



# AIM 2004

Achievement Improvement Monitor

**Year**  
**7**

## STATEWIDE ENGLISH TEST

### STUDENT DETAILS

Student and school names should be written  
(in block letters) as they appear on the parent report.

TEACHERS, PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY



STUDENT'S FIRST NAME

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STUDENT'S LAST NAME

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SCHOOL'S NAME



DATE OF BIRTH

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- 1. Is this student a Boy or a Girl? Boy  Girl
- 2. Is this student Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander? No  Yes
- 3. Does this student have a language background other than English? No  Yes

### CENTRALLY ASSESSED TASKS

Please shade the appropriate bubble(s) if this student did NOT do the task.

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## Year 7 Practice Questions

Turn to page 5 of *Horizons* and answer question P1.

Shade one bubble

**P1** The title of the passage on page 5 is

- Brigitte Muir.
- Natural Shelter.
- Improving plastics.

For questions P2 and P3 you do NOT need *Horizons*.

Write one word in the box

**P2** Write the circled word correctly in the space provided.

Dani is the quickest runner in our class.

**P3** Where is the best place to put a question mark (?) in this passage?

Shade one bubble

It's a lovely day  Do you want to go swimming  I think it will be great fun

## Year 7 English – Reading

You have 45 minutes to finish up to the end of page 9.

Turn to page 2 of *Horizons*. Read *Left with the Baby* and answer questions 1 to 5.

Shade one bubble

**1** Tamara is going to look after

- a baby girl.
- a newborn baby.
- four-year-old twins.
- a pretty, blonde four-year-old.

**2** The Seatons were

- babysitters.
- Tamara's parents.
- restaurant owners.
- a family with twins.

**3** The Marriots knew that Tamara would be a good babysitter because

- they knew Tamara's family.
- they had employed her before.
- their other babysitters had been trouble.
- she was recommended by another family.

**4** The Marriots were probably worried about

- the Seaton's twins.
- their baby's behaviour.
- their clothes and make-up.
- spending money on babysitters.

**5** Tamara wondered if babysitting was worth it because of

- her young age.
- worried parents.
- difficult children.
- well-behaved children.



Turn to page 3 of *Horizons*. Read *Key dates in Antarctic history* and answer questions 6 to 10.

**6** The 1991 International agreement has put a ban on

- mining.
- fishing.
- tourism.
- research.

Shade one  
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**7** When was the Antarctic Treaty signed?

- 1947
- 1957
- 1959
- 1961

**8** In the passage, the names 'Discovery' and 'Nimrod' refer to

- boats.
- places.
- people.
- expeditions.

**9** Which group of people were the first to spend a winter in Antarctica?

- the British
- the Belgians
- the Americans
- the Australians

**10** The first person to lead an expedition that reached the South Pole was

- Scott.
- Mawson.
- Amundsen.
- Shackleton.



Turn to page 4 of *Horizons*. Read *Natural Shelter* and answer questions 11 to 15.

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**11** The advice in this passage is mainly about finding shelter from the

- sun.
- rain.
- wind.
- snow.

**12** The first paragraph introduces the idea of

- knowing which areas to avoid.
- when the weather is likely to change.
- being aware of possible shelter spots.
- looking out for dangerous animals in the bush.

**13** A problem with using a hollow tree or cave for shelter is that they may

- be hard to find.
- have animals in them.
- be part of a wind channel.
- have dangerous overhangs.

**14** An unsuitable place to shelter from the wind would be in a

- cave.
- gully.
- trench.
- depression.

**15** In the last paragraph, the claim that wind force can be reduced when inside the tree-line is

- supported by two specific examples.
- compared to the case of creeks and gullies.
- illustrated by reference to wildlife behaviour.
- disproved by the writer's personal experience.



Turn to page 5 of *Horizons*. Read *Brigitte Muir* and answer questions 16 to 19.

**16** What does the phrase 'the Seven Summits' refer to?

- a range of mountains in Tibet
- the seven highest mountains in the world
- the highest mountain on each continent of the world
- seven mountains that only Brigitte Muir has climbed

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**17** In Extract 2, what does Brigitte Muir say about bliss on the summit?

- She always experiences bliss on the summit.
- She has never experienced bliss on the summit.
- She only experiences bliss if it has been an easy climb.
- She only experiences bliss if it has been a challenging climb.

**18** When Brigitte uses the word 'you' in Extracts 2 and 3, who is she referring to?

- herself
- the reader
- other climbers, but not herself
- any climber, including herself

**19** According to Brigitte Muir, being a successful climber involves

- bravery.
- strength.
- confidence.
- concentration.



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- 20** Both of these letters
- explain the different uses of skate parks.
  - describe the history of skate parks in the area.
  - present a point of view about building a skate park.
  - encourage more people to use skate parks for recreation.

- 21** In Corey Bell's view, graffiti is an
- enjoyable, harmless activity.
  - important part of a skateboard rider's culture.
  - acceptable means of expression for young people.
  - undesirable result of kids having nothing better to do.

- 22** 'What else am I meant to do?'  
Corey Bell asks this question so that readers will
- understand his situation.
  - appreciate that he is meant to use skate parks.
  - recommend places for him to ride his skateboard.
  - believe that he does not enjoy riding his skateboard on the footpath.

- 23** 'I am quite possibly one of the people who told off Corey Bell as he careered through the town.'  
Why does M Cassen write 'quite possibly'?
- She remembers telling off Corey Bell.
  - She is offering Corey Bell an apology.
  - She is embarrassed that she told off Corey Bell.
  - She is not sure if the person she told off is Corey Bell.

- 24** Which word best describes the tone of M Cassen's letter?
- pleading
  - agreeable
  - sympathetic
  - determined



Turn to page 7 of *Horizons*. Read *Improving plastics* and answer questions 25 to 28.

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**25** A problem with modern plastics is that they are

- expensive to make.
- very easy to break.
- hard to stick to other things.
- difficult to mould into shapes.

**26** The SICOR process involves changing the

- glue in plastics.
- shape of plastics.
- velcro in plastics.
- surface of plastics.

**27** The final paragraph of the article suggests that the SICOR process

- will not harm the environment.
- needs more trialling and testing.
- cannot be used with existing plastics.
- is difficult to adapt for use in industry.

**28** The main purpose of this article is to explain

- the importance of the CSIRO.
- how modern products are used.
- how to protect our environment.
- how science is solving a problem.

Turn to page 7 of *Horizons*. Read *Storm Bird* and answer questions 29 and 30.

**29** The poem describes the connection between the storm bird and

- the rain.
- its song.
- an omen.
- the landscape.

**30** When a bushman hears the storm bird he most likely feels

- sad.
- angry.
- pleased.
- surprised.



For questions 31 to 48 you do NOT need *Horizons*.

Which word should be used to complete these sentences?

Shade one bubble

31 \_\_\_\_\_ he got up early, he was still late for school.

- So
- For
- Because
- Although

32 Rod arrived \_\_\_\_\_ of all.

- last
- late
- later
- least

33 Which sentence is written correctly?

- Who's dog had puppies?
- Whom coming to dinner?
- Whose solved the puzzle?
- Who caught a fish for dinner?

34 Which sentence is written correctly?

- This path doesn't lead nowhere.
- The sailor hasn't never seen his son.
- This bicycle is worth no more than ten dollars.
- The nurse couldn't do nothing with the patient.

35 Which sentence would be most appropriate to start a factual report?

- Midge the magpie was off to the bush.
- Magpies are found in most parts of Australia.
- This doesn't explain why some magpies swoop.
- I really enjoyed the sight of the magpies in Blackburn Park.

36 Which sentence is most likely to be the start of a suspense story?

- When knitting cables, a short extra needle is used.
- Trees were growing along the edge of the country road.
- The soft squeak of an opening door broke the dark silence.
- The issue of global warming needs to be thoroughly discussed.

37 Where is the best place to break this passage into two paragraphs?

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Buffalo are native to North America.  The first white settlers had never seen animals like them and found them very interesting.  They made sketches to capture their appearance.  Native Americans were very familiar with buffalo and knew how to hunt them effectively.  They ate the meat and used the hides for clothing and shelter.





Which word in each of the following questions is spelled **incorrectly**?

- 38**
- vacation
  - secretary
  - unnecessary
  - repetition

- 39**
- wraped
  - wooden
  - witness
  - weight

Shade one bubble

- 40**
- technical
  - persentage
  - maximum
  - vertical

- 41**
- clumsy
  - awful
  - gorgeous
  - dignified

The spelling errors in these sentences have been circled.  
Write the words correctly in the space provided.

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