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ASSIGNMENT 1

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TOTAL MARKS:	40

INSTRUCTIONS: READ THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

- † Write your full names and student number in the space provided.
- † Marks are indicated at the end of each question.
- † Answer each question in the space provided below.
- † Write neatly and clearly
- † **Cell phones** are not allowed during the test sessions.

Student Surname: _____

Student First name: _____

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(Please Tick one box only)

QUESTION 1

Read the following advertisement and then answer the questions on the next page.

WISPECO OTJIHAVERA EXPERIENCE MTB MARATHON

The Otjihavera Experience is a mountain bike race that covers just over 70 km of scenic, rugged and challenging terrain in the Otjozondjupa Region in central Namibia. The race has been run for the last eight years and its increasing popularity year on year is testament to the challenging trail that it traces.

The route takes riders through several of the area's farms, and the farmers' contribution to the race's success is part of the charm of the event. The local communities not only allow access across their lands to the cyclists, but the locals also set up water stations along the way for the thirsty contestants.

DAY 1

Day one departs from the Otjihase Mine Social Club, which Weatherly Mining kindly made available for the start of the race. The route to Midgard Country Estate follows mostly farm and single tracks.

At 17:00 an update will be given on day one's stage and also brief riders for day two at Midgard. This will be followed by stage prizes and lucky-draws.

DAY 2

The route takes riders out of Midgard and backtracks part of day one's route before heading west for the climb towards Okapuka Lodge, with a new surprise or two in this year's route. The day ends with a well deserved descent to Okapuka, towards the festivities at the finish line.

Make sure to stick around for the prize giving and some fantastic lucky draw prizes over lunch at Okapuka. The very special finisher's medals are again crafted by Hans Kolberg, adding to the unique nature of this event. It is worth taking on the two-day hard slog through the hills, just to be the proud owner of one of these unique medals. First National Bank and WISPECO Namibia are the primary supporters of this esteemed event, although Standard Bank and Santam have also contributed to the event.

(Adapted from Flamingo, August 2014)

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| 1 | Quote two words from the passage to describe the terrain of the race. | [2] |
| 2 | How long has the race been in existence? | [1] |
| 3 | Mention one way in which the locals contribute to the success of the race. | [2] |
| 4 | Where is the place of departure for day two? | [1] |
| 5 | What is unique about the medal which can be won? | [2] |
| 6 | Who are the main sponsors of this prestigious event? | [2] |

QUESTION 2

[Total=6]

Read the following text and choose the correct answer.

CREATURES OF THE NIGHT

Once you are hooked on owl watching, you will never look back, unless you are a Pearl-Spotted Owlet with a separate set of 'eyes' at the back of your head, or a Marsh Owl, which always looks back over its shoulder after take-off. Although owls are relatively common, very few people have ever actually seen one.

For a creature with night vision three times greater than ours, the ability to locate its prey in pitch dark from a distance of seven metres and to fly with almost silent wing beats, it definitely deserves more than the label of ill omen we humans have given it. Over centuries, owls have fascinated us to such an extent that they have been branded as the wise old men of nature. They have also been the main characters in many a fable and folklore, even featuring in the film *Lord of the Rings*! Some people still believe that if an owl perches on the roof of your house, it means that someone is going to die.

While the call of an owl at night can be terrifying, for the bird-watcher it means there is life. Owls tend to be quite vocal, especially during their breeding season, and if you have the ability to mimic their call, you will definitely entertain your friends, as the local owls. The only exception might be the Barn Owl whose visit to your camp in the middle of the night could be rather scary, due to its eerie screeching call.

There are more than 130 owl species worldwide and Namibia is fortunate to have a wide variety, eleven to be exact. Unfortunately, because of their nocturnal hunting habits along the road, owls are the birds that are most susceptible to road kills.

Because of its adaptability to different habitats, the most common owl in Namibia is the Spotted Eagle Owl. With the exception of the Barn Owl, this owl is also the best adapted to human surroundings. Its call is so typical that 'whoop hoo' has become the layman's term for 'owls'. The Cape Eagle Owl and the Spotted Eagle Owl look alike except for the latter's large feet, orange instead of yellow eyes, more boldly mottled chest and bigger size, also occurs in Namibia, but only in the far south along the Fish and Orange rivers.

The world's most common owl species, the Barn Owl, is also relatively widespread in Namibia. Interestingly enough, the pellets of Barn Owls are very special, because the first traces of a Grant's golden mole was found in such a pellet.

Marsh Owls are my favourite owl species, because of the many hours we watched them hunt on the Nina Road. Incidentally, this also caused us some rather anxious moments one night when we were mistaken for poachers instead of owl watchers. Their habit of sitting on the road looking for insects entertained us for hours on end, as did their comical habit of flying off looking back curiously at their intruders.

The so-called Bushveld owls, namely the African Scops Owl, Pearl-Spotted Owlet and White-Faced Owl, are all specialists in the entertainment business. Incidentally, these owls are employed by Nature Conservation to entertain visitors at their different camps throughout Namibia. At night they can be seen, or at least heard, in virtually all the game parks.

(Flamingo, November 2004)

Highlight by a bold the correct answer.

- 1 The owl is designed to catch its prey at night because ...
 - A. it flies with almost silent wing beats.
 - B. it has a separate set of 'eyes'.
 - C. it has vision three times greater than humans.
 - D. it locates its prey in pitch dark.

2. The call of owls is scary because...
 - A. they are quite vocal during their breeding season.
 - B. they have been branded wise old men of nature.
 - C. they have been labelled creatures of ill omen.
 - D. they have been the main characters in many fables.

3. Many owls are killed on Namibian roads because...
 - A. there are a wide variety of owls found along
 - B. there are many owls hunting along the road at night
 - C. there are times owls feed from insects on the roads.
 - D. there is not a road where owls will not be found.

4. The most popular owl that is found in the world is the...
 - A. Barn Owl.
 - B. Cape Eagle Owl.
 - C. Marsh Owl.
 - D. Spotted Eagle Owl.

5. The Bushveld Owls are renowned for their ability to...
 - A. amuse.
 - B. educate.
 - C. scare.
 - D. survive.

6. The author's feeling towards owls is...
 - A** admiration.
 - B** curiosity.
 - C** dislike.
 - D** fear

QUESTION 3

[14]

Read these sentences carefully and put the correct answer against each sentence.

1. The camel is the ship of the desert.
2. 1.night is as dark as black stone
3. O death! Where is your stin
4. David is as noble as his father.
5. I heard the humming of bees.
6. Experience is the best teacher.
7. Not to speak about crane even I can pick up the 1000 kilos weight by my one hand.
8. Life is bittersweet.
9. Grunt, grunt goes the hog.
- 10.The trees are our friends who protect us.

QUESTION 4

[Total=10]

Read the article below and write notes about the importance of children's literature.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

It is no surprise that technology is taking the world by storm and the days when children would sit around a fire listening to age-old stories are slowly coming to an end.

It is also no surprise that children's books play a crucial role in child development. Books are not only a great source for teaching children how to spell and pronounce words correctly, but also to expand their vocabulary even more.

But what is children's literature? Does it concern books about children? Does it include books written by children?

"Although children's literature accommodates other types of genres, it provides a flexible and discursive space relating to literature in a different way," said Juliet Pasi, an English lecturer at the Polytechnic of Namibia.

Children's literature is a great way to learn about the art of imagination, especially from a child's point of view. They are perfect for boosting children's abilities to invent wonderful new worlds and creatures, as well as giving them a platform to go wild with ideas, preposterous as they may seem. Fairy tales are often the main inspiration children use to encourage themselves and dream big.

Through story books, children are able to equip themselves with the necessary social skills to form relationships and understand emotions better. By relating instances in books with those of real life situations, they will start to identify wrong from right, and in future, use what they have learnt to make the right decisions.

Many African children's literature includes stories of animals or people with a number of characteristics, some good and others bad. These 'inappropriate' features of the characters are used to reveal values and morals such as the consequences of being selfish, rude, impatient, etc. Sometimes these stories are also used to explain why something is the way it is, for example, why spiders weave their webs in circles, why tortoises are slow or how the world came to be.

Keeping a vast selection of children's books helps to expand children's knowledge, and is the perfect object to replace the deadly culture of watching television all day, every day. Plus, creating a regular reading routine is an effective way to allow parents and their children to bond and learn from each other.

"Personally our big challenge is reading in our country. We need to open up children's minds as this helps them to study as well. It is important for writers to write books for kids and spread the message," said Elise Shinedima, author of 'What You Seek is Within You'.

(The Namibian, 15 August 2014)

Write notes about the importance of children's literature.

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