Unit 15 · Giving Explanations

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS · ANSWER KEY

Full marks 47

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

1 Tell them apart

MARKING SCHEME — V · 4

- ✓ i. A species is one kind of living thing; a habitat is the natural home where it lives.
- ✓ ii. To hunt is to chase and kill animals; to poach is to do so illegally.
- ✓ iii. A vacation is a time when school is closed; a vaccination is giving someone a vaccine.
- ✓ iv. *Extinct* means no longer existing anywhere; *habitable* means fit to live in or on.

2 Reading: an unseen report

a. MARKING SCHEME — LC · 1

- ✓ A new road was built across the stream that fed it.

b. MARKING SCHEME — R · 3

- ✓ i. The egrets left because the pond had dried up (a reason).
- ✓ ii. They collected money to pay for the digging (a purpose).
- ✓ iii. They were planted to hold the soil (a purpose).

c. MARKING SCHEME — R · 4

- ✓ *Although*: contrast.
- ✓ *Therefore*: result.
- ✓ *so that*: purpose.
- ✓ *since*: reason.

d. c. They thought that an answer might take years. — I · 1

"They knew that such a request might take years."

e. MARKING SCHEME — I · 1

- ✓ They were determined, and other people's doubts didn't stop them.

f. MARKING SCHEME — V · 1

- ✓ A place where people throw rubbish.

g. MARKING SCHEME — E · 2

- ✓ Yes: the pond holds water, and the egrets are back.
- ✓ Not completely: rubbish still blows in, and the job isn't finished.

3 Join them

MARKING SCHEME — R · 5

- ✓ i. The team lost because of the captain's illness.
- ✓ ii. In spite of the thick fog, the plane landed safely.
- ✓ iii. In spite of being tired, Sabina finished the race.
- ✓ iv. Rizwan wrote the number down so that he could remember it.
- ✓ v. Prices rose; therefore, many families bought less meat. (or two sentences: *Prices rose. Therefore, many…*)

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4 One idea, three ways

MARKING SCHEME R · 3

- ✓ i. The road was closed, but the doctor reached the village.
- ✓ ii. In spite of the closed road, the doctor reached the village.
- ✓ iii. The road was closed. However, the doctor reached the village.

5 Find and fix the errors

MARKING SCHEME R · 6

- ✓ Drop *but*: **Although the forest is small, it is important.**
- ✓ *because of people cut* → **because people cut.**
- ✓ *for catch* → **to catch** (or *in order to catch*).
- ✓ *In spite of it rained* → **In spite of the rain** (or *Although it rained*).
- ✓ *firewood, however, they* → **firewood. However, they** (or a semicolon before *however*).
- ✓ Drop *so*: **Because the river was dirty, the otters left.**

6 Writing: a notice

ANSWER E · 5

Shree Janajyoti Basic School
1st Falgun

Notice

This is to notify all students that the school will be closed on 2nd Falgun because of repairs to the water tank. The school will open again on 3rd Falgun. All students are requested to bring drinking water from home this week.

Amisha
Head Teacher

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ The school's name, the date and a heading.
- ✓ The day of the closure and the reason.
- ✓ When school opens again.
- ✓ The request to students, in notice English.
- ✓ The name and post of the person who signs.

7 Tell a friend

ANSWER E · 2

No school on the 2nd! They're fixing the water tank. We're back on the 3rd, and don't forget to bring your own water all week.

MARKING SCHEME

- ✓ All the facts: no school, why, when it opens, the water.
- ✓ A friendly tone, with none of the notice's set phrases.

8 Writing: an opinion essay

ANSWER

Some people think that a wider road is worth more than an old forest, while others believe that the forest must stay.

A wider road would help the village in many ways. First, buses could reach it in every season. Also, farmers could sell their crops in the market, and a sick person could get to the hospital faster.

However, a forest takes a very long time to grow. It is the habitat of birds and animals, and its roots hold the soil on the slope. If it is cut, the road itself may not be safe.

In my opinion, the forest should stay. Although the village needs the road, it can be made wider on another route.

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MARKING SCHEME E · 6

✓ An introduction that says what people disagree about.
✓ One side, with reasons.
✓ The other side, with reasons.
✓ A clear opinion, with a reason, in the last paragraph.
✓ Connectives used correctly (*however, although, because…*).
✓ Four paragraphs, with one idea in each, and about the right length.

9 Think

ANSWER E · 3

A creature can't survive without its home, so a ban on hunting doesn't help a deer if its forest is cut down. But a forest alone isn't enough either: if poachers can still kill the deer there, the forest will lose them. So we need both, a safe home and laws that protect the animals in it.

MARKING SCHEME

✓ A ban alone fails because a creature can't live without its habitat.
✓ A safe habitat alone fails if the animals can still be killed.
✓ An example of an animal.

Marks by level	Literal comprehension	Reorganization	Inference	Evaluation and reflection	Vocabulary	Total
Marks	1	21	2	18	5	47

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