Key to
Our Social Environment
A Book on Social Studies
1. Food for Health

A. 1. food  
   2. fruits  
   3. live  
   4. diseases

B. 1. T  
   2. F  
   3. T  
   4. F

C. 1. pulses  
   2. 65%  
   3. fruits

D. 1. We need food to stay alive.  
   2. We should eat fruits and vegetables because it keeps us healthy and protect us from diseases.

2. Clothes We Wear

A. 1. sheep  
   2. cotton plant  
   3. plastic  
   4. man-made

B. 1. Farmer  
   2. Weaver  
   3. Tailor  
   4. Washerman

C. 1. Wool  
   2. Plastic  
   3. Cotton  
   4. Nylon

D. 1. winter  
   2. rains  
   3. man-made fibre  
   4. natural fibres

E. 1. We wear clothes because it protects our body from heat, cold, wind, dust and rain.  
   2. Cotton clothes keep us cool. So we wear light cotton clothes in summer.  
   3. We use raincoats and umbrellas when it rains.

3. House We Live In

A. 1. kitchen  
   2. bedroom  
   3. room  
   4. water

B. 1. F  
   2. T  
   3. F  
   4. T  
   5. T

C. 1. Mud and straw  
   2. Wood  
   3. Snow  
   4. Bricks and concrete  
   5. Canvas

D. 1. water  
   2. woodwork  
   3. brickwork
E. 1. Tent, Houseboat, Caravan, Igloo
   2. Apartments, Bungalow, Farmhouse
F. 1. Cement, sand, bricks, wood and steel roads are needed for building a permanent house.
   2. An ideal house should have rooms like bedroom, kitchen, dining room, drawing room and bathroom.

4. Water

A. 1. live  2. Rain  3. clean
   4. precious
B. 1. river  2. boiling  3. all living beings
   4. salty
C. 1. Rain, ponds, lakes and rivers are the four sources of water.
   2. We need water for drinking, cooking, bathing, washing, cleaning and to put out fire.
   3. We draw underground water through wells, tube-wells, pumps and handpumps.
   4. We can save water by the following ways:
      * Do not leave the tap open while brushing your teeth.
      * Do not waste water while bathing, washing and cleaning.

5. Types of Families

A. 1. small  2. big  3. big
B. 1. F  2. T  3. T
   4. T

6. Our Neighbourhood

A. 1. neighbours  2. security  3. Banks
   4. Sick
B. 1. School, post office, mall and milk booth
C. 1. fire station  2. traffic  3. bank
   4. Fire Station  5. Post Office
7. Types of Schools

A. 1. learning 2. children 3. co-ed
   4. Principal 5. Teachers
B. 1. learning 2. 1 to 5 3. 6 to 12
   4. assembly hall
C. 1. Children go to school to get education. They learn to be polite and helpful.
   2. English medium schools are such schools where all subjects are taught in English language.
   3. Clerks, librarians and peons are three non-teaching helpers of the school.
   4. Children’s Day, Teacher’s Day and Annual Day are three important days which we celebrate in the school.

8. Our Places of Worship

   4. Gurudwara
   4. Pujari
   4. Christians 5. Sikhs

9. Celebration of National Days

A. 1. 15th August 2. 26th January 3. 2nd October
   4. 14th November 5. 5th September
B. 1. F 2. F 3. F
   4. T
C. 1. Three 2. New Delhi 3. 2nd October
   4. Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru

10. Directions

A. 1. North 2. West 3. East
   4. South

11. Time

A. 1. morning 2. evening 3. afternoon 4. night


C. 1. seven 2. four 3. 29 days

12. Weather and Seasons

A. 1. warm 2. cool 3. dull 4. wet


13. The Earth

A. 1. earth 2. water 3. home 4. peak 5. mountain


C. 1. plains 2. a valley 3. an island 4. a sea 5. a river

D. 1. Plains, hills, mountains, valleys, plateaus and deserts are the various landforms on the earth.
2. Oceans and seas, rivers, lakes and ponds are the various kinds of water bodies on the earth.
3. Sea water is very salty and we cannot drink it. But river water is not salty and is called fresh water.
14. Means of Transport

A. 1. Car, Bus  
    2. Boat, Ship  
    3. Aeroplane, Helicopter  
B. 1. Train  
    2. Ship  
    3. Aeroplane  
C. 1. road  
    2. tracks  
    3. river  
    4. fastest  
D. 1. No wheel  
    2. Six wheels  
    3. Two wheels  
    4. Four wheels  
E. Answer may vary.

15. Means of Communication

A. 1. communication  
    2. speed  
    3. newspaper  
    4. Mobile  
B. 1. F  
    2. T  
    3. T  
    4. F  
    5. T  
C. 1. Television  
    2. Postal Index Number  
    3. Subscriber Trunk Dialling  
    4. International Subscriber Dialling  
    5. Electronic mail  
D. 1. e-mail  
    2. Television  
    3. Telegram  
    4. Letters

16. The Earth

A. 1. footpath  
    2. zebra crossing  
    3. line  
    4. window  
B. 1. stop  
    2. wait  
    3. go

17. Early Humans

A. 1. fire  
    2. warm  
    3. farmers  
    4. wheel  
B. 1. jungles  
    2. stone  
    3. dog  
C. 1. Early humans made fire by rubbing two stones together.
2. Early humans started sowing food grains and became farmers.
3. Dogs, bulls, horses, donkeys and camels are some of the animals tamed by early humans.
4. One day early humans saw that the thick and round parts of logs could roll even by slight push. This gave them an idea of making wheels.