Chapter 3: Synthetic Fibers and Plastics

- 1. Cotton is a natural polymer. What is its chemical name?
- 2. A synthetic fiber which looks like silk is obtained by chemical treatment of wood pulp. It is, therefore, known as artificial silk.
 - What is its common name?
- 3. Terrycot is made by mixing two types of fibres. Write the names of the fibres.
- 4. Plastic articles are available in all possible shapes and sizes. Can you tell why?
- 5. Plastic is used for making a large variety of articles of daily use and these articles are very attractive. But it is advised to avoid the use of plastic as far as possible. Why?
- 6. Why is it not advisable to burn plastic and synthetic fabrics?
- 7. Select the articles from the following list which are biodegradable.
 - ∘ (a) paper
 - o (b) woolen clothes
 - o (c) wood
 - o (d) aluminium can
 - o (e) plastic bag
 - o (f) peels of vegetables
- 8. A bucket made of plastic does not rust like a bucket made of iron. Why?

Short Answer Type Questions

- 1. Rohit took with him some nylon ropes, when he was going for rock climbing. Can you tell why he selected nylon ropes instead of ropes made of cotton or jute?
- 2. A lady went to the market to buy a blanket. The shopkeeper showed her blankets made of acrylic fibres as well as made of wool. She preferred to buy an acrylic blanket. Can you guess why?
- 3. PVC (polyvinyl chloride) is a thermoplastic and is used for making toys, chappals, etc. Bakelite is a thermosetting plastic and is used for making electrical switches, handles of various utensils, etc. Can you write the major difference between these two types of plastics?

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0	(i) A polymer is a chain of many small units joined together which are called
0	(ii) The synthetic fibres are also known as fibres.
0	(iii) The first fully synthetic fibre was
0	(iv) A fibre similar to wool is
0	(v) A plastic used for making crockery is

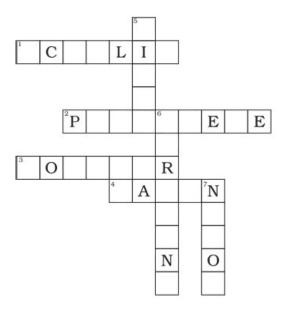
5. Match items in List A with the items of list B.

	List A		List B
(a)	nylon	(i)	non-stick coating
(b)	PET	(ii)	electric switches
(c)	rayon	(iii)	parachutes
(d)	thermosetting plastics	(iv)	polyester
(e)	teflon	(v)	artificial silk

- 6. Unscramble the jumbled words given below, related to synthetic materials.
 - o (a) anory
 - o (b) lopmery
 - o (c) relyteen
 - o (d) laspict
 - o (e) yespolter
 - o (f) felton

Long Answer Type Questions

- 1. Indicate whether the following statements are True or False. Also write the false statements in their correct form.
 - o (i) The fabric terywool is obtained by mixing terylene and wool.
 - o (ii) Synthetic fibres do not melt on heating.
 - o (iii) It is risky to wear synthetic clothes while working in the kitchen.
 - o (iv) Most of the plastics are biodegradable.
- 2. Write the importance of synthetic polymers in our life.
- 3. Despite being very useful it is advised to restrict the use of plastic. Why is it so? Can you suggest some methods to limit its consumption?
- 4. Write an activity to show that synthetic fibres are stronger than the cotton fibres.
- 5. Complete the crossword given below with the help of clues.



Across

- 1. Substance used as synthetic wool (7)
- 2. A plastic used for making containers and carry bags (9)
- o 3. Substance made up of large number of smaller molecules (7)
- 4. Another name for this compound is artificial silk (5)

Down

- o 5. A type of fibre obtained naturally from cocoon (4)
- 6. A synthetic fibre classified as polyester (8)
- o 7. A polymer used for making rope (5)