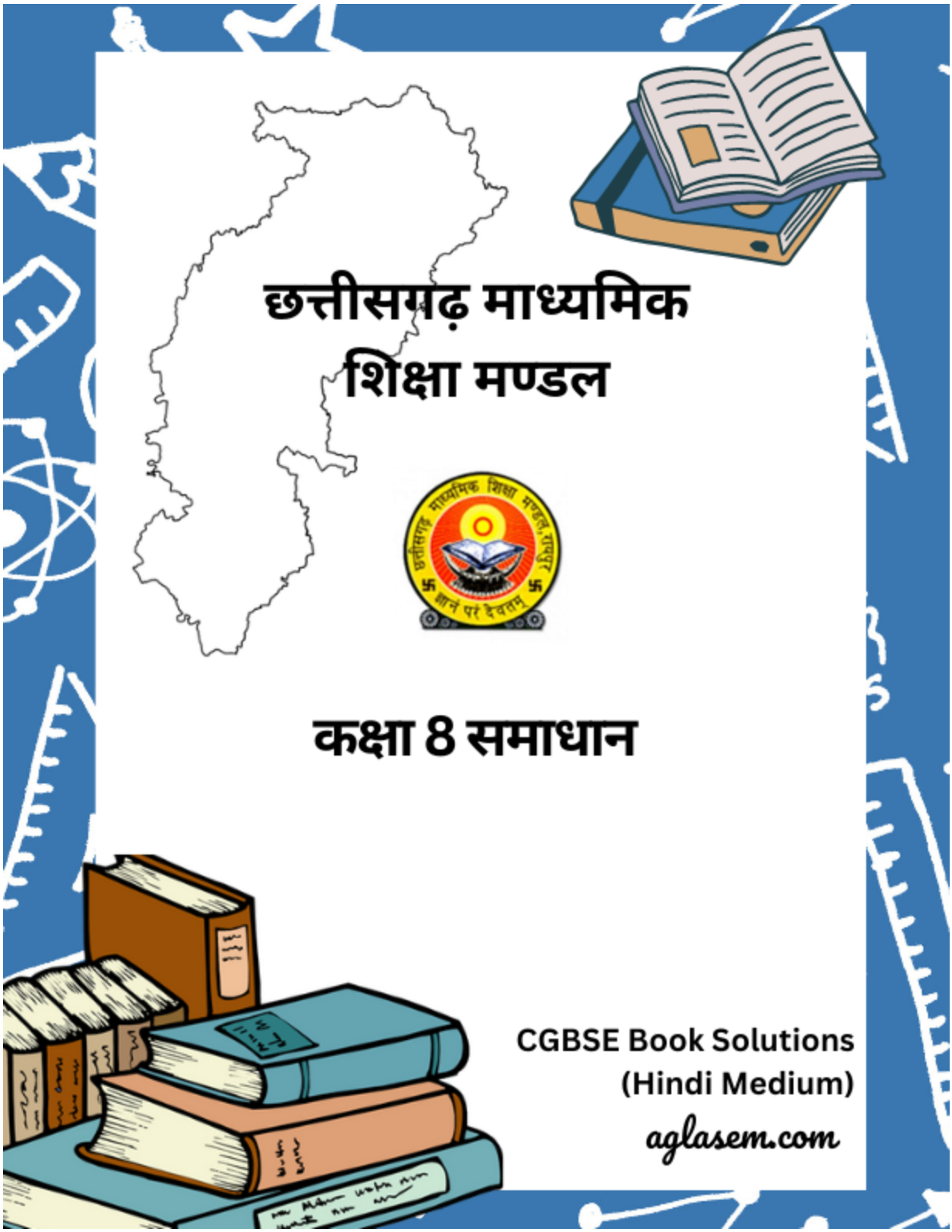
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Chapter 16
The Mountain and the Squirrel

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Reading Comprehension-

Q.A. Tick () the correct Answer:

Q1) The quarrel between the mountain and the squirrel was about
(a) length (b) size
(c) ability (d) strength.
Ans:(b) size

Q2) The mountain is able to
(a) carry a forest (b) crack a nut
(c) make a spry movement. (d) make up a year
Ans:(a) carry a forest

Q3) The squirrel is able to
(a) make a sphere (b) crack a nut
(c) make up a year. (d) carry forests
Ans:(b) crack a nut

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Q.B. Answer the following questions:

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(i) Why does the mountain call the squirrel 'little prig'?
Ans: In the poem, the mountain calls the squirrel a 'little prig' because the mountain wanted to make fun of the squirrel as it was small in size and the mountain was bigger and large.

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(ii) What qualities of the mountain does the squirrel appreciate?
Ans: The squirrel appreciates that the mountains are indeed very big and the mountain also helps the squirrel to make a very pretty track for himself.

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(iii) What tasks is the mountain unable to perform?

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Ans: The mountain cannot crack a nut like a squirrel.

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(iv) Do you like the squirrel's reasoning? Why?
Ans: The squirrel's reasoning is undoubtedly perfect and logical because he smartly distinguishes and counts the abilities and disabilities of the mountain and himself.

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Vocabulary-

A. Find out the meaning of these phrases and make sentences:

1) Little prigs -
Meaning - Someone who is tiny and is very careful about rules.
Sentence - The squirrel is called the little prig by the mountain.

2) All sorts of things -
Meaning - Every type of thing.
Sentence - A multitasking person can perform all sorts of things.

3) Make up a year-
Meaning - To constitute a year.
Sentence - She failed her exams and was unable to make up for a year.

4) Occupy my place -
Meaning - To Take up someone's place.
Sentence - I am leaving the bus, you can occupy my place.

5) All is well -
Meaning - Everything is good.
Sentence - Don't worry all is well.

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B. Look for words and phrases which describe the qualities of the squirrel and the mountain. An example is given to you:

Mountain	Squirrel
1.Big 2.Large 3.Make squirrel track	1.Little 2.Small 3.Spray

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4.Carry forest on book	4.Crack a nut

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Grammar-

A. Two or more Sentences are given below. Use 'and', 'but' to make a sentence which gives the entire meaning: Example:

(1) He read the textbook.
He made notes from them.
Ans: He read the textbook and made notes from them.

(2) The average lifespan of a crocodile in the wild is 45 years.
In captivity, they are known to live up to 80 years.
Ans: The average lifespan of a crocodile in the wild is 45 years but in captivity, they can live up to 80 years.

(3) A cricket is an insect which varies from 0.1 to 2 inches.
It is an insect that has hind legs for jumping.
Ans: A cricket is an insect which varies from 0.1 to 2 inches, but it has hind legs for jumping.

(4) You can pay your bill with cash.
You also have the option of paying by cheque.
Ans: You can pay your bills with cash and also have the option of paying by cheque.

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B. With the help of the pictures given below and the given clue in the box try to describe the animals by comparing them:

heavy, big, tall, intelligent, long, good, slow, small

1) Tall: The giraffe is taller than the elephant.
2) Heavy: The elephant is way heavier than the monkey.
3) Intelligent: The Monkey is more intelligent than the Giraffe.
4) Long: The Giraffe has a very long neck as compared to a Monkey.
5) Good: The Elephant is better than the Monkey.
6) Slow: The Elephant is slow but the Monkey is fast.
7) Small: The Monkey is smaller than the Giraffe.

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Writing-

Write a paragraph to describe an animal or a bird that you find attractive.

I find Lion very attractive as it is big and fierce. The Lion is also the King of the jungle. It is the most powerful animal. The Lion roars in a loud voice that is heard up to several kilometers. The Lion is a carnivorous animal. It is a dangerous animal and can sleep for up to 20 hours. A Lion can weigh 180 kg.

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Activity:

A. Listen to the passage:
See Appendix-1

Number the statements in the order that you hear.

Sr. No	Order	Number
1)	Chilikha has been designated as a wetland of international importance.	4
2)	Birds arrive from Baikal, Caspian Sea etc.	5
3)	Long outer channel connects the lagoon to the Bay of Bengal	3
4)	It is located on the Eastern Coast of India.	2
5)	Chilika is a lagoon.	1

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B. Use 'Can, may,would, could,' and frame sentences using hints in the questions:
(Pair work)

1) You are in a new city and you want to reach the market. How would you ask for directions?
Ans: **Could** you please tell me which direction I should take to reach the market?

2) You want to take part in the Republic Day Parade. How would you ask your teacher?
Ans: Mam, please **may** I participate in the Republic Day parade?

3) Your brother is playing the tape recorder very loudly. You are disturbed and want to ask him to reduce it. How would you ask him?
Ans: Can you please reduce the volume of the tape recorder?

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4) The weather is cold and your friend does not have a sweater. How would you show your concern?
Ans: Would you like to wear my sweater as it is cold?

5) A school trip has been arranged. You need to ask your parents for permission. How would you ask them?
Ans: Dad, could you allow me to go on the school trip?

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Project:

Describe the poem in your own language.

The poem is about a mountain and a squirrel where the mountain teases the squirrel for being timid and small. The squirrel admits that it is not as large as the mountain, and so is the mountain not as small as the squirrel. The mountain makes a small track for it to travel. The squirrel makes the mountain learn that everyone has different talents. The squirrel cannot carry a forest on its back as the mountain cannot crack a nut like a squirrel.

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