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Component 2: Reading

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Sign the declaration.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*
- You do not need to write in sentences.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 20.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- This question paper assesses your reading skills, not your writing skills.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Keep an eye on the time.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Read Text A and answer questions 1 – 7.

Text A

You are interested in unusual pets and read this leaflet in a pet shop.

Have you ever thought of keeping a pet snake?

Meet the corn snake

Have you ever thought of keeping a snake? Snakes have become increasingly popular as pets in the past ten years because they are fascinating creatures and, if treated with respect, will trust their owners. There are many types of snakes, for example California kingsnakes, that can become very tame and are remarkably hygienic.

Responsible pet shops will only sell snakes that are bred in captivity because snakes like adders, which are caught in the wild, can be unhappy and stressed if kept at home and are also prone to illnesses and diseases.

Many people think that corn snakes are an excellent choice for absolute beginners. Corn snakes are usually dark yellow and originally came from south east USA, where grain farmers store corn which attracts vermin such as rats. These rats attract corn snakes that are active during the night when the temperature cools down.

Corn snakes are not poisonous and are usually very calm. Although they live on the ground, they are also excellent climbers and will always try to escape. Housing them is easy: they must be kept in secure glass tanks with a heat pad and a water bowl. They will need a hide, for example a paper towel roll, and do not need special lighting but they do like small logs in their tanks.

They are small when born but can grow up to six feet long and can live for more than twenty years. They are easy to breed and become used to being handled. Every few days corn snakes should be fed highly nutritious food that can be specially bought from pet shops.

Beginners should never try to keep large snakes like boa constrictors, as these need special feeding and housing as well as expert handling. Water snakes are also not suitable for beginners.

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Answer questions 1 to 3 with a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

1 The **main** purpose of Text A is to:

- A advise people how to keep boa constrictors
- B encourage people to keep corn snakes as pets
- C describe why water snakes make good pets
- D explain why adders are always bred in captivity

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 According to Text A, why should beginners avoid having large snakes as pets?

- A They need special handling.
- B They may carry diseases.
- C They may become stressed.
- D They are active during the night.

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 According to Text A, which **one** of the following statements is correct?

- A Corn snakes never try to escape.
- B Corn snakes are difficult to breed.
- C Corn snakes are usually dark yellow.
- D Corn snakes are highly poisonous.

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)



4 According to Text A, where did corn snakes originally come from?

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(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

5 Paragraphs are one of the features of Text A that help to present information.

Name **two other** features of Text A that help to present information.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 5 = 2 marks)

6 Your neighbour is interested in having a corn snake as a pet and wants to make a good home for it.

Using information from Text A, give **two** things your neighbour should use to make a good home for a corn snake.

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(Total for Question 6 = 2 marks)

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7 Your friend is thinking of having a corn snake as a pet.

Using information in Text A, give **two** reasons why corn snakes make good pets.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 7 = 2 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 10 MARKS

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SECTION B

Read Text B and answer questions 8 – 13.

Text B

You read this email.

The screenshot shows an email client window with the following details:

- To:** lucy37@yourmail.web
- From:** evonne1988@yourmail.web
- Subject:** Sid

The email body contains the following text:

Good afternoon Lucy,

Many thanks for offering to look after my snake Sid whilst I visit Mexico and Venezuela for six months. It's extraordinarily generous of you. Any problems, text me.

Sid is a Columbian boa constrictor. He is very laid-back, always curious and he enjoys human company. He delights in exploring so I'd keep him in his tank but if you decide to allow him out, watch him closely.

Originally constrictors lived in South America. Sid is about 5 feet long which makes him a little small for a constrictor – in the wild sometimes males can be 7 feet and females even longer. They are excellent climbers and live for between 20 and 30 years, though my next door neighbour Ken boasts that his Costa Rican boa is now 37.

I've taken Ken's advice and kept Sid's accommodation simple – just a large, tough plastic box with one side warmer than the other. It's important that you check these using the thermostats – the hot side should be 30 degrees Celsius and the cool side 25 degrees. There is a heat pad in the middle which you need to check – it should be 32 degrees and is where Sid likes to coil up.

You do need to turn the lighting on and off every day and when you clean the box, do make sure you put fresh newspaper on the floor.

Feeding is no problem. There are some tasty delicacies in the freezer. Make sure these are completely thawed out before you give them to Sid. Feed him once every fortnight – he must not become obese – and ensure his water bowl is topped up.

You'll enjoy Sid's company – he's a great guy and really friendly. If there is a catastrophe, ask Ken or go to Snakes R Us on Eden Street.

Enormous thanks,

Evonne

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Answer question 8 with a cross . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

8 The **main** purpose of Text B is to:

- A advise Lucy to take Sid out of his tank
- B tell Lucy how to defrost frozen delicacies
- C inform Lucy about Evonne's next holiday
- D explain to Lucy how to look after Sid

(Total for Question 8 = 1 mark)

Answer question 9 with a cross in the two boxes you think are correct . If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box and then mark your new answer with a cross .

9 According to Text B, which **two** of the following statements are correct?

- A Ken's boa is from Mexico.
- B Evonne will be away for a year.
- C Ken is Evonne's neighbour.
- D Evonne is going to Colombia.
- E Ken's boa is from Costa Rica.
- F Lucy is going to Venezuela.

(Total for Question 9 = 2 marks)



10 Using Text B, give **two** details about how Lucy should look after Sid's accommodation.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)

11 Lucy is thinking of giving a short talk about boa constrictors in the wild.

Using Text B, give **two** facts about boas in the wild that she might use in her talk.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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12 Using information in Text B, state what Lucy should do if something goes wrong.

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(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)

13 Lucy is not sure that Sid is a good choice of pet.

Using Text B, give **two** reasons why Sid is a good pet.

You do **not** need to write in sentences.

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(Total for Question 13 = 2 marks)

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