Unit 17 · Surprise and Dismay

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 25

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 The right reply [6]

Anisha's friends send her these messages. (The messages are made up.)

1. "Guess what? I won first prize in the essay competition!"
2. "Our school bus hit a wall this morning. Two students were hurt."
3. "The school picnic is canceled because of the rain."
4. "My uncle's shop burned down last night, but nobody was hurt."
5. "I lost my phone in the bus park, but a stranger found it and brought it back!"

a. Write a short reply to each message that fits the news.
b. Another friend replied to message 2 with "Wow! Really?" Why is that a bad reply?
c. Write these replies again correctly: *What a good news! · That's a bad luck.*

2 The inspector's notes [6]

Read this mystery. (It is made up.)

When Inspector Kriti arrived at the small museum at nine, the guard was waiting at the door. Someone had broken the glass case, and the old silver coin had gone. The guard said he had locked the door at six the evening before. He had heard a noise at midnight, but he hadn't gone to check. The cleaner arrived at seven in the morning and found the broken glass. She phoned the guard, who called the police.

a. Write these events in the order they really happened.

A. Kriti arrived at the museum.
B. The guard locked the door.
C. The cleaner found the broken glass.
D. The guard heard a noise.
E. The guard called the police.

b. The story tells about the noise **after** Kriti's arrival. Which verb form shows that it happened **before**?
c. The cleaner's part also happened before Kriti arrived, but the writer used *arrived* and *found*, not *had arrived* and *had found*. Is that wrong? Explain.
d. Join these two sentences into one, starting with *When*: *The coin disappeared. Later, Kriti arrived.*

3 Is had needed? [4]

Look at each pair. Do the two sentences mean the **same**, mean **different** things, or is one of them **wrong**?

1. When we reached the hall, the speech started. / When we reached the hall, the speech had started.
2. After she finished her homework, she went out. / After she had finished her homework, she went out.
3. I saw that film yesterday. / I had seen that film yesterday.
4. Before the rain started, we reached home. / Before the rain started, we had reached home.

a. Answer for each pair. If one is wrong, say which.
b. For pair 1, say what each sentence tells you about the speech.

4 At the medicine shop [5]

Ashish is at a medicine shop.

a. Ashish wants to ask these questions politely. Write each one again, starting with *Could you tell me …*

1. Where is the nearest clinic?
2. When does the shop close?
3. How much does this cough syrup cost?
4. What time did the doctor leave?

b. Then Ashish asks for a strong medicine for his father, but he has no prescription. Write the chemist's reply: say no politely, give the reason, and say what Ashish can do.

5 Vowel sounds, not letters [4]

a. In each group, one word has a different vowel sound from the other three. Which one?

1. my · high · eye · key
2. rain · great · eight · meat
3. now · cow · show · house

b. In each pair, which word has the **long** vowel sound? *sit / seat* · *fill / feel*

c. *Live* and *leave* differ only in a short and a long vowel. Write a sentence where saying the wrong one would change the meaning, and say how.