QUESTION PAPER

Reading Grade 3 — Practice Paper 2

PREVIEW
This file has the first 18 of the 38 questions in this paper. The rest is locked: it comes with a PrepNest plan, or with the paper itself for VCE.

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.

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

1. At the start of the story, where did Max stay at swimming lessons?

A. near the steps

B. in the deep end

C. next to Mr Tran

D. on the edge of the pool

2. “Max’s stomach felt as if it were full of fish.” This shows that Max felt

A. hungry

B. nervous

C. excited

D. sick from the pool water

3. What did Lena do when Max told her about the carnival?

A. She laughed at him.

B. She told Mr Tran.

C. She offered to help him practice.

D. She said he did not have to swim.

4. By Friday, Max could

A. swim a whole lap

B. float on his back for the first time

C. swim faster than Lena

D. swim half a lap without stopping

5. Why did Mr Tran give Max a ribbon?

A. Max had tried hard and swum the whole lap.

B. Max had won the race.

C. Max had helped the other swimmers.

D. Every swimmer was given a ribbon.

6. Which word best describes how Max felt at the end of the story?

A. embarrassed

B. proud

C. tired of swimming

D. angry

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Read ***Pelican saved at Bellbird Lake*** on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 7 to 12.

7. Who first saw the pelican?

A. a fisherman on the jetty

B. a volunteer in a boat

C. a girl walking her dog

D. a vet

8. What was wrong with the pelican?

A. It had hurt its foot on the jetty.

B. It was too hungry to fly.

C. It had lost its way home.

D. It was tangled in fishing line.

9. Why did the volunteers wrap the pelican in a towel?

A. to keep it calm

B. to keep it warm

C. to dry its feathers

D. to stop it biting

10. In the text, the word “gently” means

A. quickly and roughly

B. carefully and softly

C. very loudly

D. without looking

11. Where is the pelican now?

A. back on the lake

B. at Chloe’s house

C. at a wildlife hospital

D. at the jetty

12. The box called How you can help is there to

A. tell the story of the rescue again

B. explain how pelicans catch fish

C. list the people who saved the pelican

D. tell readers what they can do to protect wild animals

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Read ***Octopuses*** on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 13 to 18.

13. Why can an octopus squeeze through small gaps?

A. It has no bones.

B. It has eight arms.

C. It can change colour.

D. It is very small.

14. What can an octopus do with its suckers?

A. breathe under water

B. grip rocks, hold food and taste

C. make ink

D. change colour

15. How does changing colour help an octopus?

A. It helps it stay warm.

B. It helps it find other octopuses.

C. It helps it hide and catch food.

D. It helps it swim faster.

16. What does an octopus do when it is in danger?

A. It hides inside a jar.

B. It grabs the enemy with its suckers.

C. It stays very still on the sand.

D. It squirts ink and swims away.

17. Which sentence from the text shows that octopuses are clever?

A. Scientists have watched them open jars.

B. Its blood is blue.

C. Each arm is covered in suckers.

D. They have no bones at all.

18. How many hearts does an octopus have? Write a number.

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PREVIEW

That’s the end of the preview

You’ve seen the first 18 of the 38 questions in Reading Grade 3 — Practice Paper 2. The full paper is worth 38 marks.

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The full paper comes with

- Every question, printed exactly like the ones in this preview
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