Grade 8 English, Explained

Unit 12 · Likes, Dislikes and Preferences

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 Who would you ask?

MARKING SCHEME V · 4

- ✓ i. *dendrology*, a *dendrologist* (trees).
- ✓ ii. *seismology*, a *seismologist* (earthquakes).
- ✓ iii. *hippology*, a *hippologist* (horses).
- ✓ iv. *pomology*, a *pomologist* (fruits).

2 Reading: an unseen email

a. **MARKING SCHEME** LC · 1

- ✓ He grows mushrooms in old sacks and writes down what happens each day.

b. **MARKING SCHEME** R · 2

- ✓ The smell of the sacks (*can't stand*); playing football (*I don't mind*).
- ✓ Working in the science room (*I'd rather stay there till dark*).

c. **c.** His father wants him to play for the district and will be disappointed. I · 1

"Father wants me to play for the district. He would be so proud."

d. **MARKING SCHEME** I · 1

- ✓ He has found something he really likes, more than he expected.

e. **MARKING SCHEME** V · 1

- ✓ Thinks that he should, or will, do it.

f. **MARKING SCHEME** E · 2

- ✓ Clear advice in two sentences (*Tell your father soon. Show him your mushrooms…*).
- ✓ A reason from the email (his father loves him, and honesty is better than going to practice without joy).

3 -ing or to?

MARKING SCHEME R · 6

- ✓ i. *climbing* (*enjoy* takes only -ing); ii. *to meet*.
- ✓ iii. *drawing*; iv. *shopping* (*go* + -ing).
- ✓ v. *helping* (after a preposition, always -ing); vi. *to see* (*would like* always takes *to*).
- ✓ vii. *lift* (or *to lift*); viii. *writing*.
- ✓ ix. *to win*; x. *eating*.
- ✓ xi. *to learn*; xii. *saying*.

4 Prefer and would rather

MARKING SCHEME R · 3

- ✓ i. Rakshya **prefers rice to** roti.
- ✓ ii. I **prefer walking to taking** the bus.
- ✓ iii. I **would rather stay** here **than go** out.

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5 What do they mean?

MARKING SCHEME I · 2

- ✓ i. The first is about what I enjoy in general; the second means that I want to swim now or soon.
- ✓ ii. The first means that tea is all right; the second means that I love it very much.

6 Ask about the bold words

MARKING SCHEME R · 5

- ✓ i. **Who broke the window?** (no *did*)
- ✓ ii. **What did Pooja break?**
- ✓ iii. **What shook the tree?**
- ✓ iv. **What doesn't Suraj want?**
- ✓ v. **Who has seen my pen?**

7 The three sounds of ch

MARKING SCHEME V · 3

- ✓ **/tʃ/:** *chalk, chore*.
- ✓ **/ʃ/:** *charade, chiffon*.
- ✓ **/k/:** *chemist, choir*.

8 Find and fix the errors

MARKING SCHEME R · 6

- ✓ *enjoy to read* → **enjoy reading.**
- ✓ *want going* → **want to go.**
- ✓ *Who did tell* → **Who told.**
- ✓ *keen on to watch* → **keen on watching.**
- ✓ *Does she knows* → **Does she know.**
- ✓ *would rather to ask* → **would rather ask.**

9 Writing: an essay

ANSWER E · 6

A Hobby I Hope to Begin

I have always wanted to learn photography. I enjoy looking at old family pictures, and I love noticing small things, like the light on a wet road.

I hope to join the photo club at our ward office next year. First, I would like to learn how to hold a camera properly, and I plan to take one picture every day.

There are barriers, though. We have only one phone at home, and a real camera costs an arm and a leg. My father also prefers me to study in my free time.

Still, I think that this hobby could change me. If I keep on practicing, I will learn to look carefully at the world, and perhaps one day I will earn from it.

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ An opening that names the hobby.
- ✓ Why the writer wants it, with a real moment or detail.
- ✓ What the writer hopes to do.
- ✓ What stands in the way, and what it may change.
- ✓ Two -ing and two *to* forms, correctly.
- ✓ Paragraphs that explain, not a list, in about 120 words.

10 Think

ANSWER

Kazi Dai didn't have a degree, but he knew birds better than almost anyone, because he loved them and went on watching them all his life. He was also generous: his mentoring

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on the 1972 trip was the turning point that gave the writer his love of birds. I think that a hobby followed seriously can be worth as much as a degree, since it's the knowing that matters. But a degree can open doors that a hobby can't, so a young person shouldn't throw one away because of the other.

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MARKING SCHEME

✓ What made him important (what he knew, from a lifetime of watching).
✓ His mentoring of others (the writer's turning point).
✓ A clear view on hobby and degree, with a reason.

Marks by level	Literal comprehension	Reorganization	Inference	Evaluation and reflection	Vocabulary	**Total**
Marks	1	22	4	11	8	**46**

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