



Pre Activity- Which is the national river of India? Write some interesting facts about this.

New words with meanings:

1. Sewage- waste materials from home, factories which is discharged through large underground pipes
2. Pathetic- very poor condition
3. Uncivilised- not civilised, disrespectful
4. Hazardous- dangerous
5. Waste picker- a person who picks reusable or recyclable waste materials either to sell or for personal consumption

Answer the following:

1. Why did Gopal's mother say that the actions of the citizens of Delhi were irresponsible and uncivilised?

Ans- Gopal's mother felt that the people of Delhi are irresponsible and uncivilised because they throw lots of plastic and hazardous material into the river. This adds to the pollution of the river.

2. Why did other people join Gopal and his friends as they were busy cleaning up the river?

Ans- When other people saw Gopal and his friends working so hard by picking up plastic waste materials like bottles, plastic bags, packets, and other garbage, they also joined them as they felt that Gopal and his friends are doing good work and they should also help.

3. Why is a polluted river filled with garbage and waste bad for the environment?

Ans- A river is a lifeline for human civilisation. It provides fresh water to humans as well as aquatic life. If we pollute it with garbage and waste, everybody is affected. So, a polluted river is always bad for the environment.

4. Why did Gopal and his friends have to go back home to refill their water bottles?

Ans- When Gopal and his friends went to the river Yamuna to fill water bottles, they found the river full of floating plastic bottles, sewage, and foam. They had no other option but to go back home to get drinking water.

5. How did Gopal and his friends feel when they saw the condition of the river?

Ans- Gopal and his friends felt bad after looking at the pathetic condition of the river.

6. What would a river look like if it is not polluted? Describe its appearance.

Ans- An unpolluted river will look beautiful with clean and clear water. The fish in the water are clearly visible to us and the plants near the river are green. People will be using the water of the river for drinking.

7. When, where and how is Muthai River festival celebrated?

Ans- Muthai River Festival is celebrated every year on Indian River Day on 28th November in Pune. Muthai River Festival is an attempt to clean up and revive the river with the help of ordinary citizens of Pune. During the festival, citizens can participate in a 'Clean up the River Challenge', they can paint a picture of the river, or enjoy a 'River Walk'.

8. Rivers make sounds as they flow and move through different areas. What words would you use to describe the sound of a flowing river?

Ans- A river burbles as it travels along its bed. Other words can be babble, giggle, gurgle, and ripple.

Reference to Context:

'You should all think hard and do something collectively , to clean up the river'

a. Who is the speaker?

Ans- Gopal's mother is the speaker.

b. About which river they were talking?

Ans- They were talking about river Yamuna.

c. What did Gopal do after this conversation?

Ans- Gopal called his friends to share the idea of cleaning the river Yamuna and its bank. They all liked his idea and supported him. But they did not have the tools and equipment required to clean the river so they went to a waste picker, who managed to bring all the materials they needed to clean the river banks and finally they started picking up the various plastic waste materials and other garbage.

Post Activity:

Do you think that each one of us as a citizen has a duty to keep our environment clean by not littering our rivers, forests and parks? Give reasons for your answer.

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