

End of Primary Benchmark

2021

English Reading Comprehension

30 marks

50 minutes

Read the brochure carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1. **Underline** the correct word or phrase. (2 marks)

- a) This brochure is about exploring Oakland Woods (by bike, on horseback, on foot).
- b) The Giant Oak is (a strange, an unfamiliar, a well-known) tree in England.
- c) Squirrels (hide, live, sleep) in the oak tree.
- d) Picking flowers is (allowed, forbidden, suggested).

2. True (T) or False (F).

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box. (3 marks)

	T	F
a) At Oakland Woods you can only see oak trees and plants.		
b) Parking is available nearby.		
c) Visitors should leave their rubbish in the waste bins provided.		
d) The Play Trail is one hour long.		
e) Acorns grow on oak trees.		
f) It is important that visitors keep to the footpath.		

3. Tick (✓) the SIX activities that you can do at Oakland Woods.

Do not tick more than SIX.

(3 marks)

ride a zip line

feed the squirrels

have picnics

observe wildlife

go for walks

colour maps

ask for information

climb trees

admire the Giant Oak

pat rabbits

Questions on Section 1

(9 marks)

Read Section 1 of the text printed on a separate sheet. Then answer the following questions.

1. Tick (✓) the correct answer. 1 mark

When did the journey start?

- a) in the morning
- b) at midday
- c) at night

2. a) From **paragraph 1**, find a phrase of **THREE words** that means that the travellers were walking one after the other. 1 mark

- b) From **paragraph 3**, find **ONE word** that means 'think'. 1 mark

3. True (T) or False (F). 2 marks

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

	T	F
a) Mr Beaver was walking ahead of Lucy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) The travellers walked along a very bumpy track.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Lucy was carrying a light load.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) The snow never stopped falling.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. **Underline the correct answer.** **1 mark**

a) ‘... the great **glaring** moon...’

The word **glaring** in **paragraph 3** means the same as (dim, dazzling, dark).

b) ‘...and the **countless** stars.’

The word **countless** in **paragraph 3** means that there were (many, few, no) stars in the sky.

5. Tick (✓) the **THREE** correct sentences about the journey as you have read them in the text.

Do not tick more than THREE.

3 marks

a) The travellers walked over a bridge.	
b) The travellers walked past moonlit towers.	
c) The travellers walked through a valley.	
d) The travellers walked into shallow waters.	
e) The travellers walked past an icy waterfall.	
f) The travellers walked by a window.	

Questions on Section 2

(9 marks)

Read Section 2 of the text printed on a separate sheet. Then answer the following questions.

6. How can you tell that Lucy was feeling tired?

1 mark

7. **Underline the correct answer.**

1 mark

a) The air felt (foggy, dry, crisp).

b) The hole was (completely, barely, not) visible.

8. Which word in **paragraph 6** means that Lucy moved on hands and knees?

_____ ½ mark

9. True (T) or False (F).

Read the following sentences and tick (✓) the correct box.

2 marks

	T	F
a) Entering the cave was not easy.		
b) Peter's voice was weak.		
c) The travellers were shivering inside the cave.		
d) The travellers shared a warm meal.		

10. Give **TWO** reasons why everyone felt 'rather snug' inside the cave in **paragraph 8**.

2 marks

a) _____

b) _____

11. Find a word in **paragraph 8** that means the **opposite** of 'sweet'.

½ mark

12. Tick (✓) the **TWO** correct answers. Do not tick more than **TWO**.

2 marks

After entering the cave, the travellers:

a) tasted the syrup	
b) shivered in the cold air	
c) stretched their legs	
d) chatted for a while	
e) snuggled down to rest	
f) changed their clothes	

13. Put these sentences in the correct order to show how Lucy felt throughout the whole journey.

The first one has been done for you.

2 marks

Lucy was not enjoying the beautiful landscape anymore.	
Lucy was confused to see Mr Beaver disappearing.	
Lucy was delighted by the moonlit scenery.	1
Lucy was afraid she would not keep up with the rest.	
Lucy felt warm and comfortable.	

14. a) Underline the correct answer.

2 marks

Who would be interested in reading this story?

A reader who likes to read (fantasy, horror, science-fiction) stories.

b) Give **ONE** reason for your answer.

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