

# MP Board Class 8th General English Solutions Chapter 7

## Water Water Everywhere

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### Word Power

Write the homophones for these words:

1. steel
2. due
3. knew
4. way
5. aloud
6. pain
7. our.

Answer:

1. steal
2. dew
3. new
4. weigh
5. allowed
6. pane
7. hour.

### Comprehension

A. Answer the following questions:

Question 1.

What is a disaster ?

Answer:

Disaster is an unexpected event which kills or injures a lot of people and causes lot of damage to property.

Question 2.

What are epidemics ?

Answer:

Epidemics are infectious diseases which spread out over a large population by means of water, food and air.

Question 3.

What are the ill effects of floods ?

Answer:

The ill effects of floods are destruction of life and property.

Question 4.

How are human beings responsible for causing floods ?

Answer:

Human beings are responsible for causing floods by deforestation, faulty dam construction and breaches in embankments.

Question 5.

How is our life affected by floods ?

Answer:

There is destruction of life and property. Epidemics and soil erosion occur due to floods.

(B) Write a short note about the measures to ensure safety of life during a disaster like flood ?

Answer:

First of all we should not panick. If our house is in danger, we should move to a safer and higher place made of concrete. Cattle should be freed and taken to a safer place. We should take some eatables and essential items while leaving our house.

(C) What are the different ways to purify drinking water ?

Answer:

We can use chlorine tablets for purifying the drinking water and we can boil the water also.

Let's Learn

A. Rewrite these sentences using “and”, “but” and “or” as linkers :

1. Give me a pen or a pencil.
2. He works very hard but gets a low salary.
3. Hurry up or you will be late.
4. We knocked at the door but no one answered.
5. Man discovered fire and learnt to cook.
6. He is slow but he is sure.
7. Sanjana worked hard and won a scholarship.
8. Priya can come early but Reshma can't.
9. Abu should go home early or his mother will be worried.

10. Sunil must learn to use a computer or he will not get a good job.

B. (a) Rewrite the sentences using the correct prefix with the word in brackets:

Answer:

1. Many drivers disobey the speed restriction on roads.
2. I had to reread the directions because I couldn't understand them in my first reading.
3. The garden hasn't been mown so weeds have regrown.
4. I replaced the ball she had lost.
5. These slippers are made of recycled plastic.

(b) Add "fore" to make new words from the following and use them in the sentences given below:

Answer:

1. According to the last evening's weather
2. Astrologers claim that they can foretell your future.
3. He has applied for half a day's leave in the forenoon today.
4. A true leader is always in the forefront.
5. We don't often realize that we owe a lot to our forefathers.

(C) Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences.

1. It is important to spray pesticides.
2. Use chlorine tablets to purify water.
3. Prevention is better than cure.
4. It is raining cats and dogs.
5. Dams are useful for us.
6. We should plant more trees.

Let's Talk

Given a railway ticket for you. Show it to your partner and talk about the ticket. Then ask these questions.

Question 1.

How many people travelled on this ticket?

Answer:

One adult travelled on this ticket.

Question 2.

What is the fare?

Answer:

The fare is Rs. 1278.

Question 3.

What is the number of the ticket?

Answer:

The number of the ticket is 05323173.

Question 4.

Where does/do he/they board the train ?

Answer:

He boards the train at Bhopal JN.

Question 5.

Which place was / were he / they going to ?

Answer:

He was going to Lucknow.

Question 6.

What is the distance between the two stations ?

Answer:

The distance between two stations is 583 km.

Let's Read

Read the given passage carefully and answer the following questions:

Question 1.

Write the names of the diseases mentioned in the passage.

Answer:

The diseases mentioned in the passage are Dengu, Malaria and Chikungunya.

Question 2.

Is there any vaccine for the treatment of these diseases ?

Answer:

There is no vaccine available for these diseases.

Question 3.

What should we do if we have fever ?

Answer:

We should go to the doctor for laboratory investigations.

Question 4.

Write down some preventive measures to avoid these diseases.

Answer:

Some preventive measures are:

- Preventing mosquitoes from entering the house by using nets.
- Protecting ourselves from mosquito bites by using protective clothing.
- Avoiding water stagnating as mosquitoes lay eggs in stale stagnant water.
- Killing mosquitoes by using space sprays, thermal fogs.
- Drain stagnant water from potted plants, air coolers etc.

(5) Arrange the jumbled letters given below to make words:

1. sedias.
2. alamar
3. aidrn
4. vefer.

Answer:

1. diseases
2. drain
3. malaria
4. fever.