

Year 9 English Test Term 4

Name:

Reading Comprehension 1 (5 marks)

Gorillas under threat

THEY'RE CALLING ON YOU

Recycle your old mobile phone today and help save gorillas in the wild.

Our reliance on mobile phones is driving gorillas to extinction. Your phone contains the metal coltan mined from gorilla habitat. Each time you recycle a mobile phone, the need to mine coltan is reduced.

Next time your mobile rings, remember that 'they're calling on you'!

Recycle your old mobile phone today!

Funds raised from recycling your phone will be donated by Zoos Victoria to primate conservation.

www.zoo.org.au/Calling_on_You

COLTAN FACTS

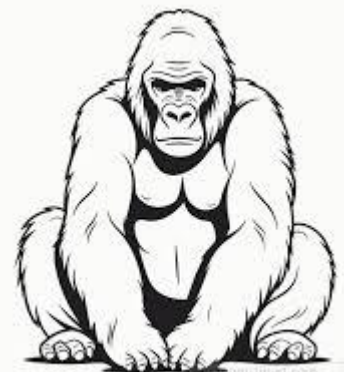
- Short for columbitetantalite
- Highly heat-resistant
- Valuable 'magic dust' component of common electronic products such as computers and mobile phones
- Main legitimate mines are in Australia, Canada and Brazil
- 80% of the world's reserves are in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

CRISIS IN THE CONGO

Gorillas and other wild animals have always been hunted for meat by traditional forest peoples. However, in recent years there has been an unsustainable increase in the number of gorillas being hunted commercially.

Whenever new gold or coltan mines are built, and forests are logged, gorilla habitat is destroyed. This makes it easier for commercial hunters to access previously inaccessible areas of forest.

The Jane Goodall Institute is a not-for-profit organisation that focuses on wildlife conservation in Africa. The Institute believes that the illegal commercial trade in wild meat is the greatest current threat to gorillas, and is working with local communities, government and businesses in Central Africa to develop solutions to the current crisis.



Questions

1 *They're calling on you* most directly appeals to the readers' feelings of

- guilt.
- horror.
- despair.
- insecurity.

2 According to the texts, recycling mobile phones helps

- support businesses in Africa.
- protect scarce coltan reserves.
- prevent the destruction of forests.
- stop chemicals seeping into the earth.

3 How does *Crisis in the Congo* differ from *They're calling on you*? *Crisis in the Congo*

- focuses more on conservation.
- highlights ways that you can help.
- details precise solutions to a problem.
- explains the broader background issues.

4 *Crisis in the Congo* suggests a conflict of values between

- commercial hunters and coltan miners.
- the Jane Goodall Institute and the government.
- commercial hunters and traditional forest peoples.
- the Jane Goodall Institute and the local communities.

5. *Coltan Facts* suggests that

- the mining of Coltan worldwide is illegal
- the Democratic Republic of Congo is the only source of coltan
- most mining of coltan in Africa is unlawful
- coltan is a common mineral

Reading Comprehension 2 (5 marks)

Underwater fireworks



In May 2009, scientists unexpectedly filmed an eruption of the deepest submarine volcano yet discovered. This volcano, West Mata, lies south-west of Samoa in the Pacific Ocean.

Scientists had found volcanic debris in water samples close to West Mata in November 2008. This meant that the volcano was active and might erupt again at any time.

During the 2009 mission, a submersible robot (Jason) was lowered about 1200 metres to West Mata's summit. Jason was carrying cameras to film the volcano, when suddenly the volcano erupted.

Through Jason's 'eyes', the scientists were able to witness a submarine eruption close-up for the first time. Fiery bubbles of molten lava shot up into the ocean – a spectacle described by the scientists as 'underwater fireworks'.

On land, a robot like Jason could not have moved so close to an eruption. The force and the heat of the lava would have destroyed the robot and its cameras.

The high water pressure in the deep sea reduced the violence of West Mata's explosion. The icy seawater quickly cooled down the exploding lava bubbles, turning them to black rock that sank to the ocean floor.

Scientists hope that the detailed images Jason took will give further insight into the formation of submarine volcanoes.

Questions

1 The scientists' 2009 mission was special because it was the first time

- an underwater eruption had been filmed at close range.
- an underwater volcano had been discovered.
- an underwater eruption had been studied.
- an underwater volcano had erupted.

2 What motivated the scientists to return to West Mata in 2009?

- a desire to test Jason the robot
- the need to measure the depth of the ocean
- curiosity about a sudden increase in water temperatures
- an interest in investigating the results of their water samples

3 When cooled, the fiery bubbles of molten lava become

- sulfur.
- a hot gas.
- black rock.
- underwater fireworks.

4 The violence of West Mata's explosion was restricted mainly by

- the thickness of its lava.
- the pressure of the water above it.
- the temperature of the water around it.
- the strength of the nearby ocean currents.

5 According to the text, scientists hope that the information collected by Jason will help them to understand

- why underwater eruptions are not as hot as eruptions on land.
- why underwater eruptions shoot out lava bubbles.
- how underwater volcanoes might be observed.
- how underwater volcanoes develop.

Spelling

(10 marks)

Each sentence has one word that is incorrect.

Write the correct spelling of the word on the line.

1. The tattoo was only temptry but it looked highly realistic. _____
2. The girl experienced changable moods. _____
3. Crocodiles have been known to eat large stones to help their digestion.
4. The boys were told to stop playing tag. They were being too ruff.
5. The teacher was concerned that the children may not be getting the correct nutreents from their unhealthy diet. _____
6. The armured tank roamed the desolate streets. _____
7. The young boy had been wearing a maroon jumper on the night of his dissapearance. _____
8. The consentrashion on Jo's face suggested that the task was difficult.

9. Everyone accept Charles was admitted to the show; Calvin didn't have enough money. _____
10. Children are often supressed to learn that the moon is not made out of cheese. _____

Language Usage

(12 marks)

1. Which of the following correctly completes this sentence?

Hawaii's beaches are _____ than Sydney's.

- more clean
- cleanest
- cleaner
- more neater

2. Which of the following correctly completes this sentence?

In October each year you can witness the _____ migration.

- whales'
- wail
- whales
- wails

3. Which sentence tells the reader *who* performed the action?

- The club was founded to benefit disadvantaged kids.
- Playgrounds have been built in every suburb.
- The shopping centre has been closed down.
- Sergeant Anderson escorted the children home to their parents.

4. Which of the following correctly completes this sentence?

It's important to _____ the correct shoes when operating heavy machinery.

- where
- wear
- we're
- wore

5. Which of the following correctly completes this sentence?

_____ vegetarians are small in number, they are big in heart, because they care for animals.

- Although
- Unless
- However
- Because

6. Which sentence is correct?

- The papers you gave to me have been filed in the storeroom.
- The papers you give to me have been filed in the storeroom.
- The papers you gaved to me have been filed in the storeroom.
- The papers you gived to me have being filed in the storeroom.

7. Which of the following correctly completes this sentence?

We discovered that the cakes could be made _____ if others were prepared to help.

- more easy
- really easy
- more easily
- easy

8. Which sentence is correct?

- Scientists believe there couldn't have been a number of factors contributing to the tsunami.
- Scientists believe there could had been a number of factors contributing to the tsunami.
- Scientists believe there could have been a number of factors contributing to the tsunami.
- Scientists believe there could of been a number of factors contributing to the tsunami.

9. Which set of words completes this sentence correctly?

Ben changed mind about going to the movies; _____ going to go to _____ friend's birthday party instead.

- he's he his
- his he's his
- his he's he's
- he's his he's

10. Which sentence is correct?

- The photograph had brung back fond memories for Claudine.
- The photograph had brought back fond memories for Claudine.
- The photograph has bringed back fond memories for Claudine.
- The photograph had bring back fond memories for Claudine.

11. We watched a dramatic performance of the drama, *Joeli Bulu*.

In this sentence, *dramatic* and *drama* are:

- noun verb
- adjective noun
- verb adjective
- verb noun

12. It will be interesting to hear what the prime minister has to say about funding for youth projects.

The sentence above is written in the

- past tense.
- present tense.
- future tense.

Punctuation

(8 marks)

1. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- "It may seem surprising to you," said Mrs McLeod, "but I think it's important to love reading."
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- "It may seem surprising to you." said Mrs McLeod, "But I think it's important to love reading."
- "It may seem surprising to you" said mrs McLeod, "but I think it's important to love reading."

2. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- "I do not like turquoise," asserted Bob, "Although I am fond of purple."
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- "I do not like turquoise," asserted Bob "Although I am fond of purple."
- "I do not like turquoise," asserted bob, "although I am fond of purple."

3, Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- "You've already eaten a tub of ice-cream." said Dad, "So I don't think a can of soft drink is a good idea."
- "You've already eaten a tub of ice-cream," said dad, "so I don't think a can of soft drink is a good idea."
- "You've already eaten a tub of ice-cream," said Dad, "so I don't think a can of soft drink is a good idea."
- "you've already eaten a tub of ice-cream," said dad, "so I don't think a can of soft drink is a good idea."

4. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- "public safety campaigns continue to target drink driving," Explained the activist, "yet people are still driving and dying under the influence of alcohol."
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- "Public safety campaigns continue to target drink driving" explained the activist, yet people are still driving and dying under the influence of alcohol."

5. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- "The accident occurred," reported the newsreader "at Precisely 12.35 am."
- "The accident occurred," Reported the newsreader, "at precisely 12.35 am."
- "The accident occurred," reported the newsreader, "at precisely 12.35 am."
- "The accident occurred" reported the newsreader "at precisely 12.35 am."

6. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- "Without even thinking of the consequences," admitted sara, "I left the baby alone for three hours."
- "without even thinking of the consequences," admitted Sara, "I left the baby alone for three hours."
- "Without even thinking of the consequences," admitted Sara, "I left the baby alone for three hours."
- "Without even thinking of the consequences" admitted Sara "I left the baby alone for three hours."

7. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?

- The traffic was really heavy today; I'm not sure why.
- The traffic was really heavy today; I'm not sure why?
- The traffic was really heavy today, I'm not sure why?
- The traffic was really heavy today, I'm not sure why.

8. Which sentence has the correct use of the apostrophe?

- His parent's were unimpressed with Peter's poor behaviour at the movie's.
- His parents were unimpressed with Peter's s poor behaviour at the movies.
- His parents' were unimpressed with Peters' s poor behaviour at the movies.
- His parent's were unimpressed with Peter's s poor behaviour at the movies.

