Class objective: I will be able to practice listening properly and answer the questions.

Concept A: Listen to the audio and answer the questions:

Audio: Floating post office

Passage-

Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction — a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake—claimed to be the only one such post office in the world is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of Dal Lake.

This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique — along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.

This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called the Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'

The post office's houseboat has two small rooms—one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.

But for the locals, Floating Post Office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in the Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanisms in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post-office.

Concept B: Vocabulary:

- Intricately a very complicated or detailed manner
- Carved cut or engraved to produce an object, design, or inscription
- Picturesque visually attractive, especially in a quaint or charming way

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