

## Cafeteria Solutions Answer Key

### Sample Strong Student Response

#### Food Waste Reduction Action Plan

1. Offer smaller portion sizes so students can choose what they can finish.
2. Set up a “share table” where unopened food can be left for others to take.
3. Post reminders in the cafeteria about the importance of not wasting food.
4. Have student council members track how much waste is reduced each week.
5. Hold a short assembly to educate students on how food waste affects the environment.

#### Why This Works

- Includes **specific steps directly from the passage** (smaller portions, share table, reminders).
- Adds an extension (tracking waste, assembly) that is realistic and responsible.
- Covers both **prevention (smaller portions)** and **education/responsibility (reminders, assembly)**.

#### Teacher Notes

- Accept any plan that:
  - Uses at least **two ideas from the passage**.
  - Includes **clear, realistic steps**.
  - Balances **practical solutions** with **education/responsibility**.
- Encourage students to think like leaders: steps should be **actionable, not vague**.
- Extension: Students could present their action plan in groups and vote on the most effective one.