

# Year 7 Literacy

## Reading Test 2

**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: Bora Ring Questions

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

1 Judith Wright is an Australian Poet. 'Bora Ring' is a poem about

- ☒ Aboriginal traditions.
- ☐ a volcano erupting.
- ☐ dancing outside.
- ☐ Aboriginal people.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 What is a Bora Ring?

- ☐ An Australian Aborigine's wedding ring.
- ☐ A symbol on a map key.
- ☒ A cultural site important to Indigenous Australians.
- ☐ The boundary of an important farming area.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 A corroboree is

- ☒ a traditional dancing, ceremonial meeting of Australian Aborigines.
- ☐ a home made from bark and leaves.
- ☐ a musical instrument played by Indigenous Australians.
- ☐ a display at the Australian Museum.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 The repetition of line length helps to develop

- ☐ discord.
- ☐ rhyme.
- ☐ pattern.
- ☒ rhythm.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 How does the writer want us to feel?

- ☐ Sad because the Bora Ring is gone.
- ☐ Relieved because it was too noisy.
- ☐ Angry because it was vandalised.
- ☒ Unhappy and wants us to empathise.

SHADE ONE BOX



## Text 2: Ancient Egypt Questions

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

1 *Wikipedia* may not be a reliable source of information because

- ☐ it is a primary source.
- ☐ you have to pay to read it.
- ☐ encyclopaedias are only correct as a book.
- ☒ it is an online encyclopaedia that anyone can edit.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 According to the text where was Ancient Egypt?

- ☐ close to Lower Egypt
- ☐ the Nile River Delta
- ☐ North Africa
- ☒ Eastern North Africa

SHADE ONE BOX



3 The pharaohs ruled ancient Egypt for approximately \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- ☐ 30
- ☐ 100
- ☐ 1000
- ☒ 3000

SHADE ONE BOX



4 Egyptian scribes developed

- ☐ handwriting classes for students.
- ☒ an independent writing system.
- ☐ graffiti art on pyramid walls.
- ☐ the A – Z alphabet.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 According to the text Ancient Egypt's success was mainly due to

- ☐ the support of the people.
- ☐ the strength of their armies.
- ☒ successful farming and trade.
- ☐ the ability of construction teams.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 The rule of the Pharaohs came to an end when

- ☐ Upper and Lower Egypt became joined.
- ☒ they were overpowered by the Romans.
- ☐ the Nile River changed its course.
- ☐ their military defeated other armies.

SHADE ONE BOX



## Text 3: Cyber Bullying Questions

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

1 According to the text what does the word cyber mean?

- ☐ It describes a person who misuses the Internet.
- ☐ It is the name for a computer hacker.
- ☒ It describes a person, living in the computer and information age.
- ☐ It is a person who takes care of computers.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 According to the text, what is one way you can protect yourself against cyber bullies?

- ☐ Nothing, you just have to put up with it.
- ☒ Never give anyone your password and log-in details.
- ☐ Get your friends to bully them back.
- ☐ Turn off your computer.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 SMS messages that are trying to bully anyone should be

- ☐ deleted immediately.
- ☐ forwarded to your friends.
- ☐ replied to so the person knows you got it.
- ☒ saved and shown to a trusted adult.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 According to the text what should you remember?

- ☒ Being bullied is not your fault.
- ☐ Always turn off your computer.
- ☐ You can never stop bullying.
- ☐ Always fight bullying with bullying.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 Why does the poster tell you to 'Save all bullying messages'?

- ☒ so the writer can be identified.
- ☐ so you can write back to the bully.
- ☐ so people know you are telling the truth.
- ☐ so you can forward copies to other people.

SHADE ONE BOX



## Text 4: Understanding Maps Questions

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

1 Mind maps can be used to

- ☒ make notes.
- ☐ measure distance.
- ☐ predict weather.
- ☐ gauge intelligence.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 According to the text, a 'place of interest' might be a

- ☐ church.
- ☒ school.
- ☐ ambulance.
- ☐ hospital.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 A symbol is used in a map key to show

- ☒ real places.
- ☐ how far between towns.
- ☐ today's weather.
- ☐ traffic lights

SHADE ONE BOX



4 Choose the correct words to complete this sentence. Map scales are used to extract \_\_\_\_\_ shown on a map.

- ☐ approximate distances
- ☒ exact distances
- ☐ approximate direction
- ☐ exact direction

SHADE ONE BOX



5 According to the text 'the fractional method' can be used to

- ☐ place grid lines on a map.
- ☒ represent a scale on a map.
- ☐ insert compass points on a map.
- ☐ identify axis points on a map.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 Modern maps are more accurate than ancient ones because

- ☒ we can use satellites to develop more accurate maps.
- ☐ cars have reliable speedos to measure distance accurately.
- ☐ there are a lot more people making maps now.
- ☐ maps can be made by tracking hand-held devices.

SHADE ONE BOX



## Text 5: *The Silver Brumby*

### Questions

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

1 What is another word for cascade?

- ☐ tree
- ☒ waterfall
- ☐ river
- ☐ stoney

SHADE ONE BOX



2 Thowra and Storm are

- ☐ dogs.
- ☐ birds.
- ☒ horses.
- ☐ people.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 The effect of using 'the wail of the wind in the treetops' is to

- ☐ explain how tall the trees are.
- ☐ emphasise how scared the horses were.
- ☐ describe the different types of trees.
- ☒ personify the sounds of nature.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 The floating white feathers were

- ☐ sleet.
- ☒ snowflakes.
- ☐ flower petals.
- ☐ cockatoo feathers.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 According to the text Storm sounded afraid. List one of his actions that shows he is afraid.



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

**Storm jumped to one side, and he also ran very closely next to Thowra.**

6 The colour of Thowra's coat is most likely

- ☒ white.
- ☐ black.
- ☐ brown.
- ☐ patchy.

SHADE ONE BOX



## Text 6: *Duke of Edinburgh Awards in Tasmania* Questions

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

1 The Duke of Edinburgh Award was introduced for

- ☐ boys who lived in Tasmania.
- ☐ more Aussie kids to have a go at sport.
- ☐ anyone who was under the age of 18 years.
- ☒ boys over the age of 14 and under 18 years.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 According to the text the 'the two separate schemes were amalgamated in 1969' meant that

- ☐ girls were allowed to participate.
- ☒ boys and girls could earn the same awards.
- ☐ Tasmania joined the rest of Australia to host the awards.
- ☐ 'there were many more participants'.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 According to the text the 'the basic philosophy of The Award' refers to the

- ☒ successful personal growth of young people through volunteering.
- ☐ exciting adventures that families can do together in Tasmania.
- ☐ need for more young people to have healthier lifestyles.
- ☐ encouraging of parents to volunteer at community events.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 According to the text why do people from all over the world choose to visit Tasmania?

- ☐ It is a cheap place to go for a holiday.
- ☒ To enjoy the experience of bush walking in a picturesque place.
- ☐ It is the only place in the world you can do the Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- ☐ It is only a small island so it's well contained.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 According to the text to find out about local community sports you should

- ☐ read the newspapers everyday.
- ☐ join a lot of different clubs.
- ☒ look up a local council website.
- ☐ search the Duke of Edinburgh website.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 This photograph has most likely been chosen to show us that

- ☐ cars can only travel in certain parts of Tasmania.
- ☒ some places in Tasmania are very striking.
- ☐ there are a variety of activities to join in on Tasmania.
- ☐ living in Tasmania might be lonely.

SHADE ONE BOX



7 Young people with a sense of community are valued because

- ☒ Tasmania relies on volunteers.
- ☐ Tasmania has a lot jobs available.
- ☐ Tasmania needs more people to coach awardees.

SHADE ONE BOX



## Text 7: *The Girl with No Name* Questions

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

1 According to the text the boab tree was

- ☐ near the pool.
- ☐ down in the valley.
- ☐ where Matthew hid his backpack.
- ☒ growing in a dangerous place.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 The writer uses a metaphor 'big as a beetle' to describe the size of the ant as

- ☐ smaller than most ants.
- ☐ taller than most ants.
- ☐ being about the same size.
- ☒ much larger than most ants.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 When the ant took a crumb Matthew dropped it was

- ☐ scared.
- ☒ proud.
- ☐ unhappy.
- ☐ happy.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 According to the text when Matthew 'stowed his pack and sleeping bag in the crevice' it is telling us he

- ☐ put it under the boab tree in the shade.
- ☒ carefully put it in a hole in the rocks.
- ☐ threw it on the ground and left it there.
- ☐ accidentally dropped it in the pool of water.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 According to the text the stream had no

- ☐ trees.
- ☒ water.
- ☐ paintings.
- ☐ sunlight.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 6 Why is the boab tree important to Matthew?

Explain your answer.



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

**The boab tree was a sign for Matthew which would help him find his way back to where he started. If he couldn't use the tree to guide him back to where he hid his backpack he would not have food. Matthew would get lost in the bush if he had no sign to guide him back to where he started exploring and looking for rock paintings**

- 7 How does Matthew feel?

- ☐ cautious  
☐ intrigued  
☒ determined  
☐ overwhelmed

SHADE ONE BOX



## Text 8: Puffing Billy Questions

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

- 1 The most important station for the Puffing Billy train is at

- ☐ Gembrook.  
☐ Nobelius Siding.  
☒ Belgrave.  
☐ Menzies Creek.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 2 Select the correct words to complete this sentence. You can see all the way to \_\_\_\_\_ on a sunny day.

- ☒ Arthurs Seat  
☐ a large landslide  
☐ Emerald Lake Park  
☐ Thomas the Tank Engine

SHADE ONE BOX



- 3 Which station has the highest altitude on the Puffing Billy train ride?

- ☐ Fielder  
☐ Selby  
☐ Wright  
☒ Emerald

SHADE ONE BOX



- 4 According to the text at 'The Packing Shed' people can

- ☐ change trains.  
☒ get married.

SHADE ONE BOX



- ☐ have a picnic.
- ☐ go for a swim.

5 The trestle bridges are either side of which area?

- ☒ Wright Forest
- ☐ Port Phillip Bay
- ☐ Cardinia Reservoir
- ☐ Sherbrooke Forest

SHADE ONE BOX



6 What is the effect of including pictures and a map in the layout of this text?



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

**Combining text, images and a map of the railway track helps to persuade us that a ride on the Puffing Billy would be enjoyable. The pictures help us to understand the scenery is natural and exciting. The map of the train tracks links to the places listed in the written section and helps us sequence the different places. It also shows extra information about sights we can see on the train ride.**

7 The bridges along the railway line are made from

- ☐ steel.
- ☒ timber.
- ☐ trestles.
- ☐ planks.

SHADE ONE BOX

