

English

Reading

Directions: In this section of the test, you will show how well you can understand written English. There are several selections and some questions about each one. For each question, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

Caves

A hollow place or opening in a wall of rocks is called a cave. Some caves are small. They are just large enough to hide an animal or person. Other caves are large and deep. A tall building could be built in one of them. Your school could fit in a very large cave.

In some caves, water moves slowly from place to place. There are underground rivers and even lakes. A cave is dark and quiet, but you may hear the drip, drip of the water from the cave walls.

Caves are darker than the darkest night. The sun never shines in them. No trees or grass can grow in caves because there is no sunlight there. Did you know that some animals that live in caves don't have eyes because they never need to see?



1 What is the passage mostly about?

- A What caves are like.
- B The animals that live in caves.
- C How tall buildings fit in caves.
- D The underground lakes found in caves.

2 What is NOT likely to be found in a cave?

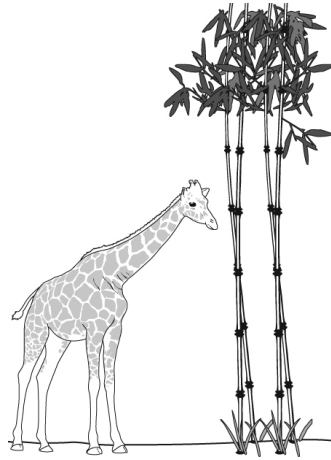
- A a lake
- B a river
- C animals
- D grass

3 Why do some animals that live in caves have no eyes?

- A They are very sick.
- B They are very quiet.
- C They never need to see.
- D They sleep all the time.



Giraffes



- 1 The giraffe is a very tall animal that lives in Africa. They are so tall because they have long necks and legs. Their long necks and legs allow them to eat leaves from tall trees.
- 4 Giraffes are like camels because they do not need to drink water every day. Giraffes get moisture from the leaves they eat, so they can live for days without drinking water.
- 7 Giraffes also have spots on their hides and small horn-like knobs on the top of their heads. Some people think that giraffes are beautiful. Other people think giraffes look funny. What do you think? You might be able to see one in a zoo near you. Then you can decide for yourself.

4 What is the main idea of the passage?

- A the way giraffes gather food
- B the characteristics of giraffes
- C the places you can find giraffes
- D the similarities between giraffes and camels

5 Why do giraffes have long necks?

- A so they can see better
- B so they can drink more water
- C so they can make loud sounds
- D so they can reach their food

6 How does the selection say giraffes are like camels?

- A They don't need water every day.
- B They don't live in the desert.
- C They both like to eat leaves from tall trees.
- D They both have spots on their hides.

7 Where can you find a giraffe?

- A in Africa or the zoo
- B on top of tall trees
- C in a jungle in Asia
- D under the water



Directions: In this section of the test, you will show how well you understand how to write in English. For each question, mark the letter of the correct answer on your answer sheet.

8 Choose the punctuation mark that belongs in the blank.

Has Martin arrived yet _____

- A ,
- B .
- C !
- D ?

For questions 9 and 10, choose the words that belong in each blank.

Anna loves taking pictures. She just got a new camera. Now she takes pictures _____ **9** _____ including her house, her school, and even her toys. Whenever she looks at the pictures that she has taken, she _____ **10** _____.

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- A except
- B for them,
- C of many things,
- D to her friends,

10

- A feels very happy
- B gets a new camera
- C is taking pictures
- D sees them tomorrow

Answer Key
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1. E43.3, The student can identify the main idea.
A Correct. The passage is mostly about what caves are like.
B Incorrect. The passage mentions animals, but this is NOT the main idea.
C Incorrect. Tall buildings are used to compare the size of some caves but it is NOT the main idea.
D Incorrect. Underground lakes are details about some caves.

2. E43.1, The student can identify and recall details.
A Incorrect. Some caves have lakes in them.
B Incorrect. Some caves have rivers in them.
C Incorrect. Some animals live in caves.
D Correct. Grass cannot grow in caves because of the lack of sunlight.

3. E43.1, The student can identify and recall details.
A Incorrect. Passage does NOT mention that animals without eyes are very sick.
B Incorrect. Passage does NOT mention that animals without eyes are very quiet.
C Correct. The passage states that some animals that live in caves do not have eyes because it is so dark in the caves that they never need to see.
D Incorrect. Passage does NOT mention that animals without eyes sleep all the time.

4. E43.3, The student can identify the main idea.

A Incorrect. The way giraffes gather food is a detail in the passage.

B Correct. The main idea of the passage is the characteristics of giraffes.

C Incorrect. The places you can find giraffes are details in the passage.

D Incorrect. The similarities between giraffes and camels are used to help the student understand that giraffes do not need to drink water every day. However, it is NOT the main idea.

5. E43.4, The student can identify cause and effect relationships.

A Incorrect. Giraffes do NOT have long necks so they can see better.

B Incorrect. Giraffes do NOT have long necks so they can drink more water.

C Incorrect. Giraffes do NOT have long necks so they can make loud sounds.

D Correct. From the passage it can be inferred that the reason giraffes have long necks is so they can eat the leaves on tall trees.

6. E43.1, The student can identify and recall details.

A Correct. The passage states that giraffes and camels are alike in that they do not need to drink water every day.

B Incorrect. The passage does NOT say that giraffes live in the desert like camels do.

C Incorrect. The passage does NOT say that camels eat leaves from tall trees.

D Incorrect. The passage does NOT say that camels have spots on their hides.

7. E43.1, The student can identify and recall details.

A Correct. Giraffes can be found in Africa or in zoos.

B Incorrect. The passage does NOT say that giraffes can be found on top of tall trees.

C Incorrect. The passage does say that giraffes can be found in Africa or in zoos but NOT in a jungle in Asia.

D Incorrect. The passage does NOT say that giraffes can live underwater.

8. E42.1, The student can make decisions involved in constructing a complete sentence (6 words).

A Incorrect. A comma would NOT be used when asking a question.

B Incorrect. A period marks the end of a sentence. It is NOT used when asking a question.

C Incorrect. An exclamation mark is used when adding emphasis to a sentence, NOT when asking a question.

D Correct. A question mark is the correct punctuation mark to use when asking a question.

9. E42.2, The student can make decisions involved in writing 3 descriptive sentences.

A Incorrect. The word “except” would not make sense in the sentence.

B Incorrect. The paragraph leads you to believe Anna is taking the pictures for herself for fun, so “for them” would not make sense in the sentence.

C Correct. “of many things” is correct because it is followed by “including” and a list of several things she takes pictures of.

D Incorrect. “to her friends” is incorrect because she is not delivering the pictures to her friends.

10. E42.2, The student can make decisions involved in writing 3 descriptive sentences.
- A Correct. Since Anna loves taking pictures, it makes sense that she “feels very happy”.**
- B Incorrect. It does not make sense that Anna would “get a new camera” every time she looks at the pictures she took.
- C Incorrect. Anna is not taking pictures while she is looking at the pictures she took. “is taking pictures” does not make sense in the sentence.
- D Incorrect. “sees them tomorrow” does not make sense in the sentence because when Anna looks at her pictures, it is at that moment rather than the next day.