

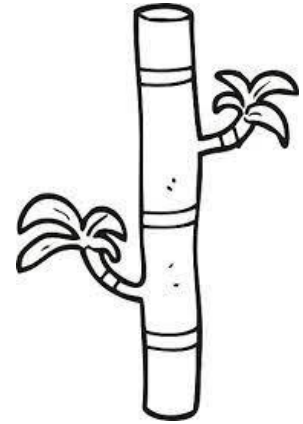
# Year 3 English Test Term 4

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Reading Comprehension (6 marks)

### Bamboo

Bamboo is an amazing plant. Did you know it is actually a grass? In fact, giant bamboo is the largest member of the grass family. Some types can grow an incredible 90 centimetres in just one day. Some bamboo plants can grow to over 30 metres tall.



You probably know that bamboo is the favourite food of pandas, but chimpanzees, gorillas and elephants eat it too.

Bamboo is also extremely useful to people. It is a very valuable construction material because it is so strong. In fact, whole houses can be built from bamboo. In some parts of the world bamboo is used as scaffolding (the frame used to support building work).

Many things can be made from bamboo. Furniture, cooking utensils, and musical instruments can all be made from bamboo. Bamboo fibres can be used to produce a soft, cotton-like material for T-shirts and underwear. Bamboo fibres are also used to make paper. Bamboo can even be used to make bicycle frames and boats.

### Questions Tick the correct answer

1. Bamboo is a type of

- tree.
- wood.
- bush.
- grass.

2. According to the text, one way bamboo is amazing is that

- it can grow extremely fast.
- it grows near coconut trees.
- it comes in many sizes.
- it grows anywhere.

3. Which activity uses bamboo as scaffolding?

- plumbing
- building
- cooking
- sailing

4. Bamboo fibres are used in the production of

- paper.
- furniture.
- musical instruments.
- boats.

5. Fabric made from bamboo is

- lumpy.
- scratchy.
- cottony.
- clingy.

6. According to the text, which part of a bicycle can be made from bamboo?

- the frame
- the wheels
- the pedals
- the seat

### Language Usage

(19 marks)

1. Rewrite these sentences with correct punctuation: (2 marks)

**a) on tuesday we will go swimming**

**b) is auntie sarah coming to our place for christmas**

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2. its or it's? Put a tick next to the sentence if it is correct.

Remember that it's stands for 'it is'.)

(1 mark)

- The dog likes it's new home.**
- It's a sunny day today.**
- The kitten has lost its mother.**
- Its my birthday tomorrow.**

**3. John Mary and Peter walked home from school.** (1 mark)

Put a comma in the correct place in the sentence.

4. Underline all the 4 nouns, and circle the 2 verbs in this passage:

**After school we went to my house and we played soccer in the yard.**

(6 marks)

5. Join these two sentences together with a conjunction (joining word). (1 mark)

**Owls are very good hunters. They have excellent hearing to help catch their prey.**

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6. **The mouse hid under the table.** (1 mark)

Put a circle around the preposition in this sentence.

7. Write the following words as contractions (using apostrophes) (3 marks)

**would not** \_\_\_\_\_

**do not** \_\_\_\_\_

**cannot** \_\_\_\_\_

8. Add either *a* or *an* before the following words (one has been done for you) (4 marks)

  a   **rock**

\_\_\_\_\_ **tree**

\_\_\_\_\_ **chair**

\_\_\_\_\_ **apple**

\_\_\_\_\_ **elephant**

9. Write these words in alphabetical order: (1 mark)

**mongoose money melon make mist**

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