



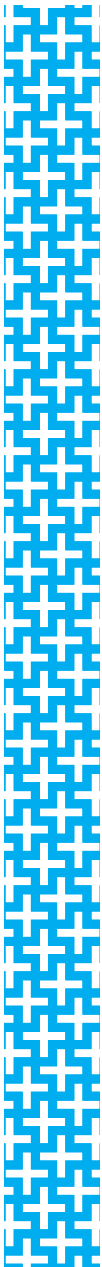
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Time available for students
to complete test: 50 minutes

Use 2B or HB
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Read *Helping our waterways* on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 6.

1 What is the main message of these posters?

- ☐ Land can easily be flooded.
- ☐ What we do affects waterways.
- ☐ We should spray pests and mow lawns.
- ☐ We should wear hats when working outside.

Shade one bubble.



2 Why does Poster 1 say you should apply fertilisers and pesticides *only when the weather is fine*?

- ☐ Sunshine makes them work.
- ☐ You might get wet and catch a cold.
- ☐ Rain could wash them into waterways.
- ☐ They won't work if they get wet in the rain.

3 The words *aquatic life* in Poster 2 refer to

- ☐ bugs and insects.
- ☐ leaves and clippings.
- ☐ creatures in the garden.
- ☐ plants and animals in the water.

4 How do leaves and clippings kill aquatic life?

- ☐ They remove oxygen from water.
- ☐ They are turned into compost.
- ☐ They are eaten by fish.
- ☐ They cause run-off.

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5 According to Poster 2, what should we compost or mulch?

Shade one bubble.



- ☐ fertiliser
- ☐ aquatic life
- ☐ garden waste
- ☐ oxygen from waste

6 Why do the posters say *THE DRAIN IS JUST FOR RAIN* instead of saying *DON'T PUT GARDEN WASTE DOWN DRAINS*?

- ☐ They are comparing two things.
- ☐ It is clever to say one thing is another.
- ☐ The rhyme makes it easier to remember.
- ☐ People always do what they are told not to do.

Read *Little Hao and the Golden Kites* on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 7 to 13.

7 Little Hao heard the sound of

the north wind.

a dragon.

kites.

drums.

☐☐☐☐

8 Who flew a kite shaped like a dragon?

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

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9 The people said “Aaaaah!” 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.

Shade one bubble.



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

spread

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shining

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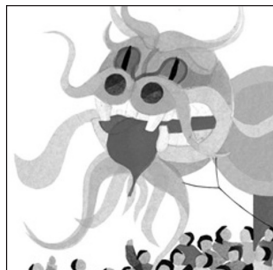
soared

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sparkled

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11 Which kite belongs to Lord Noble Horse?

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

The drums began to play.

The people gathered by the steps.

The people cheered their loudest.

The fire kite sparkled.

Write one number in each box.



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13 The Emperor is most likely to award his prize to

- ☐ 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.

Shade one bubble.



Read *Should we pay for plastic bags?* on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 14 to 19.

14 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

15 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

16 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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17 What is the intended effect of including information about wildlife?

Shade one bubble.



- ☐ to convince the readers by using expert comments
- ☐ to show how detailed the research on wildlife was
- ☐ to exaggerate the impact of plastic bags on wildlife
- ☐ to make the readers feel guilty about using plastic bags

18 *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.

19 The text suggests that people's behaviour will only change if

- ☐ other people change first.
- ☐ the environment is affected.
- ☐ they are affected themselves.
- ☐ an authority orders them to change.

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Read *A Special Day* on page 5 of the magazine and answer questions 20 to 25.

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Why is this particular Saturday a special day for Patrick?

- ☐ He will be allowed to watch TV all morning.
- ☐ He will get the present he has been asking for.
- ☐ He will discover an answer he has been waiting for.
- ☐ He will be able to spend the whole day with his mother.

Shade one bubble.



21

Quickly he switched channels.

What is the most likely reason that Patrick did this?

- ☐ He was impatient for the program to begin.
- ☐ He thought the program had already started.
- ☐ He wanted something to do before breakfast.
- ☐ He usually watched cartoons on Saturday morning.

22

What made Judith think Patrick was ready to go shopping?

- ☐ He was dressed and had finished breakfast.
- ☐ He was dressed more carefully than usual.
- ☐ He mentioned it to her at breakfast.
- ☐ He was keen to buy new sneakers.

23

What is the most likely reason Judith sounded vague?

- ☐ She had just woken up and was still tired.
- ☐ She was thinking about Patrick's sneakers.
- ☐ She was concentrating on filling the electric kettle.
- ☐ She didn't want to tell Patrick they were going out.

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24 *Patrick's stomach lurched.*

This suggests that

- ☐ he suddenly felt ill.
- ☐ he needed some breakfast.
- ☐ he had woken up too early.
- ☐ he really didn't want to go out.

Shade one bubble.



25 Why does Patrick say, "*My sneakers'll be all right for another week*"?

- ☐ because he doesn't need new sneakers
- ☐ because he never agreed to go shopping for new sneakers
- ☐ to persuade his mother that the shopping trip can be postponed
- ☐ to persuade his mother to go to the shops earlier than she planned

Read *backyard birds* on page 6 of the magazine and answer questions 26 to 30.

26 This text is about birds that

- ☐ are native to Australia.
- ☐ may be seen in Australian backyards.
- ☐ migrate to all cities and towns in Australia.
- ☐ live only in people's backyards in Australia.

27 *Some live in these places permanently, others visit during the summer ...*

The word *others* refers to

birds.

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cities.

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places.

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people.

☐

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28 Why are two Australian King Parrots pictured?

Shade one bubble.



- ☐ to describe the colours
- ☐ to show they are king-sized
- ☐ to show that they are always found in pairs
- ☐ to illustrate the differences between the male and female

29 In this text the sub-heading *Status* gives information about

- ☐ bird migration.
- ☐ bird popularity.
- ☐ bird populations.
- ☐ bird characteristics.

30 Which bird's voice sounds like a whistle?

- ☐ Galah
- ☐ Common Myna
- ☐ Australian Magpie
- ☐ Australian King Parrot

Read *Rain* on page 7 of the magazine and answer questions 31 to 35.

31 From her position, the narrator can tell where the river is because she can see

- ☐ other kids standing near it.
- ☐ the trees that run alongside it.
- ☐ the White Bridge that crosses it.
- ☐ how it winds around the river flats.

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32 Where does the narrator believe is the best place to view a flood?

- ☐ from her tree
- ☐ from the bridge
- ☐ from her father's car
- ☐ from the market gardens

Shade one bubble.



33 Why did the narrator think it was not necessary to listen to the weather report?

- ☐ She wanted to eat her breakfast.
- ☐ She knew it was raining up north.
- ☐ She could see it was already raining.
- ☐ She thought these reports were for farmers.

34 Which of the following words best describes Dad's mood?

angry

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sad

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impatient

☐

concerned

☐

35 From the text, it is possible to tell that the narrator believes

- ☐ it is unlikely a flood will affect them again.
- ☐ this will probably be the last flood she will see.
- ☐ there will most likely be another flood in that area.
- ☐ it is unusual to see floods in that part of the country.

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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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