

## Class 7 (English)

### 3. Trips to Remember

#### Sec. 1 A Train Station for a Student

##### Summary:-

This section deals with three news reports about the same event of a rural area in Japan. It is about a train station called Kyu-Shirataki in rural Japan which was kept open for a whole year just for one person. The station is on the island of Hokkaido in Northern Japan. The train stops here to pick up a young girl named Kana Harada at sharp 7:04 a.m. and brings her back at 5:08 p.m. The Hokkaido Railway Co. had planned to shut the station as there was hardly any passenger boarding the train from that station. But her parents requested the company to stay open so that their daughter could continue to attend her school regularly and complete her studies. So Hokkaido Railway Co. decided to keep the station open for the girl until the end of the school year in March 2016. For this kind gesture from the railway firm, it received a lot of appreciation from people all over the world. The news went viral across the world on social media too. People applauded for the Japanese government for making education a priority.

##### 1. Word meanings:-

1. went viral- was instantly shared all over the internet
2. firm- a company
3. remote- far away from places where people live
4. acclaimed- praised publicly
5. long-term investment- Something on which you spend money to make it successful
6. accolades- great praise by many people
7. redundant- no longer useful
8. exemplary- providing a good example for people to follow
9. tweeted- sent a public message using the site Twitter
10. profit-oriented world- a world in which people do things only to make money
11. obsolete- no longer used because something better is available

## 2. Tick the most appropriate options:-

1. According to all three reports, people on social media appreciated Hokkaido Railway Co. for\_\_\_\_\_.
- c. supporting education.
2. Which of these is the main point discussed in all three reports?
- b. A railway company in Japan kept a service running to help one schoolgirl.
3. The population crisis that Japan faces is one of\_\_\_\_\_.
- d. a shrinking population.

## 3. Answer the following questions:-

**Q.1** Why did Hokkaido Railway Co. keep Kyū-Shirataki station open even though there were hardly any passengers using it?

**Ans.** Hokkaido Railway Co. kept Kyū-Shirataki station open so that a student could continue to take a train from that station to attend school. The station stayed operational till she completed her studies.

**Q.2** Why did the CCTV News report go viral?

**Ans.** The CCTV News report went viral because people found Hokkaido Railway Co.'s move to keep Kyū-Shirataki station open for a single student heart-warming and thoughtful.

**Q.3** Why are train stations closing down in Japan?

**Ans.** Train stations are closing down in Japan because people are moving from the countryside to the urban areas, making rail services increasingly redundant.

## 4. Read the following compound words. Find examples of each type from the lesson:- (try yourself)

1. workforce \_\_\_\_\_
2. close-up \_\_\_\_\_
3. school hours \_\_\_\_\_

