

QUESTION PAPER

Reading Grade 3 — Practice Paper 1

YOU WILL NEED

The Reading Magazine for this paper (a separate PDF). Print it too, or open it on a screen beside you.

Total time: 45 minutes

SECTIONS IN THIS PAPER

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INSTRUCTIONS

Each part of this paper tells you which text in the magazine to read and the page it is on. Read the text first, then answer its questions. You may look back at the magazine as often as you like. Answer every question you can. Write your working in the space provided for long-answer questions. Marking guidance and full explanations are provided in the separate answer key.

Read ***The sandwich thief*** on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 6.

1. Where did Ravi put his lunchbox?

A. on the low wall near the bike racks

B. in the library

C. in the tree

D. in his school bag

2. Which part of the lunch disappeared each day?

A. the crust

B. the half with the cheese

C. the whole sandwich

D. the apple

3. Amina smiled after she looked at the tree because she

A. wanted to climb the tree

B. was hungry too

C. had guessed what was taking the lunch

D. had seen Ravi hide the lunchbox

4. What was taking the sandwich?

A. a dog

B. another student

C. the librarian

D. a currawong

5. Why did the librarian look up?

A. Ravi laughed loudly.

B. The bird flew inside.

C. Amina called out.

D. The bell rang.

6. Ravi still left a crust on the wall because he

A. wanted to catch the bird

B. thought the bird had earned it

C. did not like crusts

D. forgot to put it away

Read **Wombats** on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 7 to 12.

7. What does a wombat dig its burrow with?

A. its back legs

B. its teeth

C. its strong front legs and claws

D. its nose

8. Why does a wombat mother's pouch face backwards?

A. so the joey can see where they are going

B. to keep the joey warmer

C. so she can run faster

D. so soil does not fill it while she digs

9. According to the text, a wombat burrow can be

A. longer than a classroom

B. as long as a ruler

C. as deep as a well

D. as wide as a road

10. When do wombats come out to feed?

A. early in the morning

B. at night, when the air is cool

C. in the middle of the day

D. only in winter

11. Which fact is in the box beside the text?

A. Wombats eat grass and roots.

B. Wombats live in Australia.

C. Wombat droppings are shaped like little cubes.

D. Wombats sleep in burrows.

12. The main purpose of this text is to

A. tell a story about a wombat

B. teach you how to draw a wombat

C. ask people to protect wombats

D. give facts about wombats

Read ***Where does rain come from?*** on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 13 to 17.

13. What warms the sea?

A. the sun

B. the wind

C. the clouds

D. the rain

14. Water vapour is

A. a kind of cloud

B. a gas you cannot see

C. tiny drops of ice

D. salty water

15. A cloud is made of

A. water vapour only

B. dust and cold air

C. millions of tiny drops

D. rain and snow

16. Why does a drop fall as rain?

A. The cloud gets colder.

B. The wind pushes it down.

C. The sun heats it.

D. It becomes too heavy to float.

17. The diagram with this text shows that after rain falls it

A. goes back to the sea

B. stays in the clouds

C. turns into vapour in the sky

D. disappears

Read **A garden for our school** on page 5 of the magazine and answer questions 18 to 23.

18. Who is Sophie writing to?

A. her grandfather

B. Mrs Patel

C. her class

D. the canteen manager

19. What is in the corner near the hall at the moment?

A. a garden bed

B. play equipment

C. weeds and one old bench

D. a garden shed

20. Sophie says a garden would help the class learn because

A. gardening is in the test

B. the canteen needs salad

C. her grandfather is a gardener

D. they are learning about living things

21. Who does Sophie say would look after the garden?

A. her class, at lunchtime

B. the canteen staff

C. her grandfather

D. every class in the school

22. Which sentence from the letter is an opinion?

A. The corner has weeds and one old bench.

B. A garden would make it the nicest part of the school.

C. In Year 3 we are learning about living things.

D. The canteen could use the vegetables in salads.

23. Sophie finishes her letter by offering to

A. start digging the beds

B. bring in seeds

C. show Mrs Patel the corner

D. ask her grandfather for help

Read ***Tiny visitor*** on page 6 of the magazine and answer questions 24 to 28.

24. Where is the frog at the start of the poem?

A. on the lamp

B. in the kitchen sink

C. in the garden

D. on the window glass

25. “flat feet spread like sticky stars” tells you the frog’s feet are

A. spread out and sticky

B. cold and wet

C. shiny and hard

D. small and sharp

26. What is the frog waiting for?

A. rain

B. moths

C. morning

D. the lamp to go out

27. “quick as blinking” describes

A. how the moths fly

B. how the poet feels

C. how fast the tongue moves

D. how long the frog waits

28. What does the frog leave behind in the morning?

A. a moth

B. a pink ribbon

C. nothing at all

D. five footprints and a smudge

Read ***Make a paper boat*** on page 7 of the magazine and answer questions 29 to 33.

29. What do you need to make the boat?

A. one sheet of paper

B. scissors and glue

C. two sheets and some tape

D. a candle and a bucket

30. What do you do first?

A. fold the top corners down

B. fold the paper in half

C. open the hat into a square

D. pull the two top points apart

31. Why does the text tell you to rub a candle over the paper?

A. to make the paper fold more easily

B. to make the boat go faster

C. to help the boat last longer in water

D. to make the boat shine

32. What shape do you make when you open the hat?

A. a hat

B. a triangle

C. a boat

D. a square

33. Where does the text say you should test your boat?

Read **Junior Fun Run** on page 8 of the magazine and answer questions 34 to 38.

34. What time does the 1 km race start?

A. 9:30 am

B. 9:00 am

C. 10:15 am

D. 10:00 am

35. Ben is 6 years old. Which race is for him?

A. the 1 km

B. the Dash

C. the 2 km

D. none of them

36. What will the money raised be used for?

A. medals for the runners

B. hats and water bottles

C. sports equipment for local primary schools

D. new benches for the park

37. What happens to a runner who arrives after their start time?

A. They cannot run at all.

B. They start with the next race.

C. They get their money back.

D. They can still run, but they are not timed.

38. What must every runner have at the park?

A. a grown-up with them

B. exactly \$5 in coins

C. running shoes

D. a race number from school