



STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT

AIM 2007

Achievement Improvement Monitor

**Year
5**

ENGLISH TEST

STUDENT DETAILS

TEST INSTRUCTIONS

1. You must do your own work.
2. Do not speak to other students during the test.
3. Raise your hand if you need to speak to the teacher.
4. Follow all directions given to you by the teacher.
5. All questions must be answered using the pencil you have been given. If you need to change an answer, carefully erase it and write another answer.
6. To confirm you have the correct booklet, print your name below.

Print your name here:

YOU HAVE 50 MINUTES TO FINISH UP TO THE END OF PAGE 10.

Practice Questions

Turn to page 6 of *Making Tracks* and answer question P1.

P1

The title of the passage on page 6 is

- ☐ Going ape!
- ☐ Shopping Day.
- ☐ The can opener.
- ☐ China's Clay Warriors.

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For questions P2 to P4 you do NOT need *Making Tracks*.

P2

Which of the underlined words should end with an 's'?

How many of your friend are coming tonight?

- ☐ ☐ ☐

P3

Which word should be used to complete this sentence?

What is the _____ book you have ever read?

- ☐ so
- ☐ my
- ☐ best

P4

Where is the best place to put a question mark (?) in the following passage?

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

You have 50 minutes to finish up to the end of page 10.

Reading

Turn to page 2 of *Making Tracks*.

Read 'Leigh Hobbs' and answer questions 1 to 4.

1

When he was a boy, Leigh Hobbs wanted to become

- ☐ a writer.
- ☐ an artist.
- ☐ a teacher.
- ☐ an animator.

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2

Leigh Hobbs made Larry and Lizzy Luna while he was in

- ☐ Williamstown.
- ☐ Melbourne.
- ☐ London.
- ☐ Sydney.

3

While he was living in London, Leigh Hobbs worked at

- ☐ a pie factory.
- ☐ an art school.
- ☐ a cake factory.
- ☐ an amusement park.

4

Larry and Lizzy Luna are examples of Leigh Hobbs's work as

- ☐ a painter.
- ☐ an author.
- ☐ a sculptor.
- ☐ an illustrator.

Turn to page 3 of *Making Tracks*. Read 'Shopping Day' and answer questions 5 to 10.

5

Darren tried to hide under the covers because

- ☐ he didn't want to wash his sheets.
- ☐ he was frightened of the alarm.
- ☐ he didn't want to go shopping.
- ☐ he was still tired.

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6

'Darren seems to have completely disappeared.'

Darren's mother said this out loud because she

- ☐ knew Darren was in the room.
- ☐ couldn't find Darren in the store.
- ☐ wanted Darren to wash his sheets.
- ☐ didn't think Darren could hear her.

7

Darren's mother sounds like the type of shopper who

- ☐ never buys anything.
- ☐ asks the staff lots of questions.
- ☐ knows exactly what she wants.
- ☐ likes to look at everything in the store.

8

'THOUSANDS' and 'SO BORED' are written in capital letters to help show that Darren is

- ☐ thinking to himself.
- ☐ buying lots of things.
- ☐ speaking very loudly.
- ☐ having an awful time.

9

What was the first thing Darren expected his mother to buy?

- ☐ a duster
- ☐ a bread bin
- ☐ a clothes peg
- ☐ a birthday card

10

Who is Mrs Winterburn?

- ☐ Darren's mother
- ☐ Darren's grandmother
- ☐ the owner of the hardware store

Turn to page 4 of *Making Tracks*.

Read 'Going ape!' and answer questions 11 to 15.

11

According to the passage, an omnivore is an animal that

- ☐ lives in Africa.
- ☐ eats only bananas.
- ☐ eats meat and fruit.
- ☐ is an excellent hunter.

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The author thinks that gym equipment would be an unsuitable present because chimpanzees

- ☐ don't need to improve their strength.
- ☐ are already excellent hunters and fighters.
- ☐ don't have the skills to use gym equipment.
- ☐ are able to make their own tools and equipment.

13

The main purpose of the underlined headings is to

- ☐ make the passage more attractive.
- ☐ show the correct order for reading the information.
- ☐ indicate that new information is about to be introduced.
- ☐ help the reader decide which pieces of information are true.

14

Which of the following suggests that the author thinks chimpanzees are clever?

- ☐ '... are omnivores ...'
- ☐ '... can easily outwit their target ...'
- ☐ '... and they are not afraid to use it!'
- ☐ '... a chimpanzee's body acts as an insulator.'

15

The word 'fish' is written in inverted commas (' ') because the chimpanzees

- ☐ are very good at fishing.
- ☐ are catching termites, not fish.
- ☐ have made their own fishing rods.
- ☐ only poke gently into the termite mounds.

Turn to page 5 of *Making Tracks*.

Read 'China's Clay Warriors' and answer questions 16 to 20.

16

Emperor Qin designed his tomb so that people would

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- ☐ think that he was still alive.
- ☐ remember him after his death.
- ☐ not be able to find it after he had died.
- ☐ remember what his soldiers looked like.

17

The officers in Emperor Qin's army were recognisable because they

- ☐ rode horses.
- ☐ wore armour.
- ☐ wore helmets.
- ☐ rode in chariots.

18

The passage suggests that Emperor Qin was

- ☐ weak but fair.
- ☐ tough but effective.
- ☐ intelligent but moody.
- ☐ misunderstood but loved.

19

Each soldier in the clay army was designed to look like

- ☐ Emperor Qin.
- ☐ an individual.
- ☐ a 2000-year-old soldier.
- ☐ a tiny copy of a real soldier.

20

How many people worked on the construction of the clay warriors?

- ☐ 2000
- ☐ 3000
- ☐ 8000
- ☐ 700 000

Turn to page 6 of *Making Tracks*.

Read 'The can opener' and answer questions 21 to 25.

21

The development of can openers is a good example of how

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- ☐ inventions never work at first.
- ☐ inventors try to hide their mistakes.
- ☐ inventions can be improved over time.
- ☐ inventors always solve problems in the same way.

22

What made the development of can openers possible?

- ☐ improvements to bayonets
- ☐ thinner steel being used to make cans
- ☐ the ability to make large curved blades
- ☐ developments made by the British Navy

23

What was Peter Durand's 'oversight'?

- ☐ He made cans that were very heavy.
- ☐ He didn't provide instructions for opening his cans.
- ☐ He forgot to put food into the cans before he sealed them.
- ☐ He didn't design a simple way to open the cans he had invented.

24

Can openers were first invented in

- ☐ 1813.
- ☐ the 1860s.
- ☐ the 1870s.
- ☐ 1931.

25

Which of the following questions is NOT answered in the passage?

- ☐ How do modern can openers work?
- ☐ For whom was canned food invented?
- ☐ When was the modern can opener invented?
- ☐ Where was the electric can opener invented?

Turn to page 7 of *Making Tracks*.

Read 'The Bush Track' and answer questions 26 to 30.

26

Why did Gillian stop walking?

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- ☐ She was lost.
- ☐ It was time to go back.
- ☐ She had seen a lyrebird.
- ☐ She wanted to take photos.

27

What is described as a 'bright green sea'?

- ☐ the track
- ☐ the creek
- ☐ the young trees
- ☐ the wildflowers

28

The passage suggests that Gillian

- ☐ had walked along the track before.
- ☐ found the track difficult to follow.
- ☐ knew where the lyrebirds were hiding.
- ☐ was unaware that there had been a bushfire.

29

What had benefited from the bushfires?

- ☐ the soil
- ☐ the creek
- ☐ the ti-tree
- ☐ the bridge

30

Why did Gillian feel sad when she got down to the creek?

- ☐ The bridge was burnt.
- ☐ She could hardly see the water.
- ☐ There was very little vegetation.
- ☐ There was nothing to photograph.

Language Conventions

For questions 31 to 38 you do NOT need *Making Tracks*.

31

Which word should be used to complete this sentence?

My drum makes a _____ noise than your drum.

- ☐ loud
- ☐ louder
- ☐ loudest

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32

Which word should be used to complete this sentence?

Joanne and _____ house is in Denton Street.

- ☐ Roberts
- ☐ Roberts'
- ☐ Robert's

33

Which sentence gives an **opinion** about a test?

- ☐ The test will take 15 minutes.
- ☐ Yesterday's test was incredibly easy.
- ☐ Sam wondered if he would be able to do the test.
- ☐ Rhonda has been studying for three weeks for this test.

34

Which of the following is punctuated correctly?

- ☐ "Are you sure? asked Marvin. I thought it was due to start at noon!"
- ☐ "Are you sure" asked Marvin? "I thought it was due to start at noon"
- ☐ "Are you sure?" asked Marvin. "I thought it was due to start at noon!"
- ☐ "Are you sure? "asked Marvin" "I thought it was due to start at noon!"

35

The apostrophe (') in the word **wasn't** is used to show that

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- ☐ a letter has been left out.
- ☐ someone is saying something.
- ☐ the word is spelled incorrectly.
- ☐ something belongs to someone.

36

Which of the underlined words is a **verb**?

I chose my subjects carefully at the start of the school year.

- ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

37

Which of the following is written correctly?

- ☐ Having fall badly, the runner retired from the competition.
- ☐ Having fallen badly, the runner retired from the competition.
- ☐ Having falling badly, the runner retired from the competition.
- ☐ Having been fell badly, the runner retired from the competition.

38

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

Netball is an extremely popular non-contact sport in Australia. ☐ It requires good passing skills, agile footwork and excellent coordination. ☐ Playing netball is a really effective way of staying fit. ☐ Tennis, on the other hand, is a different type of sport altogether and requires skills like smashing, serving and being able to hit a ball with a racquet. ☐ Tennis is played on many different surfaces in a rectangular court.



Spelling – You have 15 minutes to complete Task A and Task B.

Task A – Dictation

Wait for your teacher to read the dictation to you.
When your teacher tells you, write the word in the space provided.

On the ^{1.} Joel will
 ^{2.} to Brisbane to stay with his cousins.
It will be the first time he has ^{3.}
on an ^{4.} .
He is very ^{5.}
about his ^{6.} .
Last night Joel ^{7.} his cousins
to make ^{8.}
they knew his ^{9.} time.
His cousins are looking ^{10.}
to having a visitor. They ^{11.} Joel
will like the ^{12.} in their local area.

Task B – Editing

You are to complete this task by yourself.
The spelling errors in these sentences have been circled.
Write the words correctly in the spaces provided.

1 "It's amazing how much the trees have growen since last year," said Nana.

1.

2 The play couldn't bigin until everyone was sitting quietly.

2.

3 I coloured my drawing with the litest shade of blue I could find.

3.

4 Her athletic abilty improved as her training increased.

4.

5 Only two of the players had injurys after the match.

5.

6 The entrance was so low that I had to neel down to get inside.

6.

7 The problem of polution is one that must be taken seriously.

7.

8 The owl screached as it swooped down from the tree.

8.