention of the wheel people could make clay pots to store water and food grains. They no longer had to travel on foot over long distances. They could also exchange goods between far-off places which created new opportunities for trade and commerce.
- b. Bartholomew Diaz- In 1488, a Portuguese explorer called Bartholomew Diaz reached the southern tip of Africa. He could not go further as the sea was very rough. He named the place 'Cape of Storms', later it was renamed 'Cape of Good Hope' because it offered explorers the hope of reaching the east.
- c. Christopher Columbus- - He was an Italian explorer who in 1492 set out on a voyage to find a sea route from Europe to Asia. Instead of sailing eastwards he sailed westwards and reached the Bahamas. He has discovered a new continent, it was called the 'New World'.
- d. Vasco Da Gama- He was a Portuguese explorer who in 1498 became the first European to reach India by sea. His discovery of the sea route to India marked the beginning of Europeans travelling to the east to build their trade networks.

e. Ferdinand Magellan- He was a Portuguese explorer who first proved that the earth was round. He wanted to find a sea route to the East Indies or South East Asia as it is known today. Between 1519 and 1521, he sailed around the world. He discovered a passage between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, this passage was named the Strait of Magellan.

A. True or False:

1. true 2. false 3. true 4. true 5. false

B. Fill in the blanks:

1. boats/rafts 2. wind 3. Vasco Da Gama 4. 19th 5. Panama

C. Answer the following questions:

1. Before the invention of the wheel early humans travelled from one place to another on foot. When they realized that the hollow trunks of trees can float in water easily they began to make boats and use them for travelling.

2. Vasco Da Gama became the first European to reach India by sea. His discovery of the sea route to India marked the beginning of Europeans travelling to the east to build their trade networks.

3. The invention of the steam engine helped link the towns and cities. As rail travel was cheap, people could afford to travel by trains.

4. In 1903, the Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, conducted the first successful, short-distance aeroplane flight. The discovery of crude oil or petroleum enabled the aircraft to be powered by a petrol engine.

5. The discovery of crude oil or petroleum and use of electricity helped develop transportation over the years.