

CLASS IX ENGLISH COURSE BOOK UNIT I - THE LAND LESSON B - THE ENCHANTING SHIRUI LILY

SOLUTIONS

A. Complete the sentences:

- Q1. Scientists and Horticulturists find it a challenge as Shirui lily cannot be grown outside the climate and ecosystem of Shirui hills.
- **Q2.** Shirui lily grows for about six weeks each year.
- Q3. Special Expeditions are organized to visit the Shirui hills and see Shirui lily.
- Q4. The responsibility for protection and preservation of Shirui lily lies with the people of Manipur.

B. Answer in a sentence each:

Q1. How is Shirui lily known in local dialect?

Ans: In the local dialect of Shirui lily (*Lilium mackliniae*) is known as *Kashong Timrawon*.

Q2. 'And so, to the world at large the Shirui lily exists only in picture and records'. Why?

Ans: It is because the flower refuses to grow and live for any length of time away from its original habitat.

Q3. Who did pluck the lilies and uproot the plants?

Ans: The tourist and visitors plucked the lilies and uprooted it.

Q4. What are the duties of vigilant group?

Ans: They patrol the Shirui hills from May to July to see to it that tourists or vandals do not pluck the flowers or uproot the lily plants.



C. Answer the following question briefly:

Q1. Why is Shirui lily a unique gift?

Ans: Shirui lily is a unique gift because it refuses to grow and flourish anywhere except in its native habitat – the Shirui hills.

Q2. What are the experiments carried out about the lily's growth habit?

Ans: Attempts to plant it elsewhere, even within Manipur, have been made but the flower refuses to grow and live for any length of time away from its original habitat.

Q3. What is the ideal eco-system for the Shirui lily?

Ans: The temperate forest at the attitude of about 8,500 feet of the Shirui hills, provides the ideal ecosystem for the lily which grows from the first week of May to the mid of June.

Q4. 'Because there is the Shirui lily?'

What is the idea expressed here by one member of an Expedition Team?

Ans: The idea expressed here is that they decided to face all the hardship and rigour of climbing the Shirui hills because he/she was **enchanted by the beauty and uniqueness of Shirui lily** that has caught the imagination of the people.

Q5. How has ignorance, curiosity and mindlessness affect the Shirui lily?

Ans: Out of ignorance, curiosity and mindlessness, the visitors plucked the lilies and uprooted its plants which resulted in the reduction of the number of lily.

