Unit 1 · Current Affairs and Issues

WORKSHEET

Full marks 39

Name _____ Class _____ Roll no. ____ Date _____ Marks _____ / 39

1 Words from the article [3]

Match each word in Column A with its meaning in Column B. Write the letter in the box. One meaning in Column B is not needed.

Column A		Column B
1. enticing	☐	**a.** roads, bridges, power lines and the other basic structures a place needs
2. streamline	☐	**b.** the kind of ground, such as a road, a footpath or a hill
3. fatality	☐	**c.** to make a system simpler and quicker to run
4. infrastructure	☐	**d.** calm and peaceful
5. hurdle	☐	**e.** attractive and tempting
6. terrain	☐	**f.** a problem that has to be got past
		g. a death in an accident

2 Words from the letter [3]

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Two words are not needed.

accelerate	adolescents	at stake	facilitate	frank	outrage	scupper	tackle

The new road will _____ trade between the two towns. The ward office has a plan to _____ the waste problem in our market. Please give me your _____ opinion of my essay, even if it is not a good one. If the bridge is not repaired before the monsoon, many lives will be _____. The health post runs a special program for _____ aged 10 to 19. A good chairperson helps to _____ a meeting so that everyone gets a chance to speak.

3 Reading I: How Driverless Cars Will Change Our World [5]

Read "How Driverless Cars Will Change Our World" on pages 2–4 of your English textbook. Then choose the correct answer.

i. The robotaxi in the opening scene of the article is in … [1]

a. Oxfordshire, in the UK. **b.** Phoenix, Arizona, in the US.
c. Michigan, in the US. **d.** New York, in the US.

ii. The passenger knows that the car has arrived because … [1]

a. the driver calls out to them.
b. the car sounds its horn twice.
c. a notification pings on their phone.
d. a green and blue light flashes on the streetlamp.

iii. According to Camilla Fowler, automation could in the end give us … **[1]**

a. cheaper taxis.
b. safer roads and fewer deaths.
c. more jobs for drivers.
d. faster journeys between cities.

iv. The insurance industry is studying driverless cars because … **[1]**

a. they cost more to repair than ordinary cars.
b. responsibility for an accident moves from a person to the vehicle.
c. fewer people will buy cars of their own.
d. robotaxis are not yet allowed in Europe.

v. Mcity is … **[1]**

a. a town in Arizona where robotaxis carry the public.
b. a 16-acre testing ground for driverless cars at the University of Michigan.
c. a driverless vehicle software company in Oxfordshire.
d. a road safety laboratory of the World Health Organization.

4 Reading II: An open letter to the UN **[4]**

Read "Open Letter to UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres" on pages 10–11 of your English textbook. Then answer the following questions.

a. Who wrote this open letter? **[1]**

b. Why are the writers disappointed? **[1]**

c. Name any two channels of influence that children have used. **[1]**

d. What do Fabrizio and children like him fear? **[1]**

5 Reading III: an unseen news story **[5]**

Read the news story below and write ✓ for the true statements and ✗ for the false ones in the box.

Students Who Read the Air

Banepa, 20 November. Every morning at seven, Asmita Shrestha, a Grade 10 student in Banepa, checks a small box tied to her school's water tank. Inside it is a sensor that counts the tiny particles of dust and smoke in the air. She and four classmates built it last year with the help of their science teacher, for about four thousand rupees.

The box sends a reading to a phone every ten minutes. The students have found that the air is dirtiest between eight and nine in the morning, when buses and trucks crowd the highway, and cleanest just after rain. Every Friday they put up a short report on the school's notice board.

"We used to think the morning haze was only fog," Asmita said. "Now we know when to wear a mask." The ward office has asked the students to put up a second box near the bus park.

i. The sensor box is tied to the school's water tank. ☐

ii. Asmita built the box on her own. ☐

iii. The box sends a reading to a phone every hour. ☐

iv. The air is dirtiest when the highway is at its busiest in the morning. ☐

v. The students put up their report on the notice board every day. ☐

6 Grammar: the right reporting verb [3]

Read about a busy day at school. Fill in the blanks with the correct reporting verbs from the box. Two verbs are not needed.

admitted	advised	apologized	informed	offered	promised	thanked	warned

Bikash said, "I took your pen by mistake." He _____ that he had taken my pen by mistake. When I coughed, the nurse said, "You should drink warm water," and _____ me to drink warm water. In the lab, the teacher said, "Don't touch the bare wire!" She _____ us not to touch the bare wire. Nima saw my heavy bag and said, "I can carry it for you." He _____ to carry it for me. Sita said, "I will bring your book back tomorrow," and _____ to bring it back the next day. In the evening, Grandmother said to us, "Thank you for the lovely flowers," and _____ us for the lovely flowers.

7 Grammar: reported speech [6]

Change the following sentences into indirect speech.

a. "I can't come to the meeting today," said Prakash. [1]

b. The eco club members said, "We will plant trees here tomorrow." [1]

c. Rohan said to me, "I have read your article." [1]

d. The reporter says, "The road is closed because of a landslide." [1]

e. My grandfather said, "I saw the first bus in Dhulikhel fifty years ago." [1]

f. The science teacher said, "Heat flows from a hotter body to a colder one." **[1]**

8 Writing: a newspaper article **[8]**

Write a newspaper article on the following topic.

Write a newspaper article of about 200 words for a national daily on how climate change is affecting Nepal, and what can be done about it. Give your article a headline and a byline.

9 Think about it **[2]**

Answer the following question in two or three sentences.

Read the open letter again. Should children under 18 be asked for advice on climate change? Give two reasons for your answer.