Unit 18 · Asking for and Giving Opinions

HARDER PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Full marks 42

Write your answers on separate paper.

1 Right word, wrong place? [4]

Say whether each word in italics is used correctly. If it isn't, give the reason and a better word.

i. The police gave the *culprit* a medal for his bravery.
ii. On the hill road, the trucks had to *maneuver* slowly round the sharp bends.
iii. Our village has one car, so cars *outnumber* people here.
iv. Two hours in the heat with no water was an *ordeal*.

2 Reading: an unseen letter [10]

Keep the Playground (a made-up letter to a school magazine)

Dear Editor,

Last month, our school announced that a new hall will be built on the playground. In my opinion, this is a mistake.

The school has 420 students and only one playground. According to the sports teacher, about 150 students play there at lunch, and seven teams use it each week. If the hall is built, they will have nowhere to go but the road.

Some people say that a hall is more useful than a field, because exams and meetings can be held in it. They have a point. Everybody wants a dry place on a rainy day. However, the hall would be full only a few days in a year, and the playground is full every day.

It seems to me that there is a better answer. The engineer's report says that the old library is strong enough to carry a second floor, and the cost would be about the same. One of the teachers has drawn a plan, but nobody has looked at it yet.

Is the hall too urgent to wait for a second look? I don't think so.

Yours truly,
Prakriti, Grade 8

a. What does Prakriti suggest in place of building on the playground? [1]

b. Say whether each of these is a fact or an opinion, and how you can tell. [3]
i. The school has 420 students.
ii. This is a mistake.
iii. One of the teachers has drawn a plan.

c. Why does Prakriti write "They have a point"? [1]
a. She has changed her mind about the hall.
b. She wants to be fair to the other side before she answers it.
c. She is unsure of her own facts.
d. She wants the exams to be held in a hall.

d. Why does she name the sports teacher and the engineer's report? [1]

e. What does *urgent* mean in the last paragraph? [1]

f. How strong is Prakriti's argument? Give one strength and one weakness, and one question that you would ask her. **[3]**

3 Find and fix the errors [7]

This paragraph has **seven** errors in subject–verb agreement. Find each one and write the correction.

Everybody want a safe road. One of the bridges are closed. There is two potholes near the gate. The riders who wears a helmet are safer. Physics are my hardest subject. My trousers is muddy, and twenty liters are enough for the whole trip.

4 The flip [5]

Rewrite each sentence with the opposite adjective, or with *too* or *enough* as shown, keeping its meaning.

i. The rope is too short to reach the water. (*enough*)
ii. The tea is cool enough to drink. (*too*)
iii. The road is too narrow for two buses to pass. (*enough*)
iv. This bag is so heavy that I can't carry it. (*too*)
v. Pooja is so tall that she can touch the ceiling. (*enough*)

5 Punctuate the paragraph [5]

This paragraph needs **ten** changes: punctuation marks and capital letters. Rewrite it correctly.

Mr. Shrestha asked what we think about the new road its wider than the old one but the buses dont stop near dhulikhel on the way to pokhara anymore what a pity

6 Writing: an opinion essay in three parts [6]

Write about 120 words on *Homework every day: do students need it?* In the introduction, say what homework is and give your opinion. In the body, give its importance, then the challenges. Sum up in the conclusion.

7 Make your own [2]

Write one fact and one opinion about your own town or village. Then say how someone could check your fact.

8 Think [3]

"Long Life" says that life is too short for holding on to anger and blame. The article on road accidents names the people who must take responsibility. Do the two texts disagree? When is it right to blame someone, and when should we let it go?