

Year 9 Literacy

Reading Test 1

Writing time: 65 minutes

Use 2B pencil only

Instructions

- Write your **student name** in the space provided.
- You must be silent during the test.
- If you need to speak to the teacher, raise your hand. Do not speak to other students.
- Answer all questions using a 2B pencil.
- If you wish to change your answer, erase it very thoroughly and then write your new answer.

Student name:

Text 1: *Animal Talk Questions*

Shade one box to show the correct answer to the following questions.

1 Animals communicate through

- ☐ complex games.
- ☐ simple drawings.
- ☒ sounds and gestures.
- ☐ mimicking our words.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 It seems the most complex animal communication occurs among

- ☐ cats.
- ☐ insects.
- ☐ birds.
- ☒ sea creatures.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 The creature that probably has the most complex forms of communication is the

- ☐ bee.
- ☐ dog.
- ☒ whale.
- ☐ dinosaur.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 Cuttlefish communicate with several other cuttlefish at a time by

- ☐ singing.
- ☒ making patterns.
- ☐ dancing.
- ☐ making clicking sounds.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 The best indicator of capacity for complex communication in animals seems to be

- ☒ brain size.
- ☐ the size of the animal.
- ☐ sounds that sound like human words.
- ☐ the variety of types communication used.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 2: Tung Ngo Questions

Shade one box to show the correct answer to the following questions.

1 Tung Ngo came to Australia when he was

- ☒ 11.
- ☐ 12.
- ☐ 21.
- ☐ 22.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 Tung Ngo thinks of himself as

- ☐ primarily Vietnamese.
- ☒ an ordinary Australian.
- ☐ confused about his identity.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 Tung Ngo stood for the local council because

- ☐ he wanted to become powerful.
- ☐ he wanted to impress the National Front.
- ☐ he wanted the Vietnamese community to like him.
- ☒ he wanted to know who the people actually supported.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 According to Tung Ngo the most difficult thing he faced at school was

- ☐ racism.
- ☐ ignorance.
- ☐ his appearance.
- ☒ the English language.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 In saying he's involved in 'paying the bills' Tung Ngo means

- ☐ he's repaying his outstanding debts.
- ☐ the Council is paying bills for people who can't pay them.
- ☒ he's giving back to the community that has given to him.
- ☐ he's paying some of the bills of the Vietnamese community.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 Tung Ngo believes the best way to enjoy being a young Australian is to

- ☐ stand for council.
- ☐ play cricket and footy.
- ☐ leave behind his Vietnamese culture.
- ☒ be open to other influences.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 3: *Fair Trade* Questions

Shade one box to show the correct answer to the following questions.

1 The fair trade movement began in

- ☐ the 1970s.
- ☐ the 1960s.
- ☒ the 1950s.
- ☐ the 1940s.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 Fair trade is a movement that is a response to

- ☐ Oxfam.
- ☒ globalisation.
- ☐ poor farming methods.
- ☐ environmental destruction.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 Fair traders work with local farmers to

- ☐ sell their produce locally.
- ☒ sell local produce globally.
- ☐ produce cheap goods for tourists.
- ☐ bring global products into their local community.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 A 'cup of joe' is

- ☒ slang for a cup of coffee.
- ☐ an exotic drink from Honduras.
- ☐ figurative language for 'a cup of happiness'.
- ☐ any type of beverage sold under a fair trade agreement.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 The stance taken in this piece on fair trade is generally

- ☐ neutral.
- ☒ positive.
- ☐ negative.
- ☐ ambiguous.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 Fair trade is mainly concerned about coffee and grain farmers.
True or false?



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

False. Fair trade is used to aid the producers of many different products, from earrings to chocolate, as well as flour, wheat and coffee.

Text 4: Goha Gives His Son a Lesson Questions

Shade one box to show the correct answer to the following questions.

1 Goha's son is unable to do anything because

- ☐ he is afraid of donkeys.
- ☐ he is afraid of hurting himself.
- ☐ he doesn't want to embarrass his father.
- ☒ he is afraid other people will think he is silly.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 Goha is shown to be

- ☒ a wise man.
- ☐ a harsh father.
- ☐ a foolish man.
- ☐ someone who dislikes his neighbours.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 In this story Goha is trying to show his son

- ☐ how to make decisions.
- ☐ that donkeys are contrary animals.
- ☒ something about the nature of people.
- ☐ to respect the views of his neighbours.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 The purpose of the story is

- ☐ record a historic event.
- ☐ explore the strength of donkeys.
- ☒ to make a serious point in an amusing way.
- ☐ to explore transport options in Middle Eastern countries.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 'This time Goha was at a loss.' This means Goha

- ☐ regretted his wife's absence.
- ☐ had lost some of his valuables.
- ☐ couldn't find the correct road home.
- ☒ couldn't understand other people's thinking.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 5: *Preschool Teacher Questions*

Shade one box to show the correct answer to the following questions.

- 1 Becoming a preschool teacher was 'instinctive' for Kristin Cantwell.
This means she felt

- ☒ it was a natural choice.
☐ it was a difficult choice.
☐ it was not her first choice.
☐ it was the only choice available.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 2 Kristin Cantwell has been a preschool teacher for

- ☐ 18 years.
☒ 33 years.
☐ 40 years.
☐ 54 years.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 3 According to the text, learning at preschool takes place

- ☐ occasionally.
☒ through play.
☐ during formal lessons.
☐ for only part of each session.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 4 One reason that Mrs Cantwell enjoys preschool children is because

- ☐ they're cute.
☒ they're honest.
☐ they're easy to discipline.
☐ the preschool day is shorter than primary or secondary school.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 5 The phrase 'begged, bullied and bribed' is an example of

- ☐ metaphor.
☒ alliteration.
☐ exaggeration.
☐ figurative language.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 6 According to the text the parents at Blue Hills Preschool don't want
Kristin Cantwell to retire because

- ☒ she is very patient with their children.
☐ they don't want to have to search for a new teacher.
☐ they think an older teacher is better than a younger teacher.
☐ they're worried the preschool might close if they don't find a suitable replacement.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 6: *Think Twice Before You Slam That Can!* Questions

Shade one box to show the correct answer to the following questions.

- 1 To rehydrate the body after intense exercise, a drink should contain the following

- ☐ electrolytes.
- ☐ sugar and water.
- ☐ palatable flavouring.
- ☒ salts, carbohydrates and sugar.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 2 Sport drinks should be consumed by

- ☐ only elite athletes.
- ☐ students when exercising.
- ☐ everyone who exercises.
- ☒ people who require re-hydration after exercise.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 3 If your body doesn't consume all the ingredients in sports drinks it will

- ☒ turn them into fat.
- ☐ absorb them into tissue.
- ☐ pass them in your urine.
- ☐ store them for use next time you exercise.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 4 Caffeine and guarana help you to

- ☐ keep calm.
- ☐ sleep better.
- ☒ be more alert.
- ☐ be more co-ordinated.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 5 This piece suggests that the main health risk associated with energy drinks is

- ☒ stroke.
- ☐ tooth decay.
- ☐ weight gain.
- ☐ palpitations.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 6 The best description of the view taken on sports and energy drinks in this article is

- ☐ alarmist.
- ☐ against such drinks.
- ☒ cautious about the drinks.
- ☐ favourable toward such drinks.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 7: A Mistake Questions

Shade one box to show the correct answer to the following questions.

1 This poem is written in the

- ☒ first person.
- ☐ second person.
- ☐ third person.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 The mistake the speaker of the poem makes at age three or four is

- ☐ she thought her brother was famous.
- ☒ she thought Elvis Presley came to her house.
- ☐ she hadn't behaved well when Elvis Presley visited.
- ☐ she thought Elvis Presley played the guitar but then discovered it was the ukulele.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 The three dots at the end of the first stanza indicate

- ☐ the writer has forgotten what was said.
- ☐ the rest of the conversation was boring.
- ☐ that the writer is unsure of how to proceed.
- ☒ the details of the conversation aren't important.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 In the second stanza, the writer refers to 'my first quick click of readjustment'; 'quick click' is an example of

- ☐ alliteration.
- ☐ exaggeration.
- ☒ onomatopoeia.
- ☐ personification.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 This is a poem

- ☐ about Elvis Presley visiting a family.
- ☐ about a boy who looked like Elvis Presley.
- ☐ that shows how silly our childhood perceptions can be.
- ☒ that challenges the idea that adult perceptions are always more accurate than a child's.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 8: *Should We Ban Plastic Bags?* Questions

Shade one box to show the correct answer to the following questions.

1 The tone of Emily's letter is

- ☒ serious.
- ☐ emotive.
- ☐ flippant.
- ☐ inflammatory.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 Emily's point of view is supported by

- ☐ personal anecdotes.
- ☐ quotes from experts.
- ☐ statistics exclusively.
- ☒ scientific information.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 Plastic bags are attractive to marine life because

- ☐ they're colourful.
- ☒ they look like food.
- ☐ they like the taste of plastic.
- ☐ they can use them in their 'nests'.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 According to John's letter, plastic bags make up

- ☐ 0.01% of landfill.
- ☒ 0.1% of landfill.
- ☐ 2.5% of landfill.
- ☐ 6.9% of landfill.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 Plastic bags are re-used in

- ☐ 25% of cases.
- ☐ 37% of cases.
- ☒ 60% of cases.
- ☐ 69% of cases.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 The tone of the last paragraph of John's letter is best described as

- ☐ jovial.
- ☐ neutral.
- ☒ exasperated.
- ☐ disinterested.

SHADE ONE BOX



