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PERSUASIVE WRITING
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TEST TIMES

0:45 Time available to complete the Reading Test: 45 minutes.

0:40 Time available to complete the Writing Test: 40 minutes.

0:40 Time available to complete the Language Conventions Test: 40 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS

- ✓ No dictionaries, books or notes allowed.
- ✓ Read all instructions carefully.
- ✓ Shade in **one** bubble only for multiple-choice questions.
- ✓ If you make a mistake, use an eraser to rub out your old answer.
- ✓ Check your answers when you have finished.
- ✓ Use a 2B or HB pencil only.

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

1 When was the dog lost?

- ○ after hours
- ○ Sunday 6 June
- ○ three years ago
- ○ at Kingston Park

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2 Which words from the text indicate that the dog has a health problem?

- ○ dark patch over left eye
- ○ Friendly, gentle, playful, much-loved family pet.
- ○ Needs daily medication.
- ○ desexed, registered, microchipped and ear tattooed

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3 What is the best heading for the information listed under the bullet points?

- ○ physical description of the dog
- ○ character and nature of the dog
- ○ age and family history of the dog
- ○ contact details for the owner of the dog

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4 What additional information would be the most helpful for someone who had found the dog and wished to contact the owner?

- ○ the actual work hours
- ○ the dog's favourite food
- ○ the list of the dog's tricks
- ○ the names of other family pets

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5 *REWARD OFFERED*

Why have these words been included in the text?

- ○ to let people know that the dog likes rewards
- ○ to impress people with how much the dog costs
- ○ to make sure that people take the message seriously
- ○ to let people know that the owner has lots of money

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6 Where would you most likely see this text?

- ○ national magazine
- ○ regional television
- ○ large city newspaper
- ○ local shopping centre

Read *Useful farm animals* on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 7 to 12.

7 According to the text, goats are suited to small farms because of their

- ○ small size.
- ○ special diet.
- ○ calm nature.
- ○ friendly nature.

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8 According to the text, which farm animals are no longer as popular as they used to be?

- ○ cows
- ○ goats
- ○ horses
- ○ chickens

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9 According to the text, which farm animals are used for sports?

- ○ cows
- ○ goats
- ○ horses
- ○ chickens

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10 The text mentions the health benefits of all the farm animals except one. Which one is this?

○ cows ○ goats ○ horses ○ chickens

11 *roosters can be a problem, especially early in the morning*

Give a reason to support this statement.

_____

_____

12 Who is this text written for?

○ farmers
○ students
○ sports people
○ racehorse owners

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

13 How does Tim act towards his sister?

○ He teases her.
○ He helps her.
○ He ignores her.
○ He is kind to her.

14 *Today is my chance.*

What chance is Megan referring to?

○ going to her Dad's work
○ climbing the tree by herself
○ going shopping with her Mum
○ joining Tim at his mate's place

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YEAR 3 TEACHER SUPPORT MATERIAL

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YEAR 3 READING: ANSWERS

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

P1. C (plankton) This is a factual location question from the information text.
P2. B (size) This is a factual retrieval question from the information text.
P3. A (fish) This is a factual location question from the information text.
P4. D (information) This question tests the understanding of the genre (information text).
P5. This is a short-answer question. Students are sometimes required to write short answers in NAPLAN* Reading Tests. These types of questions are usually limited in number because of the logistics and cost of marking the responses in a national test. However, they are a worthwhile test instrument as long as the rubric is unambiguous and not too difficult for the age level. Traditionally, short-answer questions have a high omission rate in test programs because many students couldn't be bothered writing an answer. There is usually a high omission rate for short-answer questions. Explain to your students that it is important to attempt to answer every question.
Answers to this question must mention the reason that whale sharks are harmless, i.e. because they mostly eat plankton / do not eat people.
Examples of acceptable answers: (1 mark)

- Whale sharks don't eat people.
- They eat tiny sea creatures (plankton).

Examples of unacceptable answers: (0 marks)

- Whale sharks don't swim around people. (Incorrect – the illustration in the text shows they do swim around people,)
- They are harmless. (Repeats the question and does not give a reason.)
- They are very huge animals. (Irrelevant information to the question.)

READING PRACTICE TEST 1

Lost dog
1. B
2. C
3. A
4. A
5. C
6. D

Useful farm animals
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. C
11. Short-answer question. See marking rubric below.
Examples of acceptable answers: (1 mark)

- Roosters crow early in the morning (and this can wake people up).

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