



NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM
LITERACY AND NUMERACY

READING

YEAR

3

2009



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Time available for students
to complete test: 45 minutes

Use 2B or HB
pencil only



Read *Koalas* on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 6.

1 Where do koalas spend a lot of time?

in the trees

in the water

on the ground

Shade one bubble.



2 Why do koalas come down to the ground?

because they sleep on the ground

because they like to swim

to move to a new tree

to eat gum leaves

3 Which sentence is true?

Koalas eat gum leaves.

Koalas are awake most of the time.

Koalas spend a lot of time in the water.

Koalas like to eat lots of different foods.

4 *The young leaves are the best for them to eat.*

The word *them* refers to

water.

koalas.

gum trees.

young leaves.

5 Koalas spend most of the day

Shade one bubble.



eating.

running.

sleeping.

swimming.

6 Another good title for this text could be

- All about Baby Koalas.
- Everything about Australia.
- Animals from Other Countries.
- An Interesting Australian Animal.

Read *Barbecued Fruit* on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 7 to 11.

7 The words under *What you need* are written as

a list.

a note.

a sentence.

an invitation.

8 To make barbecued fruit, you need two tablespoons each of

- butter and sugar.
- fresh fruit and butter.
- bananas and strawberries.

9 The brush is used to

- mix and stir the sauce.
- cover the fruit with ice-cream.
- thread the fruit onto the sticks.
- spread the sauce onto the fruit.

Shade one bubble.



10 How long should the fruit sticks be cooked?

- for two minutes
- for five minutes
- until the butter melts
- until you are ready to eat them

11 Which of these tells you what to do?

- Barbecued Fruit*
- wooden satay sticks*
- 2 tablespoons of melted butter*
- Thread the fruit onto the sticks.*

YEAR 3 READING

Read *Greetings from Holiday Cove* on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 12 to 18.

12 Who is this postcard being sent to?

Shade one bubble.



Tom

Peter

Kim

Gemma

13 When did Tom arrive at Holiday Cove?

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

14 Which words are used to describe the plane flight?

- fun and scary
- smooth and scary
- great and exciting
- boring and smooth

15 Where is Gemma's caravan?

- Rest Harbour
- Holiday Cove
- crocodile farm
- Lansdowne Parade

16 *P.S. We are leaving here on Friday and sailing to Rest Harbour.*

This sentence

- introduces the writer.
- adds extra information.
- sums up the main points.
- explains what has been said.

Shade one bubble.



17 Write the numbers 1 to 4 in the boxes to show the order of events during Tom's holiday.

- go on a plane flight
- travel to Rest Harbour
- visit the crocodile farm
- arrive in Holiday Cove

Write one number in each box.



18 Why did Tom write this postcard?

- to plan what to do next
- to invite Kim on a holiday
- to tell Kim about his holiday
- to find out how things are going at home

Shade one bubble.



YEAR 3 READING

Read *Little Hao and the Golden Kites* on page 5 of the magazine and answer questions 19 to 25.

19 Little Hao heard the sound of

Shade one bubble.



the north wind. a dragon. kites. drums.

20 Who flew a kite shaped like a dragon?

- Little Hao
- Lord North Wind
- Lord Noble Horse
- Lord Black Mountain

21 The people said “*Aaaah!*” because

- the sunlight blinded their eyes.
- the dragon kite glistened above them.
- the dragon kite won the Emperor’s prize.
- the wind was too strong for the dragon kite.

22 Which word tells us that a kite flew high in the sky?

spread

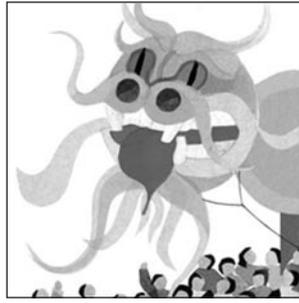
shining

soared

sparkled

23 Which kite belongs to Lord Noble Horse?

Shade one bubble.



24 Write the numbers 1 to 4 in the boxes to show the order of the following events in this story.

Write one number in each box.

- The drums began to play.
- The people gathered by the steps.
- The people cheered their loudest.
- The fire kite sparkled.

25 The Emperor is most likely to award his prize to

Shade one bubble.

- the kite that could fly highest.
- the kite that the people liked best.
- the kite that cost the most to make.
- the kite that belonged to the richest noble.

Read *Should we pay for plastic bags?* on page 6 of the magazine and answer questions 26 to 29.

- 26** What was the focus of the students' research?
- how to make plastic bags cheaper
 - how plastic bags contribute to pollution
 - how many plastic bags are eaten by animals
 - how much people would pay for plastic bags

Shade one bubble.



- 27** Why has a question been used as the title of this text?
- to suggest the writer is an expert
 - to argue that plastic bags kill animals
 - to use humour to make readers laugh
 - to encourage readers to think about the topic

- 28** Why are the words *break down* in brackets in the second paragraph?
- to give an example
 - to give the meaning of *disintegrate*
 - to tell readers how to say *disintegrate*
 - to introduce a new idea to the readers

29

Also, when plastic bags are made ...

Shade one bubble.



This paragraph is mainly about

- how plastic bags pollute the world.
- the ways plastic bags harm animals.
- the price people should pay for plastic bags.
- how many plastic bags people use each year.

Read *Planet Theta* on page 7 of the magazine and answer questions 30 to 35.

30

How does Hanna feel about the planet?

bored

afraid

excited

interested

31

Which of these are living on the planet?

trees

bacteria

animals

mosquitoes

32

Cyril tells Hanna many facts about the planet so that Hanna will

- change her mind about the planet.
- be impressed with his knowledge.
- know how to survive on the planet.
- see that he has visited the planet before.

33 What gives the planet its air?

Shade one bubble.



trees

bacteria

algae

protozoa

34 How many species of protozoan creatures are there on the planet?

nine

eighteen

thirty-eight

fifty-seven

35 When Cyril sighs, it suggests that he is

- struggling to breathe.
- tired from the travels.
- bored with Hanna's questions.
- disappointed with Hanna's response.

END OF TEST

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Read *Tim* on the back cover of the magazine and answer questions P1 and P2.

P1 The story takes place on

- Monday.
- Tuesday.
- Wednesday.
- Thursday.

Shade one bubble.



P2 Write the numbers 1 to 4 in the boxes to show the order in which Tim dressed in this story.

- shoes
- shorts
- shirt
- socks

Write one number in each box.



Illustrations on page 8 adapted from *Little Ho and The Golden Kites* by Mavis Scott, A Little Ark Book, published by Allen & Unwin, 1995.