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# English

## Year 6

### Achievement Test

Monday 11 June 2012 Morning

**Time: 1 hour (plus 15 minutes reading time)**

Paper Reference

**JEH01**

**You must have:** Resources Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- You have 15 minutes reading time to read the texts in the resource booklet
- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Try to answer every question.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION A

These questions are about Text A, 'Visiting Antarctica'

Answer ALL questions.

For questions 1 to 3 put a cross in each correct box ☒ to indicate your answer. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then put a cross in another box ☒.

1 According to the text, why do tourists not visit Antarctica during its winter?

- A Antarctica is mostly covered in ice.
- B The pack ice is breaking up.
- C The penguins lose their feathers.
- D There are 15 hours of darkness a day.

(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 According to the section about Wildlife, what might cause a frightened adult seal to crush a seal pup?

- A The seals can't see the pups in the dark
- B Tourists taking photographs of the seals
- C Other wildlife disturbing the seals
- D Tourists getting too close to the seals

(Total for Question 2 = 1 mark)

3 The **main** purpose of the text is to:

- A tell you about the food available on the ship
- B warn visitors not to visit the Antarctic
- C tell you how to protect yourself and the wildlife
- D teach you how to take good pictures of animals

(Total for Question 3 = 1 mark)



4 Text A tells us about penguins.

Give **two** examples of **other** animals mentioned in the text.

1 .....

2 .....

(Total for Question 4 = 2 marks)

5 Put a cross ☒ to show whether each statement is TRUE or FALSE.

|   | TRUE                     | FALSE                    |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Tourists like to visit the Antarctic in the winter.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| It is dark most of the time in the Antarctic winter.      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Penguins court and mate in December.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| February is a good month for whale-watching.              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| November is a winter month in the Antarctic.              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tourists only visit the Antarctic for five months a year. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(Total for Question 5 = 3 marks)



For questions 6 and 7 put a cross in each correct box ☒ to indicate your answer. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then put a cross in another box ☒.

6 According to the text, which **one** of the following statements is true?

- A Visitors aren't allowed to take photographs of the wildlife.
- B Animals in the Antarctic are protected by an international agreement.
- C In the Antarctic a licence is needed to kill an animal for food in an emergency.
- D Visitors to the Antarctic are allowed to pick the plants.

(Total for Question 6 = 1 mark)

7 'Life on-board has its own *unique hazards*'

What does 'unique hazards' mean?

- A specific dangers
- B slight risks
- C safety rules
- D unusual problems

(Total for Question 7 = 1 mark)



**8** According to the text, explain why tourists should take care when visiting the Antarctic.

You should try to include examples from the text to support your answer.

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**(Total for Question 8 = 5 marks)**

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**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 15 MARKS**



**SECTION B**

**These questions are about Text B from 'Journey to the River Sea'**

**Answer ALL questions.**

**For questions 9 and 10 put a cross in each correct box ☒ to indicate your answer. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then put a cross in another box ☒.**

**9** In the first paragraph, Maia is feeling:

- A** relaxed
- B** frightened
- C** confident
- D** anxious

**(Total for Question 9 = 1 mark)**

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**10** From the text, which **two** of the following are true?

- A** The Amazon is longer than the Nile.
- B** The Nile is longer than the Amazon.
- C** 'River Sea' is an old name for the Amazon.
- D** The Nile carries more water than the Amazon.
- E** Rivers running into the Amazon from the south are brown.

**(Total for Question 10 = 2 marks)**

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**11** Write **three** of the following words to fill the blank spaces in the text below:

surrounded brave grasped comforted cautious ruined

As Maia said goodbye to her friends, she had to be very .....

She was ..... by her friends. Hermione was crying and Dora

..... her skirt.

**(Total for Question 11 = 3 marks)**

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For question 12 put a cross in each correct box  to indicate your answer. If you change your mind, put a line through the box  and then put a cross in another box .

12 Why has the writer used italics in the following sentence?

'And after that I don't know, *but it's going to be all right.*'

- A to show that she doesn't know
- B to show that she is shouting
- C to show that she is speaking quietly
- D to show that she is trying to convince herself

(Total for Question 12 = 1 mark)

13 'You'll be all right, Miss,' they said. 'You'll have a lovely time.' But they looked at her with pity. Piranhas and alligators were in the air.

What does this tell us about how the maids feel as they say goodbye to Maia?

Put a cross  next to each statement to show whether you think it is true or false.

|   | TRUE                     | FALSE                    |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| they feel sorry for her                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| they are trying to frighten her         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| they are frightened for her             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| they are trying to reassure her         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| they are sure she will be safe          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| they are sure she'll have a lovely time | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(Total for Question 13 = 3 marks)



**14** Miss Minton is going to take care of Maia on her journey.

What impression does the writer give us of Miss Minton?

In your answer you should try to include:

- how the writer describes Miss Minton
- how the girls react to Miss Minton

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**(Total for Question 14 = 5 marks)**





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**SECTION C**

**Answer BOTH questions.**

**You will be assessed on spelling, punctuation and grammar in both questions.**

**15** You have seen a writing competition with a first prize of a family holiday to anywhere you wish.

Write a letter to persuade the magazine editor to choose your family.

In your letter you could:

- give a lively description of your family and the kinds of things you all enjoy doing
- inform the editor where you would like to go and explain how this place is a good choice for you

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(Total for Question 15 = 15 marks)



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## Text A

**Text A is an extract from a guide book about visiting Antarctica, which can only be reached by boat.**

### Visiting Antarctica

#### When best to go

- 1 The tourist ships do not visit during Antarctica's winter when the pack ice covers most of the continent. People would not pay to experience 20 hours of total darkness a day and extreme cold. The tour season lasts only five months, but has its highlights:
- in November, early summer, the spring pack-ice breaks up. Birds (especially penguins) court and mate.
  - in December and January, mid-summer, the penguins hatch their eggs and feed the chicks. Temperatures are warmer and there are up to 20 hours of sunlight every day.
  - in February and March, late summer, whale-watching is at its best. The penguin chicks have their first feathers and adult penguins are ashore.

#### Protecting Wildlife

When viewing Antarctic wildlife, it is important to keep your distance. Your presence changes animal behaviour, so the further back you keep, the more naturally the animal will behave. Wildlife may not seem concerned about you being there, but you could be causing considerable stress. For example, getting too close could cause a frightened adult seal to crush its pup. Another reason to keep back is that your photos won't turn out well if you are too close – the animals are more likely to move and blur your picture.

An international agreement made in 1964 provides protection for animal and plant species in Antarctica. No-one is allowed to collect or kill an animal or plant without a licence, except in an emergency as food.

#### Safety on board the tourist ship

Tourists are usually safe from the worst dangers, but life on board has its own unique hazards. Always keep 'one hand for the ship' in case it rolls. Take care anywhere that you might suddenly slam into furniture and break a limb or even fracture your skull – it happens nearly every year! Doors can swing dangerously, so don't curl your fingers around door frames. A ship pushing through ice can lurch suddenly, pitching you onto your nose if you aren't careful. Wide-open decks can be slippery with rain, snow or oil, so make sure you don't fall into the water – the temperature is only 4 degrees celsius!

## Text B

### Journey to the River Sea

1 Maia rose to her feet. She had written notes but did not look at them, and when she began to speak she held her head high, for her time in the library had changed everything.

‘The Amazon is the largest river in the world. The Nile is slightly longer but the  
5 Amazon has the most water. It used to be called the River Sea because of that, and all over Brazil there are rivers that run into it. Some of the rivers are black and some are brown and the ones that run in from the south are blue.

‘When I go I shall travel on a boat and it will take four weeks to cross the Atlantic. When I get to Brazil I still have to travel a thousand miles along the river between  
10 trees that lean over the water, and there will be scarlet birds and sand banks and creatures like big guinea pigs called, capa...capybaras which you can tame.

‘After another two weeks on the boat I shall reach the city of Manaus, which is a beautiful place with a theatre with a green and gold roof, and shops and hotels like here because the people who grew rubber out there became very rich so they could  
15 build such a place even in the middle of the jungle...And that is where I shall be met by Mr and Mrs Carter and by Beatrice and Gwendolyn-’

She broke off and grinned at her classmates. ‘And after that I don’t know, *but it’s going to be all right.*’

But she needed all her courage as she stood in the hall a month later, saying goodbye  
20 in a circle of her friends. Hermione was crying, the youngest, Dora, was clutching her skirt. The teachers too had come to see her off, and the maids were coming upstairs.

‘You’ll be all right, Miss,’ they said. ‘You’ll have a lovely time.’ But they looked at her with pity. Piranhas and alligators were in the air.

The headmistress now came down the stairs and everyone made way for her as she  
25 approached Maia. But the farewell speech Miss Banks had prepared was never made. Instead she came forward and put her arms round Maia.

‘Farewell, my child,’ she said, ‘and God bless you!’

The girls followed Maia out onto the street, but at the sight of the black-clad woman sitting stiffly in the back of the cab, her hands on her umbrella, Maia faltered. This was  
30 Miss Minton, the governess, who was going to take care of her on the journey.

‘Doesn’t she look fierce?’ whispered Hermione.

And indeed the tall, gaunt woman looked more like a rake or a nutcracker than a human being.

The door of the cab opened. A hand in a black glove, bony and cold like a skeleton,  
35 was stretched out to help her in. Maia took it and, followed by the shrieks of her schoolmates, they set off.

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