

Year 7 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 complete your new answer.

Student name:

Text 1: Backpacks Questions

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

1 The main message in this text is that

- ☐ backpacks are too dangerous for young children.
- ☐ backpacks are more popular than satchels.
- ☐ backpacks are hard to keep organised.
- ☒ backpacks must be chosen carefully.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 According to the text backpacks can be dangerous if

- ☐ they have too many pockets.
- ☐ they get stuck in your locker.
- ☐ they are balanced on your hip.
- ☒ they cause someone to fall over.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 Backpacks often have a lot of pockets so that

- ☐ you can carry more things to school.
- ☒ you can easily find your things.
- ☐ the weight will not spread out.
- ☐ teachers can give more homework.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 If you weigh 32 kilos then your backpack should not weigh more than

- ☐ 1 kilo
- ☒ 4 kilos
- ☐ 10 kilos
- ☐ 15 kilos

SHADE ONE BOX



5 According to the text, a tingly feeling in your arms or back could be a sign that the straps

- ☐ are too wide.
- ☐ should be flipped.
- ☒ need to be changed.
- ☐ are not strong enough.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 2: Ice Cream Questions

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

1 The *Ice Cream* text is

- ☐ a narrative.
- ☒ a procedure.
- ☐ a recount.
- ☐ an argument.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 The text says, 'Ice cream. It's in the bag.' This is to

- ☐ show where you will find the ice cream.
- ☐ describe how best to store the ice cream.
- ☒ make a play on words about the recipe.
- ☐ highlight that two bags are needed in the recipe.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 One ingredient in the ice cream recipe is different in the list to its picture. Which ingredient is different?

- ☐ the milk
- ☒ the sugar
- ☐ the salt
- ☐ the butter

SHADE ONE BOX



4 How many ingredients are needed to make this ice cream?

- ☐ three
- ☒ four
- ☐ eight
- ☐ ten

SHADE ONE BOX



5 This recipe wants you to learn about

- ☐ healthy eating.
- ☒ how things work.
- ☐ saving electricity.
- ☐ the reuse of materials.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 'Half a teaspoon of vanilla essence (optional)'.

'Optional' means

- ☐ unusual.
- ☐ necessary.
- ☒ not important.
- ☐ needs to be carefully measured.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 3: Albert Einstein Questions

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

1 Where was Albert Einstein born?

- ☐ Austria
- ☒ Germany
- ☐ Australia
- ☐ America

SHADE ONE BOX



2 According to the text Einstein learned best through

- ☐ repetition.
- ☒ creativity.
- ☐ reading books.
- ☐ memory.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 Einstein won the Nobel Prize in

- ☐ 1900.
- ☐ 1912.
- ☒ 1921.
- ☐ 1999.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 Do you think Einstein had a sense of humour?
Use evidence from the text to support your answer.



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

Albert Einstein pretended that he was someone else and joked about who he was with people on the street. He always said, 'Always I am mistaken for Professor Einstein.'

5 Albert Einstein will be remembered as someone

- ☐ who was a comedian.
- ☒ who changed humanity.
- ☐ who was always absent-minded.
- ☐ who failed all his exams.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 According to the text 'a real Einstein' is

- ☐ an absent minded-professor.
- ☐ someone who hates exams.
- ☒ a very clever person.
- ☐ someone who reads a lot.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 4 – Robots Questions

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

1 What is a film synopsis?

- ☐ The blurb for the cover of the DVD pack.
- ☒ The summary of a story told in present tense.
- ☐ The first draft of a story to be made into a film.
- ☐ The credits shown at the beginning of a movie.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 The purpose of this text is to

- ☒ persuade.
- ☐ preview.
- ☐ recount.
- ☐ record.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 According to the text, 'created the visually spectacular world of *Robots* a world filled entirely with whimsical robots' describes

- ☐ a world that is suddenly made by robots.
- ☐ a boring film about how robots live.
- ☐ robots taking over the world.
- ☒ an excellent film that encourages your imagination.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 Rodney Copperbottom is

- ☒ a robot who invents things.
- ☐ the director of the film.
- ☐ a famous Hollywood actor.
- ☐ a robot trapped in a small town.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 Rodney sets out on a quest to meet

- ☐ Mel Brooks.
- ☐ Cappy.
- ☐ the Rusties.
- ☒ Bigweld.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 Who becomes Rodney's best friend?

- ☒ Fender
- ☐ Cappy
- ☐ Bigweld
- ☐ Piper

SHADE ONE BOX





WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

- 7 'The result is a timeless, comedic tale that pushes the boundaries of animation while introducing characters rich with humour and soul, and a heart-warming story that proves that a robot can shine no matter what he is made of.' The purpose of these comments is to persuade you to see the film. Rewrite this statement in your own words.

Robots is a must-see, feel-good, family film. The animations and special effects bring characters to life with lots of laughs for everyone. The message in this film is that no matter how we look everyone is special in their own way.

Text 5: Lord Howe Island Questions

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

- 1 According to the text, Lord Howe Island's importance is shown by it being

- ☐ a great place to go for a holiday.
☐ a regional conservation park.
☒ on the World Heritage List.
☐ on the NSW Property List.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 2 Permanent Park Preserve is an example of

- ☒ caring for the environment for the future.
☐ explaining why kids need parks.
☐ why we should put rubbish in the bin.
☐ advertising a holiday destination.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 3 Lord Howe Island has more plants in common with

- ☒ Australia.
☐ New Zealand.
☐ New Caledonia.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 4 In this text the word 'endemic' means

- ☐ that these plants could make you very sick if you eat them.
☒ this is the only place in the world where they grow naturally.
☐ that there are more than 200 different species on the island.
☐ plants that will only grow on the northern part of the island.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 5 The PPP covers

- ☒ three-quarters of Lord Howe Island.
☐ protection of 200 different plants.
☐ the neighbouring islands.
☐ all the mountains on the island.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 6 According to the text the main difference between a National Park and a Permanent Park Preserve is

- ☐ the value to the community.
☐ the size of the area each covers.
☒ who has the overall responsibility.
☐ the number of threatened species.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 7 According to the text, much of the island flora is of particular conservation interest because the flora

- ☒ is not found elsewhere.
☐ is very brightly coloured.
☐ only grows in mountainous areas.
☐ grows much faster than standard plants.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 6: *Macbeth and Son* Questions

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

- 1 Luke shoved his copy of *Macbeth* to the back of his desk because

- ☐ he did not like studying Shakespeare.
☐ he wanted to take good care of the play.
☒ he was feeling guilty.
☐ he wanted to go and play with friends.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 2 'Three days' is repeated in the extract to

- ☒ emphasise a specific time period in the story.
☐ make more lines to fill up space in a paragraph.
☐ help Luke remember how long something had been.
☐ show Luke missed his mother when she was away.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 3 Luke's Mum sang 'Rocky Mountain High' when she was

- ☐ angry.
☒ happy.
☐ confused.
☐ relaxed.

SHADE ONE BOX



- 4 Luke thinks it's not cheating if

- ☒ you didn't mean to do it.
☐ you don't win a scholarship.
☐ you don't tell anyone.
☐ no one finds out.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 Luke didn't need the scholarship because

- ☐ he hated school and was leaving.
- ☐ he already had one.
- ☐ his Mum needed help on the farm.
- ☒ he could afford the fees.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 The purpose of this text is to show readers that

- ☐ studying Shakespeare's *Macbeth* is no fun.
- ☐ new additions to families are hard to adjust to.
- ☒ cheating causes lots of problems for everyone involved.
- ☐ living on a farm is much better than living in the city.

SHADE ONE BOX



7 Luke did not understand Shakespeare. True or False? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

True. Luke disliked Shakespeare because he did not understand the words he used when he wrote his play *Macbeth*. He did not understand Shakespeare because he was not as clever as the scholarship entrance exam showed.

Text 7: New Year's Watch Questions

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

1 This poem is about

- ☒ the end of another year.
- ☐ an animal.
- ☐ a death in the family.
- ☐ having a party.

SHADE ONE BOX



2 'It's like a snake that crawls into a hole' is a simile used to show

- ☐ you might see a snake at night.
- ☐ it's dark on New Year's Eve.
- ☐ you can't see very well at night.
- ☒ time keeps on moving forward.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 Explain in your own words the meaning of these three lines:

*What man can stop us losing the last trace?
And even if we wanted to tie its tail
No matter how we try, we can't succeed.*



WRITE YOUR OWN ANSWER

Write the answer on the lines.

The poet is comparing our inability to stop another year ending to the

inevitability of approaching the end of our life. It doesn't matter how much we don't want a year to end

we will not be able to succeed in stopping it from happening. The quote is an extended metaphor.

4 A cockerel is a

☒ rooster.

☐ chicken.

☐ duck.

☐ rabbit.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 The phrase 'my span of years' tells us the person is

☐ a young child.

☒ someone older.

☐ a local musician.

☐ a female dancer.

SHADE ONE BOX



6 The purpose of this poem is to

☒ encourage everyone to enjoy every day.

☐ celebrate at a New Year's Eve party.

☐ encourage people to care about their families.

☐ explain why the cockerel wouldn't call.

SHADE ONE BOX



Text 8: *Looking for Alibrandi* Questions

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

1 When did Josephine turn 17?

☐ last month

☐ she is about to turn 17

☒ a few months ago

☐ last year

SHADE ONE BOX



2 In the text 'facade' means

☐ the outsides of houses in Glebe are very beautiful.

☒ the fronts of the houses are beautiful but their backyards might be ugly.

☐ the two-storey houses allow you to see Sydney Harbour from the top floor.

☐ the outsides of houses all look the same.

SHADE ONE BOX



3 Josephine and her mother

- ☐ are always arguing.
- ☐ always agree with each other.
- ☐ don't like each other.
- ☒ get on well but sometimes argue.

SHADE ONE BOX



4 Josephine wishes she could take the bus home after school because

- ☐ she has a lot of homework she needs to get finished.
- ☐ it takes much longer to get home after school.
- ☐ she is seventeen and wants to get a part-time job
- ☒ the boys who catch the bus to Glebe are the best looking.

SHADE ONE BOX



5 How well do Josephine's mother and her grandmother get on? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Josephine's mother and grandmother are always at 'loggerheads' which means that they disagreed all the time. Her grandmother tries to tell her mother what to do and Josephine's mother doesn't like it.
