Unit 3 · Requests and Responses

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 48

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Words in context [4]

Complete each sentence with one of these words, in the right form: *shrink, fade, overload, sanitize, confer, grace, secure, tumble*.

i. The chief guest ..... the program with her presence, in spite of the rain.
ii. My red shirt has ..... to pink after too much sun.
iii. Don't ..... the jeep: the road to Jumla is narrow.
iv. Wool can ..... in hot water, so my sweater no longer fits.
v. The university ..... a degree on the old poet last year.
vi. Please ..... your bags in the locker before the bus moves.
vii. The nurse ..... the table before she opened the bandage.
viii. The wet clothes ..... round and round in the drum.

2 Reading: an unseen announcement [8]

Water Supply Announcement (a made-up notice)

Ward No. 6 Office, Godawari
Dear Residents,
We are pleased to announce that the old water pipe along the main road will be replaced next week. The work will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, 9 Mangsir, and it is expected to finish by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 Mangsir. During this period, there will be no water in the taps of Tole 2 and Tole 3. Tole 1 will not be affected.
A water tanker will visit the school ground at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on all three days. Please bring your own containers. Each family is requested to take no more than forty liters at each visit, so that there is enough for everyone.
Residents are requested to fill their tanks on Saturday evening. Make sure that all taps are closed before the work begins, because the water may be dirty when it comes back. Let it run for five minutes before you use it.
Pumping water straight from the main pipe is strictly prohibited.
For any problem, please contact Ms. Sapana at the ward office.
Ward Chairperson

a. For how many days will the taps of Tole 2 and Tole 3 have no water? [1]

b. Anju's family lives in Tole 3 and fills containers at both visits each day. At most, how much water can they collect from the tanker in all? [1]

a. 40 liters **b.** 80 liters
c. 120 liters **d.** 240 liters

c. Why must taps be closed before the work begins? [1]

d. The announcement uses three kinds of words: a polite request, a firmer instruction and a rule. Find **one** example of the firmer instruction and **one** of the rule. Say which is stronger, and why. [2]

e. What does "affected" mean in "Tole 1 will not be affected"? [1]

f. The writer begins "We are pleased to announce", though people will lose their water for three days. Is this a good beginning? Give a reason. [2]

3 Report the questions [6]

Report each question. The conversation took place last week.

i. "Did you see my goggles?" Prashant asked me.
ii. "Has the bus left?" the old man asked the conductor.
iii. "Will you come tomorrow?" my aunt asked us.
iv. "Can I bring this bag here?" she asked the guard.
v. "Were you at the fair yesterday?" Riya asked Kiran.
vi. "Should I wash this in cold water?" he wondered.

4 What did they really say? [3]

Write each person's exact words as a direct question.

i. Anup asked me if I had finished my homework.
ii. The doctor wanted to know whether my father smoked.
iii. Yangchen asks if we are free today.

5 A hard one to report [3]

Two of these are wrong. Find them, say what is wrong, and correct them. Say which one is right, and why.

i. Samikshya asked if was the shop open.
ii. Today the teacher asks if we have read the notice.
iii. Basanta asked that I could help him.

6 What do they really mean? [2]

Read each reply, and say what the speaker really means. Choose from: *yes, gladly; maybe; not yet; yes, I don't object*.

i. "Would you mind if I opened the window?" "Of course not. Go ahead."
ii. "Could you please get me a ticket for Saturday?" "I'll see what I can do."
iii. "Can I ask you to sign this?" "Sure, no problem."
iv. "Is the room free for our club?" "Let me check and get back to you."

7 Comma, semicolon or colon? [4]

Correct the punctuation of each sentence. Name the job the new mark does.

i. Put these in the machine towels, sheets and socks.
ii. The cycle was over, the clothes were clean.
iii. You read the manual didn't you?
iv. We need warm, thick blankets, strong, dry boots, and good, bright torches.

8 Find and fix the errors [6]

A student wrote this announcement. Three things that an announcement needs are **missing**, and it has **three** errors in grammar. List the missing things, then correct the errors.

Quiz Contest
We are pleased to announce that a quiz contest is going to be hold in our school. There will be three rounds, and the winners will received prizes. All Grade 8 students is requested to take part.

9 Change the reader [3]

Your little brother, aged eight, can't follow this sentence from a manual. Write it for him as three short steps, in easy words.

Prior to operation, ensure that the appliance is disconnected from the power supply, and that the garments are sorted according to color, since dark fabrics may stain delicate items.

10 Writing: an announcement [6]

Your school's Eco Club is holding a clean-up of the river bank. As its secretary, write an **announcement** (about 90 words) with these facts: Saturday, 8 Falgun, 8 a.m.; meet at the school gate; bring gloves and a sack; the ward chairperson is the chief guest; lunch is given. Use the future, at least one sentence with *will be*, and a clear request.

11 Think [3]

In the pre-flight announcement in your textbook, the crew say *please*, and later say that something is *strictly prohibited*. Why does the same announcement need both? Write about one rule at your school that should be a polite request, or the other way round, and give a reason.