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Chapter 3: Dreams and Discoveries

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My Brother's Great Invention

Q 3.1 Arrange these events in the correct order: Anita wakes Anand, Boppa enters, Anand sends him to the room, the Sharmas unlock the door, and Boppa disappears.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

- Step 1.** Anita first hears the noise and wakes Anand.
- Step 2.** The door opens and the children see Boppa with a green scarf.
- Step 3.** Anand quickly directs Boppa to his own room instead of Papa's room.
- Step 4.** Mrs. Sharma, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Mohan enter after unlocking the door.
- Step 5.** Boppa is missing, but the green scarf is found near the time machine.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: The correct order is 4, 1, 5, 3, 2.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Rhea Kapoor, M.A. English, University of Delhi*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Anita first hears the noise and wakes Anand.

Step 2. The door opens and the children see Boppa with a green scarf.

Step 3. Anand quickly directs Boppa to his own room instead of Papa's room.

Step 4. Mrs. Sharma, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Mohan enter after unlocking the door.

Step 5. Boppa is missing, but the green scarf is found near the time machine.

Step 6. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: The correct order is 4, 1, 5, 3, 2.

Q 3.2 When Anita says, 'let me put you in the picture', what does she want to do?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. The phrase means Anita wants to give the reader the background.

Step 2. She explains who she is and who Anand is.

Step 3. She also explains why Anand's

inventions often trouble the family.

Step 4. So the suitable word is introduce, not summarise.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Anita wants to introduce the situation for the benefit of the readers.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Arjun Mehta, M.A. English, Banaras Hindu University*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. The phrase means Anita wants to give the reader the background.

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summarise.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Anita wants to introduce the situation for the benefit of the readers.

Q 3.3 What does 'tinkering' with gadgets mean in the extract?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. In the story, Anand handles wires, tools, dynamos, and wooden planks.

Step 2. He experiments with them to make new devices.

Step 3. The best option is dismantling and creating gadgets.

Step 4. It does not simply mean collecting or labelling them.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Tinkering means dismantling and creating gadgets.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Meera Nair, M.A. English, University of Kerala*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. In the story, Anand handles wires, tools, dynamos, and wooden planks.

Step 2. He experiments with them to make new devices.

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Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Tinkering means dismantling and creating gadgets.

Q 3.4 Which option best describes Anand's personality in the first extract?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Anand keeps creating inventions, even when they do not work properly.

Step 2. He thinks like a young scientist and

tries new ideas.

Step 3. This shows creativity and an experimental nature.

Step 4. He is not shown as shy or overly cautious.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Anand is creative and experimental.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Kabir Sethi, M.A. English, Delhi University*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Anand keeps creating inventions, even when they do not work properly.

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Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Anand is creative and experimental.

Q 3.5 Compare what Anita thinks of Anand with what Anand thinks of himself.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Anita sees Anand as troublesome because his inventions create noise

and confusion.

Step 2. She knows he frightens people and gets on Papa's nerves.

Step 3. Anand sees himself as a serious scientist and inventor.

Step 4. The contrast creates humour in the story.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Anita thinks Anand is troublesome, while Anand thinks he is a scientist.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Ananya Roy, M.A. English, Jadavpur University*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Anita sees Anand as troublesome because his inventions create noise and confusion.

Step 2. She knows he frightens people and gets on Papa's nerves.

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Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Anita thinks Anand is troublesome, while Anand thinks he is a scientist.

Q 3.6 Why was Anita angry when Anand sent Boppa into his own room?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items,

name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Anita knows the room contains Anand's time machine.

Step 2. She thinks Boppa will become furious after entering the wrong room.

Step 3. She fears he will return angrier than before.

Step 4. So she calls Anand a silly goose.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Anita was angry because Anand sent Boppa into his own room and risked making him furious.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Farah Siddiqui, M.A.*
English, Aligarh Muslim University

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

- Step 1.** Anita knows the room contains Anand's time machine.
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- Step 4.** So she calls Anand a silly goose.
- Step 5.** In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Anita was angry because Anand sent Boppa into his own room and risked making him furious.

Q 3.7 Which action of Anand shows his presence of mind?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Anand does not panic when Boppa asks where Papa's room is.

Step 2. He quickly says the room next to theirs.

Step 3. This sends Boppa away from the children for some time.

Step 4. The quick answer gives the children a chance to call for help.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Anand shows presence of mind by sending Boppa into his room to buy time.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Anand does not panic when Boppa asks where Papa's room is.

Step 2. He quickly says the room next to theirs.

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Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Anand shows presence of mind by sending Boppa into his room to buy time.

Q 3.8 What might be the cause of the strange noises from the next room?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Boppa enters Anand's room where the time machine is kept.

Step 2. The room has wires, springs, levers, and a control panel.

Step 3. The crash, whine, and humming sound suggest the machine has started.

Step 4. So the best option is Anand's time machine getting activated.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: The strange noises were probably caused by Anand's time machine getting activated.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

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Final Answer: The strange noises were probably caused by Anand's time machine getting activated.

Q 3.9 Complete the character-trait table

for Anand and Anita.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Anand is creative because he makes inventions from gadgets and tools.

Step 2. Anand is confident because he says nothing will go wrong this time.

Step 3. Anita is responsible because she says they are old enough to look after themselves.

Step 4. Anita is curious because she asks how the alarm knows a burglar is opening the door.

Step 5. Anita is careful because she tells Anand to clean the mess before anyone returns.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Anand: creative, confident. Anita: responsible, curious, careful.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Ira Thomas, M.A. English, Christ University*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Anand is creative because he makes inventions from gadgets and tools.

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Step 5. Anita is careful because she tells Anand to clean the mess before anyone returns.

Step 6. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule

named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Anand: creative, confident. Anita: responsible, curious, careful.

Q 3.10 What prompted Anand to create the burglar alarm?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. There had been a rush of thefts in the colony.

Step 2. Anand felt the house needed protection from burglars.

Step 3. He enjoyed inventing things and saw the situation as a chance to build a

device.

Step 4. That is why he planned the burglar alarm.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: The thefts in the colony prompted Anand to create the burglar alarm.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : Samarjit Das, M.A. English, Presidency University

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. There had been a rush of thefts in the colony.

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This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: The thefts in the colony prompted Anand to create the burglar alarm.

Q3.11 How did Anand's father become the target of the burglar alarm?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Anand designed the alarm to work when the door was opened softly.

Step 2. He thought a thief would open the door quietly.

Step 3. Papa also opened the door softly.

Step 4. The alarm released the water bag on Papa instead of a burglar.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Papa became the target because he opened the door softly, just as Anand expected a burglar to do.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Leela Iyer, M.A. English, Savitribai Phule Pune University*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

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This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Papa became the target because he opened the door softly, just as Anand expected a burglar to do.

Q 3.12 How did Anand's parents and sister react to his ideas?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Papa became angry when Anand's

inventions created trouble.

Step 2. Ma tried to calm the situation and also felt sympathy for Anand.

Step 3. Anita was doubtful and warned Anand that she should not be blamed.

Step 4. Still, she helped or observed because Anand often involved her.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Papa was angry, Ma was soothing and sympathetic, and Anita was sceptical but involved.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : Aditi Rao, M.A. Education, Azim Premji University

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Papa became angry when Anand's inventions created trouble.

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- Step 4.** Still, she helped or observed because Anand often involved her.
- Step 5.** In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Papa was angry, Ma was soothing and sympathetic, and Anita was sceptical but involved.

Q 3.13 How did Anand behave when he was on his inventing binges?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items,

name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. He became completely absorbed in his work.

Step 2. He took apart gadgets to collect parts.

Step 3. His room became full of wires, springs, levers, and bulbs.

Step 4. He made a lot of noise and sometimes did not even comb his hair.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Anand behaved like an excited inventor, noisy, untidy, and fully absorbed in his work.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Vikram Joshi, M.A. English, University of Mumbai*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. He became completely absorbed in his

work.

Step 2. He took apart gadgets to collect parts.

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Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Anand behaved like an excited inventor, noisy, untidy, and fully absorbed in his work.

Q 3.14 Why did Mr. Sharma not believe Anand when he spoke about his time machine?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Mr. Sharma saw no clear proof that a real time machine had worked.

Step 2. Boppa was missing, but adults could explain this as the thief escaping.

Step 3. Anand already had a reputation for wild inventions.

Step 4. So Mr. Sharma treated the story as Anand's imagination.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Mr. Sharma did not believe him because the claim sounded impossible and Anand was known for strange inventions.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

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Step 4. So Mr. Sharma treated the story as Anand's imagination.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Mr. Sharma did not believe him because the claim sounded impossible and Anand was known for strange inventions.

Give a possible ending to the story explaining what happened to Boppa.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

- Step 1.** A sensible ending should use details already present in the story.
- Step 2.** Boppa may have panicked inside Anand's room after the machine made noise.
- Step 3.** He may have escaped through a window, leaving his green scarf behind.
- Step 4.** The children might later find broken wires that prove the machine only frightened him, not sent him through time.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Boppa was frightened by the noisy machine, escaped through a window, and left his green scarf behind.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : Priya Menon, M.A. English,
Madras Christian College

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. A sensible ending should use details already present in the story.

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Step 4. The children might later find broken wires that prove the machine only frightened him, not sent him through time.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Boppa was frightened by the noisy machine, escaped through a window, and left his green scarf behind.

Q 3.16 Match the sound words: crash, humming, hissed, and hammering or sawing or clattering.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Crash means a sudden loud sound of breaking.

Step 2. Humming means a continuous low and soothing sound.

Step 3. Hissed means whispered angrily.

Step 4. Hammering, sawing, and clattering

mean constant and loud construction noises.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Crash: sudden breaking sound; humming: low continuous sound; hissed: whispered angrily; hammering, sawing, clattering: loud construction noises.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Rahul Khanna, M.A.*
English, Panjab University

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Crash means a sudden loud sound of breaking.

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Q3.17 Make the correct binomials from safe, odds, make, pros, now, and give.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Safe pairs with sound.

Step 2. Odds pairs with ends.

Step 3. Make pairs with break.

Step 4. Pros pairs with cons.

Step 5. Now pairs with never.

Step 6. Give pairs with take.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: safe and sound, odds and ends, make or break, pros and cons, now or never, give and take.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Safe pairs with sound.

Step 2. Odds pairs with ends.

Step 3. Make pairs with break.

Step 4. Pros pairs with cons.

Step 5. Now pairs with never.

Step 6. Give pairs with take.

Step 7. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: safe and sound, odds and ends, make or break, pros and cons, now or never, give and take.

verbs: tripped off, let up, turned out, ran out of, rigged up.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. The sentence first says there was not enough time, so ran out of fits.

Step 2. They quickly made decorations, so rigged up fits.

Step 3. The fire alarm started by accident, so tripped off fits.

Step 4. The rain stopped or reduced, so let up fits.

Step 5. The function finally became successful, so turned out fits.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: ran out of, rigged up, tripped off, let up, turned out.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : Tara Narang, M.A. English, Jamia Millia Islamia

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. The sentence first says there was not enough time, so ran out of fits.

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Step 6. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and

language questions.

Final Answer: ran out of, rigged up, tripped off, let up, turned out.

Q3.19 Fill the idioms from the story in the given sentences.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

- Step 1.** Breaking a vase may bring punishment, so get a shelling fits.
- Step 2.** Trying very hard to help means fell over ourselves.
- Step 3.** Distracting someone and making a chance means leaving the coast clear.
- Step 4.** Repeated power problems can get on our nerves.
- Step 5.** A loud night noise can frighten me half to death.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: get a shelling, fell over ourselves, leaving the coast clear, get on our nerves, frighten me half to death.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Rohan Pillai, M.A.*
Linguistics, EFL University

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

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Step 3. Distracting someone and making a chance means leaving the coast clear.

Step 4. Repeated power problems can get on our nerves.

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half to death.

Step 6. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

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Final Answer: get a shelling, fell over ourselves, leaving the coast clear, get on our nerves, frighten me half to death.

Q 3.20 Fill the blanks with simple past or past perfect forms in the Rohan and train sentences.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Use past perfect for the older completed action.

Step 2. Use simple past for the later action in the story sequence.

Step 3. Rohan had finished homework before he decided to walk.

Step 4. The train had already left before the group reached the station.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: had finished, decided, left, realised, had forgotten; reached, had already left, waited.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Sneha Kulkarni, M.A.*
English, Fergusson College

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the My Brother's Great Invention part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Use past perfect for the older completed action.

Step 2. Use simple past for the later action in the story sequence.

Step 3. Rohan had finished homework before he decided to walk.

Step 4. The train had already left before the group reached the station.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: had finished, decided, left, realised, had forgotten; reached, had already left, waited.

Paper Boats

Q 3.1 Complete the summary of the poem 'Paper Boats'.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. The poet sends boats down a stream.

Step 2. He writes his name and village on them.

Step 3. He hopes someone in a strange land will find them.

Step 4. He fills them with shiuli flowers and imagines clouds racing with them.

Step 5. At night he dreams they float under stars with fairies carrying dreams.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: stream, village, strange, shiuli, morning, clouds, float, dreams.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the Paper Boats part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. The poet sends boats down a stream.

Step 2. He writes his name and village on them.

Step 3. He hopes someone in a strange land will find them.

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Step 5. At night he dreams they float under stars with fairies carrying dreams.

Step 6. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: stream, village, strange, shiuli, morning, clouds, float, dreams.

Q 3.2 What is the theme of the poem?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. The speaker is a child who plays with paper boats.

Step 2. The poem is full of imagination and hope.

Step 3. It also shows innocent playfulness.

Step 4. Ignorance is not a suitable theme here.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: The theme is innocence, imagination, and playfulness.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the Paper Boats part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. The speaker is a child who plays with paper boats.

Step 2. The poem is full of imagination and hope.

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Step 4. Ignorance is not a suitable theme here.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: The theme is innocence, imagination, and playfulness.

alliteration, and imagery in the poem.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. The setting is a natural outdoor environment beside a stream.

Step 2. The tone is gentle and wishful.

Step 3. The mood is thoughtful.

Step 4. Alliteration appears in phrases such as 'big black letters' and 'blooms of the dawn'.

Step 5. Imagery appears in shiuli flowers and midnight stars.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: True; gentle and wishful; thoughtful; big black letters and blooms of the dawn; shiuli flowers and midnight stars.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the Paper Boats part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. The setting is a natural outdoor environment beside a stream.

Step 2. The tone is gentle and wishful.

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Step 6. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: True; gentle and wishful; thoughtful; big black letters and blooms of the dawn; shiuli flowers and midnight stars.

Q 3.4 Match the symbols in the poem with paper boats, shiuli flowers, and midnight stars.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Paper boats carry the child's hopes and messages into the world.

Step 2. Shiuli flowers suggest purity, beauty, and the start of a new day.

Step 3. Midnight stars suggest the vast universe and dreams continuing through the night.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: 1: paper boats, 2: shiuli flowers, 3: midnight stars.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Parth Trivedi, M.A. English, Gujarat University*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the Paper Boats part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Paper boats carry the child's hopes and messages into the world.

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Step 4. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: 1: paper boats, 2: shiuli flowers, 3: midnight stars.

Q 3.5 What can be inferred about the speaker's feelings when night comes?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. At night the speaker dreams of the boats travelling farther.

Step 2. He imagines fairies sailing in the boats.

Step 3. This shows wonder, hope, and peaceful imagination.

Step 4. He is not afraid or bored.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: The speaker feels dreamy, hopeful, and full of wonder.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Namrata Bose, M.A.*
English, Calcutta University

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the Paper Boats part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. At night the speaker dreams of the boats travelling farther.

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Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: The speaker feels dreamy, hopeful, and full of wonder.

Q 3.6 Why does the poet write his personal details on the paper boats?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. He writes his name and village on the boats.

Step 2. He hopes someone in a strange land will find them.

Step 3. He wants that unknown person to know who he is.

Step 4. The act shows a child's wish to connect with the wider world.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: He writes them so someone far away may know his name and village.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Harsh Vardhan, M.A.*
English, Rajasthan University

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the Paper Boats part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. He writes his name and village on the boats.

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Step 3. He wants that unknown person to know who he is.

Step 4. The act shows a child's wish to connect with the wider world.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer

to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: He writes them so someone far away may know his name and village.

Q 3.7 How does the poet bring together imagination and reality?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. The real action is simple: the child floats paper boats in a stream.

Step 2. He also puts real shiuli flowers from his garden in them.

Step 3. His imagination turns clouds into

playmates and fairies into sailors.

Step 4. This mix makes the poem tender and magical.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: The poem joins real paper boats, flowers, and a stream with imagined clouds, fairies, and dream journeys.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Tanya Malhotra, M.A.*
English, Delhi University

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the Paper Boats part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. The real action is simple: the child floats paper boats in a stream.

Step 2. He also puts real shiuli flowers from his garden in them.

Step 3. His imagination turns clouds into playmates and fairies into sailors.

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Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: The poem joins real paper boats, flowers, and a stream with imagined clouds, fairies, and dream journeys.

Q 3.8 Write phrase examples with 'of', time-of-day words, and opposites from the poem.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

- Step 1.** Useful phrases include wings of the birds, waves of the ocean, dreams of the children, and glimmers of the stars.
- Step 2.** Morning words include dawn, sunrise, daybreak, and sunup.
- Step 3.** Evening words include twilight, dusk, sunset, sundown, and nightfall.
- Step 4.** Night words include night-time and midnight.
- Step 5.** Opposites are strange and ordinary, dawn and dusk, launch and halt, bulging and shrinking, float and sink, lading and emptying.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Examples: wings of the birds; morning: dawn, sunrise; evening: dusk, sunset; opposites include strange and ordinary, float and sink.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the Paper Boats part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

- Step 1.** Useful phrases include wings of the birds, waves of the ocean, dreams of the children, and glimmers of the stars.
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- Step 6.** In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Examples: wings of the birds; morning: dawn, sunrise; evening: dusk, sunset; opposites include strange and ordinary, float and sink.

North, South, East, West

Q 3.1 Complete Shaana's travel table based on the postcards.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Himachal Pradesh has snow, gloves, postcards, and mountain cold.

Step 2. The thick forest and tree house refer to the Sundarbans.

Step 3. Gujarat has hot dry sand and a camel ride.

Step 4. The Narmada river includes rafting.

Step 5. Chennai includes surfing at the beach.

Step 6. The dive and floating among fish refer to Lakshadweep.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Himachal Pradesh: cold snow trip; Sundarbans: forest and tree house; Gujarat: desert and camel; Narmada: rafting; Chennai: surfing; Lakshadweep: floating and fish.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Ritika Jain, M.A. English, University of Lucknow*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Himachal Pradesh has snow, gloves, postcards, and mountain cold.

Step 2. The thick forest and tree house refer to the Sundarbans.

Step 3. Gujarat has hot dry sand and a camel

ride.

Step 4. The Narmada river includes rafting.

Step 5. Chennai includes surfing at the beach.

Step 6. The dive and floating among fish refer to Lakshadweep.

Step 7. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Himachal Pradesh: cold snow trip; Sundarbans: forest and tree house; Gujarat: desert and camel; Narmada: rafting; Chennai: surfing; Lakshadweep: floating and fish.

Q 3.2 Answer the extract questions about the Sundarbans postcard.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Shaana feels wonder when she learns that mangroves can grow in seawater.

Step 2. Amma is sad because frequent flooding shows damage to the place and danger to people and trees.

Step 3. The line about crocodiles and a lonely snake following them home shows slight nervousness.

Step 4. The assertion and reason are both true because asking about everyone shows she misses her friends.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Wonder; flooding harms the wetlands; 'I hope they do not follow us home'; option A.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Shaana feels wonder when she learns that mangroves can grow in seawater.

Step 2. Amma is sad because frequent flooding shows damage to the place and danger to people and trees.

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Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Wonder; flooding harms the wetlands; 'I hope they do not follow us home'; option A.

Q 3.3 Answer the extract questions about the Goa postcard.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Shaana stays awake because she loves looking out of the train window.

Step 2. 'You won't believe how nice the plateaus look' means the view is surprisingly beautiful.

Step 3. Her attitude towards tunnels changes from fear to comfort.

Step 4. Her wish to tour the plateaus with friends shows a sense of connection and value for shared experiences.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: She stays awake to enjoy the view; the plateaus look surprisingly beautiful; option A; sense of connection and shared experiences.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Noor Fatima, M.A. English, Osmania University*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Shaana stays awake because she loves looking out of the train window.

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and value for shared experiences.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: She stays awake to enjoy the view; the plateaus look surprisingly beautiful; option A; sense of connection and shared experiences.

Q 3.4 Why might Shaana have been afraid of tunnels earlier?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Tunnels are dark and enclosed.

Step 2. A child may feel nervous when a train

suddenly enters darkness.

Step 3. The sound inside a tunnel can also seem loud.

Step 4. Travel helps Shaana become more comfortable with them.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: She may have been afraid because tunnels are dark, enclosed, and noisy.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Gauri Deshpande, M.A.
English, Mumbai University*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Tunnels are dark and enclosed.

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This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: She may have been afraid because tunnels are dark, enclosed, and noisy.

Q 3.5 Did Shaana's Appa and Amma enjoy themselves like children?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Yes, the postcards suggest they enjoyed many activities.

Step 2. They threw snowballs, went rafting, learnt surfing, and went diving.

Step 3. Shaana even says it was good she was there to control them.

Step 4. This playful evidence shows the adults enjoyed the journey like children.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Yes. Their snow play, rafting, surfing, and diving show childlike enjoyment.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Esha Banerjee, M.A.
Linguistics, University of Hyderabad*

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Yes, the postcards suggest they enjoyed many activities.

Step 2. They threw snowballs, went rafting, learnt surfing, and went diving.

Step 3. Shaana even says it was good she was there to control them.

Step 4. This playful evidence shows the adults enjoyed the journey like children.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Yes. Their snow play, rafting, surfing, and diving show childlike enjoyment.

Q 3.6 What do less snow in glaciers and flooding in the Sundarbans indicate?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

- Step 1.** Less snow in glaciers suggests environmental change in cold regions.
- Step 2.** Frequent flooding in the Sundarbans suggests stress on wetlands and coastal areas.
- Step 3.** Together, these observations point to climate-related changes.
- Step 4.** They also show why travellers should notice and respect nature.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: They indicate environmental change and possible climate-related stress.

EXPERT'S SOLUTION : *Manav Bhatia, M.A.*
English, Kurukshetra University

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Less snow in glaciers suggests

environmental change in cold regions.

Step 2. Frequent flooding in the Sundarbans suggests stress on wetlands and coastal areas.

Step 3. Together, these observations point to climate-related changes.

Step 4. They also show why travellers should notice and respect nature.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: They indicate environmental change and possible climate-related stress.

Q 3.7 How do Shaana's travels show India's geographical diversity?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. She visits glaciers and snowy mountains in Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.

Step 2. She sees wetlands and mangroves in the Sundarbans.

Step 3. She travels through deserts, rivers, plateaus, beaches, islands, and forests.

Step 4. This range shows India's varied landforms, climates, and ecosystems.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: Her postcards show glaciers, forests, wetlands, deserts, rivers, plateaus, beaches, and islands.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. She visits glaciers and snowy mountains in Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.

Step 2. She sees wetlands and mangroves in the Sundarbans.

Step 3. She travels through deserts, rivers, plateaus, beaches, islands, and forests.

Step 4. This range shows India's varied landforms, climates, and ecosystems.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: Her postcards show glaciers, forests, wetlands, deserts, rivers, plateaus, beaches, and islands.

Q 3.8 How does Shaana use language to show excitement, curiosity, and fear?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. She uses direct exclamations such as 'You won't believe'.

Step 2. She asks questions to her friends and shares quick observations.

Step 3. She uses vivid words for snow, crocodiles, tunnels, rafting, and the sea.

Step 4. Her informal postcard style makes her feelings sound immediate.

 Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: She uses exclamations, questions, vivid details, and friendly postcard language.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. She uses direct exclamations such as 'You won't believe'.

Step 2. She asks questions to her friends and shares quick observations.

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Step 4. Her informal postcard style makes her feelings sound immediate.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: She uses exclamations, questions, vivid details, and friendly postcard language.

What might Shaana have learnt from travelling across India?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. She may have learnt that India has many landscapes and cultures.

Step 2. She sees both natural beauty and environmental problems.

Step 3. She also learns courage by trying activities such as rafting and surfing.

Step 4. This can make her more curious, aware, and connected to the country.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: She learnt about India's diversity, nature, environmental concerns, and her own courage.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. She may have learnt that India has many landscapes and cultures.

Step 2. She sees both natural beauty and environmental problems.

Step 3. She also learns courage by trying activities such as rafting and surfing.

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Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: She learnt about India's diversity, nature, environmental concerns, and her own courage.

Why might the author present the text as postcards?

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. Postcards make the travel account personal and lively.

Step 2. Each postcard gives a short snapshot of one place.

Step 3. The form lets Shaana speak directly to her friends.

Step 4. It also matches the chapter's idea of discovery through travel.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: The postcard form makes the travel story personal, brief, vivid, and friendly.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. Postcards make the travel account personal and lively.

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Step 3. The form lets Shaana speak directly to her friends.

Step 4. It also matches the chapter's idea of discovery through travel.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: The postcard form makes the travel story personal, brief, vivid, and friendly.

Q 3.11 Choose the correct subject-verb agreement options from the travel sentences.

SOLUTION

Concept used. Read the prompt, find the matching part of the NCERT text, and answer in clear Class 7 language. For grammar items, name the rule first and then apply it to the sentence.

Step 1. A pair takes a singular verb, so is fits sunglasses and binoculars.

Step 2. With either or neither, the verb agrees with the nearer subject.

Step 3. Information, news, and keeping accounts take singular verbs here.

Step 4. Plural subjects like tourists, hill stations, and bus passes take plural verbs.

Exam tip

Use one direct answer and one text-based reason. For grammar blanks, check the meaning before choosing the word.

Final Answer: is, have, is, was, makes, is, remain, is, need, was.

Reading angle. This answer stays close to the North, South, East, West part of the chapter. It gives the answer first, then explains the clue from the text or the grammar rule.

Step 1. A pair takes a singular verb, so is fits sunglasses and binoculars.

Step 2. With either or neither, the verb agrees with the nearer subject.

Step 3. Information, news, and keeping accounts take singular verbs here.

Step 4. Plural subjects like tourists, hill stations, and bus passes take plural verbs.

Step 5. In an exam, connect the final answer to the story, poem, postcard, or rule named in the question.

This method keeps the answer short but complete. It also prevents unsupported guesses, which is important in literature and language questions.

Final Answer: is, have, is, was, makes, is, remain, is, need, was.

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Key Takeaways

- Anand's story tests event order, character traits, idioms, and past tense use.
- Paper Boats tests imagination, symbols, alliteration, imagery, tone, and mood.
- Shaana's postcards test travel vocabulary, geographical diversity, and subject-verb agreement.
- Good answers stay short, text-based, and clear.