Unit 14 · Expressing Conditions

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 42

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Words from the mirror [5]

Write the word from "The Magic Mirror" that fits each sentence. Change its form if you need to.

i. Anyone over twelve is ____ for the Dashain quiz, so you may enter.
ii. The ____ fox praised the crow's voice until it dropped its food.
iii. Every student in the class wore a tie; Amit, with his arm in a cast, was the only ____.
iv. A monkey ____ the banana out of the visitor's hand and ran up the tree.
v. After years of work for her village, she was a ____ winner of the prize.

2 Reading: an unseen news story [10]

Schoolgirl's Warning Saves Bus Passengers (a made-up news story)

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A 13-year-old girl stopped a crowded bus on a village road on Tuesday morning, minutes before a landslide buried the road. All 32 passengers are safe, police said.

Roshni, a Grade 8 student, was walking to school in heavy rain when she noticed small stones rolling down the slope above the road. Muddy water was running from a spring that had always been clear. Her teacher had told the class about these signs only a week before. She ran to the bend and waved her umbrella at the bus.

"I wasn't sure," she said. "If I had been wrong, everyone would have laughed at me. But if I had stayed quiet, I could never have forgiven myself."

The driver stopped and reversed forty meters. "If she hadn't waved, we would have been at the bend when it came down," he said. About four minutes later, the hillside fell across the road.

The road is still closed. If the rain stops, workers will start clearing it on Thursday, according to the ward office. The ward chair has promised Roshni a prize. She would like it to go to her school. If the school had a rain gauge, she says, students could record each storm.

a. What two signs did Roshni notice? [2]

b. The lead answers most of the 5W1H, but it leaves one out. Which one, and where in the story do you find the answer? [2]

c. What does the story tell us about Thursday? [1]

a. The road will open on Thursday.
b. Clearing the road may begin then, but only if the rain stops.
c. Roshni will get her prize on Thursday.
d. More rain will fall on Thursday.

d. The driver says, "If she hadn't waved, we would have been at the bend when it came down." Roshni says, "If the school had a rain gauge, students could record each storm." What is really true in each case? [2]

e. What does *reversed* mean in this story? [1]

f. A news story gives facts, not the writer's feelings, yet this one has feelings in it. Whose are they, and why are they allowed? [2]

3 Likely or unlikely? [2]

Kriti says, "If I see Mingma, I'll tell him." Sheetal says, "If I saw Mingma, I'd tell him." Which of them thinks she is more likely to see Mingma, and how do you know?

4 From the truth to the if [4]

Join each pair of facts into one conditional sentence that imagines the opposite.

i. Siddhanta didn't check the brakes. His bicycle crashed into the wall.
ii. I don't have a phone. I can't call you.
iii. The bus didn't come. Aakriti was late for the exam.
iv. The shop is closed. We can't buy rice.

5 Find and fix the errors [8]

This letter of advice has **eight** errors. Find each one and write the correction.

Dear Zeenat,
If I was you, I would talk to Ms. Ritu today. If you will wait until Friday, the list will be closed. You are eligible, so if you apply, you would surely get a place. If you ask her, she may helps you with the form. Last year Anil didn't try. If he had tried, he would win a place. Now he says, "If I knew, I would have applied." Remember that if you touch the form with wet hands the ink spreads. You will do well if, you practice every day.

6 Writing: a news story from notes [6]

Write a news story of about 90 words from these made-up notes, with a headline, byline, dateline, lead and body. Use only the facts in the notes.
Tulsipur, Dang, 3rd Falgun; Grade 8 students of a community school; 40 bird boxes, one month's work; put up on trees along the school road yesterday; ward office gave the wood; teacher: Mr. Arjun; student Rachana: "If the birds come back, we will make more."

7 Make your own [3]

Sanam's chain in your textbook goes, "If I drink coffee, I will stay awake tonight. If I stay awake tonight, I will feel sleepy in class tomorrow." Make your own chain of four first conditionals, in which each result becomes the next condition. Start with *If the rain doesn't stop,*

8 Think [4]

At the end of "The Magic Mirror", the women shout that they have been tricked. The king says that they have only themselves to thank. Who is right? Give one point for each side, and then say what you think, using one third conditional.