QUESTION PAPER

Reading Grade 5 — Practice Paper 3

PREVIEW
This file has the first 19 of the 40 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 new kid*** on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 7.

1. Yusuf holds his bag in front of him “like a shield”. This suggests he feels

A. nervous and unsure

B. proud of his new bag

C. angry with the class

D. ready to go home

2. Why does Yusuf not say a word all morning?

A. He is not allowed to talk in class.

B. He is new and still learning English.

C. He is angry about moving.

D. He has a sore throat.

3. Priya feels “a small, uncomfortable ache in her chest” when she sees Yusuf eating alone. This shows she

A. is hungry

B. is unwell

C. feels sorry for him

D. is jealous of him

4. Why does Priya forget about her long division?

A. Mr Peters starts a new lesson.

B. She has already finished it.

C. Yusuf asks her for help.

D. She is amazed by Yusuf’s drawings.

5. Why does Priya give Yusuf her own comic?

A. to share something they both enjoy

B. to show him her drawing is better

C. so he can finish it for her

D. because Mr Peters asked her to

6. What does Yusuf mean by drawing the cat shaking hands with the chicken?

A. that cats and chickens are friends

B. that he would like them to work together

C. that he wants to swap comics

D. that the comic is finished

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7. What did Priya and Yusuf do with the money from the fete?

A. bought more paper

B. shared it between them

C. gave it to the library

D. gave it to Mr Peters

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Read ***The platypus*** on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 8 to 13.

8. Why did some scientists think the first platypus skin was a joke?

A. It was sent on April Fools' Day.

B. It was far too small.

C. It had no fur.

D. It looked like parts of different animals sewn together.

9. What makes the platypus different from almost every other mammal?

A. It lays eggs.

B. It has fur.

C. It feeds its babies milk.

D. It lives in rivers.

10. Which other animal lays eggs and is a mammal?

A. the duck

B. the echidna

C. the otter

D. the beaver

11. How does a platypus find its food under water?

A. It watches for movement.

B. It follows the smell of the food.

C. Its bill senses tiny electric signals.

D. It listens for splashing.

12. Why is one section headed Watch out!?

A. It tells readers where to see a platypus.

B. It explains how platypuses avoid danger.

C. It describes how the mother guards her eggs.

D. It warns readers about the male's venomous spur.

13. According to the fact box, why does the platypus store fat in its tail?

A. for times when food is hard to find

B. to help it float

C. to keep its eggs warm

D. to make it swim faster

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Read ***Our playground needs fixing*** on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 14 to 19.

14. Why did the students write to the council?

A. to thank the council for a new playground

B. to ask for the playground to be fixed

C. to complain about a noisy park

D. to invite the mayor to their school

15. Which problem do the students link to the boy’s broken wrist?

A. The slide was cracked.

B. The swings had no seats.

C. The soft rubber under the climbing frame had worn away.

D. The park was too crowded.

16. Why do the students say Hollis Park is the only playground in their suburb?

A. to complain that there are too few parks

B. to explain where the park is

C. to ask for a second playground

D. to show how many people depend on it

17. What did the council do the day after the letter arrived?

A. inspected the playground

B. rebuilt the playground

C. fitted new swing seats

D. visited the school

18. When will the whole playground be rebuilt?

A. next week

B. in March

C. the day after the letter

D. next year

19. The council invites the class to help choose the new equipment. This shows that the council

A. could not decide what to buy

B. wanted the students to pay for it

C. took the students’ letter seriously

D. was annoyed by the letter

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