Unit 9 · Comparison and Contrast

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS · ANSWER KEY

Full marks 46

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

1 Pairs that trip people up

MARKING SCHEME — V · 4

- ✓ i. *elder* (people in a family); ii. *older* (*elder* is only for people in a family) (half a mark each).
- ✓ iii. *latest* (the newest); iv. *last* (the final one) (half a mark each).
- ✓ v. *nearest* (distance); vi. *further* (it means "more") (half a mark each).
- ✓ vii. *fewer* (can be counted); viii. *less* (can't be counted) (half a mark each).

2 Reading: an unseen essay

a. **MARKING SCHEME** — R · 2

- ✓ Food: a homestay cooks one meal for everyone at a fixed time; in a hotel you can eat when you want.
- ✓ Bathroom: in a homestay you may share and the water may be cold; in a hotel the bathroom is your own.

b. **MARKING SCHEME** — LC · 1

- ✓ Both will give you a clean bed.

c. **b.** You must live among the people to understand a place. — I · 1

The sentence comes just after "you are almost part of the family": to know a village, you have to be inside its life, not looking at it.

d. **MARKING SCHEME** — V · 1

- ✓ *put up with*.

e. **MARKING SCHEME** — R · 1

- ✓ Point by point: each paragraph takes one point (cost, comfort, learning) and compares both places.

f. **MARKING SCHEME** — E · 2

- ✓ The homestay, with one clue.
- ✓ A second clue. Clues: learning is called "the biggest difference"; the writer tells of a good memory at Ghandruk; the last sentence says it "will stay in your memory far longer".

3 Five slips

MARKING SCHEME — R · 5

- ✓ i. *narrower* (or *more narrow*): use one way, never both.
- ✓ ii. *more beautiful*: a long word takes *more*, with no *-er*.
- ✓ iii. *much heavier*: *very* doesn't go with a comparative.
- ✓ iv. *than*: after a comparative comes *than*; *then* is about time.
- ✓ v. *the highest lake*: a superlative needs *the*.

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4 Say it another way

MARKING SCHEME R · 5

- ✓ i. Umesh is **not as tall as** Nabin.
- ✓ ii. This is **the longest** river in the district.
- ✓ iii. Our school is **smaller than** the new one.
- ✓ iv. It's **getting colder** every day. (or *The days are getting colder*)
- ✓ v. This is **the nicest** tea I have **ever** tasted.

5 Hard or hardly?

MARKING SCHEME R · 3

- ✓ i. The first means that she works a lot; the second means that she almost doesn't work.
- ✓ ii. *Late* means after the right time; *lately* means recently.
- ✓ iii. Sheetal ran **fastest.** (There is no *fastly*, and three runners need the superlative.)

6 Two villages

ANSWER R · 5

Both Dandagaun and Khola Besi are farming villages with a school. Dandagaun lies much higher, at 1,900 m, whereas Khola Besi is only at 600 m. Khola Besi is also bigger, with 120 houses, while Dandagaun has only 45. The main crop of the first is potatoes, but the second grows rice. Khola Besi has a gravel road and a school up to Grade 8, whereas Dandagaun has no road, and its school stops at Grade 5.

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ Point by point, not one village and then the other.
- ✓ Every row of the table used.
- ✓ *both* and *whereas* used correctly.
- ✓ At least one correct comparative.
- ✓ One clear paragraph of about 70 words, in the student's own sentences.

7 Find and fix the errors

MARKING SCHEME R · 6

- ✓ *elder friend* → **older friend** (*elder* is only for family).
- ✓ *more far* → **farther (further).**
- ✓ *more early* → **earlier.**
- ✓ *the most cleverest* → **the cleverest** (or **the most clever**).
- ✓ *more better* → **better.**
- ✓ *I work hardly* → **I work hard.**

8 Writing: a compare-and-contrast essay

ANSWER

Book or Screen?

Students today can study from a printed book or from a screen, and the two are quite different. They differ in cost, in convenience and in the attention they need.

First, a book costs money, whereas much on the internet is free. However, a phone needs data and electricity, while a book needs neither.

Second, a screen is more convenient. It can hold hundreds of books, and it can show a video. In contrast, a book is heavier and shows only pictures.

Third, a book is better for attention. Nothing pops up on a page, but a phone constantly calls you away.

Overall, the screen is faster, and the book is quieter. In my view, a student should find facts on a screen, but learn them from a book.

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MARKING SCHEME E · 7

- ✓ A title that says what is compared.
- ✓ An introduction that names the points.
- ✓ The first point, with both sides.
- ✓ The second point, with both sides.
- ✓ The third point, with both sides.
- ✓ A conclusion that gives a view.
- ✓ Comparison words (*whereas, in contrast*), correct comparatives, in about 130 words.

9 Think

ANSWER E · 3

The first text says that students assume college will be like school, and it isn't. In the same way, people thought that smartphones would only make life easier, but we now forget more and feel tired by being always connected. When I moved from primary school to Grade 6, I assumed that I would be one of the big students, but I had many more subjects and teachers, and I felt small again. I would tell a younger student to expect a change, ask older students what it is like, and prepare early.

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ A link to either text (an assumption that turned out to be wrong).
- ✓ A change from the student's own life: what was assumed, and what was real.
- ✓ Sensible advice that follows from it.

Marks by level	Literal comprehension	Reorganization	Inference	Evaluation and reflection	Vocabulary	**Total**
Marks	1	27	1	12	5	**46**

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