



Annual Examinations for Secondary Schools 2022

YEAR 9

READING COMPREHENSION

1 Have you ever wanted to enter a land of adventure where lions roar, tigers roam and monkeys swing? Well, now you can and you don't even have to go to Africa! Come to the Longleat Safari and Adventure Park in the UK and lose yourself in **our** magical wildlife adventure of a lifetime!

5 You can start your tour by driving through the safari adventure park. Make sure to keep your windows closed and hide all the sandwiches. You're going on a safari tour that's wilder than you ever dared imagine. Here you can see giraffes, tigers, zebras and rhinos that run free around this wilderness. So, remember when driving through the park to mind the zebras crossing and give the rhinos the right of way! Don't forget to download the award-winning Longleat App! The perfect, pocket-sized guide to our Safari Drive-through. If you're lucky, you might also get a glimpse of Anne the Elephant, who is a rescue, having spent her entire life in a circus. This makes her very special to us. Anne loves her new home with her own grass paddock and pool.

15 Next, try a jungle cruise on a safari boat. Look out for sea lions swimming alongside the boat looking for snacks but be ready to get wet. At feeding time, **they** leap out of the water to catch their food and then land with a splash! You'll also cruise past Gorilla Colony, which houses our three gorillas and you might also see the lake's resident hippos, Spot and Sonia as they emerge from under the water! The boat is wheelchair friendly but pushchairs will need to be left at the quay. Young explorers will need to be accompanied by an adult.

20 Then you can visit Deer Valley where we host two different types of deer, the Red Deer and the Pere David's deer. Here you can feed a herd of friendly deer and it is surprising how they take food straight from your hand! The brave at heart can also take a trip to the creepy Bat Cave where you can see a colony of bats. Here you can hear the noises they make with their tongues and learn interesting facts about these tiny animals.

25 For the kids, there is the Adventure Castle where you can spend hours exploring **this** fortress and playground by climbing bridges and crawling through tunnels. Another popular attraction is the Longleat Hedge Maze. Here you have to figure out your way through a hedge maze that is almost 2 miles long! There are so many twists and turns that you will probably get lost and have loads of fun along the way! The park has also got special ranger shows where you can have a hands-on experience with two, four or eight-legged friends that are waiting to meet you! You might get a chance to hold a snake or a tarantula and see what they are like up close.

35 Before you leave, don't forget to take a look inside Longleat House **where** you can see priceless antiques, paintings and furniture that date back to the 16th century. It's a must see! Make sure that on your way out, you don't miss visiting one of our gift shops. Here you'll find unique safari-themed gifts and souvenirs to buy for family and friends of all ages.

(Adapted from <https://www.longleat.co.uk>)