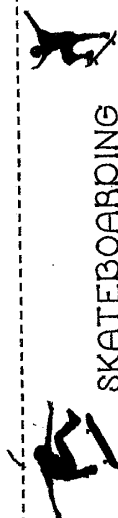


SECTION A: READING WITH UNDERSTANDING

QUESTION 1: COMPREHENSION

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions which follow in FULL SENTENCES.



SKATEBOARDING

A skater is a human being who enjoys riding a skateboard because it is fun. A lot of skaters could be classified as 'punks' but this is just a stereotype. True, some skaters wear tight jeans and a pair of sneakers, but a lot of them just dress normally. There are vert skaters and street skaters. Vert skaters skate in halfpipes. Street skaters skate stairs and ledges. Street is currently more popular than vert, mainly because it is easier to do. It does not mean that it requires less skill; it means that street skating doesn't require a ramp, therefore it can be done in more places. Skateboarders are often said to be 'druggies' but this is simply not true. True skateboarders have no use for drugs. It's all about landing those tricks! Landing a trick is the ultimate high. Skateboarding is not a fad; it's a way of life. It was first started in the 1950's when surfers in California got the idea of trying to surf the streets. No one really knows who tried to make the first board. It seems that several people came up with similar ideas at the same time. Early homemade skateboards were thick boards, usually made with metal wheels from roller skates. The new manufactured skateboards of the 1960's were wider, thinner and made of plywood, which made it easier to move around on them.

Skateboarding gave young people the speed and ability to fly through the air, and this seized their imaginations. This led to more injuries and eventually skateboarding was banned on streets and sidewalks. The skateboard made a comeback in the 1970's with the invention of new wheel parts and new board designs. Kids starting using empty swimming pools as skateboard sites. This is where high riding and air riding board tricks are said to have begun.

Since 2000, attention in the media and products like video games, children's skateboards and clothing have made skateboarding more and more popular. The benefit of this is that skaters are more accepted.

With more money being put into skateboarding, there are more skate parks, better skateboards and more skateboarding companies to keep inventing new and exciting products. The excitement just keeps growing.

Skateboarding hasn't stopped evolving and skaters are coming up with new tricks all the time. Boards are also continuing to evolve as companies try to make them lighter and stronger and improving on their performance. Skateboarding has always been a personal discovery, pushing yourself to the limit. The beauty of skateboarding is that it is an individual activity so there is no right or wrong way to skate.

1.1 Quote a word from the first paragraph that tells us skate-boarders have a bad reputation. (Write only the word) (1)

1.2 Who were the first people to try skateboarding?

(Write only the correct letter)

- a) Skateboarders
- b) Druggies
- c) Surfers
- d) Punks

1.3 In which country did skateboarding first begin? (1)

1.4 Identify 2 ways in which people negatively judge skate-boarders. (2)

1.5 New manufactured skateboards are wider and thinner.

Why do skateboarders prefer to ride these rather than the old boards? Give 2 reasons to explain your answer. (2)



1.6 Tricks need to be practiced. Where did skaters practice before skate parks were opened? (1)

1.7 If you were a skateboarder, would you like to be a vert or street skateboarder? Give a reason using facts from the passage. (2)

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QUESTION 2: POETRY

Study the poem below and answer the questions which follow.

I Tried to Ride a Skateboard

I tried to ride a skateboard.
I fell and scraped my knee.
I tried to ride a bicycle.
I crashed into a tree.

I tried to ride a scooter.
I landed on my chin.
I tried to ride a unicycle;
I lost a bit of skin.

I even tried a tricycle
but ran into a wall.
I'm happy in this wheelchair now.
I never fall at all.

—Kenn Nesbitt



2.1 Which word rhymes with 'now'?

low sow tow (1)

2.2 Give an antonym for 'lost'.

(1)

2.3 The poet isn't very good at riding skateboards, scooters and bikes. Give a reason for this statement. (1)

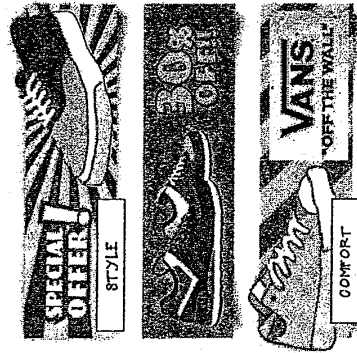
2.4 Quote a line from the poem that tells you that the poet never gave up. (1)

2.5 The poet says he's happier in a wheelchair than a bike or scooter because he never falls out. Why is the wheelchair safer? (1)

[5]

QUESTION 3: ADVERTISEMENTS

Study the advertisement and answer the questions which follow. Write just the answers.



- 3.1 What product is being advertised? (½)
 3.2 What is the name of the product? (½)
 3.3 What is the catch phrase? (1)
 3.4 Name 2 things this advert promises you. (2)
 3.5 What do you feel is missing from this advert? (1)

[5]
 TOTAL (SECTION A): 20 MARKS

SECTION B: LANGUAGE

Identify the following parts of speech (**bold**) from the passage (**Skateboarding**).

Common Noun, Abstract Noun, Proper Noun, Collective Noun, Relative Pronoun,
 Reflexive Pronoun, Personal Pronoun, Preposition, Conjunction

- 1.1 therefore
 1.2 California
 1.3 which
 1.4 through
 1.5 money
 1.6 excitement
 1.7 yourself

Rewrite the following sentences into the tense indicated in brackets. (7)

2.1 Skateboarding gave young people the speed and ability they needed to fly through the air. (**present tense**) (1)

2.2 That style of skateboarding led to more serious injuries. (**future tense**) (1)

Rewrite and punctuate the following sentences using a colour pen/pencil crayon.
 DO NOT USE YELLOW, RED or BLUE.

3.1 Skaters need protective gear helmet elbow and knee guards and closed shoes.

3.2 I enjoy skateboarding my sister enjoys ice-skating (4 x ½= 2)

Rewrite the following sentence into direct speech.

4.1 Tony Hawk asked if he could create an x-box game. (6 x ½= 3)

Rewrite the following sentence into reported speech.

4.2 Tony Hawk exclaimed, "My new x-box game will be out next week!" (4 x ½= 2)

Identify the figures of speech in the following sentences.

5.1 I had a great skate with my mate yesterday.

5.2 I will go crazy if I can't skateboard every day. (2)

Choose the idiom or proverb that best suits the following scenarios.
Write only the correct letter.

I went to the skate park at Kings Beach on Saturday and was having a knarly time perfecting my tricks. Everything was going well till I ramped over a railing. I lost control...my board went flying and I landed on the ground, bleeding from my elbows and knees.

- 6.1 a) To smell a rat.
b) In the pipeline.
c) To bite the dust.



I went to the skate park at Kings Beach with a group of my friends on Saturday. We enjoy hanging out, practicing tricks and flips together because we all share the same interest.

- 6.2 a) Birds of a feather flock together.
b) You can't teach an old dog new tricks.
c) A friend in need is a friend indeed.

(1/2)

Find a synonym in the passage (Skateboarding) for the following words:

- 7.1 pavement (paragraph 2)
7.2 changing (paragraph 4)

(2 x 1/2 = 1)

TOTAL (SECTION B): 20 MARKS

Anything's
possible
if you've got
enough nerve.
- J.K. Rowling

