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PERSUASIVE WRITING
NARRATIVE WRITING
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TEST TIMES

0:50 Time available to complete the Reading Test: 50 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 *Making a fly trap* on page 2 of the magazine and answer questions 1 to 6.

1 What is the most suitable alternative heading for *What you need*?

- ○ Ingredients
- ○ Solutions
- ○ Materials
- ○ Processes

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2 Which step explains how flies are trapped?

○ Step 3 ○ Step 4 ○ Step 8 ○ Step 9

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3 The examples of suitable bait are best described as

- ○ rare.
- ○ strange.
- ○ unusual.
- ○ commonplace.

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4 Why has 'HIGH' been written in capital letters in Step 9?

- ○ to emphasise the need for height
- ○ to create interest in the text
- ○ to show where flies are found
- ○ to stress the nature of the smell

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5 The warning tells the reader that

- ○ the trap will only work in your local area.
- ○ the trap only attracts some types of flies.
- ○ flies will come from elsewhere to your trap.
- ○ only flies that live in the area will be trapped.

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6 The trap is best described as

- ○ simple and practical.
- ○ technical and scientific.
- ○ unusual and controversial.
- ○ complicated and hard to make.

Read *How to train your dragon* on page 3 of the magazine and answer questions 7 to 12.

7 *HTTYD is a 'zero to hero' story*

This tells us that Hiccup is

- ○ a useless hero.
- ○ a terrible hero.
- ○ an unlikely hero.
- ○ an unpopular hero.

8 *Stoick is disappointed in him at first*

This tells the reader that, by the end of the movie, Stoick

- ○ continues to ignore his son.
- ○ learns that his son is different.
- ○ teaches his son to kill dragons.
- ○ can live with his disappointment.

9 *How to train your dragon* (HTTYD)

The letters (HTTYD) are in parentheses ( ) to show that they are

- ○ an acronym.
- ○ a slang word.
- ○ a familiar word.
- ○ an abbreviation.

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10 What is the main reason for mentioning the *Shrek* films and *Kung-Fu Panda*?

- ○ to give examples of other DreamWorks movies
- ○ to give examples of other 'zero to hero' stories
- ○ to show that these movies have battle scenes
- ○ to show that the writer has seen these movies

11 Why does the writer mention the movie *Hercules*?

- ○ It has 3D animation.
- ○ It has a similar type of story.
- ○ It is made by the same company.
- ○ It is also about Vikings and dragons.

12 *It teaches you that looks aren't everything.*

This is best described as the

- ○ moral of the story.
- ○ climax of the story.
- ○ ending of the story.
- ○ weakness of the story.

Read *Save Turtle Creek* on page 4 of the magazine and answer questions 13 to 18.

13 How does the writer feel about the new suburb?

- ○ It is important but should be built back from the creek.
- ○ It is unimportant and should be built close to the creek.
- ○ It is important but should be built elsewhere.
- ○ It is unimportant and could be built anywhere.

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YEAR 5 TEACHER SUPPORT MATERIAL

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YEAR 5 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

Making a fly trap

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

How to train your dragon [This is a Year 3/5 vertical link. *]

7. C
8. B
9. D
10. A
11. B
12. A

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