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Grade 7 : Inquiry

Conceptual Strand *Understandings about scientific inquiry and the ability to conduct inquiry are essential for living in the 21st century.*

Guiding Question *What tools, skills, knowledge, and dispositions are needed to conduct scientific inquiry?*

Grade Level Expectations

- **GLE 0707.Inq.1** Design and conduct open-ended scientific investigations.
- **GLE 0707.Inq.2** Use appropriate tools and techniques to gather, organize, analyze, and interpret data.
- **GLE 0707.Inq.3** Synthesize information to determine cause and effect relationships between evidence and explanations.
- **GLE 0707.Inq.4** Recognize possible sources of bias and error, alternative explanations, and questions for further exploration.
- **GLE 0707.Inq.5** Communicate scientific understanding using descriptions, explanations, and models.

Checks for Understanding

- **0707.Inq.1** Design and conduct an open-ended scientific investigation to answer a question that includes a control and appropriate variables.
- **0707.Inq.2** Identify tools and techniques needed to gather, organize, analyze, and interpret data collected

from a moderately complex scientific investigation.

- **0707.Inq.3** Use evidence from a dataset to determine cause and effect relationships that explain a phenomenon.
- **0707.Inq.4** Review an experimental design to determine possible sources of bias or error, state alternative explanations, and identify questions for further investigation.
- **0707.Inq.5** Design a method to explain the results of an investigation using descriptions, explanations, or models.

State Performance Indicators

- **SPI 0707.Inq.1** Design a simple experimental procedure with an identified control and appropriate variables.
- **SPI 0707.Inq.2** Select tools and procedures needed to conduct a moderately complex experiment.
- **SPI 0707.Inq.3** Interpret and translate data into a table, graph, or diagram.
- **SPI 0707.Inq.4** Draw a conclusion that establishes a cause and effect relationship supported by evidence.
- **SPI 0707.Inq.5** Identify a faulty interpretation of data that is due to bias or experimental error.

Grade 7 : Technology & Engineering

Conceptual Strand *Society benefits when engineers apply scientific discoveries to design materials and processes that develop into enabling technologies.*

Guiding Question *How do science concepts, engineering skills, and applications of technology improve the quality of life?*

Grade Level Expectations

- **GLE 0707.T/E.1** Explore how technology responds to social, political, and economic needs.
- **GLE 0707.T/E.2** Know that the engineering design process involves an ongoing series of events that incorporate design constraints, model building, testing, evaluating, modifying, and retesting.
- **GLE 0707.T/E.3** Compare the intended benefits with the unintended consequences of a new technology.
- **GLE 0707.T/E.4** Describe and explain adaptive and assistive bioengineered products.

Checks for Understanding

- **0707.T/E.1** Use appropriate tools to test for strength, hardness, and flexibility of materials.
- **0707.T/E.2** Apply the engineering design process to construct a prototype that meets certain specifications.
- **0707.T/E.3** Explore how the unintended consequences of new technologies can impact society.
- **0707.T/E.4** Research bioengineering technologies that advance health and contribute to improvements in our daily lives.
- **0707.T/E.5** Develop an adaptive design and test its effectiveness.

State Performance Indicators

- **SPI 0707.T/E.1** Identify the tools and procedures needed to test the design features of a prototype.
- **SPI 0707.T/E.2** Evaluate a protocol to determine if the engineering design process was successfully applied.
- **SPI 0707.T/E.3** Distinguish between the intended benefits and the unintended consequences of a new technology.
- **SPI 0707.T/E.4** Differentiate between adaptive and assistive bioengineered products (e.g., food, biofuels, medicines, integrated pest management).

Grade 7 : Standard 1 -Cells

Conceptual Strand 1 *All living things are made of cells that perform functions necessary for life.*

Guiding Question 1 *How are plant and animals cells organized to carry on the processes of life?*

Grade Level Expectations

- **GLE 0707.1.1** Make observations and describe the structure and function of organelles found in plant and animal cells
- **GLE 0707.1.2** Summarize how the different levels of organization are integrated within living systems.
- **GLE 0707.1.3** Describe the function of different organ systems and how collectively they enable complex multicellular organisms to survive.
- **GLE 0707.1.4** Illustrate how cell division occurs in sequential stages to maintain the chromosome number of a species.
- **GLE 0707.1.5** Observe and explain how materials move through simple diffusion.

Checks for Understanding

- **0707.1.1** Examine and describe plant and animal cells using compound microscopes.
- **0707.1.2** Identify the function of the major plant and animal cellular organelles.
- **0707.1.3** Make a Venn diagram to compare the structures and functions of an animal cell
- **0707.1.4** Build a 3-D model of a cell.
- **0707.1.5** Construct a poster that illustrates the hierarchy among cells, tissues, organs, organ systems, and organisms.
- **0707.1.7** Describe the function of different organ systems.

State Performance Indicators

- **SPI 0707.1.1** Identify and describe the function of the major plant and animal cell organelles.
- **SPI 0707.1.2** Interpret a chart to explain the integrated relationships that exist among cells, tissues, organs, and organ systems.
- **SPI 0707.1.3** Explain the basic functions of a major organ system.
- **SPI 0707.1.4** Sequence a series of diagrams that depict chromosome movement during plant cell division.
- **SPI 0707.1.5** Explain how materials move through simple diffusion.

Grade 7 : Standard 2 -Interdependence (Not Addressed at this level)

Conceptual Strand 2 *All life is interdependent and interacts with the environment.*

Guiding Question 2 *How do living things interact with one another and with the non-living elements of their environment?*

Grade 7 : Standard 3 -Flow of Matter and Energy

Conceptual Strand 3 *Matter and energy flow through the biosphere.*

Guiding Question 3 *What scientific information explains how matter and energy flow through the biosphere?*

Grade Level Expectations

- **GLE 0707.3.1** Distinguish between the basic features of photosynthesis and respiration.
- **GLE 0707.3.2** Investigate the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide between living things and the environment.

Checks for Understanding

- **0707.3.1** Associate the fundamental processes of photosynthesis and respiration with appropriate cell structures.
- **0707.3.2** Examine and identify the chloroplasts in a leaf cell.
- **0707.3.3** Identify the materials used by plants to make food.
- **0707.3.4** Create a chart that compares the reactants and products of photosynthesis and respiration.
- **0707.3.5** Model the pathways of water, oxygen, and carbon dioxide through a plant.
- **0707.3.7** Describe the movement of oxygen and carbon dioxide between living things and the environment.
- **0707.3.7** Describe structures that animals use to obtain oxygen.

State Performance Indicators

- **SPI 0707.3.1** Compare the chemical compounds that make up the reactants and products of photosynthesis and respiration.
- **SPI 0707.3.2** Interpret a diagram to explain how oxygen and carbon dioxide are exchanged between living things and the environment.

Grade 7 : Standard 4 - Heredity

Conceptual Strand 4 *Plants and animals reproduce and transmit hereditary information between generations.*

Guiding Question 4 *What are the principal mechanisms by which living things reproduce and transmit information between parents and offspring?*

Grade Level Expectations

- **GLE 0707.4.1** Compare and contrast the fundamental features of sexual and asexual reproduction.
- **GLE 0707.4.2** Demonstrate an understanding of sexual reproduction in flowering plants.
- **GLE 0707.4.3** Explain the relationship among genes, chromosomes, and inherited traits

- **GLE 0707.4.4** Predict the probable appearance of offspring based on the genetic characteristics of the parents.

Checks for Understanding

- **0707.4.1** Classify organisms according to whether they reproduce sexually or asexually
- **0707.4.2** Label and explain the function of the reproductive parts of a flower.
- **0707.4.3** Describe various methods of plant pollination.
- **0707.4.4** Investigate the relationship among DNA, genes, and chromosomes.
- **0707.4.5** Explain the differences between dominant and recessive traits.
- **0707.4.6** Use a Punnett square to predict the genotypes of offspring resulting from a monohybrid cross.
- **0707.4.7** Draw a phenotypically accurate picture of an individual whose traits are modeled by the role of a die.

State Performance Indicators

- **SPI 0707.4.1** Classify methods of reproduction as sexual or asexual.
- **SPI 0707.4.2** Match flower parts with their reproductive functions.
- **SPI 0707.4.3** Describe the relationship among genes, chromosomes, and inherited traits.
- **SPI 0707.4.4** Interpret a Punnett square to predict possible genetic combinations passed from parents to offspring during sexual reproduction.

Grade 7 : Standard 5 -Biodiversity and Change (Not Addressed at this level)

Conceptual Strand 5 *A rich variety of complex organisms have developed in response to a continually changing environment.*

Guiding Question 5 *How does natural selection explain how organisms have changed over time?*

Grade 7 - Earth and Space Science

Grade 7 : Standard 7 -The Universe

Conceptual Strand 7 *The cosmos is vast and explored well enough to know its basic structure and operational principles.*

Guiding Question 7 *What big ideas guide human understanding about the origin and structure of the universe, Earth's place in the cosmos, and observable motions and patterns in the sky?*

Grade 7 : Standard 7 – The Earth (New at this level)

Conceptual Strand 7 *Major geologic events that occur over eons or brief moments in time continually shape and reshape the surface of the Earth, resulting in continuous global change.*

Guiding Question 7 *How is the earth affected by long-term and short term geological cycles and the influence of man?*

Grade Level Expectations

- **GLE 0707.7.1** Describe the physical properties of minerals.
- **GLE 0707.7.2** Summarize the basic events that occur during the rock cycle.
- **GLE 0707.7.3** Analyze the characteristics of the earth's layers and the location of the major plates.
- **GLE 0707.7.4** Explain how earthquakes, mountain building, volcanoes, and sea floor spreading are associated with movements of the earth's major plates.
- **GLE 0707.7.5** Differentiate between renewable and nonrenewable resources in terms of their use by man.
- **GLE 0707.7.6** Evaluate how human activities affect the earth's land, oceans, and atmosphere.

Checks for Understanding

- **0707.7.1** Organize and explain information about the properties of minerals and their uses.
- **0707.7.2** Label a diagram that depicts the major processes of the rock cycle.
- **0707.7.3** Distinguish among sedimentary, igneous, and metamorphic rocks and relate these to a simple diagram of the rock cycle.
- **0707.7.4** Recognize that the earth's layers have different thickness, states of matter, densities, and chemical makeup.
- **0707.7.5** Analyze the relationship between plate movements and areas of earthquake activity.
- **0707.7.6** Analyze the relationship between plate movements and mountain building.
- **0707.7.7** Analyze the relationship between plate movements, volcanoes, and sea floor spreading.
- **0707.7.8** Determine the impact of man's use of renewable and nonrenewable resources on future supplies.
- **0707.7.9** Evaluate how human activities affect the condition of the earth's land, water, and atmosphere.

State Performance Indicators

- **SPI 0707.7.1** Use a table of physical properties to classify minerals.
- **SPI 0707.7.2** Label a diagram that depicts the three different rock types.
- **SPI 0707.7.3** Identify the major processes that drive the rock cycle.
- **SPI 0707.7.4** Differentiate among the characteristics of the earth's three layers.
- **SPI 0707.7.5** Recognize that lithospheric plates on the scale of continents and oceans continually move at rates of centimeters per year.
- **SPI 0707.7.6** Describe the relationship between plate movements and earthquakes, mountain building, volcanoes, and sea floor spreading.
- **SPI 0707.7.7** Analyze and evaluate the impact of man's use of earth's land, water, and atmospheric resources.

Grade 7 : Standard 8 -The Atmosphere (Not Addressed at this level)

Conceptual Strand 8 *The earth is surrounded by an active atmosphere and an energy system that controls the distribution life, local weather, climate, and global temperature.*

Guiding Question 8 *How do the physical characteristics and the chemical makeup of the atmosphere influence surface processes and life on Earth?*

Grade 7 : Standard 9 -Matter (Not Addressed at this level)

Conceptual Strand 9 *The composition and structure of matter is known, and it behaves according to principles that are generally understood.*

Guiding Question 9 *How does the structure of matter influence its physical and chemical behavior?*

Grade 7 : Standard 10 -Energy (Not Addressed at this level)

Conceptual Strand 10 *Various forms of energy are constantly being transformed into other types without any net loss of energy from the system.*

Guiding Question 10 *What basic energy related ideas are essential for understanding the dependency of the natural and man-made worlds on energy?*

Grade 7 : Standard 11 -Motion

Conceptual Strand 11 *Objects move in ways that can be observed, described, predicted, and measured. .*

Guiding Question 11 *What causes objects to move differently under different circumstances?*

Grade Level Expectations

- **GLE 0707.11.1** Identify six types of simple machines.
- **GLE 0707.11.2** Apply the equation for work in experiments with simple machines to determine the amount of force needed to do work.
- **GLE 0707.11.3** Distinguish between speed and velocity.
- **GLE 0707.11.4** Investigate how Newton's laws of motion explain an object's movement.
- **GLE 0707.11.5** Compare and contrast the basic parts of a wave. **GLE 0707.11.6** Investigate the types and fundamental properties of waves.

Checks for Understanding

- **0707.11.1** Compare the six types of simple machines.
- **0707.11.2** Complete an investigation to determine how machines reduce the amount of force needed to do work.
- **0707.11.3** Summarize the difference between the speed and velocity based on the distance and amount of time traveled.
- **0707.11.4** Recognize how a net force impacts an object's motion.
- **0707.11.5** Create a graphic organizer to illustrate and describe the basic parts of a wave.
- **0707.11.6** Compare how transverse and longitudinal waves are produced and transmitted.

State Performance Indicators

- **SPI 0707.11.1** Differentiate between the six simple machines.
- **SPI 0707.11.2** Determine the amount of force needed to do work using different simple machines.
- **SPI 0707.11.3** Apply proper equations to solve basic problems pertaining to distance, time, speed, and velocity.
- **SPI 0707.11.4** Identify and explain how Newton's laws of motion relate to the movement of objects.
- **SPI 0707.11.5** Compare and contrast the different parts of a wave.
- **SPI 0707.11.6** Differentiate between transverse and longitudinal waves in terms of how they are produced and

transmitted.

Grade 7: Standard 12 -Forces in Nature (Not Addressed at this level)

Conceptual Strand 12 *Everything in the universe exerts a gravitational force on everything else; there is an interplay between magnetic fields and electrical currents.*

Guiding Question 12 *What are the scientific principles that explain gravity and electromagnetism?*

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