Unit 4 · Expressing Good Wishes

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS · ANSWER KEY

Full marks 26

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

1 The right wish

ANSWER HA · 6

Tests: a wish that fits the occasion, two occasions at once, a wish about someone who isn't there, the reply to a festival greeting, and the plain verb after *may*, even when it is *be*.

a. Models:

i. ***Happy Dashain, Auntie! Have a safe journey!*** (both: it is Dashain, and she is traveling) — *Thank you! Happy Dashain to you too.*

ii. ***I'm sorry to hear that. I hope your grandfather gets well soon.*** *Get well soon!* is said **to** the person who is ill; about someone else, we say *I hope he gets well soon*.

iii. ***Eid Mubarak, Salim! Thank you.*** (or *Thank you, and Eid Mubarak to you too!*)

iv. ***Good luck for your exam tomorrow!*** (or *All the best!*)

b.

1. *May you **live** long.*
2. *May your exams **go** well.*
3. *May you **be** successful.*

3 is the hardest: the plain form of *are* is ***be***, which doesn't look like *are* at all, so it is easy to leave *are* (as we would say *will be*, not *will are*).

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ a. i. A Dashain wish and a wish for her journey, and a reply (*Thank you, Happy Dashain to you too*).
- ✓ a. ii. *I hope your grandfather gets well soon* (a wish about him, not *Get well soon* to the friend).
- ✓ a. iii and iv. *Eid Mubarak* back, with thanks; *Good luck* or *All the best*.
- ✓ b. *live*, *go*.
- ✓ b. *be*.
- ✓ b. 3 is hardest: the plain form of *are* is *be*.

2 Is it an imperative?

ANSWER

Tests: an imperative tells someone to do something (no subject, the plain verb or *Don't*), but a sentence that starts with a verb or *Don't* may be something else; the job comes from what it is for; *be* with an adjective; *Don't*, not *Not*; no *you*.

a.

1. Imperative: **a direction.**
2. **Not** an imperative: it is a **question** (*Don't you…?* asks, and ends with ?).
3. Imperative: **a wish.**
4. Imperative: **an invitation.**
5. **Not** an imperative: a **statement** (a complaint) with *you* as its subject: it says what someone does, not what to do.
6. Imperative: **advice.**
7. Imperative: **a rule.**
8. Imperative: **an instruction.**

b. ***Be careful near the river.*** · ***Don't be late for the assembly.*** (*late* and *careful* aren't verbs, so *be* stays.)

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c. ***Don't touch the paintings. Please keep quiet.*** (or *Keep quiet, please.*) *Not touch* needs *Don't*; an imperative has no *you*, and *Please* at the start needs no comma. HA · 5

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ a. 2 and 5 are not imperatives: a question and a statement.
- ✓ a. 1, 3 and 4: direction, wish, invitation.
- ✓ a. 6, 7 and 8: advice, rule, instruction.
- ✓ b. *Be careful near the river* and *Don't be late for the assembly*.
- ✓ c. *Don't touch the paintings. Please keep quiet.*

3 By the sun's calendar or the moon's

ANSWER HA · 5

Tests: reading the text for when each festival falls, telling a date fixed by one calendar from a day fixed by the moon, and judging a friend's claim about Eid against a fact given in the question.

a. **Christmas** is always on **25 December**. **Buddha Jayanti** (Baishakh Purnima, the full moon) and **Chhath** (Kartik Shukla Shashthi, six days after the new moon) come by the moon. (Eid and Tihar come by the moon too; a student who adds them, with a reason, is right.)

b. Christmas is fixed to the **AD** calendar, and the BS and AD months don't line up exactly: a BS month starts in the middle of an AD month, and not on the same AD day every year. So 25 December is sometimes Poush 9 and sometimes Poush 10.

c. About **9 March 2027** (about 20 March, 11 days earlier; any day from 8 to 10 March is right). **No**, Sahil is wrong. Eid moves about 11 days earlier every year, so it keeps moving through the months: it can be in Saun in some years, but a few years later it has moved into Asar, then Jestha, and so on. (It goes round the whole year in about 33 years.)

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ a. Christmas on the same date; Buddha Jayanti and Chhath by the moon.
- ✓ b. The BS and AD months don't match exactly, so 25 December falls on Poush 9 or 10.
- ✓ c. About 9 March 2027 (8 to 10 March).
- ✓ c. No, Eid can't be in Saun every year.
- ✓ c. Because it comes about 11 days earlier each year, it moves through all the months.

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4 A note to a cousin

ANSWER A · 5

Tests: a question mark only after a sentence that asks (not after one that tells about a question), a question tag with a comma and ?, and the commas for a list, an opening word, a date with its year and a place inside a bigger place.
Mom asked me when you are coming to Pokhara. You are coming for Tihar, aren't you? We will buy marigolds, apples and sel roti for the puja. Well, we can't wait to see you.
Grandma grew up in Lamjung, Gandaki. She was born on Kartik 3, 2010 BS.
The six: the full stop after *Pokhara*; the comma and question mark of the tag *aren't you?*; the comma in the list; the comma after *Well*; the comma in the date with its year; the comma between *Lamjung* and *Gandaki*.
The first sentence only **tells** what Mom asked: nobody is asking a question in it, so it ends with a full stop. The question would be *When are you coming to Pokhara?*

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ The full stop after *Pokhara*, with the reason: it tells about a question, it doesn't ask one.
- ✓ *for Tihar, aren't you?* (both the comma and the question mark).
- ✓ The comma after *marigolds* and the comma after *Well*.
- ✓ The comma after *Kartik 3* and the comma after *Lamjung*.
- ✓ No other marks added (no comma before *and sel roti*).

5 Come to our festival

ANSWER HA · 5

Tests: the unit put together: imperatives used for an invitation and instructions (one with *Don't*), a festival described by what, when and what people do, a wish at the end, and a reply that wishes back.
A model:
Dear Shishir,
Come to our house for Tihar on Laxmi Puja, this Friday evening! It is the festival of lights, and that evening we worship Laxmi, the goddess of wealth, and light oil lamps all round the house. After the puja, my friends and I go round the neighborhood singing Bhailo. Wear something warm, because it gets cold at night. Don't eat too much before you come: my mother is making sel roti! Happy Tihar to you and your family!
Your friend, Swapnil

Shishir's reply: ***Thank you, Swapnil, I'd love to come! Happy Tihar to you and your family too!***

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ An invitation with an imperative (*Come to…*).
- ✓ What the festival is, when, and what people do.
- ✓ Two instructions as imperatives, one with *Don't*.
- ✓ A good wish for the festival at the end.
- ✓ A reply that says yes, thanks and wishes back.

Marks by level	Knowledge	Understanding	Application	Higher ability	Total
Marks	0	0	5	21	26

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