Grade 8 English, Explained

Unit 3 · Requests and Responses

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS · ANSWER KEY

Full marks 48

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

1 Words in context

MARKING SCHEME — V · 4

- ✓ i. *graced*; ii. *faded* (half a mark each).
- ✓ iii. *overload*; iv. *shrink* (half a mark each).
- ✓ v. *conferred*; vi. *secure* (half a mark each).
- ✓ vii. *sanitized*; viii. *tumbled* (half a mark each).

2 Reading: an unseen announcement

a. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

- ✓ Three days (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday).

b. **d.** 240 liters — I · 1

Two visits a day for three days is six visits, and 6 × 40 = 240 liters.

c. MARKING SCHEME — I · 1

- ✓ So that dirty water doesn't run into the house or a tank when the supply comes back (and nobody uses it by mistake).

d. MARKING SCHEME — R · 2

- ✓ Firmer instruction: *Make sure that all taps are closed*; rule: *Pumping water… is strictly prohibited*.
- ✓ The rule is stronger: it isn't a request at all, and it allows no choice.

e. MARKING SCHEME — V · 1

- ✓ Changed by the work: Tole 1's water will go on as usual.

f. MARKING SCHEME — E · 2

- ✓ A clear view (either: the new pipe is good news for the future, or the words sound strange because the first thing residents will feel is a problem).
- ✓ A reason from the notice.

3 Report the questions

MARKING SCHEME — R · 6

- ✓ i. Prashant asked me **if (whether) I had seen his goggles.**
- ✓ ii. The old man asked the conductor **if the bus had left.**
- ✓ iii. My aunt asked us **if we would come the next day.**
- ✓ iv. She asked the guard **if she could bring that bag there.**
- ✓ v. Riya asked Kiran **if he had been at the fair the day before.**
- ✓ vi. He wondered **if he should wash that in cold water.** (*should* doesn't change)

4 What did they really say?

MARKING SCHEME — R · 3

- ✓ i. Anup said to me, **"Have you finished your homework?"** (or *"Did you finish…?"*)
- ✓ ii. The doctor asked, **"Does your father smoke?"**
- ✓ iii. Yangchen says, **"Are you free today?"** (the reporting verb is present, so nothing moved back)

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5 A hard one to report

MARKING SCHEME R · 3

- ✓ i. Wrong: the order must be a statement's: *Samikshya asked if **the shop was** open.*
- ✓ iii. Wrong: a yes/no question takes *if* or *whether*, never *that*: *Basanta asked **if** I could help him.*
- ✓ ii. Right: the reporting verb is present, so the tense stays.

6 What do they really mean?

MARKING SCHEME I · 2

- ✓ i. yes, I don't object; ii. maybe (half a mark each).
- ✓ iii. yes, gladly; iv. not yet (half a mark each).

7 Comma, semicolon or colon?

MARKING SCHEME R · 4

- ✓ i. **Put these in the machine: towels, sheets and socks.** The colon introduces a list.
- ✓ ii. **The cycle was over; the clothes were clean.** The semicolon joins two complete, closely related sentences (a comma can't).
- ✓ iii. **You read the manual, didn't you?** The comma comes before a question tag.
- ✓ iv. **We need warm, thick blankets; strong, dry boots; and good, bright torches.** Semicolons separate list items that have commas of their own.

8 Find and fix the errors

MARKING SCHEME R · 6

- ✓ Missing: **when** (the date and time).
- ✓ Missing: **where** (the place).
- ✓ Missing: the **name** of who is announcing it.
- ✓ *is going to be hold* → **is going to be held.**
- ✓ *will received* → **will receive.**
- ✓ *students is requested* → **students are requested.**

9 Change the reader

ANSWER R · 3

1. First, pull out the machine's plug.
2. Then put the clothes into two piles, the dark ones and the light ones.
3. Keep the piles apart, because dark clothes can put their color on soft, light ones.

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ Each idea kept: the plug, the sorting and the reason.
- ✓ Short steps in order, each beginning with an order word (*pull, put, keep*).
- ✓ Easy words for a child: no *appliance*, *garments* or *delicate*.

10 Writing: an announcement

ANSWER

Clean-up Announcement

Dear Students and Teachers,

We are pleased to announce that the Eco Club is going to clean the bank of the river on Saturday, 8 Falgun, at 8:00 a.m. Everyone will meet at the school gate.

The Ward Chairperson will be our chief guest. Lunch will be given to all those who take part.

All students are requested to bring gloves and a sack, and to join this good work.

Thank you.

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Binita, Secretary
Eco Club

E · 6

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ A title, and a greeting that says who it is for.
- ✓ What and when.
- ✓ Where, and the chief guest.
- ✓ What to bring, and the lunch.
- ✓ A clear request to come, and the name and position of the writer.
- ✓ The future used correctly (*is going to, will be*), in about 90 words.

11 Think

ANSWER

E · 3

Please suits things that passengers will do willingly, such as fastening a belt, and it keeps them calm and friendly. But some things can put the whole plane in danger, so there the crew can't leave any choice: the rule must be firm. At my school, "Please don't run on the stairs" should be a rule, not a request, because someone could be badly hurt.

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ Why polite words are used (people cooperate; the airline is serving them).
- ✓ Why a firm rule is needed (safety, or the law: no choice is left).
- ✓ An example from school, with a clear reason.

Marks by level	Literal comprehension	Reorganization	Inference	Evaluation and reflection	Vocabulary	Total
Marks	1	27	4	11	5	**48**

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