

## **COURSE MATERIAL: UNIT 8 DESCRIPTIVE PARAGRAPH**

### Section 9

#### **The Sights and Sounds of the Chao Phraya River** p. 157

1. principal, busy, crowded, peaceful
2. The author was surprised by the surrounding skyscrapers and tall modern hotels. He also felt at ease because there wasn't the noise of the cars.
3. (vary)

#### **Underground Events** p. 159

1. Clearly the writer is not too fond of the subway.
2. SIGHT: broken clock showing 4.30; dried chocolate syrup; messy face; some paper trash roll by like a soccer ball; poster; deep, blue skies; lone palm tree; sapphire waters  
SMELL: smelly staircase  
HEARING: crying child; two old men are arguing; little noise
3. Present progressive tense (to make the reader feel like he or she is experiencing the description)

#### **Danger from the Sky** p. 161

1. The destruction caused by a tornado
2. (vary)
3. HEARING: winds reared like a wild beast;  
SIGHT: long, slender tornado descends; swirling clouds; funnel; debris, huge trees, cars flying through the air, ripped the roof from an old house; looked so delicate
4. (vary)

#### **My Mother's Special Garden** p. 162

1. The paragraph describes how the writer's mother cared for her rose garden.
2. (vary)  
But one sentence can be optional (He told her that she treated the garden as if it were a human being, perhaps even her best friend.) because it does not give a lot of new information.
3. a) While she was walking, she would rip out any weeds that threatened her delicate beauties.  
b) Any unwanted pests were quickly killed.

#### **Act-5** p. 165

C = 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12

1. new shoes
3. old blackboard
4. long letter
6. a great place
10. excellent example
11. two new cotton sheets\*

#### **Act-8** p.167-8

1. Paragraph 61: the vital quality of the Blue River  
Paragraph 62: the polluted quality of the Blue River

2. The Blue River is attractive and full of life (important, fresh, clear, wide, colourful, abundant, beautiful, tall, shade, green, healthy, wide, sweet, grassy)
3. The Blue River is unappealing and polluted (sluggish, brown, scrawny, struggle, limited, dirty, old, gray, wild, polluted)
4. abundant—limited;  
clear—polluted  
healthy—leafless

### **A Great Living Room** p. 172

1. b.
2. a.
3. 27
4. well organised; a few picture frames; a peaceful beach scene; everything in my living room is in its place
5. (vary)

### **The Statue of Liberty** p. 174

1. d.
2. a.
3. a) The tablet is in her left hand.  
b) The statue stands on a 150-foot-tall pedestal.  
c) The torch is in her raised right hand.

### **Act 14** p. 177

A: 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 15

B: 1, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14

### **Act 15** p. 177

1. worker
2. of
3. world
4. body
5. come
6. principal
7. office
8. office
9. flowers
10. with
11. broken
12. common