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Educational Assessment Unit

End of Primary Benchmark
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English – Reading Comprehension – Marking Scheme

Reading Comprehension 1 (6 marks)

1. If more than one option is underlined, the sentence is to be marked as incorrect.
   (a) funny (b) extraordinary (c) summer (d) during the night
   (e) in the countryside (f) friend
   ½ mark each = 3 marks

2. (a) F (b) F (c) T (d) N
   ½ mark each = 2 marks

3. Do not deduct marks for spelling mistakes.
   (a) adventures
   (b) was mysteriously taken away / was kidnapped / disappeared
   ½ mark each = 1 mark

Reading Comprehension 2 (24 marks)

- Do not deduct marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar mistakes as long as the student gives sufficient evidence of understanding.
- Answers do not need to be in complete sentences.
- Deduct ½ mark for any irrelevant information.

Questions on Section 1

1. 24th July 1897
   ½ mark

2. (a) T (b) T (c) F (d) N (e) N (f) T
   ½ mark each = 3 marks

3. Reward answers with the following content.
   He was nice because he helped them build the roller coaster.
   1 mark

4. abused
   ½ mark

5. Reward answers with the following content.
   It hurt her when she saw animals being abused.
   1 mark

6. If more than one option is underlined, the sentence is to be marked as incorrect.
   (a) young (b) swing (c) dangerous (d) comfortable
   1 mark each = 4 marks
Questions on Section 2

7. **Reward answers with the following content.**
   She did so to pay for her flying lessons and to buy her first plane.  
   \( \frac{1}{2} \) mark each = 1 mark

8. **Reward answers with the following content.**
   The Navy called off the search.  
   1 mark

9. **Reward answers with the following content.**
   The American Navy never found a trace of either the plane or the pilots.  
   \( \frac{1}{2} \) mark each = 1 mark

10. **If more than one option is underlined, the sentence is to be marked as incorrect.**
    (a) less than  (b) practical  (c) sometimes  (d) Nobody  
    1 mark each = 4 marks

11. (a) T  (b) T  (c) N  (d) T  (e) F  (f) N  
    \( \frac{1}{2} \) mark each = 3 marks

Questions on the whole passage

12. **Reward answers with the following content.**
    … it made the flight dangerous.  
    OR … she didn’t know how high she was above the ocean.  
    1 mark

13. (a) 3  (b) 2  (c) 6  (e) 5  (f) 4  
    \( \frac{1}{2} \) mark each = 2\( \frac{1}{2} \) marks

14. Amelia’s voice was described as frantic.  
    \( \frac{1}{2} \) mark