Unit 15 · Giving Explanations

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 47

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Tell them apart [4]

Say what the difference is between the two words in each pair.

i. a *species* and a *habitat*
ii. to *hunt* and to *poach*
iii. *vacation* and *vaccination*
iv. *extinct* and *habitable*

2 Reading: an unseen report [13]

How the Pond Came Back (a made-up report)

The pond at Bishnupur was once the heart of the village. Cattle drank from it, and egrets fed at its edge. Then, because a new road was built across the stream that fed it, the water stopped coming. Although the pond still filled up in the monsoon, it was a bed of cracked mud by Chaitra. Therefore, the egrets left, and people began to throw their rubbish there.

In 2075, a group of mothers decided to act. They could have asked the government for a new pond; however, they knew that such a request might take years. Instead, they wrote to the ward office so that a pipe could be laid under the road, and they collected money from every house in order to pay for the digging.

In spite of the heat, forty people dug for nine days. Some of their neighbors laughed, but the women went on. The rubbish was carried away, and willows were planted round the bank to hold the soil.

The next Chaitra, the pond held water for the first time in many years. The egrets were back within two years. Nobody can say that the job is finished, since rubbish still blows in. But a visitor today wouldn't believe that this was once a dump.

a. What stopped the water from reaching the pond? [1]

b. Answer each question in one sentence. Say whether your answer gives a reason or a purpose. [3]

i. Why did the egrets leave?
ii. Why did the mothers collect money?
iii. Why were willows planted?

c. What job does each of these words do in the report: reason, result, purpose or contrast? [4]
Although, Therefore, so that, since

d. Why didn't the mothers ask the government for a new pond? [1]

a. The government had refused them before.
b. Their neighbors laughed at the idea.
c. They thought that an answer might take years.
d. The ward office told them not to.

e. "Some of their neighbors laughed, but the women went on." What does this show about the women? [1]

f. What does *dump* mean at the end of the report? [1]

g. Does the report end happily? Give one piece of evidence on each side. [2]

3 Join them [5]

Join each pair into one sentence with the word in brackets. Change whatever must change.

i. The team lost. The captain was ill. (because of)
ii. The fog was thick. The plane landed safely. (in spite of)
iii. Sabina was tired. She finished the race. (in spite of)
iv. Rizwan wrote the number down. He wanted to remember it. (so that)
v. Prices rose. Many families bought less meat. (therefore)

4 One idea, three ways [3]

Rewrite this sentence with each word in turn, keeping its meaning.
Although the road was closed, the doctor reached the village.

i. but
ii. in spite of
iii. however

5 Find and fix the errors [6]

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

Although the forest is small, but it is important. Many birds have left because of people cut the old trees. Rangers walk at night for catch poachers. In spite of it rained all week, they didn't stop. The villagers need firewood, however, they have planted new trees. Because the river was dirty, so the otters left.

6 Writing: a notice [5]

Your school will be closed on 2nd Falgun because workers must repair the water tank. It opens again on 3rd Falgun, and students must bring drinking water from home that week. Write the notice that the head teacher, Ms. Amisha, puts up. Make up a name for the school.

7 Tell a friend [2]

Now pass the same news to a friend in a short phone message. Keep the facts, but change the tone.

8 Writing: an opinion essay [6]

In about 120 words, write an opinion essay on this question: *Should an old forest be cut down so that the road to a village can be made wider?* Use four paragraphs.

9 Think [3]

"Conservation of Earth" says that bans on hunting were a good start, but they weren't enough. Why can't a ban alone save a species? Would saving a forest work without a ban? Use an animal you know as an example.