

QUESTION PAPER

Reading Grade 5 — 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: 50 minutes

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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 violin*** on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 7.

1. Why did Dadu play the violin every night on the ship?

A. It stopped him feeling homesick.

B. The other passengers asked him to.

C. He was practicing for a concert.

D. He could not sleep because of the waves.

2. Why did Dadu give the violin to Anika?

A. He had bought a new violin.

B. His fingers were too stiff to play.

C. She had asked him for it.

D. It was her birthday.

3. "The bow screeched across the strings like a cat whose tail had been stepped on." This tells the reader that

A. Anika had hurt her cat

B. the violin was broken

C. Anika's first attempts sounded terrible

D. Anika was playing very quietly

4. What do we learn about Anika from the fact that she opened the case again after saying she would give up?

A. She changed her mind often.

B. Her mother made her practice.

C. She liked the sound of the clasps.

D. She did not give up easily.

5. Why did Anika's teacher help her write the song down?

A. Nobody had ever written it down before.

B. Anika kept forgetting it.

C. Dadu asked for a copy.

D. She needed it for an exam.

6. Why did Anika almost stop playing halfway through?

A. She forgot the rest of the tune.

B. She saw that Dadu was crying and thought something was wrong.

C. Her hands were too sore.

D. Her mother shook her head.

7. What does Dadu mean when he says, “Now it lives in yours”?

A. Anika has learned to write music.

B. Anika should play it every night.

C. Anika will now keep the song alive.

D. He has forgotten the song.

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Read **Antarctica** on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 8 to 14.

8. Why do scientists call Antarctica a desert?

A. It is covered in sand under the ice.

B. Nobody lives there.

C. It is very windy.

D. It gets very little rain or snow.

9. In the text, the word “permanently” means

A. all the time, for good

B. for a short visit

C. during the summer

D. in the coldest part

10. How do emperor penguins keep warm?

A. They have a layer of blubber.

B. They huddle together in large groups.

C. They stay in the water.

D. They dig into the snow.

11. The countries that signed the Antarctic Treaty agreed that Antarctica would be used

A. for mining and fishing

B. as a home for new towns

C. only for peace and science

D. only by those twelve countries

12. In which year was the Antarctic Treaty signed?

13. How do the headings help the reader?

A. They list the most important facts.

B. They tell the reader what to think.

C. They show the order things happened in.

D. They show what each section is about.

14. According to the fact box, Antarctica is

A. almost twice as big as Australia

B. about the same size as Australia

C. half the size of Australia

D. the smallest continent

Read ***Should homework be banned?*** on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 15 to 20.

15. What does Maria Costa want?

A. for homework to be shorter

B. for homework to be banned

C. more sport at school

D. longer school days

16. Why does Maria's son miss his chance to kick a ball?

A. He does not like playing sport.

B. The park is too far away.

C. His homework takes so long that it gets dark.

D. His school day is too long.

17. Maria says children can learn to work on their own

A. by doing homework

B. from their parents

C. by playing sport

D. at school, with a teacher to help

18. Which is one reason Tom gives for homework?

A. It helps him remember what he learned.

B. It keeps him busy after school.

C. His teacher gives prizes for it.

D. It is never boring.

19. On which point do Maria and Tom agree?

A. Homework should be banned.

B. Homework should not be boring or too long.

C. Children should practice times tables.

D. Parents should help with homework.

20. Tom says banning homework would be "like a soccer team that only trains on game day." He means that

A. homework should be done on weekends

B. sport is more important than homework

C. regular practice is needed to do well

D. soccer teams should train less

Read ***Make a floating compass*** on page 5 of the magazine and answer questions 21 to 25.

21. The main purpose of this text is to

A. describe the history of travel

B. sell compasses

C. explain how magnets are made

D. explain how to make a compass

22. In step 1, what should you do at the end of each stroke?

A. Lift the magnet away.

B. Turn the needle over.

C. Stroke back the other way.

D. Dip the needle in water.

23. Why is the needle put on a piece of cork or foam?

A. so it does not rust

B. so it can float and turn freely

C. so it is easier to see

D. to make it into a magnet

24. Why should the bowl be kept away from metal?

A. Metal makes the water too cold.

B. The needle might stick to the bowl.

C. Metal can pull the needle the wrong way.

D. Metal stops the cork floating.

25. According to the text, why does the needle end up pointing north?

A. The water flows toward the north.

B. The needle is heavier at one end.

C. The cork always turns north.

D. The Earth acts like a giant magnet.

Read ***When the rain came*** on page 6 of the magazine and answer questions 26 to 30.

26. What is happening at the start of the poem?

A. There is a drought.

B. There is a flood.

C. It is the middle of winter.

D. A storm is coming.

27. "The gum leaves hung like lead" suggests that the leaves were

A. bright and shiny

B. heavy and drooping

C. falling to the ground

D. moving in the wind

28. Why did Dad watch the west each evening?

A. He was watching the sunset.

B. He was waiting for visitors.

C. He was hoping to see rain clouds.

D. He was checking on the sheep.

29. How did the family feel when the rain came?

A. frightened

B. worried

C. annoyed

D. overjoyed

30. "The first in months I'd seen" tells the reader that

A. Dad had not smiled for a long time

B. the creek had been hidden for months

C. the speaker had been away from the farm

D. green grass had never grown there before

Read ***Meet a volcano scientist*** on page 7 of the magazine and answer questions 31 to 35.

31. Why do volcano scientists try to work out when a volcano might erupt?

A. so that tourists can watch

B. so that people nearby can get to safety

C. so that they can stop the eruption

D. so that they can collect lava

32. Dr Park says the heat “felt like opening an oven door”. This shows that the lava was

A. very bright

B. moving fast

C. very hot

D. dangerous to breathe

33. Why does Dr Park compare predicting eruptions to a weather forecast?

A. Volcanoes cause bad weather.

B. Weather forecasters also study volcanoes.

C. Both are always correct.

D. Scientists can say an eruption is likely, but not exactly when.

34. Which of these does Dr Park NOT say scientists measure?

A. the colour of the sky

B. tiny earthquakes

C. changes in the shape of the ground

D. gases from the volcano

35. The lines in dark type in this text are

A. the most important facts

B. the questions Kai asked

C. what Dr Park said

D. the titles of chapters

Read **Ask Dr Paws** on page 8 of the magazine and answer questions 36 to 39.

36. Which kind of chocolate is most dangerous for dogs?

A. milk chocolate

B. white chocolate

C. dark chocolate

D. chocolate biscuits

37. If your dog eats chocolate, what should you tell the vet?

A. what time it happened

B. where you bought the chocolate

C. what the dog usually eats

D. what it ate, how much and how big the dog is

38. Why do cats hardly ever need washing?

A. They clean themselves with their tongues.

B. They do not get dirty.

C. Water is bad for their fur.

D. They stay indoors.

39. Why does Dr Paws say to keep electrical cords away from rabbits?

A. Cords are too hot for rabbits.

B. Rabbits chew everything, and could chew the cords.

C. Rabbits are scared of cords.

D. Cords stop their teeth growing.