

Case study

In April 1984, the Indian Army carried out a brave operation called Operation Meghdoot. This mission was to take control of the Siachen Glacier, which is one of the highest and coldest places on Earth. The soldiers had to climb tall snowy mountains where temperatures could drop to -50°C . Breathing was difficult due to the low oxygen levels. The families of the soldiers had a lot to worry about, but the soldiers showed courage and fulfilled their duty. The mission was successful, and the Indian Army

took control of the glacier before the enemy could. Since then, Indian soldiers have been guarding the Siachen Glacier. Operation Meghdoot is remembered as a story of bravery, sacrifice, and discipline.

A. On the basis of your understanding of the passage, choose the correct option – (4×1=4)

I. According to the passage, when did Operation Meghdoot take place?

- a) May 1999
- b) April 1984
- c) December 1971
- d) January 2000

II. Find out the main objective of Operation Meghdoot?

- a) To protect Kashmir Valley
- b) To take control of the Siachen Glacier
- c) To stop the Kargil War
- d) To defend the border near

Amritsar

III. State the biggest difficulty faced by the soldiers during the mission?

- a) Lack of weapons
- b) Heavy rainfall
- c) Extremely low oxygen levels and freezing cold
- d) Shortage of food

IV. Operation Meghdoot is remembered today _____.

- a) As a failure of the Army
- b) As a festival of peace
- c) As a story of bravery, sacrifice, and discipline
- d) As a trade agreement

B. Find out words from the text that are similar in meaning to – ($2 \times 1 = 2$)

1. Bravery – _____

2. Operation – _____

C. Answer the questions from the passage – ($3 \times 1 = 3$)

1. Describe the difficulties faced by soldiers at the Siachen Glacier?

2. Describe the feeling of the families of the soldiers during the operation?

D. State whether the statements are true or false – (2×1=2)

1. The temperature in the Siachen Glacier could drop to -50°C . (____)

2. The Indian Army failed to capture the glacier. (____)