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**UNIT IV - PEOPLE**  
**LESSON - C**

**THE ESKIMOS : PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE SNOW**

**SOLUTIONS**

**EXERCISES**

*1. Answer the following questions in a sentence each:*

- i. **Why do vegetables not grow in the Eskimo land?**

**Ans:** Vegetables do not grow in the Eskimo land as the entire land is always under ice.

- ii. **What is a tupig?**

**Ans:** During the few months of the year when temperatures are above freezing, the Eskimos live in tents which are made of animal skins and supported by frames of bones or wood and these tents are known as 'tupig'.

- iii. **What is an anorak?**

**Ans:** An anorak is a kind of coat made from animal skin and has a hood to cover the head and it is worn by the Eskimos.

- iv. **What do the Eskimos use for the transportation of things during winter?**

**Ans:** During winter, the Eskimos use dog sleds for the transportation of things both on land and on sea-ice.

*2. Answer the following questions briefly:*

- i. **Why would a vegetarian find it difficult to live with a traditional Eskimo family?**

**Ans:** It is because as the Eskimos live in a barren, cold environment, their diet is heavily based on different meats. Their vegetable menu is limited only to some barriers and seaweed, kinds of grasses, tubers, roots, stems etc. Also, even when eatable foods can be transported by air, fruits and vegetables are scarce and expensive making them out of reach of the people.



ii. **What do the Eskimos usually hunt?**

**Ans:** The Eskimos usually hunt whales, walrus, caribou, seal, the narwhal, polar bears, musk oxen, birds and, sometimes, arctic foxes.

iii. **Why don't igloos melt in Eskimo land?**

**Ans:** Igloos, which are dome-shaped structures built from blocks of ice and snow, are used by the Eskimos as temporary shelters during winter. And during this time, in the Eskimo land, the temperatures are well below freezing point and so the igloos do not melt.

iv. **Describe the traditional Eskimo dress.**

**Ans:** Traditionally, the Eskimos make clothes and footwear from animal skins, sewn together using needles made from animal bones and threads made from other animal products such as a sinew. An example of a typical traditional Eskimo dress is the anorak which is a kind of coat having a hood to cover the head and made of animal skin.

v. **Why do Europeans and Americans imitate Kayaks?**

**Ans:** Europeans and Americans imitate Kayaks because they are extremely buoyant boats that can be easily righted by a seated person even if it is completely overturned.

vi. **How is an umiag different from Kayaks?**

**Ans:** Kayaks are small and extremely buoyant single passenger covered seat skin boats which the Eskimos used to hunt sea animals. On the other hand, an umiag is a larger open boat made of wood frames covered with animal skins for transporting people, goods and dogs.

vii. **“Dogs play an integral role in the day-to-day routine of the Eskimos.” How?**

**Ans:** Dogs play an integral role in the day-to-day routine of the Eskimos. During summer, they become pack animals and during winter they pull the sled. Year long, they assist with hunting and they also protect the Eskimo villages by barking at bears and strangers.

viii. **What are Eskimo myths filled with?**

**Ans:** The Eskimo myths are filled with adventure tales of whale and walrus hunt. They also have myths about the Aurora Borealis and invented mythical monsters like the *Kallupiluk* or *Qalupalick*.

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