Chapter 6: What a Tank!

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Exercise 6.1 — Answer the following questions

Q1 What do we use a water tank for?

SOLUTION

The text says water tanks store water in our homes.
They hold hundreds and even thousands of litres of water for everyday use.

Answer: We use a water tank to store water for daily use at home. It holds hundreds or thousands of litres of water.

Q2 Where is Punjab located on the map of India?

SOLUTION

The text directly states where Punjab is found.
Punjab is in the northwestern part of India.

Answer: Punjab is located in the northwestern part of India.

Q3 How are the water tanks in Punjab made?

SOLUTION

The text describes the construction steps clearly.
First, a frame is made using steel rods. Then concrete is used to give it the final shape. After that, it is installed on the roof of the house.

Answer: The frame is made with steel rods, then concrete is used to shape the tank. Finally, the finished tank is installed on the roof of the house.

Q4 How do the unique shapes of water tanks reflect the identity of the house owners?

SOLUTION

The text gives examples: a farmer's tank might look like a tractor, bullock cart, or rooster.
If the owner loves football, the tank is shaped like a football.
So the shape of the tank tells us something about the interests and work of the family.

Answer: The shape of the tank shows the owner's work or interests. For example, a farmer may have a tractor-shaped tank, and a football lover may have a football-shaped tank.

Exercise 6.2 — Think and answer

Q1 An overhead water tank is a way to store water. Do you know any other ways of storing water?

SOLUTION

The text itself mentions underground tanks called Tankas in Rajasthan, Ooranis in Tamil Nadu, and Panam Keni wells in Kerala.
Other common ways include ponds, lakes, dams, and underground wells.

Answer: Yes. The text mentions Tankas (underground tanks in Rajasthan), Ooranis (in Tamil Nadu), and Panam Keni wells (in Kerala). Other ways include ponds, dams, and rainwater harvesting systems.

Q2 If you had to build a water tank, what would you make it look like? Why?

SOLUTION

This is a personal-response question grounded in the chapter's idea that a tank's shape reflects the owner's interests.
A sample answer: I would make it look like a book, because I love reading.

Answer: I would make my tank look like a book, because I love reading. Just as people in Punjab choose shapes that show their interests, a book shape would show what matters to me.

Exercise 6.3 — New Words

Q1 Give the meaning of the word: conservation

SOLUTION

Conservation means carefully protecting or saving something so it is not wasted or lost.
In the chapter, water conservation means saving water for future use.

Answer: Conservation means the careful protection and saving of something (like water) so it is not wasted.

Q2 Give the meaning of the word: overhead

SOLUTION

Overhead means above your head or placed at a height.
An overhead water tank is a tank placed on the roof or above the ground level.

Answer: Overhead means above your head or at a raised height. An overhead tank is one built on the roof of a house.

Q3 Give the meaning of the word: culture

SOLUTION

Culture refers to the traditions, customs, art, and way of life shared by a group of people.
The text says Punjab is rich in culture and heritage.

Answer: Culture means the traditions, customs, and way of life shared by a group of people.

Q4 Give the meaning of the word: heritage

SOLUTION

Heritage refers to things passed down from the past, such as traditions, buildings, or practices.
Punjab's unique tank designs are part of its heritage.

Answer: Heritage means traditions, buildings, or practices passed down from earlier generations.

Q5 Give the meaning of the word: unique

SOLUTION

Unique means being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.
The water tanks in Punjab are unique because of their unusual and creative shapes.

Answer: Unique means being one of a kind or unlike anything else.

Q6 Give the meaning of the word: concrete

SOLUTION

Concrete is a hard building material made from cement, sand, gravel, and water.
The text says concrete is used to give the water tanks their final shape.

Answer: Concrete is a hard building material made from cement mixed with sand and water, used in construction.

Q7 Give the meaning of the word: containers

SOLUTION

Containers are objects used to hold or store things inside them.
Water tanks, pots, and jars are all examples of containers.

Answer: Containers are objects used to hold or store things, such as pots, jars, or tanks.

Exercise 6.4 — Let us Learn — Write the contractions

Q1 Write the contraction for: do not

SOLUTION

The apostrophe replaces the letter 'o' in 'not'.

Answer: don't

Q2 Write the contraction for: is not

SOLUTION

The apostrophe replaces the letter 'o' in 'not'.

Answer: isn't

Q3 Write the contraction for: are not

SOLUTION

The apostrophe replaces the letter 'o' in 'not'.

Answer: aren't

Q4 Write the contraction for: cannot

SOLUTION

In 'cannot', the contraction drops 'no' and replaces it with an apostrophe.

Answer: can't

Q5 Write the contraction for: could not

SOLUTION

The apostrophe replaces the letter 'o' in 'not'.

Answer: couldn't

Q6 Write the contraction for: did not

SOLUTION

The apostrophe replaces the letter 'o' in 'not'.

Answer: didn't

Exercise 6.5 — Let us Learn — Rewrite using contracted forms

Q1 Rewrite the underlined words using contracted forms: 'Partho is not feeling well today. His parents have decided that he will stay at home till he gets better. Partho is bored and cannot stay at home anymore. He decides to ask his grandmother if he can go outside, but he thinks she, too, would not agree.'

SOLUTION

is not → isn't
he will → he'll
cannot → can't
would not → wouldn't

Answer: Partho isn't feeling well today. His parents have decided that he'll stay at home till he gets better. Partho is bored and can't stay at home anymore. He decides to ask his grandmother if he can go outside, but he thinks she, too, wouldn't agree.

Q2 Rewrite the underlined words using contracted forms: 'It is a rainy day, and Tina is not happy. She cannot go out to play with her friends. Her brother does not want to play indoors either. They have decided to watch a movie instead. Their mother says she will make popcorn for them.'

SOLUTION

It is → It's
is not → isn't
cannot → can't
does not → doesn't
they have → they've
she will → she'll

Answer: It's a rainy day, and Tina isn't happy. She can't go out to play with her friends. Her brother doesn't want to play indoors either. They've decided to watch a movie instead. Their mother says she'll make popcorn for them.