Smart Gardening Answer Key

Sample Strong Student Response:

- Plant tomatoes in the 6 full-sunlight beds because they require lots of sun.
- Plant spinach in the 4 partly shaded beds because it grows well in shade.
- Plant beans with the tomatoes or in other full-sunlight beds, but avoid planting them next to potatoes.

Reasoning: This plan uses sunlight wisely and follows the passage's information about plant needs and companion planting.

Teacher Notes:

- Correct answers should reflect matching crop needs to sunlight conditions.
- Look for explanations that cite details from the passage (e.g., "tomatoes need full sun" or "spinach grows in partial shade").
- Encourage students to show logical reasoning, not just the final placement.
- Extension: Ask students to draw a simple garden map to visualize their solution.

