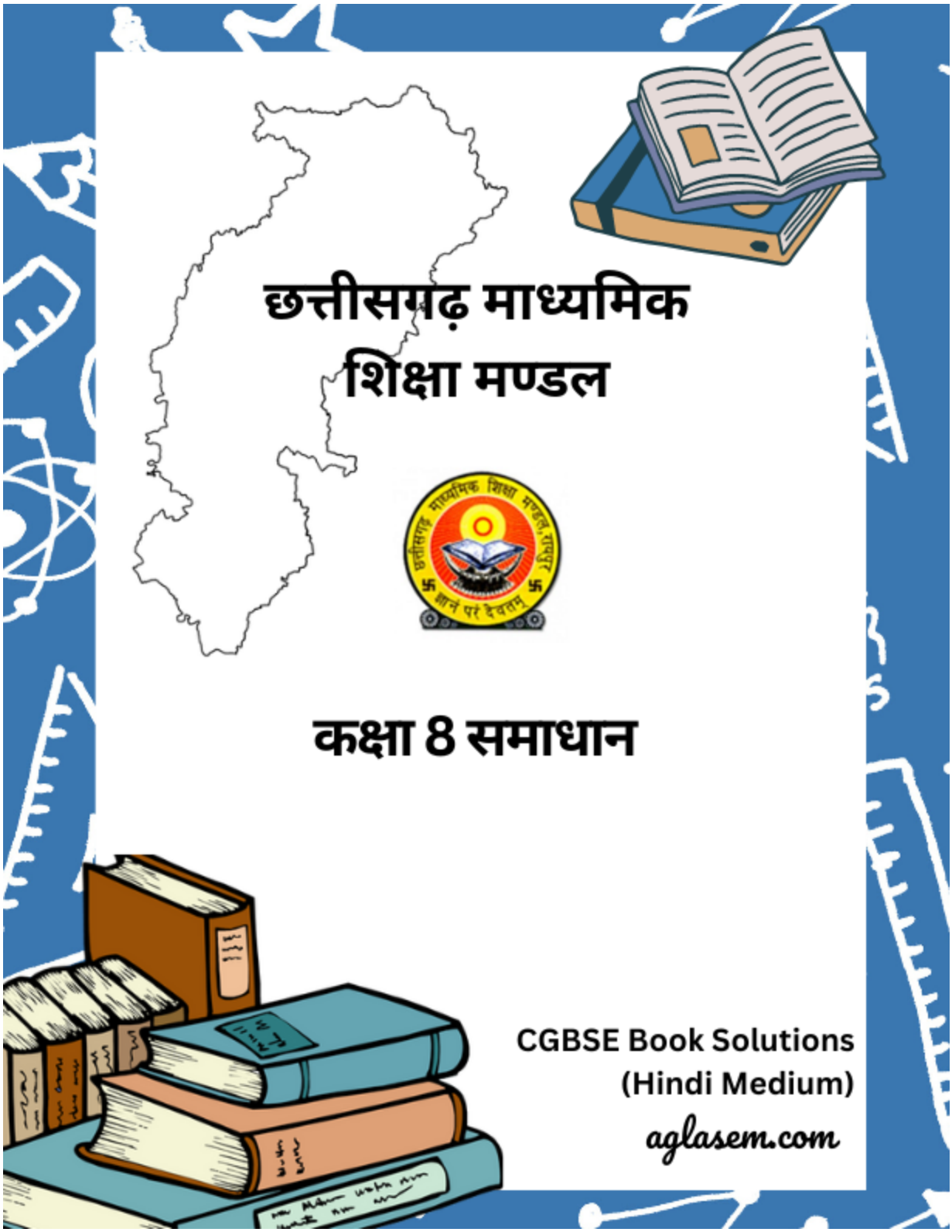
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Chapter 23
Where the Minds is Without Fear

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Reading Comprehension:

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Q.A. Match the expressions given in column 'B' to 'A':

the mind is without fear	we feel proud
the head is held high	freedom to express our thinking and ideas
knowledge is free	with own interest
broken up into fragments	a society with all types of creed, caste and religious, but not united
narrow domestic walls	everyone has the right to get the knowledge according to his/her own interest
tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection	to be truthful, honest and sincere
clear stream of reason	follow bad customs and traditions
dreary desert sand of dead habit	think logically
the mind is led forward by into ever widening thought and action	feeling of freedom
heaven of freedom	let my country be free
let my country awake	request to God for gifting us broad thinking and work accordingly.

Answer:
1) freedom to express our thinking and ideas
2) we feel proud
3) everyone has the right to get the knowledge according to his/her own interest

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4) with own interest
5) a society with all types of creed, caste and religious, but not united
6) to be truthful, honest and sincere
7) think logically
8) follow bad customs and traditions
9) request to God for gifting us broad thinking and work accordingly
10) feeling of freedom
11) let my country be free

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Q.B. Answer the following questions:

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Q1. Make a list of the qualities found in the 'Heaven of Freedom'.
Ans:
a) The mind is without fear.
b) The head is held high.
c) Knowledge is free.
d) People and society are united.
e) People speak truth.
f) People work towards perfection.
g)People are not superstitious.

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Q2. Who does the poet address when he says 'My Father'?
Ans: The poet addresses 'God' when he says 'My father'.

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Q3. What type of society does the poet dream about ?
Ans. The poet dreams about a country and society that is not broken up into fragments by narrow domestic walls and people are united.

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Q4. Where should the mind be led ?
Ans: The mind should be led towards perfection and into the ever widening thought and action.

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Q5. How can people move towards perfection ?

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Ans: People should stretch their arms towards perfection, and they should work and make efforts to achieve it.

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Q6. What does the poet mean when he says “let my country awake”?
Ans: “Let my country awake” means that the country should be free from evils.

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Q7. What are the factors which are barriers for a good society?
Ans: The barriers to a good society are the divisions between people and the narrow domestic walls.

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Q8. In what sense is 'Heaven of Freedom' used ?
Ans: ‘Heaven of freedom’ is used to tell that the country is evil free and independent .

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Q9. What type of freedom helps us to make our country heaven ?
Ans: Freedom of thoughts and actions can help us to make the country a heaven to live in.

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Q10. Make a list of bad customs you find in your society.
Ans: Gender discrimination, caste inequality, racism, social inequality, dowry and domestic violence are some bad customs.

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Vocabulary:

A. I. Use the words given in brackets to frame your sentences:
free-freedom, high-height, know-knowledge, deep-depth,
perfect-perfection, act-action

1) Free- Knowledge is free.
Freedom- India’s freedom struggle is unforgettable.

2) High - Stars are high up in the sky.
Height - Some people fear height.

3) Deep - Swimming pool is deep.

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Depth - Depth of knowledge cannot be measured.

4) Perfect - Life is perfect.
Perfection - One should always strive for perfection.

5) Act - One should always act in good faith.
Actions- Actions should always be truthful.

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II. Match the columns: (opposite words)

A	B
ever	never
high	low
fragments	whole
narrow	board
deep	shallow
stretch	fold
lost	found
dreary	cheerful
desert	greenery
heaven	hell

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B. Use the following phrases in your own sentences:
broken-up, depth of truth, lost its way, dreary desert

1) The world is now broken-up into fragments.
2) The depth of truth is unmeasurable.
3) The youth today has lost its way.
4) The world is a dreary desert now.

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Grammar:

A. Pick up the phrases from the box and answer the question as given in the example:
Where do you want to go in the summer vacation?

peace, cool water, no riots, waterfall, enough food, freedom, dense forest, beautiful gardens, beautiful mountains, gentle people, a lot of greenery.

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1.Where do you want to go in the summer vacation?
Ans: I would like to go to a place full of peace.

2.Where do you want to go in the summer vacation?
Ans: I would like to go to a place where there is cool water.

3. Where do you want to go in the summer vacation?
Ans:I would like to go to a place where there are no riots.

4.Where do you want to go in the summer vacation?
Ans:I would like to go to a place where there is a waterfall.

5. Where do you want to go in the summer vacation?
Ans:I would like to go to a place where there is a beautiful garden.

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B. Write the sentences in your notebook and underline the part of the sentences beginning with 'Where':

I would like to go to a place **where there is cool water.**
I would like to go to a place **where there are no riots.**
I would like to go to a place **where there is a waterfall**.
I would like to go to a place **where there is a beautiful garden.**

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Writing:

Look at the table given below. On the left are given some questions that we often ask ourselves. Write your opinion in the box given on the right hand side:

Questions that we ask ourselves....	When do you feel so ?
When is your mind free from fear?	When there is no chaos around.
When do you feel proud of your actions ?	When I do the right things.
When would you feel satisfied with the work that you have done?	When I do it the right way.

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Activity:

A. Select two statements that match the belief/action of persons in the story:

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A	B
1. Wise man 2. Intelligent man 3. Man who believed in fate	Took action after careful thought Came up with solutions to problems Thought that no one can stop

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B. Think of five things you could do to fulfill Rabindranath Tagore's dream for India as given in his poem 'Where the mind is without Fear':

You could begin your statements with the following expressions.
I am determined to .....
I've decided to .....
I'm going to .....
I intend to .....
I'm planning to .....

I am determined to work hard for success. I would also help the needy people and help everyone who requires my help.

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Project:

Frame some phrases with the help of the given words. An example is given:
Example:

Clear Stream
Sky
Voice

1)Bright - Bright light, Bright sunshine, Bright ray of hope.

2) Beautiful- Beautiful thoughts, Beautiful stars, Beautiful voices.

3) Huge- Huge hope, Huge sky, Huge mind.

4) Little - Little hand, Little smile, Little thought.

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Use the following proverb in your sentence. Meaning is given.

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Proverb	Meaning
The first step is the hardest.	Making a start is the most difficult part of an action.

Sentence:-
I was unable to walk after the fracture, but I tried to walk. The first step is the hardest.

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