Unit 8 · Hobbies and Interests

ANSWER KEY · FOR TEACHERS

Full marks 33

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 article

1. hone → **e.** to make a skill better by practice — V · 3
2. genre → **a.** a kind of book, film or music
3. refurbish → **f.** to repair something so that it looks new
4. therapeutic → **b.** good for your health or your mind
5. mural → **d.** a large painting on a wall
6. niche → **g.** a small, special area of interest

Each carries 0.5 mark.

2 Words from the poem

1. bough — V · 3
2. glint
3. dome
4. pinnacle
5. glittering
6. marvelous

Each carries 0.5 mark.

3 Reading I: Common Hobbies

i. **a.** fishing. — LC · 1

"While fishing is the most prevalent hobby in England, hiking is the most in-demand hobby in China."

ii. **b.** your flexibility and mobility. — LC · 1

Dancing improves flexibility and mobility and lets you let off steam.

iii. **c.** a good eye and the basics of lighting, depth and exposure. — R · 1

You don't need to be a pro or own the best equipment: a good eye, a camera or phone, and the basics.

iv. **b.** your hands and eyes have to work together. — I · 1

Knitting exercises the hands and makes hands and eyes work together, which is coordination.

4 Reading II: Climbing

a. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

✓ The step of a wonderful stair (staircase).

b. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

✓ A town, with its spire, turret and dome sparkling like white sea foam.

c. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ Before, the speaker always had to stop on the way; today the speaker is sure of reaching the top.

d. MARKING SCHEME — I · 1

✓ That the speaker has climbed much higher, close to the top (the goal has nearly been reached).

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5 Reading III: a story

a. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

✓ paper

b. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

✓ candle flame

c. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

✓ eleven (11)

6 Reading III: short answers

a. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ His grandfather.

b. MARKING SCHEME — I · 1

✓ Something (or someone) that has been broken and repaired becomes stronger and better: we learn and grow from our failures.

7 Grammar: the passive voice

a. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ The plants are watered (by the gardener) every morning.

b. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ Nepali is spoken in many parts of India.

c. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ Sunita doesn't like being laughed at. (being + past participle, at kept)

d. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ The old palace is said to be haunted.

8 Grammar: passive into active

a. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ Careless drivers cause many accidents.

b. MARKING SCHEME — R · 1

✓ I hate people (someone) keeping me waiting.

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9 Writing: an essay

ANSWER E · 6

My Favorite Hobby

Everyone needs something to do just for the joy of it. My favorite hobby is gardening.

It started when I was eight. My grandmother gave me a few marigold seeds and an old tin to plant them in. When the first orange flowers opened, I was so proud that I asked her for more seeds. Today I look after twenty pots on our roof: chilies, tomatoes, mint, roses and, of course, marigolds.

Every morning before school I water the plants, and on Saturdays I make compost from our kitchen waste. Gardening has taught me patience, because a seed takes weeks to grow, and care, because a plant forgotten for two hot days can die.

In the future I would like to study agriculture, so that I can help farmers grow more food with less water. Whatever I become, I will always keep a garden.

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ Content: what the hobby is and how it started.
- ✓ Content: what the writer does in the hobby, with details.
- ✓ Content: what it has taught the writer and how it may help in the future.
- ✓ Organization: a title, an introduction, body paragraphs and a conclusion, in a sensible order.
- ✓ Language: correct grammar, spelling and punctuation.
- ✓ Language: a good range of words and sentences, in about 150 words.

10 Think

ANSWER E · 2

First, failing before doesn't mean we will always fail: each try teaches us something and takes us a little higher, as each climb did for the child. Second, being determined and sure of ourselves helps us go further than before, whether in studies, sport or any goal, so we should keep trying until we reach it.

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ One sound lesson (earlier failures are steps to success; keep trying).
- ✓ A second sound lesson (determination and confidence help us reach our goal), applied to a student's life.

Marks by level	Literal comprehension	Reorganization	Inference	Evaluation and reflection	Vocabulary	**Total**
Marks	7	9	3	8	6	**33**

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