Unit 5 · Persuading

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 45

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Build the word [4]

For i–vi, add a prefix or a suffix to the word in brackets so that the sentence makes sense. Watch the spelling. Then answer vii and viii.

i. The old woman's ..... (happy) lasted only until her next wish.
ii. She couldn't walk the path ..... (easy) in the dark.
iii. His answer was so ..... (honest) that nobody trusted him again.
iv. That was a ..... (thought) gift: she remembered that I like pencils.
v. Please read the letter and ..... (write) it in neat handwriting.
vi. The message ..... (lead) us, and we took the wrong road.
vii. Take away the *re* of *ready*, and no word is left. Find the one word below in which *un* is really a prefix: *uncle, unusual, under*.
viii. Write the two meanings of *-er* in *a faster runner*.

2 Reading: an unseen speech [8]

Save the Spout (a made-up speech)

Respected Ward Chairperson, elders and friends,
My name is Simran, and I am a student of Grade 8. I have only one thing to ask you today: please come with your spades next Saturday.
You all know the old stone spout at the bottom of our tole. My grandmother filled her first pot there. It has given us water for more years than anyone here can count. It has never once asked us for a rupee.
And how have we thanked it? Look at it now. Plastic bags are lying in the channel, and mud has covered the steps.
Some of you will say, "We have tap water now. Why do we need the spout?" Let me ask you something. What happened in the last dry season, when the taps ran dry for eleven days? Who walked down the hill with empty jars? We did.
Others will say that the work is too hard. It isn't. Our class has measured the channel. Twenty people with spades can clean it in one morning. We, the students, will carry the mud. All we need is you.
Don't let this be the generation that lost the spout. Our grandmothers looked after it for us. Now it's our turn.
Thank you.

a. What exactly does Simran ask the people to do? [1]

b. Simran expects two objections. Copy and complete the table. [2]

What some people will say	Simran's reply

c. Why does Simran say that the spout "has never once asked us for a rupee"? [1]

a. to tell people that spouts are cheaper than taps
b. to make people feel that they owe it something
c. to show that the ward has no money
d. to ask people for money to clean it

d. Why does she tell people that her class has measured the channel? [1]

e. What does "generation" mean in the last paragraph? Which sentence after it helps you to guess? [1]

f. A good persuader gives a reason, answers objections and asks clearly. Which part of Simran's speech do you think would move the audience most? Give a reason. [2]

3 Which reporting verb? [6]

Report each sentence with the best verb from this list, and use each verb once: *ordered, requested, begged, advised, warned, forbade*.

i. The doctor said to my uncle, "Stop smoking."
ii. The boy said to the tree, "Oh, please, please save my sister!"
iii. The guard said to the visitors, "Don't go near the edge. It's dangerous."
iv. The officer said to the soldiers, "Stand in line at once!"
v. The woman said to the driver, "Please stop here."
vi. The owner said to her son, "You must not open this box."

4 Three harder ones [3]

Report each one. Think about the second verb, the pronouns and *this* and *here*.

i. Mother said to me, "Wait here till I return."
ii. The teacher said to Rizwan, "Bring me this book when you finish it."
iii. Tenzing said to his sister, "Don't tell anyone what I bought."

5 Back to direct speech [3]

Write the speaker's exact words.

i. Prapti requested me to close the gate.
ii. The nurse warned him not to eat anything before the test.
iii. The farmer asked the boys if they had seen his goat.

6 How many syllables? [2]

Write the number of syllables in each word, and mark the beats with hyphens.

caution, hindrance, incredible, determination

7 Find and fix the errors [6]

Bedant wrote this account of an argument. It has **six** errors. Find each one and write the correction.

My sister said me to clean the room. I asked if could she help. She told me to not be lazy. Then she suggested me to start with the shelf, and she forbade me not to touch her beautifull new lamp. In the end, I was so tired that I fell asleep, and she cleaned it herself.

8 Persuade someone [4]

Your grandfather has had a cough for a month, but he won't see a doctor. Write a short dialogue (8 lines) in which you persuade him. Use the four moves: suggest, give a reason, ask him to agree, and don't give up when he objects.

9 Writing: a story from clues [6]

Develop a story of about 110 words from these clues, and give it a title and a moral.
a milkman adds water to his milk … sells it … grows rich … one day crosses a river with a bag of money … stops to rest under a tree … a monkey takes the bag … sits on a high branch … throws one coin on the bank, one in the water … the milkman understands

10 Think [3]

"Free Birds" in your textbook tells students to aim high and reach any goal. In "The Old Woman and the Lime Tree", a woman keeps aiming higher and loses everything. Do the two texts disagree? Give your view with a reason.