Unit 11 · Describing Places and People

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 47

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 One word, two meanings [4]

Each word in bold has two meanings in the unit. Say what it means in each sentence.

i. Newton's teachers thought he was **dull.** / The speech was so **dull** that I fell asleep.
ii. I **wonder** why the sky is blue. / Khaptad is a **wonder** of the far west.
iii. Our school will **host** the match. / The **host** forgot his guests.
iv. This pasture **harbors** rare flowers. / Boats wait in a **harbor.** (Say what connects the two meanings.)

2 Reading: an unseen description [8]

Doctor Sir (a made-up memoir)

There is one person in Bajhang whom everyone calls Doctor Sir, though he has never been to a medical college. His real name is Sandesh. He is a small, thin man of sixty, whose gray hair stands up like a brush, and he wears the same brown coat in every season. His left shoe is always tied with string, which he says is stronger than any lace.

Sandesh runs the health post that stands at the top of our village, where the path from the river ends. It is a single room with a tin roof, two benches and a cupboard. The cupboard, which has no lock, holds everything that the village owns in the way of medicine.

He is the most forgetful man I know. He has walked to the bazaar and forgotten why. He has looked for his glasses while they were sitting on his nose. But he has never forgotten a patient. Ask him about any child in the village, and he will tell you the night when she was born, the year when she had a fever, and the name of the grandmother who brought her in.

People say that a good doctor needs a good memory. I think that it depends on what you choose to remember.

a. Why does the writer say that Sandesh isn't really a doctor in the usual sense? [1]

b. Copy and complete the table with **two** facts from the passage for each. [2]

How he looks	What his health post is like

c. What can you guess from "The cupboard, which has no lock"? [1]

a. Sandesh has lost the key.
b. Nobody in the village would steal from it, and it isn't full of costly things.
c. The medicine isn't safe to use.
d. The cupboard is very old.

d. Find a word in the passage that means "often forgetting things", and write its noun. [1]

e. "The cupboard, which has no lock, holds everything." Is the clause an extra fact, or does it tell us which one? How do you know? [1]

f. Explain the last sentence. What does the writer think about Sandesh? [2]

3 Join the sentences [6]

Join each pair with the word in brackets. Add commas only where they are needed.

i. This is the shop. I bought my pens there. (*where*)
ii. Kalo Tal is in Makwanpur. It has no fish. (*which*)
iii. I met the guide. His horse had run away. (*whose*)
iv. The woman was my aunt. We thanked her at the gate. (*whom*)
v. 2072 was the year. My sister was born then. (*when*)
vi. Sneha plays the sarangi. She lives upstairs. (*who*)

4 With commas or without? [3]

Answer the question after each pair.

i. *My brother who lives in Doha sends money.* / *My brother, who lives in Doha, sends money.* In which sentence does the speaker have more than one brother? How do you know?
ii. *Our team won the cup, which surprised everybody.* What surprised everybody?
iii. Why is this wrong? *Mount Everest, that lies on Nepal's border, is the highest mountain.*

5 A, an, the or nothing? [5]

Write the article that goes in each gap, or – if none is needed.

Yesterday, ... honest old man in ..... uniform came to our gate. It was half ..... hour before ..... lunch. He had ..... letter from ..... university. ..... letter was for my brother, who plays ..... madal. We gave him ..... cup of tea and ..... quick meal.

6 Rules, four ways [4]

Rewrite each rule for a park with the words in brackets.

i. Don't pick the flowers. (*not allowed to*)
ii. People must not smoke in the forest. (*Visitors are prohibited*)
iii. Please walk on the marked paths. (*supposed to*)
iv. Do not bargain at the ticket office. (*is not entertained*)

7 Write it for the exam [2]

A student wrote this in an exam. Rewrite it in standard English.

I'm sorta tired coz I hadda walk outta town. I'm gonna see the doc. There's a lotta people there, so I gotta wait.

8 Find and fix the errors [6]

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

Jumla is a place which I want to visit it. My uncle, that works there, says that everything which he owns fits in one bag. The village where he lives there is near a river. He is a teacher who his students love him. He has a uniform, which is a old one. He takes them to see an old bridge every month.

9 Writing: a leaflet [6]

Write a **leaflet** (about 90 words) for a place near you, or use these made-up notes: *Kalo Tal, a small lake; two hours' walk from Bhimphedi; birds, boats, a temple; best in autumn; no plastic.* Use the guidelines from your textbook, with an eye-catching heading and at least one relative clause. Add two rules.

10 Think [3]

Newton's teachers thought that he was dull, and he later forgot his guests at dinner. In "Sir Isaac Newton" in your textbook, the writer tells us both things about one of the greatest scientists. Why does a good biography tell us such things? What would be lost if it told us only about his discoveries?