Unit 12 · Nature and Development

WORKSHEET

Full marks 30

Name _____ Class _____ Roll no. ____ Date _____ Marks _____ / 30

1 Words from the unit [5]

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. vulnerable	☐	a. an event that causes great harm and misery
2. calamity	☐	b. to make an action or a process possible or easier
3. innovative	☐	c. being too crowded; traffic jams
4. congestion	☐	d. nearness
5. facilitate	☐	e. weak and without protection; easily harmed
		f. using new methods or ideas

2 Reading I: Kathmandu–Terai/Madhesh Fast Track [4]

Read "Kathmandu-Terai/Madhesh Fast Track: A Project of National Pride" on pages 191–193 of your English textbook. Then choose the correct answer.

i. The whole Fast Track from Khokana to Nijgadh is … [1]

a. 72.5 km long. **b.** 55.49 km long.
c. 10.60 km long. **d.** 6.41 km long.

ii. The Fast Track will save fuel mainly because … [1]

a. its tunnels are lit by electricity. **b.** the travel distance is shorter.
c. only electric vehicles may use it. **d.** it has fewer link roads.

iii. According to the article, people from far away places may not need to settle in Kathmandu because … [1]

a. land in the Terai is cheaper.
b. the airport at Nijgadh will be closer.
c. they can reach Kathmandu within an hour to use its facilities.
d. new jobs will be created on the project.

iv. The writer worries that the Fast Track may lead to more road accidents because … [1]

a. its tunnels are long and dark. **b.** vehicles will travel at high speed on it.
c. it passes through the Kathmandu Valley. **d.** its bridges are too narrow.

3 Reading II: Composed upon Westminster Bridge [3]

Read the poem "Composed upon Westminster Bridge, September 3, 1802" on page 199 of your textbook. Then answer the following questions.

a. According to the speaker, who would be "dull of soul"? [1]

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b. What is the city wearing “like a garment”? **[1]**

c. Why do “the very houses seem asleep”? **[1]**

4 Reading III: a diary entry **[3]**

Read the diary entry below. State whether the statements after it are true or false: write ✓ for true or ✗ for false in the box.

Dear Diary

Saturday, 12 Poush
Dear Diary,
Today was a day our village will never forget. The new suspension bridge over the river below Dhaireni was opened at last!
Until now, the only way across was the wooden bridge that the monsoon washed away every year. From Asar to Bhadra, we had to walk two hours upstream to the next bridge, and many children simply stayed at home instead of going to school. Last year, my cousin Pratima missed her Grade 8 exams because of it.
The new bridge is made of steel cables and is 120 meters long. Engineers from the district came to design it, but the villagers did most of the work. My father carried cement for three weeks, and my mother cooked for the workers. Even we students helped by carrying stones on Saturdays.
At the opening, the ward chair cut a red ribbon, and an old man, Ba Tilak, was the first to walk across. He said he had waited seventy years for this day. Everyone laughed and cheered, and some people cried.
Tonight I keep thinking about what the bridge means. It isn’t only steel and cement. It is the road to school, to the health post and to the market, all year round.
Mina

i. The old wooden bridge was washed away by an earthquake. ☐

ii. The new bridge is made of steel cables. ☐

iii. Engineers from the district did most of the building work. ☐

5 Reading III: short answers **[2]**

Answer the following questions about the same diary entry.

a. How did Mina’s family help to build the bridge? **[1]**

b. What does Mina mean when she says the bridge “isn’t only steel and cement”? **[1]**

6 Grammar: talking about the future [6]

Reproduce the following sentences as instructed in the brackets.

a. Look at those dark clouds! It ..... (rain). (Use the correct future form of the verb 'rain'.) [1]

b. At this time tomorrow, we ..... (sit) in the exam hall. (Use the correct future form of the verb 'sit'.) [1]

c. By the end of this year, the workers ..... (finish) the tunnel. (Use the correct future form of the verb 'finish'.) [1]

d. By next June, my father ..... (work) at the hydropower plant for ten years. (Use the correct future form of the verb 'work'.) [1]

e. The phone is ringing. I ..... (answer) it. (Use the correct future form of the verb 'answer'.) [1]

f. The workers will complete the link road next year. (Change into the passive voice.) [1]

7 Writing: a notice [5]

Write a notice using the clues given below.

You are the secretary of the Eco Club of your school. Write a notice about a cleanliness campaign in your community. Clues: Eco Club … cleanliness campaign on World Environment Day (5 June) … from the school gate to the bus park … gather at 7 a.m. … bring gloves and a water bottle … sacks given by the club … all students and teachers invited

8 Think [2]

Answer the following question in your own words.

The Fast Track will save time and fuel, but its construction will cut forests and pollute the air. Should such big projects go ahead? Give two reasons for your answer.