

Year 9 Literacy

Reading Test 2

Writing time: 65 minutes

Use 2B pencil only

Instructions

- Write **your 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: Meeting People Online Questions

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

- 1 The writer of this piece suggests that one of the really good things about meeting people online is that

- ☐ you can pretend to be someone else.
☐ you have time to think before writing.
☒ you can meet people from far-away places.
☐ you don't have to worry about your appearance.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 2 The main reason the writer suggests it's important to be careful in chat rooms is because

- ☐ they are monitored by authorities.
☒ you don't really know who you're talking to.
☐ people will judge you on the quality of your writing.
☐ someone might try to get you involved in illegal activities.

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- 3 If you are going to meet an online friend in real life you should

- ☐ notify the police.
☒ take someone with you.
☐ conceal your true identity
☐ arrange to meet in a private place.

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- 4 If people are bullying you online you should

- ☐ bully them back.
☐ just accept it and it might stop.
☐ arrange to meet them to discuss the problem.
☒ ask for guidance from someone you trust.

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Text 2: Chocolate Questions

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

- 1 Chocolate was first made by people in

- ☐ Canada.
☐ North America.
☒ South America.
☐ Central America.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 'Talk about hot chocolate!' This part of the text refers to

- ☒ ingredients in the hot chocolate.
- ☐ heating the hot chocolate.
- ☐ flavours of hot chocolate.
- ☐ discussions about hot chocolate.

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3 The writer suggests that one of the reasons chocolate is good to eat apart from the taste is

- ☐ it puts you to sleep.
- ☒ it acts as a brain stimulant.
- ☐ you can consume it as a solid or a liquid.
- ☐ you can combine it with lots of other flavours.

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4 According to the text, antioxidants in the body

- ☐ destroy phenols.
- ☐ increase your heart rate.
- ☐ create a feeling of well-being.
- ☒ cancel out dangerous chemicals.

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5 Chocolate should be eaten in moderation because

- ☐ it is addictive.
- ☐ it is expensive.
- ☒ it contains sugar.
- ☐ it contains caffeine.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 3: Anzac Memories Questions

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

1 The writer suggests that in the late 1930s gender roles were

- ☐ unclear.
- ☐ ridiculous.
- ☐ unimportant.
- ☒ clearly defined.

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2 The word 'smuggle' suggests the writer's attendance at the service

- ☐ was illegal.
- ☒ was thought to be inappropriate.
- ☐ would be laughed at.
- ☐ was an embarrassment to her father.

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3 The service, as presented from the child's perspective is

- ☐ funny.
- ☐ boring.
- ☒ intense.
- ☐ depressing.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 The piece that the writer's father was going to read at the service suggests

- ☒ those who were not famous but sacrificed their lives should always be honoured.
- ☐ our fathers should not send us to war.
- ☐ war is something that should be forgotten.
- ☐ the sacrifice of a famous person is more valuable than that of an unknown person.

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5 The writer's throat still 'tightens' as she reads those words because

- ☐ the words anger her.
- ☐ she thinks war is pointless.
- ☐ they remind her of her father.
- ☒ she is moved by the sacrifice of human life in war.

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Text 4: *Bird Strikes Common Risk for Aircraft* Questions

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

1 The likelihood of bird strikes with aircraft could be due to

- ☐ the time of the day.
- ☐ the colour of the aircraft.
- ☒ the location of an airport.
- ☐ the musical sound produced by some engines.

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2 'Hazing' birds involves

- ☐ shooting them with feather bullets.
- ☐ carefully removing the birds' nests.
- ☒ using vision and sound to scare them.
- ☐ spraying them with liquids they find offensive.

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3 To minimise bird strikes airports should be located

- ☐ close to water.
- ☐ away from trees.
- ☒ close to nearby cities.
- ☐ as far away from water as possible.

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4 Planes are at greatest risk

- ☐ whilst cruising at altitude.
- ☒ during take-off and landing.
- ☐ when taxiing to the runway.
- ☐ whilst waiting for the green light to take off.

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5 Planes contribute to the problem of bird strike because

- ☒ nowadays their engines are quieter.
- ☐ they are painted in colours that attract birds.
- ☐ they have nooks and crannies where birds can seek refuge and rest.
- ☐ they are too cumbersome to move away from flocks of birds quickly.

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Text 5: *Vanishing Species* Questions

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

1 The use of the word 'abandoned' suggests that

- ☒ the child is spoilt and careless.
- ☐ the child is tired of playing computer games.
- ☐ the child has a bad temper when losing a game.
- ☐ the child doesn't know how to close down the computer.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 The tone in which the child first speaks, 'I didn't much care...' is best described as

- ☒ superior.
- ☐ respectful.
- ☐ distressed.
- ☐ compassionate.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 The poet chooses to mention a breakfast of 'coffee and croissants'

- ☐ to show how sophisticated the child is.
- ☐ to endorse this as a good breakfast for children.
- ☐ to show how well the parents care for their child.
- ☒ to make a comment about the social class from which the child comes.

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4 The four questions at the end of the poem suggest

- ☐ the child is not very intelligent.
- ☐ the child's vocabulary is severely limited.
- ☐ the child doesn't care for silly fairy stories.
- ☒ the child has missed out on some common childhood experience.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 The title of the poem, 'Vanishing Species', refers to the poet's sense that

- ☐ babysitters are increasingly rare.
- ☒ traditional children's stories are no longer valued.
- ☐ 'woods' are being razed at an alarming rate.
- ☐ parents are spending less time with their children.

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Text 6: Banknote Technology Questions

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

1 The first country to use all polymer banknotes was

- ☐ Indonesia.
- ☒ Australia.
- ☐ Singapore.
- ☐ New Zealand.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 One of the biggest problems with paper banknotes is

- ☒ they are easy to copy.
- ☐ they stick together easily.
- ☐ they feel like other bits of paper.
- ☐ the colour range available is limited.

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3 The world's first polymer banknote was

- ☐ the \$2 bill.
- ☐ the \$5 bill.
- ☒ the \$10 bill.
- ☐ the \$20 bill.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 The first polymer Australian banknote was issued to

- ☒ commemorate the Australian Bicentenary.
- ☐ demonstrate international innovation.
- ☐ commemorate Australia Day, 1988.
- ☐ celebrate the founding of The Reserve Bank of Australia.

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5 Compared to the paper \$5 note, the plastic \$5 note lasts an extra

- ☐ 32 months.
- ☒ 34 months.
- ☐ 36 months.
- ☐ 38 months.

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6 The feature that makes the polymer note more secure is

- ☐ a watermark.
- ☐ metallic threads.
- ☒ a see-through window.
- ☐ a special ingredient in the plastic coating.

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Text 7: Cloning Questions

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

1 Sophie has written her letter in favour of cloning primarily because of

- ☒ personal loss of a beloved pet.
- ☐ what she has recently learned in her biology class.
- ☐ she wants to be able to do what she thinks is right.
- ☐ she knows someone who needs a replacement organ.

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2 Jorge has written his letter against cloning primarily because

- ☐ he thinks cloning is a waste of money.
- ☐ he is worried about losing genetic diversity.
- ☐ he thinks it often doesn't work and therefore is a waste of time.
- ☒ he thinks the moral dimensions haven't been adequately explored.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 Sophie believes that people who are against cloning are

- ☐ stupid.
- ☒ selfish.
- ☐ unaware.
- ☐ stubborn.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 Jorge believes that people who favour cloning are

- ☐ selfish.
- ☐ stupid.
- ☐ greedy.
- ☒ thoughtless.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 Parthenogenesis is a biological process where

- ☐ twins are created.
- ☐ reproduction requires fertilisation.
- ☐ the egg is destroyed in the womb.
- ☒ reproduction occurs without fertilisation.

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6 According to Jorge, genetic diversity is desirable because

- ☐ lack of diversity is boring.
- ☒ it guards against genetic defects.
- ☐ it makes mixed breed animals popular.
- ☐ it helps people be more accepting of difference.

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7 Which of the following best describes the tone of Sophie's letter?

- ☐ furious
- ☐ defeated
- ☒ distressed
- ☐ aggressive

SHADE ONE BOX



8 Which of the following best describes the tone of Jorge's letter?

- ☐ angry
- ☐ pompous
- ☒ concerned
- ☐ dismissive

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 8: *Some Chips With That?* Questions

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

1 'Love handles' is a colloquial term for

- ☒ fat deposited around the midriff.
- ☐ the shoulder blades on a person's back.
- ☐ the affectionate way two people hold hands.
- ☐ the spots where a person places their hands when hugging another.

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2 Fish is good for your health because

- ☐ it is white flesh.
- ☐ it is easier to digest than meat.
- ☒ it contains omega-3 fatty acids.
- ☐ the ocean is not as polluted as the land.

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3 The fish population is under stress because of

- ☐ pollution.
- ☒ over-fishing.
- ☐ lack of suitable food.
- ☐ an increase in the predator population.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 Dolphins are not being 'fished out' because

- ☐ they are too large.
- ☐ their flesh is not tasty.
- ☒ they appeal to humans.
- ☐ they are smart enough to get away.

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5 You can find an alternative source of omega-3 fatty acids in

- ☐ butter.
- ☐ chicken.
- ☐ lean red meat.
- ☒ canola oil.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 This piece is about

- ☐ omega-3 fatty acids.
- ☒ the need to preserve and protect our fish.
- ☐ strategies for losing weight.
- ☐ the importance of fish in our diet.

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7 The tone of this piece is best described as

- ☐ serious.
- ☒ conversational.
- ☐ indifferent.
- ☐ haranguing.

SHADE ONE BOX



