



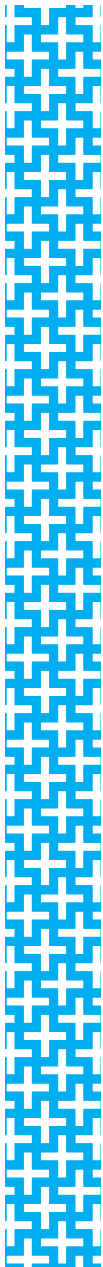
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READING

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Time available for students
to complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB
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YEAR 3 READING

Read *Koalas* on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 6.

1 Where do koalas spend a lot of time?

in the trees

☐

in the water

☐

on the ground

☐

Shade one bubble.



2 Why do koalas come down to the ground?

☐ because they sleep on the ground

☐ because they like to swim

☐ to move to a new tree

☐ to eat gum leaves

3 Which sentence is true?

☐ Koalas eat gum leaves.

☐ Koalas are awake most of the time.

☐ Koalas spend a lot of time in the water.

☐ Koalas like to eat lots of different foods.

4 *The young leaves are the best for them to eat.*

The word *them* refers to

water.

☐

koalas.

☐

gum trees.

☐

young leaves.

☐

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5 Koalas spend most of the day

Shade one bubble.



eating.

☐

running.

☐

sleeping.

☐

swimming.

☐

6 Another good title for this text could be

- ☐ All about Baby Koalas.
- ☐ Everything about Australia.
- ☐ Animals from Other Countries.
- ☐ An Interesting Australian Animal.

Read ***Barbecued Fruit*** on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 7 to 11.

7 The words under *What you need* are written as

a list.

☐

a note.

☐

a sentence.

☐

an invitation.

☐

8 To make barbecued fruit, you need two tablespoons each of

- ☐ butter and sugar.
- ☐ fresh fruit and butter.
- ☐ bananas and strawberries.

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9 The brush is used to

- ☐ mix and stir the sauce.
- ☐ cover the fruit with ice-cream.
- ☐ thread the fruit onto the sticks.
- ☐ spread the sauce onto the fruit.

Shade one bubble.



10 How long should the fruit sticks be cooked?

- ☐ for two minutes
- ☐ for five minutes
- ☐ until the butter melts
- ☐ until you are ready to eat them

11 Which of these tells you what to do?

- ☐ *Barbecued Fruit*
- ☐ *wooden satay sticks*
- ☐ *2 tablespoons of melted butter*
- ☐ *Thread the fruit onto the sticks.*

YEAR 3 READING

Read *Greetings from Holiday Cove* on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 12 to 18.

12 Who is this postcard being sent to?

Shade one bubble.



Tom

☐

Peter

☐

Kim

☐

Gemma

☐

13 When did Tom arrive at Holiday Cove?

Monday

☐

Tuesday

☐

Wednesday

☐

Thursday

☐

14 Which words are used to describe the plane flight?

- ☐ fun and scary
- ☐ smooth and scary
- ☐ great and exciting
- ☐ boring and smooth

15 Where is Gemma's caravan?

- ☐ Rest Harbour
- ☐ Holiday Cove
- ☐ crocodile farm
- ☐ Lansdowne Parade

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- 16** *P.S. We are leaving here on Friday and sailing to Rest Harbour.*

This sentence

- ☐ introduces the writer.
- ☐ adds extra information.
- ☐ sums up the main points.
- ☐ explains what has been said.

Shade one bubble.



- 17** Write the numbers 1 to 4 in the boxes to show the order of events during Tom's holiday.

- go on a plane flight
- travel to Rest Harbour
- visit the crocodile farm
- arrive in Holiday Cove

Write one number in each box.



- 18** Why did Tom write this postcard?

- ☐ to plan what to do next
- ☐ to invite Kim on a holiday
- ☐ to tell Kim about his holiday
- ☐ to find out how things are going at home

Shade one bubble.



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Read *Little Hao and the Golden Kites* on page 5 of the magazine and answer questions 19 to 25.

19

Little Hao heard the sound of

Shade one bubble.



the north wind.

☐

a dragon.

☐

kites.

☐

drums.

☐

20

Who flew a kite shaped like a dragon?

- ☐ Little Hao
- ☐ Lord North Wind
- ☐ Lord Noble Horse
- ☐ Lord Black Mountain

21

The people said “Aaaah!” because

- ☐ the sunlight blinded their eyes.
- ☐ the dragon kite glistened above them.
- ☐ the dragon kite won the Emperor’s prize.
- ☐ the wind was too strong for the dragon kite.

22

Which word tells us that a kite flew high in the sky?

spread

☐

shining

☐

soared

☐

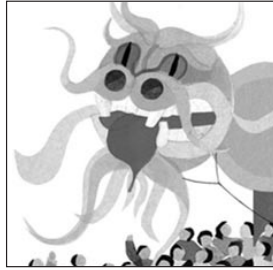
sparkled

☐

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23 Which kite belongs to Lord Noble Horse?

Shade one bubble.

☐☐☐

24 Write the numbers 1 to 4 in the boxes to show the order of the following events in this story.

Write one number in each box.

- The drums began to play.
- The people gathered by the steps.
- The people cheered their loudest.
- The fire kite sparkled.

25 The Emperor is most likely to award his prize to

Shade one bubble.

- ☐ the kite that could fly highest.
- ☐ the kite that the people liked best.
- ☐ the kite that cost the most to make.
- ☐ the kite that belonged to the richest noble.

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Read *Should we pay for plastic bags?* on page 6 of the magazine and answer questions 26 to 29.

26 What was the focus of the students' research?

- ☐ how to make plastic bags cheaper
- ☐ how plastic bags contribute to pollution
- ☐ how many plastic bags are eaten by animals
- ☐ how much people would pay for plastic bags

Shade one bubble.



27 Why has a question been used as the title of this text?

- ☐ to suggest the writer is an expert
- ☐ to argue that plastic bags kill animals
- ☐ to use humour to make readers laugh
- ☐ to encourage readers to think about the topic

28 Why are the words *break down* in brackets in the second paragraph?

- ☐ to give an example
- ☐ to give the meaning of *disintegrate*
- ☐ to tell readers how to say *disintegrate*
- ☐ to introduce a new idea to the readers

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29

Also, when plastic bags are made ...

This paragraph is mainly about

- ☐ how plastic bags pollute the world.
- ☐ the ways plastic bags harm animals.
- ☐ the price people should pay for plastic bags.
- ☐ how many plastic bags people use each year.

Shade one bubble.



Read *Planet Theta* on page 7 of the magazine and answer questions 30 to 35.

30

How does Hanna feel about the planet?

bored

☐

afraid

☐

excited

☐

interested

☐

31

Which of these are living on the planet?

trees

☐

bacteria

☐

animals

☐

mosquitoes

☐

32

Cyril tells Hanna many facts about the planet so that Hanna will

- ☐ change her mind about the planet.
- ☐ be impressed with his knowledge.
- ☐ know how to survive on the planet.
- ☐ see that he has visited the planet before.

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33 What gives the planet its air?

Shade one bubble.



trees

☐

bacteria

☐

algae

☐

protozoa

☐

34 How many species of protozoan creatures are there on the planet?

nine

☐

eighteen

☐

thirty-eight

☐

fifty-seven

☐

35 When Cyril sighs, it suggests that he is

- ☐ struggling to breathe.
- ☐ tired from the travels.
- ☐ bored with Hanna's questions.
- ☐ disappointed with Hanna's response.

END OF TEST

YEAR 3 READING

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Read *Tim* on the back cover of the magazine and answer questions P1 and P2.

P1 The story takes place on

- ☐ Monday.
- ☐ Tuesday.
- ☐ Wednesday.
- ☐ Thursday.

Shade one bubble.



P2 Write the numbers 1 to 4 in the boxes to show the order in which Tim dressed in this story.

- shoes
- shorts
- shirt
- socks

Write one number in each box.



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