

# 2009 Year 7 — Literacy preparation material

## Reading and Viewing

Wait for your teacher.

Read page 2 of the magazine and then answer the questions.



**1**

The main job of an archaeologist is to study

- things that people no longer use.
- anything that happened in the past.
- the things people in ancient times made.
- the things people in ancient times wrote.

**2**

Which one of the following words is related in meaning to “archaeologist”?

- architect
- archaic
- arch
- ark

**3**

Which of the following people/events is the oldest?

- Egyptians
- Maya Indians
- ice age European hunters
- European settlement of Australia

**4**

Which of the following is not an example of **material culture**?

- clothes
- dancing
- furniture
- paintings

**5**

Why did many ancient settlements build up like **layer cakes**?

- Wind would cover earlier layers with soil.
- The settlers would rebuild at a higher level.
- People preferred to live well above the ground.
- Higher settlements were better protection from invaders.

**6**

... how the people lived and how their culture evolved.

Which of these words is most similar in meaning to “evolved”?

- began
- ended
- changed
- enlarged

**7**

An archaeologist found a coin dated to 1547 on the floor of a house.

Underneath the floor she found a coin dated to 1363.

The house was most likely built

- in 1363.
- between 1363 and 1547.
- in 1547.
- shortly after 1547.

**8**

Which of the following tools would be most useful to an archaeologist?

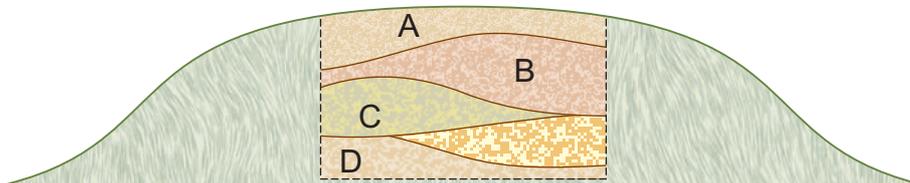
- hammer
- spade
- drill
- saw

**9**

The following sketch shows a side of a hole dug through an ancient mound by an archaeologist.

Which letter shows the youngest layer in the mound?

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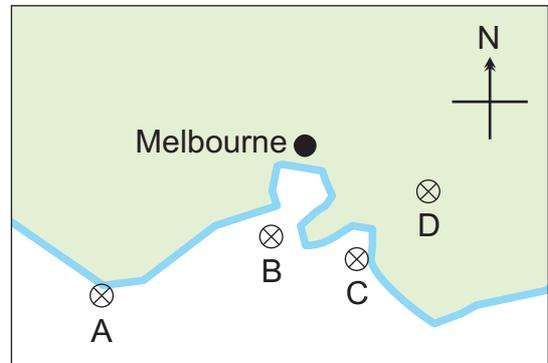
Read page 3 of the magazine and then answer the questions.



**10**

Which one of these places is most likely to be Phillip Island Nature Park?

- A
- B
- C
- D



**11**

What is the difference in height between the smallest and largest penguin species?

- about 30cm
- about 70 cm
- about 100 cm
- about 130 cm

**12**

Why has the Little Penguins' name been changed from Fairy Penguin?

- to give it a modern name
- to match a scientific name
- to make the name easier to say
- to have a different name from other species

**13**

Which of these features makes Little Penguins different from other penguins?

- thick feathers
- waterproof feathers
- blue and white feathers
- black and white feathers

**14**

What does the phrase *their largest Antarctic cousin* refer to?

- a characteristic
- a main predator
- a scientific name
- a related species

**15**

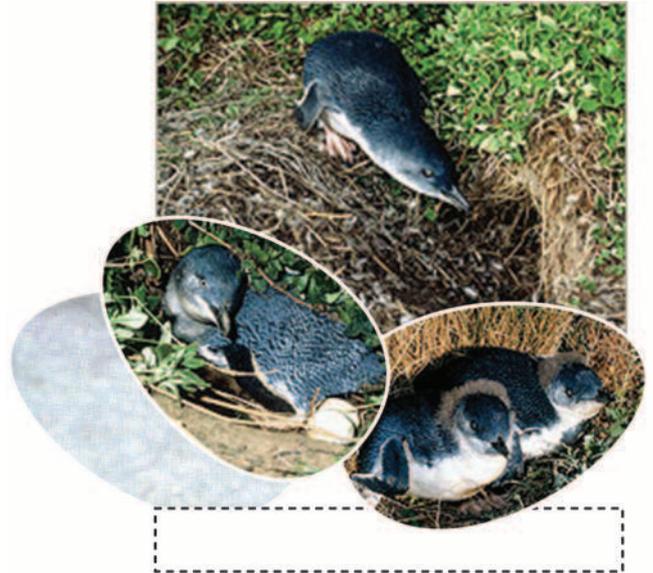
During a week, the typical distance travelled by Little Penguins is up to

- 20 km.
- 65 km.
- 140 km.
- 160 km.

**16**

A good caption for this group of pictures would be

- Building a burrow.
- Breeding activities.
- Their nightly return.
- The search for food.



**17**

How does the Little Penguins' colour act as camouflage?

- It repels predators.
- It helps them mix well with fish.
- It blends with the sea and the sky.
- It makes them merge with other penguins.

**18**

What is the main advantage of the Little Penguins' waterproof coat?

- It protects them from oil spills.
- It hides them from predators.
- It stops them from catching a cold.
- It allows them to fish for long periods.

**19**

According to the text, which of these is a natural hazard to penguins?

- scarcity of food
- pollution at sea
- introduced predators
- plastic shopping bags

**20**

Which word suggests that the purpose of the Phillip Island Nature Park is to protect Little Penguins?

- predator**
- dedicated**
- introduced**
- volunteers**

**21**

According to the text, why might penguins need to wear jumpers?

- to protect their skin from oil
- to make them attractive for tourists
- to protect them from introduced species
- to help them recover from the effects of pollution

Read page 4 of the magazine and then answer the questions.



**22**

Maia is sent to her relatives because

- her wish is to be an explorer.
- her friend Finn sent for her.
- her relatives missed her.
- her parents have died.

**23**

In the title, the Amazon is referred to as **the river sea**. This suggests that the Amazon is

- vast.
- blue.
- deep.
- rough.

**24**

Clovis's reaction to Maia suggests that Maia is

- a detective.
- a stranger.
- a threat.
- a friend.

**25**

When Finn says "She's done it!" (line 7), he means that Maia had

- found a hiding place.
- obtained some keys.
- located a jungle hut.
- found her way back.

**26**

The main idea of the second paragraph (lines 7–10) is about

- preparing the cellar.
- tricking the detectives.
- setting a departure date.
- finding a new hiding place.

**27**

Clovis was **looking definitely green** (line 11) because he was probably

- feeling inexperienced.
- suffering food poisoning.
- feeling uneasy about the plan.
- thinking about his sea sickness.

**28**

When Finn tells Clovis that he will not have to spend **the whole night** (line 13), Finn is

- telling Clovis a white lie.
- trying to reassure Clovis.
- becoming angry with Clovis.
- getting frustrated with Clovis.

**29**

Maia reacts to Clovis (lines 15–18) by telling him that he

- can stay with her.
- has no other choice.
- cannot get over the border.
- must be honest with himself.

**30**

The Goodleys have been stopped at the border (lines 16–17) because they

- owed money.
- had lost Clovis.
- had no papers.
- were off-course.

**31**

In line 16, the word **assets** means

- lands.
- services.
- occupations.
- possessions.

## 32

Finn told Clovis he couldn't stay at the hut (lines 19–20) because he was going to

- live with the indians.
- find his own family.
- set off in his boat.
- take Maia home.

## 33

Finn reads Maia **like a book** (line 25). This means Maia

- is being a know-all.
- behaves predictably.
- uses bookish language.
- is reacting unreasonably.

## 34

Maia reacted angrily because she thinks

- Finn will take Clovis.
- Finn doesn't like girls.
- she can look after a boat.
- being a girl shouldn't matter.

