Unit 9 · History and Culture

WORKSHEET

Full marks 33

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1 Words from the history [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. dynasty	☐	a. a person who rules in place of a king who cannot
2. regent	☐	b. to comfort someone who is sad
3. tact	☐	c. an exact copy
4. replica	☐	d. to enter a country with an army to take it
5. console	☐	e. a sign of what will happen
6. invade	☐	f. skill in dealing with people without upsetting them
		g. a family whose members rule a country one after another

2 Words from the article [3]

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

aroma	deter	etiquette	fleeting	gesture	inevitable	omen	palette

Bowing with joined hands is a polite _____ in Nepal. The _____ of fresh coffee filled the room. Taking off your shoes before entering a home is part of Nepali _____. A black cat crossing the road is thought by some to be a bad _____. Smoke from a fire is used to _____ mosquitoes. If you never study, failing the exam is almost _____.

3 Reading I: Pratap Malla [4]

Read "Pratap Malla" on pages 137–138 of your English textbook. Then choose the correct answer.

i. Pratap Malla became the ruler of Kantipur by … [1]

a. winning a war against Lalitpur.
b. imprisoning his ill father and ruling as regent.
c. being elected by the people.
d. marrying a princess of Bhaktapur.

ii. The palace got the name Hanuman Dhoka because … [1]

a. Hanuman built it.
b. Pratap Malla set up an image of Hanuman by its gate.
c. it is near the Hanuman temple of Lalitpur.
d. its gate is shaped like a monkey.

iii. Pratap Malla built Ranipokhari … [1]

a. to supply water to the palace.

b. to celebrate a victory.

c. to console the queen after their son Chakravartendra died.

d. for the Harisiddhi dance.

iv. He gave himself the title "Kavindra" because … [1]

a. his father gave him that name.

b. he was proud of the poems he wrote in many languages.

c. he built many temples.

d. the scholars of his court asked him to.

4 Reading II: Flowers in Russian Culture [4]

Read "Flowers in Russian Culture" on pages 144–146 of your textbook. Then answer the following questions.

a. What do red carnations stand for in Russia? [1]

b. Why should you not give white carnations to a performer? [1]

c. What does a bunch of yellow flowers given to a loved one mean in Russia? [1]

d. Why is it important for a visitor to know a country's flower etiquette? [1]

5 Reading III: an unseen text [3]

Read the text below. Write ✓ for the true statements and ✗ for the false ones in the box.

The Temple That Stood Firm

In Taumadhi Square, Bhaktapur, stands the Nyatapola, a temple with five roofs. Its name means "five storeys" in Nepal Bhasa. It was built in 1702, in the time of King Bhupatindra Malla, for the goddess Siddhi Lakshmi.

About thirty meters tall, it is the tallest pagoda temple in the Kathmandu Valley. It rises on five stone plinths, and a long flight of steps leads up to it. On both sides of the steps stand pairs of stone guardians: two famous wrestlers at the bottom, then elephants, lions, griffins and, at the top, two goddesses. It is said that each pair is ten times as strong as the pair below it.

The Nyatapola has survived great earthquakes, including those of 1934 and 2015, when many buildings around it fell. Many experts think that its broad stone base and its strong wooden frame helped it stand firm.

Today, visitors climb its steps to look over the rooftops of the old town, and on festival days the square below is full of music and crowds.

i. The Nyatapola has seven roofs. ☐

ii. It was built in the time of King Bhupatindra Malla. ☐

iii. The temple fell in the earthquake of 2015. ☐

6 Reading III: short answers [2]

Answer the following questions about the same text.

a. What stands on both sides of the steps? [1]

b. Why does the writer say "It is said that" about the strength of the guardians? [1]

7 Grammar: past simple, past continuous and past perfect [6]

Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

a. The light went out while we ..... (watch) the news. [1]

b. Pratap Malla ..... (die) while he was watching the Harisiddhi dance. [1]

c. When we reached the cinema, the film ..... (already/start). [1]

d. My grandfather ..... (visit) Lhasa forty years ago. [1]

e. She found that someone ..... (take) her umbrella. [1]

f. While Ramesh ..... (cross) the river, he dropped his phone into the water. [1]

8 Writing: a story [6]

Write a story using the outlines given below. Give it a title and a moral.

A farmer has a goose ... it lays one golden egg every day ... the farmer becomes rich ... grows greedy ... thinks the goose is full of gold ... cuts it open ... finds nothing ... loses the goose and the eggs ... moral

9 Think [2]

Answer the following question in your own words.

The history of Pratap Malla praises him, but he became king by imprisoning his own father. Should a history book tell both the good and the bad about a ruler? Give two reasons.