

Questions 15–28 are about *The Night Visitor* (pages 6–9).

15 What type of animal did the girl’s uncle keep on his farm?

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1 mark

16 Give **one** way the girl helped her uncle look after these animals.

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1 mark

17 Look at page 7.

Why was the girl’s uncle *fussy about his fences*?

Give **two** reasons.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

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2 marks

18 ‘Just look at that!’ exclaimed my uncle.

Why was her uncle annoyed?

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1 mark

19 How did the girl know that a rabbit had not dug the hole?

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1 mark

20 Look at page 8.

‘A wombat can dig all right. Dig like a bulldozer.’

*like a bulldozer* suggests that wombats can dig...

Tick **one**.

sleepily.

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powerfully.

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quietly.

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carefully.

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1 mark

21 What **two** things did the girl's uncle use to fill the hole?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

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2 marks

22 *He was determined.*

What does this sentence suggest?

Tick **one**.

- The wombat was getting tired. ☐
- The wombat would keep trying. ☐
- The wombat was getting bored. ☐
- The wombat would stop soon. ☐

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1 mark

23 Look at page 9.

What did the girl's uncle do to help the wombat use the gate?

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\_\_\_\_\_

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1 mark

13 Complete these sentences, using information from the text.

- Hummingbirds eat \_\_\_\_\_
- Kingfishers eat \_\_\_\_\_

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1 mark

14 Draw lines to match each bird to what it does, according to the text.

Ostrich	• makes a noise like someone laughing
Emperor penguin	• gets its food from inside flowers
Hummingbird	• can go in circles to escape danger
Kookaburra	• goes without food when it looks after its baby

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1 mark

11 Look at the section **Kingfishers** (page 5).

*When they spot a fish, they... dart into the water*

In this sentence, the word *spot* is closest in meaning to...

- Tick **one**.
- catch. ☐
- smell. ☐
- watch. ☐
- see. ☐

☐  
1 mark

12 *When they spot a fish, they... dart into the water*

What does the word *dart* tell you about how kingfishers move?

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1 mark

24 Look at the paragraphs beginning: *My uncle closed the gate...* and *Next day...*

How could the girl tell that the wombat had used the gate?

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1 mark

25 Why did the girl and her uncle hide behind a tree?

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1 mark

26 Look at the last paragraph on page 9.

**Find** and **copy one** word that tells you the wombat walked in a clumsy way.

☐  
1 mark

27 Number the events of the story to show the right order.

The first one has been done for you.

The girl and her uncle find a big hole. ☐

The girl goes to visit her uncle. ☐

The girl and her uncle wait to see the wombat. ☐

The girl's uncle blocks up the hole. ☐

The girl and her uncle make a special gate. ☐

☐  
1 mark

28 Tick one box in each row to show whether each statement is **true** or **false**, according to the story.

	True	False
Wombats are strong diggers.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wombats move quickly and silently.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wombats are clever animals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wombats move around at night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2 marks

9 Why do hummingbirds hover near flowers?

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1 mark

10 When they first saw them, explorers called hummingbirds '*flying jewels*'.

Why did explorers call them *jewels*?

Tick **one**.

The hummingbirds were worth a lot of money. ☐

The hummingbirds were brightly coloured. ☐

The explorers wanted to wear their feathers. ☐

The explorers wanted to steal the hummingbirds. ☐

☐  
1 mark

6 They protect their brood...

What does the word *protect* mean in this sentence?

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1 mark

7 How do Emperor penguins keep their chicks warm?

\_\_\_\_\_

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1 mark

8 Look at the section **Hummingbirds** (page 5).

*This means they can hover...*

In this sentence, the word *hover* is closest in meaning to...

Tick **one**.

fly backwards and forwards.

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fly upside-down.

☐

fly and stay in one place.

☐

fly very quickly.

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1 mark

Questions 29–35 are about *Hurricane* (pages 10–11).

29 In what year was Dionne Brand born?

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1 mark

30 What kind of music is Trinidad known for?

\_\_\_\_\_

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1 mark

31 Find and **copy** another name for a 'hurricane'.

\_\_\_\_\_

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1 mark

32 Look at the first two verses of the poem (page 11).

Who, or what, is moving up the mountain?

- Tick **one**.
- |                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| the poet       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the rain       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the neighbours | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| the clouds     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

☐  
1 mark

33 How do the people try to protect their homes?

Give **three** ways.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

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2 marks

3 How do penguins use their wings differently from most other birds?

Give **one** way.

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☐  
1 mark

4 *They have sleek bodies that glide through the water.*

In this sentence, the word *sleek* is closest in meaning to...

- Tick **one**.
- |         |                          |
|---------|--------------------------|
| strong. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| soft.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| skinny. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| smooth. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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1 mark

5 Which **two** parts of the body do penguins use to change direction in the water?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 mark

Questions 1–14 are about *Brilliant Birds* (pages 4–5).

1 The smallest bird can be the same size as a...

Tick **one**.

bee. ☐

butterfly. ☐

bat. ☐

beetle. ☐

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1 mark

2 Using information from the text, tick one box in each row to show whether each statement about ostriches is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
They can run faster than people.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They can scare off lions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They have poor eyesight.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They have a small brain.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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2 marks

34 What has changed between the first verse and the last verse of the poem?

Tick **one**.

It was raining hard and now it has stopped. ☐

The windows were closed and now they are open. ☐

The storm was on its way and now it has arrived. ☐

The people were running but now they are still. ☐

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1 mark

35 What is the whole poem about?

Tick **one**.

What it is like living through a hurricane. ☐

What causes storms and hurricanes. ☐

How hurricanes can destroy trees. ☐

What tourists can see in Trinidad. ☐

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1 mark

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## Instructions

### Questions and answers

You have one hour to complete this test, answering the questions in the answer booklet. Read one text and answer the questions about that text before moving on to read the next text. There are three texts and three sets of questions.

In this booklet, there are different types of question for you to answer in different ways. Write your answer in the space provided. The space for your answer shows you what type of answer is needed.

### Short answers

Some questions are followed by a short line or box. This shows that you only need to write a word or a few words in your answer.

### Several line answers

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### Selected answers

For some questions you do not need to write anything at all and you should tick, draw lines to, or put a ring around your answer. Read the instructions carefully so that you know how to answer the question.

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The number under each box at the side of the page tells you the maximum number of marks for each question.

You should work through the booklet until you are asked to stop, referring to your reading booklet when you need to. When a question includes a page reference, you should refer to the text on that page to help you with your answer.

**You have one hour to read the texts in the reading booklet and answer the questions in this booklet.**



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English

Year 3

Reading

This booklet contains the questions for the reading texts: *Brilliant Birds*, *The Night Visitor* and *Hurricane*.

Please write your answers in this booklet.

Name

Date

Total marks

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