English FAL · Grade 5

Reading, Comprehension and Summary

Term 3–4 | 3 questions | CAPS-aligned

TOTAL 32 MARKS

NAME AND SURNAME _____ CLASS _____ DATE _____

Instructions

1. This question paper consists of THREE questions. Answer ALL of them.
2. Answer all the questions on the question paper itself.
3. Write neatly and legibly. Work that cannot be read will not be marked.

Question	Content of the question	Marks	Obtained
1	Comprehension	15	
2	Visual Text	12	
3	Summary	5	
	Total	32	
	Percentage		%

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Section A

1 Comprehension

15 marks

Read the following text and then answer the questions below.

The Cape Fur Seal

The Cape fur seal is the largest seal in Africa. A full-grown male can weigh as much as three hundred kilograms, which is heavier than four adult men standing together.

Seals look clumsy on land. They shuffle along on their flippers and flop onto the rocks in untidy heaps. In the water they are completely different. A seal can swim faster than most fish and can stay under for seven minutes without coming up for air.

Thousands of seals live together in noisy groups called colonies. The biggest colony in South Africa is on a small island near Lambert's Bay. Every mother knows her own pup by its call, even among thousands of others.

Seals eat sardines, squid and small fish. They hunt at night, sometimes swimming more than a hundred kilometres from the colony before returning at sunrise.

	Male (bull)	Female (cow)
Mass	up to 300 kg	up to 120 kg
Length	up to 2,3 m	up to 1,7 m
Pups	—	one pup a year, born in late November or December

Total words: 139

1.1 Which animal is the text about? **(1)**

1.2 Give TWO facts about the size or weight of a full-grown male seal. **(2)**

1.3 What do we call a large group of seals living together? **(1)**

1.4 Name TWO things seals eat. **(2)**

1.5 Where is the biggest seal colony in South Africa? **(1)**

1.6 Look at the table. How heavy can a female seal be? **(1)**

1.7 Give TWO reasons the text says seals look clumsy on land. **(2)**

1.8 When do seals hunt? **(1)**

1.9 Name THREE things the text tells us a seal can do in the water. **(3)**

1.10 Write down one fact from the text that surprised you. **(1)**

Section B

2 Visual Text

12 marks

Look at the poster below and then answer the questions on the next page.



2.1 What is the poster about? **(1)**

2.2 Where does the event take place? **(1)**

2.3 How much does it cost? **(1)**

2.4 The poster says ENTRY FORMS AT THE OFFICE. What must a learner do to take part in the show? **(1)**

2.5 On which date does the talent show take place? **(1)**

2.6 Name ONE thing the designer did to make the heading stand out. **(1)**

2.7 Name two things from the left side of the list. **(2)**

2.8 Why did the designer put pictures of a star, a trophy and a book on the poster? Give TWO reasons. **(2)**

2.9 Who do you think this poster is for? Give a reason for your answer. **(2)**

Section C

3 Summary

5 marks

Read the following text and then answer the question below.

Staying safe at the beach

Always swim between the flags. Lifeguards watch that stretch of water and can reach you quickly.

Never swim alone. Take a friend, and tell an adult where you will be.

Get out of the water if you feel tired. Tired swimmers get into trouble fastest.

Wear a hat and sunblock. The sun is strongest between eleven and three.

Leave the beach if you hear a shark siren. Do not stop to collect your things first.

3.1 Read the text again. Complete the SUMMARY below. Choose the correct word from the box for each space. Use each word only once. There is ONE extra word. **(5)**

alone	flags	siren	sunblock	tired	towel

Always swim between the (1) _____ , because lifeguards watch that part of the water.

Never swim (2) _____ – always take a friend.

Get out of the water when you feel (3) _____ .

Protect yourself from the sun with a hat and (4) _____ .

Leave the beach at once if you hear a shark (5) _____ .

Total **32 marks**



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