

CBSE Class – 7 English
NCERT Solutions
Honeycomb Chapter – 07
The Inventions of Vita Wonk

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Question 1. Choose the right answer.

- (i) Mr Willy Wonka is (a) a cook, (b) an inventor, (c) a manager.
- (ii) Wonka-Vite makes people (a) older, (b) younger.
- (iii) Mr Wonka wants to invent a new thing which will make people
(a) younger,
(b) older.

Solution:

- (i) Mr Willy Wonka is an inventor.
- (ii) Wonka-Vite makes people younger.
- (iii) Mr Wonka wants to invent a new thing which will make people older.

Question 2. Can anyone's age be a minus number? What does "minus 87" mean?

Solution:

No. No one's age can be a minus number. Here, "minus 87" means that the person has to wait eighty seven years before he can come back.

Question 3. Mr Wonka begins by asking himself two questions. What are they?

- (i) What is _____?
- (ii) What lives _____?

Solution:

- (i) What is the oldest living thing in the world?
- (ii) What lives longer than anything else?

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Question 1. (i) What trees does Mr Wonka mention? Which tree does he say lives the longest?

(ii) How long does this tree live? Where can you find it?

Solution:

- (i) The trees that Mr Wonka mentions are the Douglas fir, the oak, the cedar, and the Bristlecone pine. He says that the Bristlecone pine lives the longest.
- (ii) This tree lives for over 4000 years. It can be found upon the slopes of Wheeler Peak in Nevada, U.S.A.

Question 2. How many of the oldest living things can you remember from Mr Wonka's list? (Don't look back at the story!) Do you think all these things really exist, or are some of them purely imaginary?

Solution:

Write the names of the oldest living things you remember from Mr Wonka's list yourself. With the exception of the 4000-year-old Bristlecone pine, most of the things mentioned in Mr Wonka's list are purely imaginary.

Question 3. Why does Mr Wonka collect items from the oldest things? Do you think this is the right way to begin his invention?

Solution:

Mr Wonka collected items from the oldest living things because he wanted to create age; he wanted to invent something that would make people older. It was probably the right way to begin his invention as he wanted to make people older and therefore, the use of old things seems appropriate.

Question 4. What happens to the volunteer who swallows four drops of the new invention? What is the name of the invention?

Solution:

The moment the volunteer swallows four drops of the new invention, he begins wrinkling and shrivelling up all over. His hair starts dropping off and his teeth start falling out. Before Mr Wonka knew it, the volunteer suddenly becomes an old man of seventy-five. The name of the invention was Vita-Wonk.

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Question 1. What do you call these insects in your language?



cockroach



mosquito



grasshopper



housefly



dragon fly



ant

Add to this list the names of some insects common in your area. Ans. Answer it yourself.

Question 2. Fill in the blanks in the recipe given below with from the box. shred, Cooker, times, tomatoes, half, onion, oil

Easy Palak-Dal INGREDIENTS

- (i) **One**
- (ii) **One cup dal**
- (iii) **Two thin green chillies**
- (iv) **a teaspoon red chilli powder**
- (v) **Eight small bunches of palak**
- (vi) **Two**
- (vii) **Salt to taste**

Wash and cut the vegetables; _____ the palak. Put everything in a pressure _____ Let the cooker whistle three _____ then switch it off. Fry a few cumin seeds in and add to the palak-dal.

Solution:

Easy Palak-Dal INGREDIENTS

- (i) **One onion**
- (ii) **One cup dal**
- (iii) **Two thin green chillies**
- (iv) **Half a teaspoon red chilli powder**
- (v) **Eight small bunches of palak**
- (vi) **Two tomatoes**
- (vii) **Salt to taste**

Wash and cut the vegetables; shred the palak. Put everything in a pressure cooker. Let the cooker whistle three times, then switch it off. Fry a few cumin seeds in oil and add to the palak-dal.