Unseen Passage for Class 7 with Answers

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A. Passage 1 (discursive)

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Plastic: A Useful Material That Became a Problem

1 Look around your home and you will find plastic everywhere: in toothbrushes, buckets, chairs, pens and the packets that hold our food. Plastic became popular because it is cheap, light, strong and waterproof. It changed the way we live, and in many ways it made life easier.

2 The same qualities that make plastic useful also make it harmful. Plastic does not rot like paper or food. A plastic bag thrown away today may stay in the soil or the sea for hundreds of years. Over time it breaks into tiny pieces called microplastics, which have been found in rivers, in the sea and even in the bodies of fish.

3 In our cities, plastic waste blocks drains and causes waterlogging during the monsoon. Stray cows that eat from garbage heaps often swallow plastic bags, which can make them seriously ill. Burning plastic releases poisonous gases into the air we breathe.

4 The answer is not to stop using plastic completely, but to use it wisely. We can refuse single-use plastic such as straws, cups and thin carry bags, reuse containers and bottles, and send plastic for recycling. Many shops now offer cloth bags, and some cities have banned thin plastic bags.

5 Every small choice counts. If each of us carries a cloth bag and a steel bottle, millions of plastic items will never reach our drains and seas.

1. Why did plastic become popular? Give two reasons.

2. According to the passage, how long may a plastic bag stay in the soil or the sea? (a) a few weeks (b) a few years (c) hundreds of years

3. What are microplastics?

4. How does plastic cause problems in cities during the monsoon?

5. Why is burning plastic harmful?

6. True or false: The writer says we must stop using plastic completely.

7. Name two kinds of single-use plastic mentioned in the passage.

8. Find a word in paragraph 1 that means “not letting water pass through”.

9. Find a word in paragraph 3 that means “harmful and able to kill”.

10. What do you think the writer means by “Every small choice counts”?

11. Suggest a suitable title of your own for the passage.

12. Write one thing you can do at home to reduce plastic waste.

B. Passage 2 (facts)

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Chandrayaan-3: India Reaches the Moon’s South Pole

1 On 14 July 2023, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched Chandrayaan-3 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota. Its aim was to land gently on the Moon and explore its surface. The mission had three parts: a propulsion module that carried it to the Moon, a lander named Vikram and a small rover named Pragyan.

2 After a journey of more than a month, the Vikram lander touched down near the Moon’s south pole on 23 August 2023. India became the first country to land near the lunar south pole and only the fourth country, after the USSR, the USA and China, to make a soft landing on the Moon.

3 Soon after landing, the six-wheeled Pragyan rover rolled out of the lander. It travelled about 100 metres, studied the soil and confirmed the presence of sulphur and other elements near the south pole. Scientists are interested in this region because they believe water ice may be hidden in its deep, shadowy craters.

4 The success was celebrated across India. To honour it, the Government of India declared 23 August as National Space Day. Chandrayaan-3 showed the world what Indian scientists can achieve with careful planning and teamwork.

1. When was Chandrayaan-3 launched?

2. Name the three parts of the mission.

3. Where on the Moon did Vikram land? (a) near the north pole (b) near the equator (c) near the south pole

4. Why was India's landing a world first?

5. Which countries had made a soft landing on the Moon before India?

6. What did the Pragyan rover find?

7. Why are scientists interested in the Moon's south pole?

8. True or false: National Space Day is celebrated on 14 July.

9. Find a word in paragraph 2 that means "landed" (two words).

10. Find a word in paragraph 4 that means "to show respect for someone or something".

11. What qualities helped Indian scientists succeed, according to the passage?

Answer Key

A. Passage 1 (discursive)

1. It is cheap and light (also strong and waterproof). (Any two)
2. (c) hundreds of years
3. They are tiny pieces that plastic breaks into over time.
4. Plastic waste blocks drains and causes waterlogging.
5. It releases poisonous gases into the air we breathe.
6. False. The writer says we should use plastic wisely.
7. Straws, cups and thin carry bags. (Any two)
8. waterproof
9. poisonous
10. The writer means that small actions by many people, like carrying a cloth bag, add up to a big difference.
11. Any suitable title, e.g. “Use Plastic Wisely” or “The Plastic Problem”.
12. Any sensible answer, e.g. carry a cloth bag for shopping or use a steel bottle instead of buying bottled water.

B. Passage 2 (facts)

1. It was launched on 14 July 2023.
2. A propulsion module, the Vikram lander and the Pragyan rover.
3. (c) near the south pole
4. India was the first country to land near the Moon’s south pole.
5. The USSR, the USA and China.
6. It confirmed the presence of sulphur and other elements near the south pole.
7. They believe water ice may be hidden in its deep, shadowy craters.
8. False. It is celebrated on 23 August.
9. touched down
10. honour
11. Careful planning and teamwork.

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