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

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Koalas spend most of the day eating, running, sleeping, swimming.

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.

The words under *What you need* are written as
- a list.
- a note.
- a sentence.
- an invitation.

To make barbecued fruit, you need two tablespoons each of
- butter and sugar.
- fresh fruit and butter.
- bananas and strawberries.
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.

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

Which of these tells you what to do?
- *Barbecued Fruit*
- wooden satay sticks
- 2 tablespoons of melted butter
- *Thread the fruit onto the sticks.*
12 Who is this postcard being sent to?
- 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.

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

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
19. Little Hao heard the sound of
   - 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?

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

- 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

- 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

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
Also, when plastic bags are made …

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.
What gives the planet its air?

- trees
- bacteria
- algae
- protozoa

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

- nine
- eighteen
- thirty-eight
- fifty-seven

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.

**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


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