Unit 2 · Festivals and Celebrations

ANSWER KEY · FOR TEACHERS

Full marks 35

Give the marks for the points in the marking scheme; an answer in other words that says the same is right.

1 Words from the story

1. jerk → **c.** to move with one sudden, sharp movement — V · 3
2. retreat → **a.** to move back, away from danger
3. hurl → **g.** to throw hard
4. bombard → **b.** to attack again and again with many things
5. clutch → **f.** to hold tightly
6. decline → **d.** to say no to an offer, politely

Each carries 0.5 mark.

2 Words from the article

1. commemorate — V · 3
2. abundant
3. vibrant
4. famine
5. culminate
6. flamboyant

Each carries 0.5 mark.

3 Reading I: Battle of the Oranges

i. **b.** a red hat. — LC · 1

Notices "plastered on the walls around Ivrea" order people, especially tourists, to wear a red hat; otherwise they may be treated as a fair target.

ii. **c.** freedom. — LC · 1

"It is a symbol of freedom; worn in Roman times by freed slaves."

iii. **c.** the juice of a blood orange. — I · 1

She fears she needs stitches, "Then I remember blood oranges": the red is the juice of an orange with red flesh.

iv. **b.** their opponents riding in horse-drawn carts. — LC · 1

Nine teams on foot "hurl oranges at their opponents on horse-drawn carriages".

v. **c.** she can let out the frustration that builds up during the year. — I · 1

"During these three days I can let it all out, all the frustrations I have built up during the year. Afterwards I feel refreshed."

4 Reading II: Thanksgiving around the World

a. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

✓ 90 Native Americans and 53 Pilgrims (both groups needed; the numbers are not required).

b. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

✓ Songpyon (songpyeon), a crescent-shaped rice cake cooked on a bed of pine needles.

c. MARKING SCHEME — I · 1

✓ Cranberries do not grow in Brazil (so a sauce of jaboticaba, the "Brazilian grape", is made instead).

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d. MARKING SCHEME — I · 1

✓ To encourage people to take proper care of the growing crops.

5 Reading III: an unseen diary entry

a. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

✓ fresh grass (grass)

b. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ Laxmi (the goddess of wealth)

c. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

✓ twelve (12)

d. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

✓ new books

e. MARKING SCHEME — I · 1

✓ fifth (Bhai Tika is the day after tomorrow, and today is the third day)

6 Grammar: reported questions

i. **a.** if I slept — R · 0.5

A yes/no question takes if, statement order, and no do: sleep moves back to slept.

ii. **c.** whether we had finished — R · 0.5

Whether, statement order, and have finished moves back to had finished.

iii. **a.** who had taken — R · 0.5

Who is the subject of the question, so the order stays; only the tense moves back.

iv. **d.** if I would come — R · 0.5

If for a yes/no question; will becomes would.

7 Grammar: reported speech

a. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ Father asked me if (whether) I was ready for the exam. (if/whether and I was needed)

b. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ Sita asked Hari why he had missed the bus that morning. (asked, had missed and that morning needed)

c. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ The tourist asked the guard what time the museum opened. (no does, statement order)

d. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ The head teacher asked us if (whether) we had seen the new library. (asked, if/whether and had seen needed)

e. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ My sister asks how many oranges are thrown in Ivrea. (asks is present, so the tense stays; statement order, no question mark)

f. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ Nima asked me where I would celebrate Dashain that year. (asked, I would and that year needed)

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8 Writing: a news story

ANSWER E · 5

Volunteers Clean Bhaktapur after Bisket Jatra
Bhaktapur, Baisakh 6
About 300 volunteers cleaned the streets of Bhaktapur on Saturday, the day after the nine-day Bisket Jatra came to an end. The campaign was organized by Bhaktapur Municipality.
Students of local schools and members of youth clubs swept Taumadhi and Tachupal squares and the routes along which the chariots had been pulled. They collected 12 tons of waste, and the plastic was sorted for recycling.
Officials of the municipality thanked the volunteers for their hard work. They also asked visitors to use the bins during next year's festival.

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ Format: a short headline and the dateline (place and date).
- ✓ Content: a lead that says who did what, where and when (the volunteers, the clean-up, Bhaktapur, after Bisket Jatra).
- ✓ Content: the details: students and youth clubs, the squares and chariot routes, 12 tons of waste, plastic sorted.
- ✓ Content: the officials' thanks and their request to visitors, at the end.
- ✓ Language: correct grammar, mostly in the past tense and the third person, in about 100 words.

9 Think about it

ANSWER E · 2

Yes. It is a centuries-old tradition that the people of Ivrea love, and the throwers choose to take part knowing the risk; the public are kept safe behind nets and by wearing the red hat. (A "no" is also accepted with sound reasons, for example that people are hurt every year, or that tons of food are wasted while people go hungry.)

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ A clear view with one sensible reason.
- ✓ A second sensible reason, drawn from the story or from life.

Marks by level	Literal comprehension	Reorganization	Inference	Evaluation and reflection	Vocabulary	**Total**
Marks	8	9	5	7	6	**35**

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