11.8 Present Perfect Tense: 30-minute Pack

about 30 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

The Year 5 Garden Project

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For the past month, Year 5 have been transforming the old flower bed behind the science block into a vegetable garden. Mrs Bennett has organised the class into four small teams, and each team has taken responsibility for a different bed. Tom's team have already planted three rows of carrots, and Aisha has watered them every single day since the seeds went in. Nobody has forgotten to check the greenhouse thermometer, because Mr Diallo has explained how quickly seedlings can die in the cold. Priya's team have just finished building a small compost bin from old wooden pallets, and they have never worked with tools like this before. So far, the tomato plants have grown taller than anyone expected, although the peas have not appeared yet. The head teacher has already asked whether the vegetables could be sold at the summer fair, and the class has agreed that any money raised will go towards new gardening equipment. Nobody has given up, even on the wettest days, and the whole school has noticed how much the garden has changed since the project began.

1 These sentences are taken from the passage above. Underline the present perfect verb phrase in each one.

(a) Tom's team have already planted three rows of carrots. **(1)**

(b) The head teacher has already asked whether the vegetables could be sold at the summer fair. **(1)**

(c) Priya's team have just finished building a small compost bin from old wooden pallets. **(1)**

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(d) The tomato plants have grown taller than anyone expected. **(1)**

2 Circle the sentence that uses the present perfect tense correctly, then explain your choice in one sentence.

- ☐ A) I have finished my breakfast yesterday.
- ☐ B) I have already finished my breakfast.

3 The paragraph below has three errors in the present perfect tense. Find and correct the three errors.

This term, the Year 5 class has grown lots of vegetables. Tom have already ate three tomatoes from his own plant, and Aisha have never tasted a home-grown carrot before.

(3)

4 Find and correct the two errors in the sentence below.

By lunchtime, the boys has ate all of their sandwiches.

(2)

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5 Complete each sentence with your own idea, using the present perfect tense correctly.

(a) I have never ___ (finish the sentence with something you have never done). **(1)**

(b) The whole class ___ (complete with your own present perfect verb phrase) since the start of term. **(1)**

6 Write two sentences of your own about the garden project, using the present perfect tense correctly in each sentence.

(4)

7 A writer describes the garden project using the present perfect tense, for example: The whole school has noticed how much the garden has changed since the project began. Explain why the present perfect tense is a good choice here, rather than the simple past tense.

(2)

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8 Each sentence below has an incorrect helping verb. Rewrite each sentence, correcting has or have.

(a) The children has finished their picture. **(1)**

(b) She have already left for the shops. **(1)**

(c) The plants has grown very quickly this week. **(1)**

(d) I has never seen a rainbow like that before. **(1)**

9 Tick has or have to complete each sentence correctly.

(a) The dog ___ buried its bone in the garden. **(1)**

- ☐ has
- ☐ have

(b) My parents ___ already left for work. **(1)**

- ☐ has
- ☐ have

(c) Priya ___ never seen snow before. **(1)**

- ☐ has
- ☐ have

(d) The children ___ finished their project. **(1)**

- ☐ has
- ☐ have

(e) Everybody ___ enjoyed the school trip. **(1)**

- ☐ has
- ☐ have

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10 Circle has or have to complete each sentence correctly.

(a) I ___ never tried surfing before. **(1)**

- ☐ has
- ☐ have

(b) She ___ already eaten her lunch. **(1)**

- ☐ has
- ☐ have

(c) We ___ finished the whole jigsaw puzzle. **(1)**

- ☐ has
- ☐ have

(d) The teacher ___ marked all of the books. **(1)**

- ☐ has
- ☐ have

(e) They ___ never been late for school. **(1)**

- ☐ has
- ☐ have

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11 Complete each sentence with the present perfect form of the verb in brackets.

(a) The bell ___ (ring) three times already. **(1)**

(b) I ___ (write) two letters this morning. **(1)**

(c) The seeds ___ (grow) into tall plants. **(1)**

(d) Grandad ___ (go) to the shop already. **(1)**

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12 Rewrite each sentence in the present perfect tense.

(a) The gardener planted new flowers. **(1)**

(b) The teachers marked the books. **(1)**

(c) Tom lost his water bottle. **(1)**

13 Join the two sentences below into one sentence, using since or for and the present perfect tense, to show how long the action has continued.

Aisha started watering the seeds two weeks ago. She still waters them every single day.

(3)

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Mark scheme · 11.8 Present Perfect Tense: 30-minute Pack

Question 1

(a) have planted underlined cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **have planted**

(b) has asked underlined cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **has asked**

(c) have finished underlined cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **have finished**

(d) have grown underlined cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **have grown**

Question 2

B circled cao **B1**

valid reason given, e.g. yesterday names a specific finished time in the past so it cannot be used with the present perfect, whereas already refers to an unfinished period up to now (oe) **B1**

Answer: **B; already fits the present perfect because it refers to a period leading up to now, whereas yesterday names a specific finished past time, which needs the simple past instead.**

Question 3

Tom have corrected to Tom has (singular subject) cao **B1**

already ate corrected to already eaten (correct past participle) cao **B1**

Aisha have corrected to Aisha has (singular subject) cao **B1**

Answer: **This term, the Year 5 class has grown lots of vegetables. Tom has already eaten three tomatoes from his own plant, and Aisha has never tasted a home-grown carrot before.**

Question 4

has corrected to have (the boys is a plural subject) cao **B1**

ate corrected to eaten (the present perfect needs the past participle) cao **B1**

Answer: **By lunchtime, the boys have eaten all of their sandwiches.**

Question 5

(a) a sensible ending that makes grammatical sense after have never, describing an experience up to now (oe) **B1**

(a) Answer: **e.g. I have never climbed a mountain.**

(b) a sensible present perfect verb phrase (has or have + past participle) that agrees with the collective subject the whole class (oe) **B1**

(b) Answer: **e.g. has worked incredibly hard**

Question 6

sentence 1 uses the present perfect tense correctly (has/have + past participle) (oe) **B1**

sentence 1 has correct subject-verb agreement and a correctly formed past participle (cao) **B1**

sentence 2 uses the present perfect tense correctly (has/have + past participle) (oe) **B1**

sentence 2 has correct subject-verb agreement and a correctly formed past participle (cao) **B1**

Answer: **e.g. The gardening club has raised enough money for new seeds. So far, the pupils have picked more than twenty ripe tomatoes.**

Question 7

identifies that the present perfect links a past action or change to the present moment, showing it is still relevant or true now (oe) **B1**

identifies an effect, e.g. it shows the change is ongoing or that its result can still be seen/felt now, unlike the simple past which would suggest the change is only a finished, distant event (oe) **B1**

Answer: **The present perfect links the change in the garden to right now, showing that its effect can still be seen and appreciated today, rather than presenting it as a single event that is now finished and distant.**

Question 8

(a) The children have finished their picture. cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **The children have finished their picture.**

(b) She has already left for the shops. cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **She has already left for the shops.**

(c) The plants have grown very quickly this week. cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **The plants have grown very quickly this week.**

(d) I have never seen a rainbow like that before. cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **I have never seen a rainbow like that before.**

Question 9

(a) has ticked cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **has**

(b) have ticked cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **have**

(c) has ticked cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **has**

(d) have ticked cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **have**

(e) has ticked cao **B1**

(e) Answer: **has**

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Question 10

(a) have circled cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **have**

(b) has circled cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **has**

(c) have circled cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **have**

(d) has circled cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **has**

(e) have circled cao **B1**

(e) Answer: **have**

Question 11

(a) has rung cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **has rung**

(b) have written cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **have written**

(c) have grown cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **have grown**

(d) has gone cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **has gone**

Question 12

(a) The gardener has planted new flowers. cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **The gardener has planted new flowers.**

(b) The teachers have marked the books. cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **The teachers have marked the books.**

(c) Tom has lost his water bottle. cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **Tom has lost his water bottle.**

Question 13

for or since chosen correctly with a matching time expression (oe) cao **B1**

has watered used correctly in the present perfect tense, agreeing with the singular subject Aisha cao **B1**

the joined sentence keeps the original meaning that the watering began in the past and is still continuing cao **B1**

Answer: **Aisha has watered the seeds for two weeks.**

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