

Q1. Answer the following questions in short -

1. Who does the narrator see every day? Where are they going?

- The narrator sees Ranbir every day, and they are going to school.

2. Who did Ranbir's father do?

- Ranbir's father was a truck driver.

3. What did Ranbir used to bring for the author and from where?

- Ranbir used to bring honey for the author from the mountains.

4. Why did not Bindra put in an appearance for a week?

- Bindra did not put in an appearance for a week because he was sick.

5. What hardships are faced by children in going to school as mentioned in the extract? Write any two.

- Harsh weather conditions and long distances to travel are two hardships mentioned in the extract.

Q2. Fill in the blanks -

1. Bindra was something of an **enigma**.

2. Hardship makes **warriors** of us all.

3. The **folk** music in the mountains is always enchanting.

4. The **lonely** hoot of an owl can be a little **unnerving** for the hardiest of children.

5. Ranbir used to see **the author** every day.

Q3. Tick the correct answer -

1. Who is the author of 'The children of India'?

- (b) Ruskin Bond

2. The _____ tells us that two in every five of the population are in the age-group of five to fifteen.

- (a) Census

3. The youngsters of which area used to swim in order to reach the school?

- (a) Ladank