Reading Year 7 — Practice Paper 3 — Answers & Explanations

Answers to the 27 questions in the free preview.

Tryouts — page 2 of the magazine

1. A. She dribbled a ball around the bins every afternoon.
Every afternoon for a month she dribbled around the wheelie bins. The bucket comes at the end, after the email.

2. C. more than half the girls would miss out
With 18 places for 40 girls, 22 would not make the team: the competition was tough.

3. D. the keeper seemed very hard to score against
It is how the goal felt to Ava: impossible to get the ball past her.

4. A. She hesitated, and a defender took the ball.
With the goal wide open, she hesitated and a defender swept the ball away.

5. B. She hoped she had somehow missed her name.
She checks again in case her name had slipped between the lines; she cannot believe it is not there.

6. C. She did not want anyone to see she was upset.
The story says she walked the long way so that no one would see her face.

7. D. She reads the game well and never stops chasing.
The email says her finishing needs work but she reads the game better than almost anyone and never stopped chasing.

8. A. She is working on the weakness the coach pointed out.
Instead of dribbling, she works on her shooting — her "finishing" — and stays out longer than she says.

Why is the sea salty? — page 3 of the magazine

9. Answer: 35
The first paragraph says every litre contains about 35 grams of salt.

10. B. It is very slightly acidic.
Rain picks up a little carbon dioxide, which makes it very slightly acidic.

11. C. The amount of salt in it is tiny.
The text says river water tastes fresh because the amount of salt in it is tiny.

12. D. It stays behind in the sea.
Water evaporates, but the salt does not; it stays behind in the sea.

13. A. hot springs on the sea floor that release minerals
The section Salt from below describes them as hot springs releasing minerals from deep inside the Earth.

14. B. Salt is also removed as it settles and becomes new rock.
The last paragraph says salt settles on the sea floor and slowly becomes part of new rock, balancing what arrives.

Should zoos exist? — page 4 of the magazine

15. C. Modern zoos help save species.
His heading is Zoos save species, and he describes breeding programs and conservation funding.

16. D. as an example of zoos protecting a species from disease
When face cancer swept through wild devils, zoos kept healthy populations safe: evidence for his claim.

17. A. It can make people care about protecting the wild.
He says seeing a gorilla in person can make a child care about protecting forests for life.

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18. B. by answering Oliver’s point about “the best zoos”
“My opponent talks about the best zoos. But not every zoo is the best.” — a rebuttal.

19. C. elephants, which walk far less in zoos than in the wild
She says elephants walk many kilometres a day in the wild but a tiny fraction of that in a zoo.

20. D. protecting their habitats
She says the answer is to protect their habitats, stopping land clearing and poaching.

21. A. real survival means living free in the wild
For her, surviving only in captivity is not true survival; the species must live in its habitat.

Six a.m. — page 5 of the magazine

22. B. just beginning to wake up
The suburb is described as a sleepy person, yawning at the start of the day.

23. C. They make a regular ticking sound.
The sprinklers “tick” across the lawns, like the steady ticking of a clock.

24. D. a musician getting ready to play
Testing one note, then another, is how musicians tune their instruments before a performance.

25. A. lowering itself so she can get on easily
Many buses lower their front step at stops; the poet describes this as kneeling, like a polite person.

26. B. the sky changing from sunrise to day
Pink, then gold, then ordinary blue: sunrise giving way to an everyday morning sky.

27. C. the day begins whether people are ready or not
The day arrives on its own schedule; no one is consulted.

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