QUESTION PAPER

Reading Year 7 — Practice Paper 2

PREVIEW
This file has the first 22 of the 50 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: 65 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 ***Low tide*** on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 8.

1. Why can the rock shelf be explored for only a few hours each day?

A. It is uncovered only at low tide.

B. It is closed to the public most of the day.

C. It is too hot in the middle of the day.

D. Gemma only had two hours free.

2. “Every pool was a tiny, glittering room.” This description suggests that the pools were

A. dark and frightening

B. small and full of interesting things

C. deep enough to swim in

D. crowded with other visitors

3. Why does Gemma grab Luca’s wrist?

A. to stop him slipping into a pool

B. to hurry him back to the beach

C. to stop him getting close to a dangerous octopus

D. to show him a crab

4. Why do the two of them end up so far from the path they came in on?

A. Gemma had planned to go around the headland.

B. The tide chart was wrong.

C. Luca ran away from Gemma.

D. They were so caught up in exploring that they lost track of time.

5. “His voice came out high and thin.” This tells the reader that Luca was

A. frightened

B. excited

C. shouting

D. tired

6. Why does Gemma decide to climb instead of wading back?

A. She wants a better view of the sea.

B. She knows the waves are more dangerous than they look.

C. She thinks climbing will be quicker.

D. She has lost the path.

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7. Gemma sits down “as if they were waiting for a bus”. This shows that she

A. is bored by the rescue

B. does not understand the danger

C. stays calm, which helps keep Luca calm

D. is too tired to call for help

8. What does Luca’s action with the tide chart at the end of the story suggest?

A. He wants to go back to Hollow Point tomorrow.

B. He is annoyed with Gemma.

C. He wants to become a lifeguard.

D. He has learned how important it is to know the tides.

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Read ***Lightning*** on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 9 to 15.

9. How hot can a bolt of lightning make the air around it?

A. about five times hotter than the surface of the Sun

B. about as hot as the surface of the Sun

C. about as hot as a kitchen oven

D. about twice as hot as boiling water

10. Why does the writer mention rubbing a balloon on your hair?

A. to show how lightning can be made at home

B. to explain electric charge with a familiar example

C. to warn readers about static electricity

D. to explain why hair stands up in a storm

11. According to the text, what causes thunder?

A. clouds crashing into each other

B. lightning hitting the ground

C. air expanding so quickly that it makes a shock wave

D. ice falling inside the cloud

12. Why do we see lightning before we hear thunder?

A. Thunder happens after the lightning has finished.

B. Our eyes are faster than our ears.

C. The sound bounces off the clouds first.

D. Light travels much faster than sound.

13. You count 9 seconds between a flash and its thunder. About how many kilometres away is the storm? Write a number.

14. Which of these is a safe place to be in a thunderstorm?

A. inside a car with a metal roof

B. under a tall tree on its own

C. in an open field

D. in a swimming pool

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15. The first fact in the Did you know? box goes against the common belief that

A. lightning is hotter than the Sun

B. lightning never strikes the same place twice

C. thunder is dangerous

D. lightning only happens in summer

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Read ***Our streets need more trees*** on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 16 to 22.

16. How does Dr Obi begin her article?

A. by giving the number of trees the council plants

B. by describing a flood

C. by asking readers to imagine two very different streets

D. by explaining what an urban planner does

17. What is the “urban heat island”?

A. a hot island near the city

B. a park with no trees

C. a heatwave that lasts a week

D. cities being hotter than the countryside around them

18. Why does the writer say trees cool the air “a little like a person sweating”?

A. to help the reader understand how trees release water to cool down

B. to suggest that trees are alive

C. to show that trees need watering

D. to make the argument funny

19. Why does the writer point out that heatwaves kill more Australians than any other natural disaster?

A. to frighten readers away from cities

B. to show how serious the problem of heat is

C. to argue for more air-conditioned shopping centres

D. to compare heatwaves with floods

20. Who does the writer say is most at risk in a heatwave?

A. people who work outdoors

B. people in the countryside

C. the elderly, babies and people with health problems

D. children at school

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21. How does the writer respond to residents who worry about leaves and cracked footpaths?

A. She says the worries are silly.

B. She suggests planting no trees near houses.

C. She ignores them.

D. She agrees they are real concerns but says they can be managed.

22. What exactly is Dr Obi asking the council to do?

A. double the trees it plants, starting in the hottest suburbs

B. stop building roads

C. plant 500 trees next year

D. remove trees that crack footpaths

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- The complete answer key, with the working behind every mark
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