Unit 9 · Comparison and Contrast

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 46

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Pairs that trip people up [4]

Choose the right word and give a reason.

i. My ..... (older / elder) sister is a nurse in Dang.
ii. This tree is ..... (older / elder) than the temple.
iii. Have you heard the ..... (last / latest) news about the match?
iv. We missed the ..... (last / latest) bus and walked home.
v. Please go to the ..... (nearest / next) shop: it's only a minute away.
vi. For ..... (farther / further) information, ask at the office.
vii. There were ..... (less / fewer) students today.
viii. There is ..... (less / fewer) water in the tank.

2 Reading: an unseen essay [8]

Homestay or Hotel?

Every spring, when Grade 8 students of our school go on a study tour, the same question comes up: should we sleep in a hotel or in a homestay? I have tried both, and they are less alike than you may think.

First, there is the cost. A homestay is usually cheaper than a hotel, and the price includes meals. On the other hand, a hotel gives you more choice: you can eat when you want, whereas a homestay family cooks one meal for everyone at a fixed time.

Second, there is comfort. Hotel beds are generally softer, and the bathroom is your own. In a homestay, you may share a room with three friends, and the water may be as cold as the morning air. Both, however, will give you a clean bed.

The biggest difference is in what you learn. In a hotel, the staff are polite, but you are only a guest. In a homestay, you are almost part of the family. My grandmother would say that you can't know a village from a window. At Ghandruk last year, I learned more from an old woman in the kitchen than from any guidebook.

So a hotel is easier. But if you can put up with a cold bucket, a homestay will stay in your memory far longer.

a. Copy and complete the table, using the passage. [2]

Point	Homestay	Hotel
Food		
Bathroom		

b. In what way are the two the same? [1]

c. What does the writer's grandmother mean by "you can't know a village from a window"? [1]

a. Hotels have small windows.
b. You must live among the people to understand a place.
c. Villages can't be seen from hotels.
d. Old people don't like hotels.

d. Find a phrase in the last paragraph that means "to accept something unpleasant without complaining". [1]

e. Is the essay arranged point by point, or one place at a time? How do you know? [1]

f. The writer seems fair at first. Which does the writer really prefer? Give **two** clues. [2]

3 Five slips [5]

Each sentence has one slip. Correct it, and say what the rule is.

i. This road is more narrower than the old one.
ii. Rara is more beautifuller than any lake I have seen.
iii. My bag is very heavier than yours.
iv. Aayush is taller then his father.
v. Tilicho was highest lake we visited.

4 Say it another way [5]

Rewrite each sentence with the words in brackets, keeping the meaning.

i. Nabin is taller than Umesh. (*not as … as*, beginning with *Umesh*)
ii. No other river in the district is as long as this one. (*the longest*)
iii. Our school isn't as big as the new one. (*smaller*)
iv. It gets colder every day. (*getting*)
v. I have never tasted such nice tea. (*the nicest … ever*)

5 Hard or hardly? [3]

Explain the difference in meaning in each pair. For iii, correct the sentence.

i. *She works hard.* / *She hardly works.*
ii. *He came late.* / *I haven't seen him lately.*
iii. Of the three runners, Sheetal ran more fastly.

6 Two villages [5]

Turn this table into **one** paragraph (about 70 words), comparing the two made-up villages **point by point**. Use *both*, *whereas* and at least one comparative.

	Dandagaun	Khola Besi
Height	1,900 m	600 m
Houses	45	120
Main crop	potatoes	rice
Road	none	a gravel road
School	up to Grade 5	up to Grade 8

7 Find and fix the errors [6]

This paragraph has **six** errors. Find each one and write the correction.

My elder friend Rizwan lives more far from school than I do, but he comes more early. He is the most cleverest boy in our class, and he speaks English more better than the teacher. I work hardly, but I am not so quick as him. Yesterday, I came to school late and missed the first period.

8 Writing: a compare-and-contrast essay [7]

Write a **compare-and-contrast essay** (about 130 words) on *Studying from a Book and Studying from a Screen*. Use the point-by-point plan: a title, an introduction, three points and a conclusion with your view.

9 Think [3]

"The Leap between High School and College" in your textbook says that people make wrong assumptions before a big change. "Smartphones in our Life" shows a change that we have already made. Think of a change in your own life. What did you assume before it, and what was it really like? What would you tell a younger student?