GRADE 7 ENGLISH PAPER 1

MARKING SCHEME & TEACHER'S GUIDE

2026 | 50 MARKS | 1 HOUR 40 MINUTES

Answer Key

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	**B**	2	**C**	3	**C**	4	**B**	5	**C**
6	**A**	7	**B**	8	**A**	9	**B**	10	**B**
11	**A**	12	**C**	13	**B**	14	**B**	15	**B**
16	**B**	17	**A**	18	**C**	19	**B**	20	**A**
21	**A**	22	**A**	23	**A**	24	**B**	25	**A**
26	**A**	27	**B**	28	**C**	29	**C**	30	**C**
31	**B**	32	**A**	33	**D**	34	**C**	35	**D**
36	**A**	37	**B**	38	**B**	39	**C**	40	**B**
41	**D**	42	**C**	43	**B**	44	**C**	45	**A**

Question-by-Question Justification

1. B — Handwashing helps prevent germs from spreading.
2. C — Regular handwashing reduces germ transmission.
3. C — Covering a cough or sneeze limits respiratory droplets reaching others.
4. B — The passage specifically mentions after using the toilet.
5. C — Covering food helps prevent contamination.
6. A — The passage focuses on several habits for cleanliness and health.
7. B — 'But' correctly preserves the contrast in meaning.
8. A — Hollow spaces make many bird bones lighter, aiding flight.
9. B — Cartilage is the flexible framework described before full bone development.
10. B — Insufficient nutrients can contribute to weaker bones.
11. A — Minerals are released into and transported by the bloodstream.
12. C — The passage states that the project started in 2020.
13. B — Plastic bottles and wrappers are identified as major waste items.
14. B — Polluting waste enters the water and harms aquatic life.
15. B — 'Dangerous' fits the harmful context of polluted water.
16. B — Plastic takes a long time to break down.
17. A — Amina selected three activities, the highest count.
18. C — Amina selected reading, football and drama; she did not select music.
19. B — Amina and Chao selected both reading and drama, giving two learners.
20. A — Amina and Brian both selected football.
21. A — It is the appropriate reciprocal morning greeting.
22. A — It is a polite, direct response to a request for clarification.
23. A — 'You are welcome' appropriately responds to thanks.
24. B — An apology with concern is the appropriate response.
25. A — The learner acknowledges the correction and promises to listen.
26. A — 'To grow' and 'at the beginning' are grammatically correct.
27. B — 'Over five years' is the correct expression.
28. C — 'Were watered' is the correct passive construction.
29. C — 'Happened' is the correct past-tense form.
30. C — 'Nobody' means no learner and fits the context.
31. B — 'Realise' is the appropriate verb.
32. A — The base form 'learn' follows 'to'.
33. D — 'Edible' fits the context of healthy food.
34. C — 'Unless' introduces the required condition.
35. D — 'Believe' appropriately introduces an opinion.
36. A — 'In the classroom' indicates being inside the room.
37. B — 'Over the wall' indicates movement across it.