



## INDIAN SCHOOL AL WADI AL KABIR

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<b>ANSWER KEY NO: 12</b>	<b>Topic: At Tagore's Shantiniketan (A Travelogue)</b>	<b>Note: NOTEBOOK</b>

### **I Answer the following questions:**

1. Who built Shantiniketan? How was the place used initially?

**Ans: Maharishi Devendranath Tagore built Shantiniketan. It was initially used as an ashram.**

2. Which school would later become the Viswa Bharti University? Who started the school?

**Ans: The Patha Bhavan school would later become the Viswa Bharti University. The school was first started by Rabindranath Tagore.**

3. Describe open-air classrooms.

**Ans: The open-air classrooms consisted of low circular benches surrounding the old trees. A bell hung on a red frame that looked like the simplified arches of Sanchi Stupa.**

4. What types of paintings do you see on the university campus?

**Ans: We can see original paintings done by prominent artists in the university campus. We can also see works of art being created by the current students of the university.**

5. What are on display in the art village?

**Ans: Tribal murals and other artworks from most tribal regions of India are on display in the art village.**

6. Which song did the Baul singer perform?

**Ans: The Baul singer performed Tagore's song, 'Ekla Chalo Re'.**

### **II Think and Answer:**

1. Briefly describe the history of Shantiniketan.

**Ans: Shantiniketan was set up by Maharishi Devendranath Tagore in the 1860s. Tagore decided to build a house on land that belonged to his family and call it Shantiniketan. It became an ashram that people visited for meditation and spiritual pursuits. Then, Devendranath's son Rabindranath Tagore set up a small school at Shantiniketan. Later, the school grew into the**

**Viswa Bharti University.**

2. Shantiniketan, which means abode of peace, is the cultural icon of the country. Do you agree with this? Support your answer with examples.

**Ans: Shantiniketan has become one of the most important cultural icons of India. It is a symbol of the Tagore family's contribution to the advancement of education and the arts in India. The Patha Bhavan school's method of teaching classes in the natural environment is being followed even today. The Viswa Bharti University campus buildings at Shantiniketan are covered with paintings and artworks by famous artists as well as university students. There is also an art village that promotes tribal art. These are a few examples of the ways in which Shantiniketan has promoted the art and culture of India.**

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