Water—A Precious Gift

Standard difficulty · 20 questions · 40 marks · Time: 54 minutes

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Show your working for Sections B and C. Answers are on the last page — try every question first!

Section A — Choose the correct answer — 8 × 1 = 8 marks

1. The water in our wells comes from:

(a) clouds inside the well **(b)** the tap

(c) the sea **(d)** water stored under the ground

2. A bucket on a rope is pulled up over a pulley. Where does the water come from?

(a) well **(b)** stream **(c)** pond **(d)** borewell

3. On which of these does rainwater soak in most easily?

(a) a plastic sheet **(b)** a cement road

(c) a soft garden bed **(d)** a smooth rock

4. Which of these is a good way to REUSE water?

(a) let a tap drip all night

(b) play with water from the hose for fun

(c) water plants with water used to wash vegetables

(d) take a long shower with the tap fully open

5. Which of these WASTES water?

(a) water plants with leftover drinking water

(b) flush the toilet with used bath water

(c) use water from the cooler to wash the steps

(d) pour a full bottle of clean water down the drain

6. Which of these is a natural source of water?

(a) a water bottle **(b)** a bucket

(c) a river **(d)** an overhead tank

7. A family uses 3 buckets of water every day. How many buckets do they use in 7 days?

(a) 21 buckets **(b)** 18 buckets **(c)** 10 buckets **(d)** 24 buckets

8. Brushing with the tap running uses 7 mugs of water. Brushing with a mug of water uses only 2. How many mugs are saved each time?

(a) 5 mugs **(b)** 9 mugs **(c)** 7 mugs **(d)** 4 mugs

Section B — Short answer — 8 × 2 = 16 marks

9. Write two clues that tell you it may rain soon.

10. Name where the water comes from (hand pump, well, tap, tanker, borewell, stream or pond): (a) people fill pots at the village pond (b) you move a handle up and down and water gushes out

11. Does it "save" or "waste" water? (a) leave the tap running while brushing (b) water the garden with water used to wash rice

12. Write "natural" or "made by people": (a) a water bottle (b) a spring in the hills

13. A water bowl for the dog is cleaned twice a week. How many times is it cleaned in 6 weeks?

14. Barkha drinks 8 glasses of water a day. How many glasses does she drink in 9 days?

15. Rainwater from a roof filled 11 buckets on Monday and 11 buckets on Tuesday. How many buckets were filled in all?

16. A tank holds 60 litres. How many 20-litre buckets of water will fill it?

Section C — Word problems — 4 × 4 = 16 marks

17. Watch the rain. Is it heavy or light, straight or slanting? Collect some rainwater and say whether it looks clean.

18. Each of the 4 people in a family uses 2 buckets of water a day. (a) How many buckets does the family use in a day? (b) If each person saves 1 bucket a day, how many buckets will the family use then?

19. A school collects rainwater from its roof. It rained on 3 days, and each rainy day filled 6 drums. (a) How many drums were filled? (b) The garden uses 3 drums a day. For how many full days will the water last?

20. What happens to rain that falls on each? (a) a pond (b) a cement road

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Answer key

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Q	Answer	Working
1	(d) water stored under the ground	—
2	(a) well	—
3	(c) a soft garden bed	—
4	(c) water plants with water used to wash vegetables	—
5	(d) pour a full bottle of clean water down the drain	—
6	(c) a river	—
7	(a) 21 buckets	3 × 7 = 21
8	(a) 5 mugs	7 − 2 = 5
9	Any two: dark clouds, a cool wind, the sky turns dim, thunder, the smell of rain.	—
10	(a) pond (b) hand pump	—
11	(a) waste (b) save	—
12	(a) made by people (b) natural	—
13	12 times	2 × 6 = 12
14	72 glasses	8 × 9 = 72
15	22 buckets	11 + 11 = 22
16	3 buckets	60 ÷ 20 = 3
17	Observations of the rain and of the collected water.	—
18	(a) 8 buckets (b) 4 buckets	4 × 2 = 8; 4 × 1 = 4
19	(a) 18 drums (b) 6 days	3 × 6 = 18; 18 ÷ 3 = 6
20	(a) it adds to the water in the pond (b) it flows away into drains or collects in puddles	—