QUESTION PAPER

Reading Grade 5 — Practice Paper 1

PREVIEW
This file has the first 20 of the 39 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: 50 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 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.

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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

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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

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