**Lecture : (1)**

**8 A Famous Monastery**

**Comprehension and précis**

***1. When is St Bernard's monastery visited by thousands of people?***

St Bernard's monastery is visited by thousands of people during the summer months.

***2. How do these people cross the pass?***

These people cross the pass in cars.

***3.Why are the dogs kept in a special enclosure?***

the dogs are kept in a special enclosure because there are so many people.

***4. How low does the temperature drop in winter?***

the temperature drops in winter to – 30.

***5. Are there few visitors then, or are there a great many?***

there are few visitors then (in winter).

***6.Do the monks prefer the winter season or not?***

the monks prefer the winter season.

***7. What are the dogs free to do in winter?***

The dogs are free to under outside their enclosure in winter.

***8. What sort of people regularly visit the monastery in winter?***

Parties of skiers of people regularly visit the monastery in winter.

9.***Do they stay there the whole winter, or do they stay only at certain times?***

they stay there at Christmas and Easter.

***10.Are they warmly welcomed or not?***

they warmly welcomed.

**Vocabulary**

1. **Famous ==** well-known
2. **Founded ==** built or established
3. **Lies ==** is located = is placed
4. **Now that ==** because
5. **Rashaly attempt ==** done without thinking
6. **Quite ==** rather**,very**
7. **Drops ==** reaches **= get lower**

**Special difficulties**

Whatever 2. Whenever 3. whoever

**Précis**

During the summer months, St Bernard's monastery is visited by thousands of people who cross the pass in cars. As there are so many people, the dogs are kept in a special enclosure. In Winter, the temperature drops to – 30.There are few visitors then. The monks prefer the winter season. The dogs are free to under outside their enclosure in winter. Parties of skiers of people regularly visit the monastery in winter. And they stay there at Christmas and Easter. They warmly welcomed.