

Reading Plus test

Section 1 Reading

Passage 1

Read the text about reading and complete the task below.

Reading opens up your imagination in countless directions and allows you to go on amazing journeys. And will return you to yourself as a better person! Reading allows your mind to relax so that your imagination can take off. This provides the perfect opportunity for you to rest from the stress of your daily life. When school, home or life get too much for you, take a break and jump into a fantasy world, or dream of a science fiction future.

Beyond this calming effect, reading can enrich our knowledge of history, politics, culture ... of the whole of life. There is no limit on what we can learn and how long we can go on learning. For me, even when I take to my bed for the final time, I hope it will still be with a book in hand, a dream in my head and hope in my heart.

1. List 5 reasons why reading is good for us, according to the writer. Use your own words.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

2. Find words or phrases in the text that have similar meanings to these words and phrases.

1. very many:
2. an excellent chance:
3. have a short rest:
4. increase and improve:
5. in addition to:

Passage 2

Read the text about sharks and complete the tasks below.

Most people think sharks are huge, terrifying, mindless killers that attack swimmers, but a new TV series, starting soon, shows that most of these ideas are based on misunderstanding. For one thing, not all sharks are large. One type is only about 5 inches long, and the two largest types are completely harmless to humans, eating only huge amounts of tiny sea creatures.

Research suggests that most shark attacks on humans are accidental. Marine biologist Simon Harding, who has spent many years swimming with sharks and studying their habits, says: "People aren't natural shark food. Sharks usually believe they've caught something else, and will often let go after the first bite. I've seen it happen, though luckily not to me."

In fact, humans are much more of a threat to sharks than the other way round. In 2012, for example, only 11 fatal shark attacks were recorded. That doesn't include unreported ones, but in contrast, people kill around 70 million sharks a year. Of the 465 different species of shark, 74 are in danger and 11 of these could soon be lost completely.

1. Decide whether the sentences are TRUE or FALSE, according to the text.

1. A majority of people have the wrong idea about sharks. ()
2. The TV programme hasn't started yet. ()
3. Some sharks are very small. ()
4. Most sharks are not at all dangerous to people. ()
5. Simon Harding swims with sharks as part of his job. ()
6. He has been attacked by sharks in the past. ()
7. Humans are extremely dangerous for sharks. ()
8. Over 74 species of shark could become extinct in the near future. ()

2. Complete the sentences with a word or phrase from the text.

1. People's fear of sharks may be the result of
2. Simon Harding has seen sharks bite humans and then
3. Sharks are divided into

3. Answer the questions.

1. What 2 examples are given of wrong ideas people have about sharks?
a) b)
2. What is the natural food of the biggest sharks?
3. Why might the number of fatal shark attacks in 2012 be higher than 11?
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Passage 3

Read the text about working from home and complete the tasks below.

Having a good “work-life balance” means not allowing work to take over your personal life. For many, working from home is a good way to achieve this, because it allows you to fit in other things more easily. Miriam says working from home has made a huge difference: “I have to look after my father, who lives near me. This way I can visit him twice a day.” She isn’t alone. Increasing numbers of parents also take advantage of this working style and most say their children are happier as a result.

It isn’t for everyone though. Some jobs aren’t suitable, and some companies don’t allow it. Even if you have a job that allows you to work from home, you need to be the kind of person who won’t miss the company of others and who can make yourself keep working without someone watching over you.

1. Replace the underlined parts of the sentences with words or phrases from the text.

1. Working from home lets people include things they need to do in their lives. -----
2. Miriam has a relative that she needs to take care of. -----
3. The kind of work you do may not be the right type for working from home. -----
4. Working at home, some people may find that they don’t like not having other people around you. -----

2. In your own words, explain why “work-life balance” and working from home are not the same thing.

Section 2 Literature

Answer the questions about ‘The Call of the Wild’.

1. Who are these characters (men and dogs) that Buck met on his journey in *The Call of the Wild*? Choose names from the box.

Curly – John Thornton – Manuel – Skeet – Spitz

1. The gardener at Santa Clara Valley who stole Buck: -----
2. A friend of Buck’s who was killed by huskies: -----
3. A fierce enemy who hated Buck (and that Buck fought and killed): -----
4. A good man who lived in the wild with dogs that he loved: -----
5. A dog who took care of Buck when he was weak and was killed by the Yeehats: -----

2. When Buck lived with John Thornton, why did he often run off into the wild but then return to the camp?

3. At the end of the story, do you think Buck would like to return to Santa Clara Valley if he could? Give reasons for your answer.

Section 3 Writing

Write an essay giving your opinion on ONE of the following questions.

Zoos are unnatural places for animals to live and they have no purpose in the modern world. How far do you agree?

Think about these questions:

- In what ways are zoos unnatural? (no freedom, can’t catch own food etc)
- What possible purposes could there be for zoos today? (e.g. conservation / protection)
- On balance, what is your opinion about zoos?

OR

Do you think that, with the rise of technology like e-readers and the Internet, traditional forms of reading like books and newspapers will disappear?

Think about these questions:

- How have people’s reading habits changed in the last 10 years?
- What are the advantages of using technology for reading?
- Are there any disadvantages?
- Why do some people still read books and newspapers?
- Do you think books and newspapers will continue in future?

ANSWER KEY

Section 1 Reading

Passage 1

Helps/excites imagination

Makes you a better person

Helps you relax / be calm

Takes away stress (of everyday life)

Widens your knowledge

Passage 2

1. True; True; True; False; True; False; True; False

2. 1. misunderstanding; 2. let go; 3. 465 (different) species

3. 1. a) not all are big b) 2 largest are harmless

2. tiny sea creatures

3. number doesn't include unreported attacks

Passage 3

1. 1. fit in; 2. look after; 3. suitable; miss

2. Work-life balance is something that people would like to have; working from home is just one way of managing to achieve this.

Section 2 Literature (15 marks)

'The Call of the Wild'

1. 1- Manuel 2- Curly3- Spitz4- John Thornton 5- Skeet

2. Buck was pulled in two directions (1) by the call of the wild / his ancestral nature as a wild animal / (2) by his love of John Thornton / the life he had known with men

3. No / his wild nature has taken over / he has killed men and he couldn't go back to them / John Thornton, who was the only thing keeping him from the wild, is dead

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