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Part 1. Literacy

Language, Reading and Writing

This work needs to be completed and returned

Instructions

- You have 1½ hours to attempt this task.
- Stop working after 1½ hours even if you have not finished.
- You need to do this task **by yourself**, without help from your supervisor.
- No resources or Internet are to be used.
- Read the instructions for each part before attempting the questions.
- Follow **all** instructions.

SUPERVISORS: Please complete the Supervisor's Section on the back page.

Section One - Language

This part is about knowing and understanding how to use language. It includes choosing the correct words to use, tense, spelling and punctuation.

For each piece of writing:

- Read through the writing first so that you will know what it is about.
 - Go back to the beginning of the writing and read each line very carefully.
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Question 1

The First Australians

*Here is some information about the first Australians, the Aboriginal peoples of Australia. Some words have been left out. To finish the writing choose the best option to fill in each of the gaps. **Circle** your choice on the right.*

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander _____

person people

may have first _____ to Australia over

come came

60 000 years ago.

They _____ a semi-nomadic life,

lived live

hunting and gathering food, and _____

using used uses

natural resources respectfully.

_____ connection with the land has

They're Their There

always been powerful and _____

was is as

expressed in dancing, songs and Dreamtime

Stories.

Question 2

Deserts

Below is a text about deserts. There are some mistakes in it.

- a) Rewrite the boxed spelling mistakes correctly into the boxes provided.
b) Rewrite the underlined language errors correctly onto the lines provided.

Desserts are area of land which have little water because they have low rainfall. Some deserts are extremly hot and some are freezing cold. Some cold deserts are cold all year round. Animals and plants that live in deserts have to adopt to a dry environment.

Desert animals have adapted so they're bodies do not need a lot of free-running water. They get their moistere from plants and other animals they eat. They usually live in burrows or under rocks during the day and came out at night to hunt and fed.

Correct answers

Question 3

Commentary

Write in the **missing** punctuation and capital letters correctly. There are 6 errors.

Lets go see a movie said Kieran.

“Sure,” said tammy, “what time does it begin ”

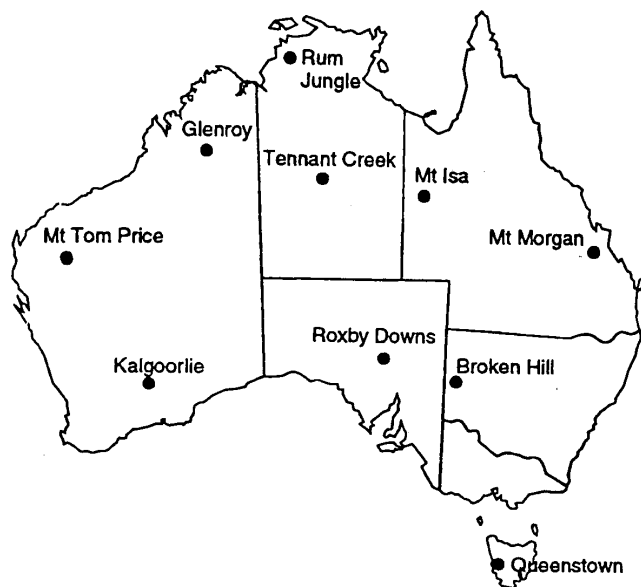
Section Two - Reading

These activities are to see how well you can understand things that you read. As you work through the activities, read the texts and then answer the questions.

Question 1

Mineral Maps

Let's use the maps to find out more about ores in Australia



The **key** uses symbols in place of the name of a metal.

a) Use the key to write the name of the metal represented by these symbols:

○ _____

□ _____

✚ _____

b) Which symbols are used to represent these metals?

Silver _____

Zinc _____

Gold _____

c) Name two metals mined at Broken Hill?

_____ and _____.

Question 2

Read the information report and complete the timeline.

Ned Kelly

Edward 'Ned' Kelly was born in Victoria in 1854. He was the son of an Irish ex-convict. His family was poor. They tried to make a living by farming a few acres of land at Greta, a town north-east of Melbourne. Ned attended school from 1864-1866. His father died when Ned was 12 years old and Ned left school.



Ned was in trouble from an early age. In October 1870, Ned was sentenced to six months gaol for assaulting a man named Mr McCormack.

In April 1871, Ned was sentenced to three years in gaol for receiving a stolen horse and fighting with police.

In April 1878, Ned Kelly was accused of shooting a police officer, Constable Fitzpatrick. Ned claimed he was 400 miles from Greta at the time. In October of that year, Ned killed three police at Stringybark Creek. In November, the Kelly Gang were declared outlaws, and in December 1878, the Kelly Gang held up the bank at Euroa.

Ned Kelly and his gang dressed up as police officers and robbed the bank at Jerilderie in February 1879. In June 1880, there was a shootout between the Kelly Gang and the police at Glenrowan. Ned was arrested and the three members of his gang were killed. In October, Ned was sentenced to death by hanging. On November 11 1880, Ned Kelly was hanged at Old Melbourne Gaol.

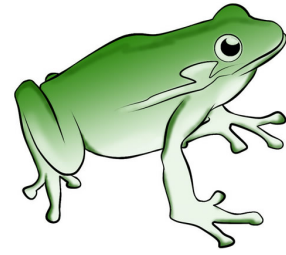
Complete the timeline showing the main events in Ned Kelly's life. Some years may have more than one event.

Timeline of Ned Kelly's life

Year	Major event in Ned Kelly's life
1854	
1864-1866	
1870	
1871	
1878	
1879	
1880	

Question 3

The Life Cycle of a Frog



Read the text to help you answer the questions.

The female frog lays thousands of jelly-covered eggs in the water. This floating mass of eggs is called **frog spawn**. It takes about 10 days for the eggs to hatch.

Eggs hatch into tiny **tadpoles**. They swim, eat and grow. The tadpole uses its tail to swim. As the tadpole grows it sprouts legs. The **froglet**, as it is now called, grows and its tail begins to shrink.

The froglet continues to grow and front legs appear. The lungs begin to develop. Its eyes and mouth grow larger and the tail keeps shrinking.

When the tail disappears the froglet becomes a **frog**. It can now leap onto land and live out of the water.

Draw a diagram below of the life cycle of a frog using the information from the text above.

*Draw in pencil and **label** your diagram fully. Use the words **frog spawn**, **tadpole**, **froglet** and **frog**.*

The Life Cycle of a Frog

Question 4

Climate Change

Read the text then answer the questions.



The Earth's climate is changing and people's activities are the main cause.

The term climate refers to the long-term variation in the atmosphere, mainly relating to temperature and precipitation.

The Earth is getting warmer because people are adding heat-trapping gases to the atmosphere, mainly by burning fossil fuels. These gases are called greenhouse gases.

Warmer temperatures are causing other changes around the world, such as melting glaciers and stronger storms. These changes are happening because the Earth's air, water, and land are all linked to the climate. The Earth's climate has changed before, but this time is different. People are causing these changes, which are bigger and happening faster than any climate changes that modern society has ever seen before.

- a) Give an example of a change due to warmer temperatures from the text above:

- b) What does the term **climate** mean?

- c) The word **gases** in the text means _____

- d) Is the main function of the **third** paragraph in the text to explain or describe?




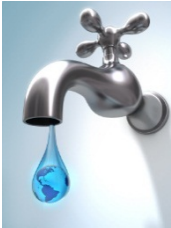
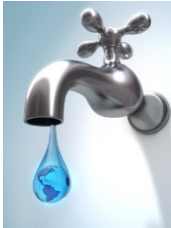
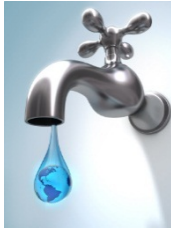



Give reasons for your answer.

Question 5

Recycling Paper

Read the table below then answer the questions.

Resource & energy requirement for 1000kg of paper

Resource & Energy Required	First Class Paper	Ordinary Paper	Ecopaper 100% Recycled Paper
WOOD	 2385 kg	 1710kg	 Only waste paper
WATER	 400,000 L	 280,000 L	 1800 L (max.)
ENERGY	 7600 kWh	 4750 kWh	 2750 kWh

a) What types of paper are listed in the table on the previous page?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

b) To make *ordinary* paper you need _____ of energy.

c) To make *first class paper* you need _____ of water.

d) Which type of paper is the least efficient to produce? _____

Give reasons to justify your answer. _____

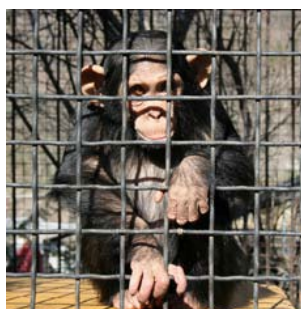
Section Three – Writing

This is a task to show how well you write.

*This writing task should take about 20 minutes.
You should plan your writing to finish in this time.*

Caged or free - Should animals be kept in zoos?

What do you think about this idea? Do you think animals should be kept in zoos, or do you think animals should be allowed to live in their natural habitats? What do you think are the benefits and / or disadvantages of zoos?



Write a letter to the newspaper that will persuade a reader about your point of view on zoos. Give reasons to support your argument.

- Remember to use the correct format for a **letter**.
- You should state your opinion on whether animals should be kept in zoos.
- Explain clearly the reasons that support your argument.
- Use language which will persuade the readers of your point of view.
- Conclude your writing with a summary of your main points and a final comment on your opinion.
- Plan your writing before you begin. You have time and space to plan your writing.
- Write in sentences and stay on topic. Make your writing interesting to read.
- Check your spelling and punctuation.
- Use paragraphs to organise your writing. Use a new paragraph for each new idea.
- Check and edit your writing when you are finished.

Use the letter format below to help you to write your letter to the newspaper editor.

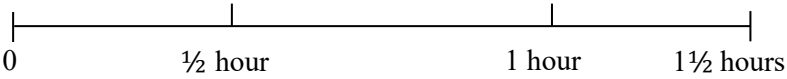
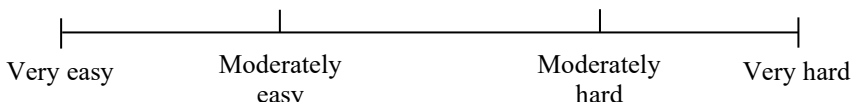
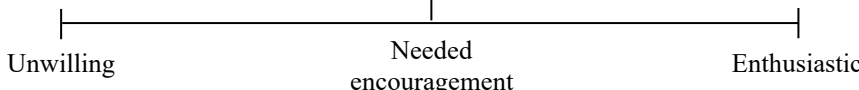
	Date	Your name and address
	Recipient's name and address	
	Formal greeting	
		Content paragraphs
	Your sign off	
	Your signature and printed name	

Writing Task – planning space

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Supervisor's Section

Please complete. Tick where most appropriate.

1. Work was completed in 
2. Student found the work 
3. Student participation 
4. Student completed work ☐ independently ☐ student needed assistance

If the student needed assistance please indicate the level of assistance given

Any further comment