



The Regent Secondary School

Year 7 Entrance Examination Specimen Paper I

ENGLISH (Question and Answer Booklet)

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

CANDIDATE'S NAME: _____ EXAMINATION NUMBER: _____

CANDIDATE'S PRESENT SCHOOL: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** the questions
- Use a **black or dark blue pen**.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided.
- Do **not** use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading text.

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| Section A | 15 marks | |
| Section B | 10 marks | |
| Section C | 25 marks | |
| TOTAL | 50 marks | |

SECTION A: Reading

Some questions need to be answered with a cross in a box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then choose another answer.

1 Write the name of each animal which is used to define:

(a) the Arctic.....

(b) the Antarctic.....

(1 mark)

2 From paragraph 1, what do people think about polar bears?

Put a cross ☒ in **one** box.

A lonely

B unnatural

C angry

D magical

(1 mark)

3 Write out the phrase from paragraph 2 which shows that some Arctic mammals do very little on the frozen sea surface.

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(1 mark)

4. (a) The writer says he likes polar bears.

Is this statement true or false? Put a cross ☒ in **one** box.

True

False

(1)

(b) Give a reason for your answer to 4(a)

(1)

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(2 marks)

5 Put a cross ☒ in **two** boxes to show why the writer thinks polar bears may be more popular with people than other types.

- A** They appear in advertisements.
- B** They have unusual feeding habits.
- C** They cause climate change.
- D** Their images are everywhere.
- E** Other species are not as interesting.

(2 marks)

6 *For three decades, I have been carrying out research on polar bears and my fascination has not waned.*

Give a word to replace ‘**waned**’ as used in this sentence.

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(1 mark)

7 Why was a friend worried about the writer’s choice of career?

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(1 mark)

8 Underline one of the words below from paragraph 5 which proves that the writer’s career is successful.

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(1 mark)

9 Write a number (1 – 5) against each of these statements to show the order they are in the text.

- Action is required to save the polar bear.
- The Arctic was mostly left intact.
- Climate change has occurred.
- Whales became almost extinct.
- Scientists have worked to save the polar bears.

(2 marks)

10 Which line from paragraph 3 tells the reader what the Arctic landscape was like?

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(1 mark)

11 Which word from the passage means the same as 'something good that happens by chance'?

(1 mark)

12 The main purpose of the passage is to:

Put a cross in **one** box.

- A** persuade the reader to visit the Arctic.
- B** explain the writer's fascination with bears.
- C** show how popular polar bears are.
- D** tell the reader about the Arctic.

(1 mark)

SECTION B: Grammar and punctuation

13 Join the underlined word to the correct part of speech. The first one has been done for you.

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| The writer did not have <u>an</u> answer to the friend's question. | article |
| Few people <u>go</u> to the Arctic. | adjective |
| The polar bear walks <u>over</u> the frozen surface. | verb |
| The <u>frozen</u> ocean is the polar bears winter habitat. | preposition |
| Polar bears are <u>seldom</u> seen in the wild. | adverb |

(4 marks)

14 Put inverted commas where they should be in the sentences below.

You have an interesting career as a bearologist, she said. What sort of things do you do?

(1 mark)

15 Use a pair of brackets in the correct place in the sentence below.

Andrew Derocher a specialist in polar bears has written a book based on his own experiences.

(1 mark)

16 Put a pair of commas into the sentence below.

The first man to walk on the moon Neil Armstrong was also the pilot of the spacecraft.

(1 mark)

17 Put inverted commas where they should be in the sentences below.

The feeling of weightlessness is quite strange, he said. You feel as if you are floating.

(2 marks)

18 Change the sentence below from the present tense to the past tense.

As the damaged spaceship flies back safely into Earth's atmosphere, the crew members breathe a sigh of relief and applaud.

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(1 mark)

SECTION C: Writing

19 Choose an animal and write what you know about it for a class of pupils.

You will need to;

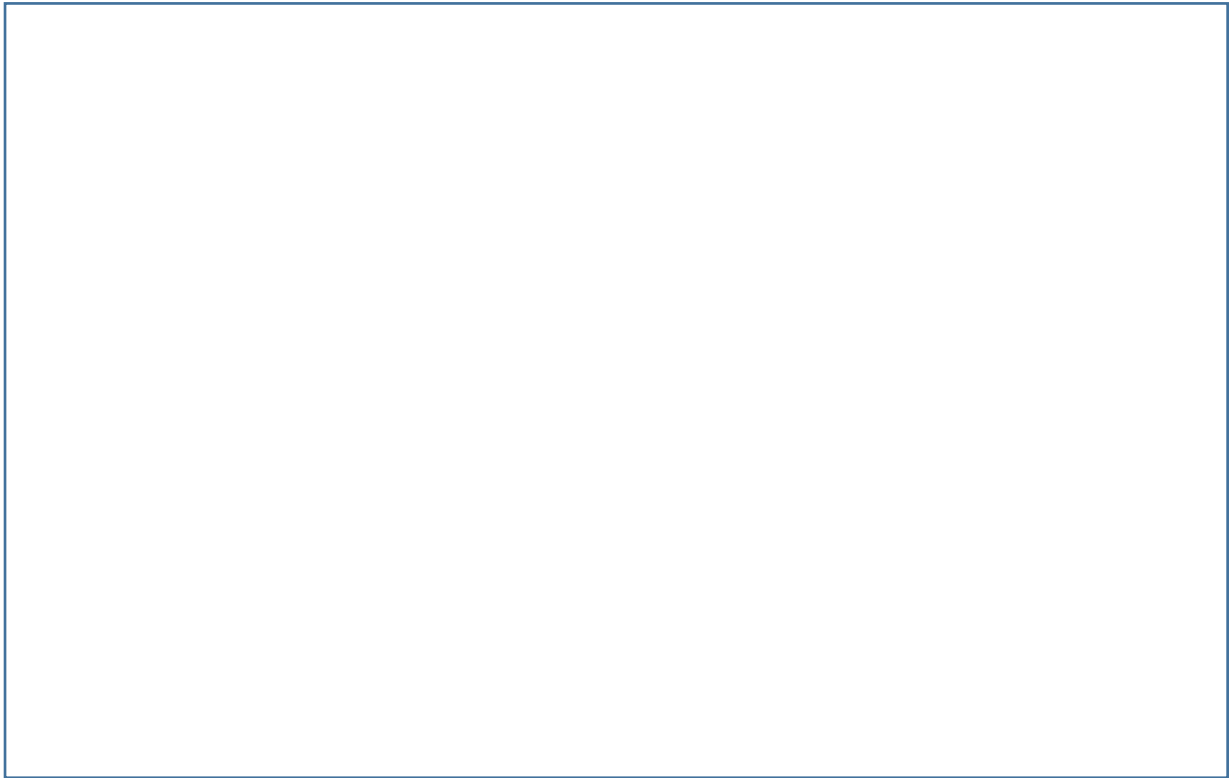
i. use headings to make the information clear i.e. how it looks, what it eats, and where it can be found.

ii. What you like or dislike about the animal.

You do **not** need to draw the animal.

You would be rewarded for the content, good paragraphs, punctuation and spelling.

Write your plan in this box.



Write your piece below.

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