

Read "The Happy Wanderer" on page 47 and answer questions 1 to 6.

1. Why does the happy wanderer lay down to have a rest?

- he is tired
- he is lazy
- it is hot
- it has been a long day



2. Which quote from the text helps to show that the happy wanderer can go where he pleases?

- with a carefree attitude
- no strings to tie him down
- content to dream and not to run
- to join his playful mood

3. Which word best describes the chorus?

- loud
- happy
- joyful
- melodious

4. Where does the happy wanderer live?

- in a kennel
- with his pack
- anywhere comfortable
- down the road

5. Which answer most likely describes the happy wanderer?

- a loner
- a stray
- well loved
- cared for

6. Why did the happy wanderer invite his friends to join him?

- it was a sunny day
- the world was his to roam
- he wanted to sing in a chorus
- he was feeling light-hearted

Read “Dinosaur Find – Not all it’s cracked up to be!” on page 48 and answer questions 7 to 11.

7. What happened in the scientific community when the dinosaur find was announced?

- no-one believed them
- people were worried
- everyone was happy
- nobody cared



8. What are “anonymous sources”?

- sources that cannot be believed
- sources that are not identified
- sources that are fake
- sources that are more important than others

9. According to the text, why did the scientist say that “it was a sad day when you can no longer believe your own eyes”?

10. Why could the institute claim that the implanting of the dinosaur embryo would ensure success?

- they were using another reptile species
- the DNA had been preserved
- it had been digitally enhanced
- the egg had been frozen



11. According to the text, why is computer technology “not all it’s cracked up to be”?

- it creates much consternation amongst the scientific community
- people shouldn’t experiment with dinosaur DNA
- it can be used to fool people
- it doesn’t always work

Read “John Flanagan” on page 49 and answer questions 12 to 17.

12. Which word from the story tells you that Araluen is an imaginary place?

- best selling
- original
- reworked version
- mythical



13. When did Will come to live with the Baron?

- in the year 643
- as a teenager
- as a baby
- as an apprentice

14. Horace is described as a “staunch ally”. This means that Horace:

- is like a brother
- is a good friend
- is an evil villain
- is an annoying person

15. Why can John Flanagan write so realistically about his characters?

- he has a son
- he lives in Manly
- he has similar interests
- he has written professionally around the world

16. Which word best describes the Ranger Corps?

- stealthy
- sinister
- boisterous
- boastful

17. According to the text, one of the differences between Horace and Will is that:

- Will is beefy and muscular
- Will is an orphan
- Will wants to be an apprentice knight
- Will is small in stature

Read “The Human Eye” on page 50 and answer questions 18 to 23.

18. Single images captured by the eye are like:

- lenses
- photographs
- windows
- signals



19. According to the text, which of these do not lead to vision impairment?

- diabetes
- glaucoma
- vitamin A
- cataracts

20. Why is the image sent to the brain upside down?

- the light signals are changed into electrical impulses
- the pupil is dilated
- the lens changes shape
- the front of the eye bends the light

21. Which part of the eye allows us to view images at a variety of different distances?

- retina
- lens
- cornea
- optic nerve

22. The main purpose of the diagram at the end of the text is to:

- support the text
- highlight the similarities between an eye and a camera
- describe vision impairments
- explain why pupils dilate

23. The words “. . . a clear window to the world” suggest that:

- your windows need to be kept clean
- looking through a window is like wearing glasses
- like windows, your eyes let you look out to everything around you
- you look through windows to see the world

Read “Search for Buried Treasure” on page 51 and answer questions 24 to 29.

24. In the third paragraph, the treasure is described as a “priceless artefact”. This means that:

- it is very old
- it is worthless
- it is a precious object
- it is torn and frayed



25. Who is the author of the text?

- a pirate
- a ship’s Captain
- a famous buccaneer
- a child

26. Where was the Captain really when she was muttering about the log books?

- below decks
- in the ship’s galley
- downstairs in the kitchen
- on the coast

27. What, according to the text, would *not* be taken on the search for the treasure?

- a bucket
- a spade
- a ladder
- some rope

28. Why did the author receive an icy stare from the Captain?

- the mother liked being called Captain
- the pigsty had not been cleaned up
- she would be getting no supper
- the log books and charts were mixed up

29. Why did the author say she worked “as quickly as I dared”?

- she didn’t want to lose the treasure
- she didn’t want to damage the treasure
- she didn’t want to be disappointed
- she wanted to find the treasure fast before the Captain returned

Read “Animal Sponsorship” on page 52 and answer questions 30 to 35.

30. Which animal would “Purfect Fur You” be happy to sponsor?

- bilby
- polar bear
- American bald eagle
- mouse



31. Madolyn suggests that animal sponsorship is:

- the best way to help
- their duty
- a publicity stunt
- a vital step in animal protection

32. Josh believes a zoo’s most important task is to:

- help stop the damage of modern development on animals
- work with companies to help endangered animals
- help to nurture and support living creatures
- preserve animal species and return them to the wild

33. Madolyn’s views are different to those of Josh in which way?

- Madolyn does not agree with any animal sponsorship.
- Madolyn wants to help all sorts of animals.
- Madolyn thinks that animal sponsorship is the best way to help.
- Madolyn wants businesses to sponsor animals at the zoo.

34. According to the text, why does Josh most want to sponsor an animal?

- He likes endangered Australian animals.
- He owns a pet company called Purfect Fur You.
- He wants to be a successful applicant.
- He was upset by seeing images of homeless and hurt animals.

35. Which *two* features make animals more desirable, according to Madolyn?

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| <input type="radio"/> Australian | <input type="radio"/> valuable |
| <input type="radio"/> protected | <input type="radio"/> endangered |
| <input type="radio"/> slithering | <input type="radio"/> funny |
| <input type="radio"/> cute | <input type="radio"/> furry |

