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# Answer Key

## UNIT 1

### The Sentence and the Paragraph

#### Part 1

##### Exercise 2 (p. 4)

1. d
2. c
3. a
4. b

#### Part 2

##### Exercise 1 (p. 5)

He was scared by a snake that crawled across his foot.

##### Exercise 2 (p. 6)

1. I had a scary experience when I was a young boy.
2. There are eight supporting sentences.
3. Yes.
4. The experience frightened me, and I never went outside barefoot again.
5. Yes.

##### Exercise 3 (p. 7)

2. My uncle had a frightening experience as a young man.
3. Text messaging has become popular among teenagers.
4. Effective time management requires four easy steps.
5. Every college student should take a computer course.

##### Exercise 4 (p. 7)

2. Fried rice is easy to prepare if you follow some simple steps.  
The writer will tell the steps for making fried rice.
3. X
4. I had an adventure in the jungle last year.  
The writer will describe the adventure.
5. Video games are not bad for children.  
The writer will give reasons why video games are not bad for children.

##### Exercise 5 (p. 7)

*Answers will vary.*

2. In order to have a successful first date, a person must do the following things.
3. I had a terrible teacher when I was in middle school.
4. Tennis is a really boring sport to watch.

##### Exercise 6 (p. 8)

2. a. TS      b. SS      c. SS      d. SS
3. a. SS      b. SS      c. SS      d. TS
4. a. SS      b. TS      c. SS      d. SS

##### Exercise 7 (p. 10)

2. a. CS      b. SS      c. SS      d. SS
3. a. SS      b. SS      c. CS      d. SS
4. a. SS      b. SS      c. SS      d. CS

##### Exercise 8 (p. 11)

2. c
3. b
4. a
5. b
6. c

#### Part 3

##### Exercise 1 (p. 13)

The pink sheep was a gift from a neighboring child.

##### Exercise 2 (p. 13)

1. Many years ago, a special gift came to me in an interesting way.
2. The supporting ideas will tell the story of how the writer got the gift.
3. ~~Sometimes I bought toys with my lucky New Year money.~~
4. It hurts the unity because it is not about the way the writer got the gift.

##### Exercise 3 (p. 14)

2. a, d
3. a, d
4. a, b, d
5. b, c
6. a, c, d

#### Exercise 4 (p. 15)

I am a Thai girl living in the U.S., and there are many adjustments that I must make. First of all, I must get used to a new kind of food. I am learning to eat a lot of hamburgers because they are not expensive and they are easy to buy. The people are different and I am learning to meet new foreign friends. For example, two of my new friends are from Pakistan. ~~Pakistan is also an interesting country to visit.~~ The weather requires another kind of adjustment. Some days, it is hot just as in my country, but on other days it is cold and this is very strange for me. ~~I came to the U.S. to study and I enjoy my classes and my teachers.~~ I am adjusting to the U.S. in many ways, but it is not a problem for me because I like to know about different places and people.

#### Exercise 5 (p. 15)

*Answers will vary.*

1. People can pay bills on line. People can go shopping on the Internet.
2. A good restaurant must be clean. A good restaurant uses fresh ingredients.
3. I comb my hair carefully. I put on a nice, clean shirt.
4. Small children can play on the swings and slides. Older children can ride their bikes or play basketball.
5. Young people can address them by saying "Mr." or "Mrs." We should all greet them kindly whenever we see them.
6. You should always bring a flashlight. You should never forget to take insect repellent.

#### Exercise 6 (p. 17)

Paragraph 1: Order of importance

Paragraph 2: Time

#### Exercise 7 (p. 18)

Paragraph 2 has better coherence. It is organized according to order of importance.

### Part 4

#### Exercise 1 (p. 19)

2. She cooked and cleaned all day long.
3. My father and his brother have a small business.
4. My three sisters live in Vietnam.
5. I help my aunt during the day and go to school in the evening.
6. My parents bought a new car.

#### Exercise 2 (p. 20)

*Answers will vary.*

#### Exercise 3 (p. 21)

My favorite memory is about my family. It happened a long time ago before my brother got married and moved out. My parents had seven children. All seven of us piled in one car for a summer holiday by the beach. We traveled in that crowded car for two days. Finally we arrived at a small house near the beach. It had one big room with many beds and another room for eating and cooking. The kids spent all day outside. We played together in the water. Sometimes my mother made a picnic dinner. We sat on the sand to eat and watch the sun go down. One night we brought out blankets and slept by the water. I loved that time. We talked and looked at the stars until late at night. This wonderful summer holiday was the best time of my life.

#### Exercise 4 (p. 22)

*Answers will vary.*

2. Corn is my favorite vegetable.
3. It is very bright in the afternoon.
4. Our baby takes a nap for two or three hours.
5. Our cat eats rice.
6. There are flowers in the market.

#### Exercise 5 (p. 23)

*Answers will vary.*

2. There are mice living underneath my house. They make a lot of noise at night.
3. I used to eat rice and vegetables for breakfast, but now I eat cereal and milk.
4. I do not drive, so I ride the bus.
5. I am saving money for a bicycle, and I also want to buy a camera.

#### Exercise 6 (p. 23)

My mother's cousin owned a hotel, and I worked there as a young man. I enjoyed this work very much. (1) I met many interesting people. One time a family came to stay in the hotel. They (2) **had** a daughter, (3) **and** she was my age. We met often and talked about our lives. I invited her to my house to meet my family. She told us about her life in the United States. We shared our customs with her. Later my mother told me something unforgettable. She said, "I know that you are going to live in America." My mother (4) **is** a very smart woman, (5) **and** she was right. I came to America to search for my friend. I am still looking.

## Part 5

### Exercise 1 (p. 24)

1. d
2. c
3. a
4. b

### Exercise 2 (p. 24)

- |           |        |       |       |
|-----------|--------|-------|-------|
| 1. a. SS  | b. SS  | c. SS | d. TS |
| 2. a. SS. | b. SS. | c. TS | d. SS |
| 3. a. TS  | b. SS  | c. SS | d. SS |
| 4. a. SS  | b. TS  | c. SS | d. SS |

### Exercise 3 (p. 25)

*There They Are!*

- c. Now I am an adult, but I still feel joy when I go to the train station to meet someone I love.

*A Wise Shopper*

- c. In conclusion, a wise shopper finds ways to save money on the price and to avoid buying what he does not need.

### Exercise 4 (p. 26)

I acquired a new couch in an interesting way. I was walking to the bus stop, and I saw a yard sale. The family was selling a beautiful but heavy red couch at a very good price. I really liked the couch, and I wanted to buy it. However, there was a problem. I did not have a truck, and my apartment was five blocks away. Suddenly, I saw my classmate across the street. ~~She usually sat next to me in a computer class.~~ I told her my problem, and she offered to help. Then I paid for the couch and my friend and I carried it down the street. When we got tired, we sat down to rest on the sidewalk. Finally, we brought it to my door, and my neighbor helped carry it upstairs. ~~I really like to buy old things because I live in an old building.~~ It was a funny day for me, and I like to remember this day whenever I come home and see my beautiful red couch.

### Exercise 5 (p. 27)

1. My classmate (drinks) hot chocolate.
2. We (lived) in Lima.
3. Hong Kong (has) many interesting neighborhoods.
4. My brother (eats) rice and (drinks) milk at every meal.

### Exercise 6 (p.27)

1. How do men and women meet each other?
2. When I got home, there were candles and fresh flowers everywhere!
3. He was late to his own birthday party.

4. The guests danced Merengue and Salsa.

### Exercise 7 (p. 27)

*Answers will vary.*

1. Suddenly, I fell down.
2. Thailand has a tropical climate.
3. I was walking beside the lake with my best friend.
4. Yesterday was an important day for me.

### Exercise 8 (p. 28)

*Answers will vary.*

1. We watched a movie. It was about a dinosaur that lost its mother.
2. We have a harvest moon festival every year in our city. There are parades and kiosks with noodle soup and other delicious food.
3. I had to stop going to school for a while because my father wanted me to help him with his business.
4. Rice pudding is delicious and easy to make, and it is great for parties too.

## UNIT 2

### Descriptive Paragraphs

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#### Part 1

##### Exercise 3 (p. 31)

1. T
2. T
3. F
4. F
5. F

##### Exercise 4 (p. 32)

*Answers will vary.*

1. He probably wants her to wear western clothes because he mentioned skirts.
2. She will probably wear saris because they are important to her.
3. Tradition and traditional clothing are important to Prapulla. Also, Prapulla's wedding sari is beautiful, and carries many memories for her.

#### Part 2

##### Exercise 3 (p. 34)

The writer plans to travel all over the country with the car.