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**Q. No.1.            Who has Mrs. Stewart described beauty of the Swat Valley?**

**Ans.**Mrs. Stewart was born in Pakistan, and was educated in America. In this essay, she has described the beautiful scenes of nature which she enjoyed in the Swat Valley. She has also given a description of the people of the valley, their social rites and customs. The writer has drawn a very beautiful picture of the natural scenes of the valley. It is full of snowy hills and mountains, green trees and flowers of the charming valley. There are the fields of corn, wheat and mustard. The beautiful green trees, the red poppy flowers and yellow trees have been described by the writer with a skillful hand. The snow capped mountains and the blue-sky present very charming sights. Briefly, the trees, flowers, mountains covered with snow, passes, rocks, streams, fields, plants and crops were extremely beautiful. And Mrs. Stewart fell enchanted by this beauty.

**Q. No.2.            What do you know about beauty of the Swat Valley?**

**Ans.**She has also given a picture of the Buddhist Culture which was common in this valley centuries ago. There are many monasteries, stupas and statues of Buddha. The shrine of Pir Baba has great importance for the people of the valley. The writer has also given a picture of the Gujjar families and their profession of keeping animals. She has also given a very romantic picture of a marriage procession, the black embroidered garments and the strange customs of the people. All the women are wearing black garments with embroidered shirts. She also enjoys their dancing and jumping on the way. Moreover, articles of dowery and rites of marriage have also been described with interest.

**Q. No.3.            Swat Valley is a place full of green trees, snowy hills and             colorful flowers. Discuss?**

**Ans.**After this Mrs. Stewart has described many towns and citie4s of the

valley. She says that they enter this valley through the Malakand Pass. The road runs along with the Swat river. The town of Manglour is situated at the bank of the river swat and is a very beautiful and neat city. The writer says that Alexander. The Great came into India through this valley. Mrs. Stewart has told us about the beautiful blankets of this valley. In the end, the writer says that this was the most charming experience of her life. She wanted to visit the valley again and again, and paint its charming natural scenes.

**Q.No.4.            How has the writer described the towns and cities of the valley?**

**Shape 2.            How charming was the experience of life for the writer?**

**Shape 3.            How much vivid and attractive is the picture of valley?**

**Shape 4.            Like wordsworth, Mrs. Stewart has a keen eye and appreciates**

**nature. Discuss.**

**Shape 5.            Why does Mrs. Stewart want to spend a long time in the swat**

**valley?**

**Ans.**When we read this essay, we feel that we are also present in the Swat Valley with the writer herself. In a beautiful and delicate style Mrs. Stewart has drawn a vivid and attractive picture of the most beautiful valley of Pakistan. She has very keen eye and appreciates nature, like a famous English poet known in the history of English literature as “the poet of Nature” she observes every tree, plant flower and rock. She is fully interested in life and colors, customs and traditions and people and places of the valley. She wishes, “it would be nice to spend a long time in the valley of Swat. I shall like to paint dozens of picture and visit the higher hills. The flowers so lovely in the spring. But to get round in the comfort one should have one’s own car.”