



PERIODIC ASSIGNMENT 3	
GRADE - 7	SUBJECT - ENGLISH
Syllabus – (Honeycomb – Unit – 7) (SR – 7,8)	
Grammar – Ch – 14,15,16. Comprehension, writing skill(notice, letter)	

## SECTION A – READING

**Q1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.**

There was a time when all house-work was done by the women or girls of the household. Few husbands ever dreamt of washing up, preparing breakfast or tending the baby. Such duties were no concern of theirs. And normal school boy assumed that if help were needed in the home, his sisters would be called on to give it. The whole family supported the view that the male child could not or should not clean, mend, wash, cook or make beds.

Things are very different today. Doctors or barristers find nothing shameful in putting on an apron to help in the kitchen or nursery and even boast of being good at washing of clothes and personal linen.

The school boy is more often now than formerly expected to help his mother. One reason for the change is the Shortage of domestic servants. Girls could once be found to do the hard work in middle and upper class homes for very moderate wages; Such girls nowa-days work in factories. They earn more money than most householders can afford to pay. Thus the wife now does the household work herself with the aid of labour saving machines; and she expects some help from her husband.

### Questions:

#### A. Answer the following questions briefly:

- Who usually did all house work in the past?
- Mention some household chores that women use to do in their house.
- How did the whole family view the male child?
- How are things different now?
- Mention one reason that has brought this change today?

#### B. Find words from the above passage that mean the same as:

- (a) taking care of      (b) took for granted      (c) talk proudly

### Answers:

- In the past all house work was usually done by women or girls.
- Washing clothes, preparing breakfast and tending the baby.
- The whole family thought that the male child could not or should not clean, mind, wash, cook or make beds.
- Today even doctors and lawyers help in the kitchen or nursery.
- The shortage of domestic servants has brought this change.

- B.  
(a) tending (b) assumed (c) boast

## PASSAGE 2

Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow.

### My Native Land by Sir Walter Scott

Breathes there the man, with soul so dead,  
Who never to himself hath said,  
This is my own, my native land!  
Whose heart hath ne'er within him burn'd,  
As home his footsteps he hath turn'd  
From wandering on a foreign strand!  
If such there breathe, go, mark him well;  
For him no Minstrel raptures swell;  
High though his titles, proud his name,  
Boundless his wealth as wish can claim;—  
Despite those titles, power, and pelf,  
The wretch, concentrated all in self,  
Living, shall forfeit fair renown,  
And, doubly dying, shall go down  
To the vile dust, from whence he sprung,  
Unwept, unhonour'd, and unsung.

1. True renown is achieved by one who
  - a) has great wealth and reputation.
  - b) has lived all his life in his native land.**
  - c) has the love and respect of his countrymen.
2. A man who shows no feelings towards his country meets
  - a) a painful end.
  - b) an anonymous end.
  - c) a disreputable end.**

### 3. What kind of person would have a 'soul so dead'?

Ans. A man who has no love for his country and feels ashamed of accepting his identity in a foreign land has a soul which is dead.

### 4. Who, according to the poet, is not capable of loyalty towards his country?

Ans. According to the poet, a person who has turned away his footsteps from his native land and never returned back is not capable of loyalty towards his country.

### 5. Explain the line 'For him no Minstrel raptures swell'.

Ans. Minstrels were the singers singing praises in the royal courts. They used to sing glories of brave and good people. The poet says that for an unpatriotic person, no singers sing songs of praise.

## SECTION B – WRITING

**Q2. You are Mohan/Radha, the head boy/girl of GVM School, Pune. Your school is organising a tour to Goa. Write out a notice inviting students who want to join the tour. Put the notice in the box.**

G.V.M. School, Pune

### NOTICE TRIP TO GOA

1st November 2020

The school is organising a five-day tour to Goa as per details given below :

Classes – VI to X

Date of Departure : 20th November ;

Date of Arrival : 24th November

Interested students have to deposit ? 5000 each. 7th November is the last date for enrolment.

The money and the consent of the parents must be given to the undersigned before that.

Mohan

Head Boy

**Q3. Sachin of Class VII A has lost his library book on the playground during the recess. He wants to put up a notice on the School Notice Board. Write his notice in not more than 50 words. Put the notice in a box.**

**Q4. You are Sugandha, living at 102, Patliputra colony, Patna. Write a letter to the Chief engineer, Bihar State Electricity Board complaining against the frequent break down of electricity in your colony.**

102,  
Patliputra Colony Patna  
15th October, 2020

The Chief Engineer Bihar State Electricity Board Patna

Sub: Complain about the frequent break down of electricity.

Sir

I would like to draw your attention to the intermittent failures of electricity supply in Patliputra colony which is an old posh area of Patna. Electric break-downs paralyse the activities of the residents of this colony. It becomes very difficult for we, the students, to study for our examinations.

I, therefore, request you on behalf of the students of this colony to remove this problem

without any delay. Please direct your staff in this regard.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Sugandha

### SECTION C - GRAMMAR

#### Q5. Do as directed

##### A. Fill in the blanks using suitable option given in the brackets.

1. Switch off the burner when water starts boiling.
2. The fire alarm went off because somebody lighted a matchstick.
3. The oranges are so sweet though they are not fully ripe yet.
4. Rajat spent months training for the marathon till he won it.
5. Although Asif was injured, he played the series.
6. I had gone for an interview where I was asked many questions.
7. The subjects were not allowed to talk to each other while they were being observed.
8. The students are not allowed to leave the dining hall till they finish their meal.
9. Because it had rained all night, the roads were completely water logged.
10. My mother does not allow us ice cream till we have finished our meal.

##### B. Write a for sentences in active voice and p for sentences in passive voice.

1. The package will be delivered by tomorrow. P
2. Myra returned the library books yesterday. A
3. The surgery has been performed by the best surgeon. P
4. I was gifted a piano for my birthday. P
5. The clown performed hilarious stunts in the circus. A
6. Pramod feeds stray dogs every evening. A
7. The cake baked by Shreya's mother was delicious. P

##### C. Rewrite these phrases using apostrophes at the correct places.

1. bags belonging to the children  
1. the children's bags
2. the cap belonging to the player  
2. the player's caps
3. rules of the class  
3. the class' rules
4. the weather of Delhi  
4. Delhi's weather

5. the population of India
5. India's population
  
6. the key of the house
6. The house's key
  
7. house of Ms Kanwar
7. Ms Kanwar's house

**D. Use a hyphen between the correct words in these sentences.**

1. We looked for a pet-friendly hotel.
2. Metro tracks rest on load-bearing pillars.
3. There were forty-two guests in all.
4. This is clearly a made-up story.
5. Your father-in-law called just now.
6. These are factory-made carpets.
7. This story is by ten-year-old boy.

**SECTION D – LITERATURE**

**Q6. Word meanings**

1. Wobbly- Shaky, Unsteady
2. Scoffed- Laughed mockingly
3. Child's play – Very easy to do
4. Scraped- to draw or scratch
5. Fellow – Companion, Friend
6. Swallowed – Eat, Gulp down, Consume
7. Grazing – scrape, eat grass
8. Breed – type
9. Hardship – difficulty
10. Narrate – describe
11. Jerk – jolt
12. Anguish – suffering
13. Obstinate – stubborn
14. Annoyed – irritated
15. Embrace – hug
16. Bloomed – blossom
17. Slain – Killed
18. Paris – Small horse
19. Porridge – A liquid food
20. Temptation – Greed

**Q7. Reference to context**

(Read chapter The Invention Of Vita Wonk)

**Q8. Answer the following questions**

**1. Why was Dad sure he wouldn't fall?**

Ans. The Dad was sure he wouldn't fall because he was a good climber.

**2. Which phrase in the poem expresses Dad's self-confidence best?**

Ans. 'Child's play, this is!'

“Easy as winking to a climber like me.”

**3. Describe Plan A and its consequences.**

Ans. According to Plan A, father would have reached the tree top with the help of the ladder. However, the ladder slipped and father fell on the ground.

**4. Why does Mr Wonka collect items from the oldest things? Do you think this is the right way to begin his invention?**

Ans. Mr Wonka wanted to create an item that will make people older so he collected items from the oldest things. This is in fact a foolish way to begin an invention.

**5. What happens to the volunteer who swallows four drops of the new invention? What is the name of the invention?**

Ans. The Oompa-Loompa volunteer was 20 years old before swallowing the drops, he became 75 years old after it. The invention is named Vita-Wonk.

**6. Why did he (Abu Khan) buy a young goat?**

Ans. Abbu Khan bought a young goat thinking that she would stay with him for a long time and also she might learn to love Abbu Khan dearly and never run away from him.

**7. Why did Chandni hate the rope round her neck?**

Ans. Chandni hated the rope around her neck because she wanted to run away into the fields but every time she did that, the rope stopped her with a jerk.

**8. Why did Chandni refuse to join the group of wild goats?**

Ans. Chandni wanted to enjoy her freedom all by herself. Therefore, she politely refused to join the group of wild goats.

**9. Why did the wise old bird say, “Chandni is the winner”?**

Ans. The wild old bird declared Chandni the winner because she fought till her last breath. She put a very brave front to protect her dream and desire for freedom.

**10. What was against the law of nature?**

Ans. Bear climbing trees was against the law of nature.

**11. Why could the bear not resist the temptation to climb the trees?**

Ans. The bear was badly tempted to eat apples from the apple orchard. In his desire to have apples the bear was unable to resist the temptation to climb the trees.

**12. When does a bear get ill-tempered?**

Ans. A bear, like a dog, gets ill-tempered when kept in chains for a long time.

**13. When was the bear tied up with a chain? Why?**

Ans. The bear was tied up with a chain when in the process of climbing the tree he was hurt by the bees in the bee hive. As a punishment, the bear was kept in chains for 2 days.

