

# READING

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complete test: 65 minutes

Use 2B or HB  
pencil **only**



Read *The pygmy marmoset* on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 6.

1

The photograph emphasises

- how small a pygmy marmoset is.
- how much a pygmy marmoset likes humans.
- how long a pygmy marmoset's tail is.
- how many legs a pygmy marmoset has.

2

A map is included to show

- where South America is.
- the area where the pygmy marmoset is found.
- a wildlife conservation area in South America.
- rivers where the pygmy marmoset lives.

3

Why can pygmy marmosets climb higher than other monkeys?

- They move very quickly.
- They can jump a long way.
- They have long tails.
- They are very light.

4

According to the text, what is the preferred food of pygmy marmosets?

- nuts
- insects
- sap
- fruit

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In the text, what is compared in size to a human thumb?

- a pygmy marmoset's thumb
- a newborn pygmy marmoset
- a pygmy marmoset's tail
- a male pygmy marmoset

6

Pygmy marmosets have soft brown fur.

This information could be added to

- paragraph 2.
- paragraph 3.
- paragraph 4.
- paragraph 5.

**Read *The mission* on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 7 to 12.**

7

What is the *mistake* mentioned in the first sentence?

- not knowing the house is occupied
- Bella deliberately misleading Ty
- the team going to the wrong house
- Sam not trusting Bella enough

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*We melted soundlessly into the shadows* (paragraph 2) means that the characters

- disappeared into the darkness.
- ducked down below the window.
- were scared to proceed any further.
- panicked and ran away in different directions.

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Ty was angry mainly because

- he sensed Sam was protecting Bella.
- he didn't want to abandon the operation.
- he thought that Bella was unreliable.
- he believed Sam had put them in danger.

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The team *marched boldly up to the front door to finish the job.* (last paragraph)

This suggests that the team

- used force to gain entry to the house.
- behaved dangerously to recover the file.
- approached the house directly to recover the file.
- used speed to surprise the occupants of the house.

11

Ty's attitude across the text changes from

- uninterested to resentful.
- assertive to suspicious.
- bewildered to disappointed.
- frustrated to engaged.

12

Who is in charge of the mission?

- No-one; they are all equal.
- Bella
- Sam
- Ty

Read *The Minotaur* on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 13 to 18.

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Who is Ariadne?

- a Cretan princess
- the Minotaur's master
- an Athenian prisoner
- a ruler from Athens

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In the first paragraph, what attitude is shown by the Athenians in their response to the proposal?

- boldness
- forgiveness
- persistence
- resignation

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What background information is implied in the first paragraph?

- Crete started the war against the Athenians.
- Minos believes that he will lose the war with Athens.
- The war between Athens and Crete is long-running.
- Athens secretly wants the war with Crete to continue.

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The use of the phrase *human cargo* to describe the people on the ship implies that they are

- members of the crew.
- regarded as objects.
- being sold as slaves.
- reluctant to leave the ship.

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According to the text, what is Ariadne's main motivation in helping Theseus?

- She recognises him as an old friend.
- She wants to get away from Crete.
- She is impressed by his bravery.
- She has fallen in love with him.

18

The word (*maze*) is in brackets to show it is

- an alternative term.
- a description.
- an opinion.
- a Greek translation.

**Read *The honey bee mystery* on page 5 of the magazine and answer questions 19 to 25.**

19

What led to the identification and naming of CCD?

- written records of cases from the 1800s
- a sharp rise in the loss of bee colonies
- unusual weather conditions in 2006
- an increase in the demand for honey

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In which situation could CCD be blamed for the death of a colony?

- The adult worker bees have disappeared, there are no dead bees surrounding the hive and the queen bee is absent.
- The queen bee is present, there is no food and the eggs have all hatched.
- There is no food, there are unhatched eggs and all the adult worker bees have disappeared.
- There are no dead bees around the hive, the queen bee is present and some eggs are unhatched.

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What is the main idea of the paragraph beginning *While you may think ... ?* (paragraph 4)

- Bee shortages mean that North America will need to import produce from Australian farmers in the future.
- Although bee colonies are disappearing, farmers are finding solutions to the problem.
- There is money to be made in producing bees to supply to farmers.
- Bee shortages can be very costly for farming communities.

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What is the purpose of the first sentence of paragraph 4?

- to acknowledge an opinion about CCD and then challenge it
- to explain why honey-lovers will be disadvantaged
- to argue that CCD is not a huge problem
- to dismiss the concerns of some groups about CCD

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Why would farmers in the USA hire bees from Australia when it is so far away?

- Australia supplies the cheapest bees.
- Australia's bees are the best at pollination.
- Australia has not been affected by CCD as yet.
- Australia produces the most honey in the world.

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*Scientists and beekeepers are racing against time ...*

What does this quotation imply?

- It is simply a matter of time before a solution is found.
- Research is proceeding at a rapid rate.
- The scientists want to be the first to solve the problem.
- There is a degree of urgency involved in this issue.

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The text ends with

- a call to action.
- a counter-argument.
- a summary of facts.
- an admission of defeat.

**Read *Hard running* on page 6 of the magazine and answer questions 26 to 31.**

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What is the main source of tension between Benny and his father?

- Benny prefers running during the week whereas his father likes to run on the weekend.
- Benny's father doesn't mind running in bad weather whereas Benny dislikes it.
- Benny thinks trees are important whereas his father thinks they are uninteresting.
- Benny's father likes to be active on weekends whereas Benny would prefer to relax.

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The words *eager-beaver* indicate that Benny thinks his father is being

- obnoxious.
- temperamental.
- overzealous.
- boring.

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Which word could replace *onslaught* (paragraph 3) and retain the writer's meaning?

- ambush
- assault
- disruption
- confusion



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Benny likens the running conditions to *torture* and being caught up in an *ancient battle* because

- he is using his imagination to make the run seem more exciting.
- he is exaggerating his negative thoughts about the run.
- he is experiencing actual physical pain.
- he feels he was forced into spending time with his father.

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The descriptions in paragraph 5 mainly focus on one of the five senses.

What is this sense?

Sense of \_\_\_\_\_

Give one example from paragraph 5 to support your answer.

Example \_\_\_\_\_

31

Benny's main intention when he says, *Let's take a look*, is

- to have a break from running.
- to investigate the tree roots.
- to provoke his father.
- to see if the tree can be saved.

**Read *A way forward* on page 7 of the magazine and answer questions 32 to 37.**

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Why does Wawan switch from the pronoun *you* in his first sentence to *we* in his second? (paragraph 5)

- to show that it is his duty to represent the animals
- to put forward the view of the global conservationist group
- to shift from speaking to just Ari to addressing the whole group
- to highlight that he and the villagers should have a common interest

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Ari's decision to side with the loggers seems like

- a logical one—the villagers need jobs.
- an emotional one—his sick daughter needs a doctor.
- a rational one—the village is more important than trees.
- an impulsive one—he wants to get home to his children.

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When the older man says, *You need to think about what you are asking for*, he is suggesting that Ari is too willing to sacrifice

- nature for convenience.
- animals for jobs.
- medicine for the forest.
- routine for profit.

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*Soon, villagers began speaking all at once.* (second-last paragraph)

What does this suggest about the meeting?

- Constructive discussion is taking place among the locals.
- The villagers are strongly opposed to Wawan's argument.
- Opinion is still divided and agreement might be difficult.
- The villagers have no respect for Budi as the village head.

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What best sums up the argument proposed by those who are against logging?

- Endangered animals will be harmed.
- The traditional way of life is better.
- The doctors in the city are accessible.
- Destruction of the forest is irreversible.

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What criticism of Wawan is likely to be made by others at the meeting?

- that no one there agrees with his point of view
- that he has no personal stake in the issues
- that his concerns in the matter are entirely selfish
- that he works for the logging company and cannot be trusted

**Read *Gliding through the deep* on page 8 of the magazine and answer questions 38 to 43.**

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What provides the energy that the AUVs require to move around the ocean?

- stored energy from wave and ocean currents
- solar energy gathered when the AUV is on the surface
- control of water being drawn in and out of the AUV
- onboard fuel cells charged and installed prior to launching

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What happens when gliders surface?

- They recharge their power units.
- They undergo routine maintenance.
- Their position is confirmed visually.
- They send information back to base.

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*... it is one of the most potent research tools in Australia's Integrated Marine Observing System (IMOS) arsenal ...* (paragraph 2)

This implies that

- AUVs are the sole provider of under-sea information.
- AUVs provide the best option for gathering data in the ocean.
- AUVs are underrated for their data-gathering capabilities.
- AUVs provide a valuable option for gathering under-sea data.

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What is the main purpose of paragraph 3?

- to highlight the advantages of AUVs over other observation methods
- to describe the range of locations covered by the AUV fleet
- to explain how IMOS achieved its goal of reducing running costs
- to show how IMOS is at the forefront of developing research technology

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According to the text, AUVs are highly cost-effective in gathering data because

- they can transmit their findings electronically to IMOS.
- they are able to remain underwater for four to five hours at a time.
- they are low maintenance and do not require ship-based support.
- they use the same amount of energy as an average car.

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Which quotation from the text best suggests the broader applications of the AUV program?

- With an operational life span of around six months between maintenance stops ...*
- ... makes a valuable contribution to the world weather communications network.*
- ... demonstrated just how economical underwater gliders really are.*
- The glider nicknamed the 'Scarlet Knight' crossed the Atlantic Ocean ...*

**Read *Peer pressure – a positive perspective* on page 9 of the magazine and answer questions 44 to 49.**

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Which statement is supported by the text?

- Peer pressure most frequently has negative outcomes.
- People need strategies to deal with peer pressure.
- Most people are affected by peer pressure.
- Peer pressure is the major cause of teenage rebellion.

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Which other term in the text is closest in meaning to *innate*? (paragraph 2)

- advantageous*
- hard-wired*
- hypothetical*
- one-dimensional*

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What is the main purpose of paragraph 3?

- to explain the complexities of the writer's argument
- to provide an example to support the writer's argument
- to illustrate the universal application of the writer's argument
- to draw attention to the general acceptance of the writer's argument

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In paragraph 4, there is reference to *the established ethos of the band*.

In this text, *the established ethos* of a group refers to the members'

- accepted code of behaviour.
- collective response to any new challenge.
- obedience to rules and regulations.
- acceptance of rewards and punishments.

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Why are scientific investigations which look at the positive impacts of peer pressure often ignored?

- These investigations rarely find solid evidence of positive effects.
- Peer pressure is not a process which can be altered.
- Stories about the harm it does are considered more compelling.
- The research does not have applications for the broader community.

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The text ends with a sense of

- negativity.
- challenge.
- inevitability.
- ambivalence.

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