Unit 9  Human rights

B  Listening (SB page 66)

Part 1 answers
1. 1977
2. Enugu
3. United States of America
4. 15 years old
5. He is her father.
6. Catholic Church

Part 2 answers
7. “Half a Yellow Sun”
8. Biafra
9. The main character in each one is a woman.
10. She did lots of research.
11. B - The central characters in her novels are women.
12. D – favourable

C  Reading

1. Questions (SB page 68)

Answers
1. Beatrice
2. The daughter of Ifeoma, therefore the narrator’s cousin.
3. She was wearing her slippers, her wrapper was not securely tied and her blouse had not been tied.
4. ‘walked slowly’
5. She says she ‘whipped around’ – a fast movement showing her surprise
6. a) She asks Amaka to go and buy a soft drink.
   b) She says she would prefer some water, even if it is not cold.
7. A hospital
8. a) Her husband hit her with a small table, breaking it.
   b) She lost the baby she was carrying.
9. She was deeply upset by what her husband had done, particularly as she had not yet told him of her pregnancy.
10. She sat next to her on the floor and held her hand.
11. He put her on a mattress on the floor after she had fallen asleep.
12. a) whipped around – turned around very quickly
   b) unsteady-looking – not well maintained / it was shaking badly
   c) glazed over – became glassy
   d) belly – stomach
   e) sturdy – well-built
   f) six weeks gone – six weeks pregnant
   g) undignified – not worthy of respect

2. Meaning and style (SB page 68)

Answer
The repetition emphasizes the mother’s extreme unhappiness – not only had her husband hurt her but she had also lost the baby.

D  Vocabulary development

1. Nigerian English (SB page 69)

Answers
1. She is not sitting down.
2. Please come and see me next Monday/Monday morning.
3. When I saw how far he had progressed with the building, I said he had tried.
4. As you are driving to Ibadan tomorrow, I would like to go with you.
2. The register of human rights (SB page 69)

Answer

Violence against others could be opposed under Article 5 – (degrading treatment).

Exercise answers (SB page 70)

1. Free – unrestricted (B)
2. Are endowed with – naturally possess (D)
3. Distinction – exception (D)
4. Security – safety (C)
5. Prohibited – forbidden (C)
6. Degrading – humiliating (A)
7. Recognition – acceptance (D)
8. Detention – imprisonment (B)
9. Innocent – guiltless (D)
10. Asylum – refuge (B)
11. Dissolution – termination (A)
12. Deprived of – made to lose (C)

Grammatical structures – using complex tenses

1. The Past Simple tense (SB page 70)

Answers

Past simple tense verbs: looked; stared; turned; broke

3. Writing (SB page 71)

Answers

Kambili and her brother Jajawere staying/visiting with their Aunt Ifeoma when suddenly their mother arrived by taxi from Enugu. Her appearance worried them, and it became obvious that she was very unhappy. She told them that her husband had beaten her and that she had lost her six-week-old pregnancy. She cried for a long time, and Kambilisat on the ground with her in sympathy. Meanwhile, Aunt Ifeoma prepared/cooked a meal.

4. The Past Perfect Simple tense (SB page 71)

Answers

Mama said that she had got back from the hospital that day. The doctor had told her to rest but she had taken Eugene’s money and had asked Kevin to take her to the park. She had hired a taxi and had come there.

5. The Past Perfect Continuous tense (SB page 72)

Answers

1. I was exhausted because I had been working for many hours.
2. It was obvious why she was so thin. She had not been eating properly.
3. By the early 1990s, the African National Congress had been struggling against racism for 80 years.

Three more questions arising out of the passage:

Why had she asked Kevin to take her to the park rather than calling a taxi from her house?

Why were the children not at home when the beating took place?

Why had she not told her husband that she was pregnant?

G Writing

Writing for an audience (SB page 75)

Body text – variety of answers as per notes provided.