

The Sanskaar Valley School

Cambridge Secondary 1 Half Yearly Examination Question Paper 6 CAIE [Sample Paper]



Subject: ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 1

120 Minutes

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Additional Material: pen, pencil.

Read these instructions first

Answer all questions in the spaces provided on the question paper.

You should read the questions carefully.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part question.

The total number of marks for this paper is 50.

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Section A: Reading

Read the extract from an information text on **humpback whales** and then answer the questions.

Humpback whales

- 1 Humpback whales are large sea creatures. Females reach a length of up to 16 metres; males are slightly smaller at up to 15 metres. Humpback whales weigh approximately three tonnes per metre, so a 16-metre female could weigh close to 50 tonnes. That's big!
- 5 They are relatively slow swimmers, averaging 6–12 kilometres per hour. Even so, they undertake fairly long journeys, travelling from their winter breeding grounds in warm tropical waters to summer feeding grounds in icy polar seas. The diet of humpback whales generally consists of krill (tiny crustaceans) and small fish such as herring.
- 10 Humpback whales exhibit some creative feeding methods, including the 'bubble net' technique where the whale encircles its prey from below, blowing air from its blowhole to make a 'net' of bubbles. The whale then surfaces through the middle of the net with its mouth wide open. As the whale takes in huge mouthfuls of water and food, its throat expands somewhat like a pelican's pouch. The whale then contracts its throat, using its large tongue to help expel the water. The food is left behind, caught in the 270–400 pairs of coarse baleen* which hang from its mouth. Humpbacks don't normally have a hump on their backs; the name comes from the large hump that forms when they arch their backs before making a deep dive into the ocean.

Glossary:

* baleen: similar to brush bristles and used to filter food

1. Which **two** facts about humpback whales are correct? Tick the correct ones. [2]
 - a. They travel far
 - b. They can swim quickly
 - c. Their teeth are sharp.
 - d. The female is often bigger than the male
2. Where do humpback whales like to feed during the summer? [1]

3. Combine these sentences into one sentence, using 'although' and 'which'. Use correct punctuation. [2]

The humpback whale is a large creature. It feeds on krill. These are very small.

4. Read the sentence beginning 'Humpback whales exhibit some creative...' (Lines 10-12). What does the use of the word '**creative**' tell us? Tick one option. [1]
- a. Humpback whales are artistic.
 - b. Humpback whales are clever.
 - c. Humpback whales are playful.
5. Which of these words from the third paragraph is a verb? Tick one option [1]
- a. methods
 - b. surfaces
 - c. mouthfuls
6. Find an adverb in the second paragraph which compares the speed of humpback whales to other animals. [1]

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7. Find a verb in the third paragraph which shows how humpback whales move to trap their prey. [1]
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8. What is the diet of humpback whales? [1]
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9. Explain the 'bubble net technique'. [3]
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10. Rewrite the following sentence with appropriate punctuation marks. [2]

humpbacks can easily be identified by their stocky body obvious hump black dorsal colouring and elongated pectoral fins

11. Give the contextual meaning of the following words [2]

- i. Exhibit _____
- ii. Coarse _____

12. How did the 'Humpback Whales 'get their names? [2]

[Total: 19]

Read this extract from a website about **scuba diving**.

From the very first time you breathe under water, scuba diving will inspire, challenge and surprise you. Many divers say that it's life-changing and, with the sense of achievement that comes with learning to dive, it's easy to see why.

Scuba diving is a mode of underwater diving where the diver uses a self-contained underwater breathing apparatus (scuba) which is completely independent of surface supply, to breathe underwater. Scuba divers carry their own source of breathing gas, usually compressed air, allowing them greater independence and freedom of movement than surface-supplied divers, and longer underwater endurance than breath-hold divers.

Scuba diving will appeal to anyone who is reasonably fit and has a spirit of adventure. With the right training and support, it's also easy and fun to learn. You can learn to dive from the age of eight. Through a combination of theory lessons, pool sessions and open-water experience, you'll learn your new diving skills at your own pace. You'll develop your skills in the safe confines of a swimming pool before progressing to sheltered water, leading to your first open-water dives and an Ocean Diver certificate. And, what's more, our diving certificates are recognised around the world.

With 70% of the planet covered in water, there's so much for a diver to see, experience and explore. Add to that the wide variety of things you can see and do when diving – wrecks, marine life, photography, conservation, underwater archaeology, exploration, deep and technical diving – and the opportunities are endless!

13. Write one word from the second paragraph that shows *you are trained in a small area*.

[1]

14. Make notes on the above passage (remember you don't need to write complete sentences) [4]

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

15. Using your own words as far as possible, write a summary of 70–90 words to **describe**
why scuba diving can be a great experience. [6]

[Total: 11]

Section B

You have just returned from a vacation to the Californian coast where you saw the humpback whales and learnt about them. You also did a Scuba diving course there.

Write a letter to your friend telling him/ her about your experience.

You should use the information given in the passages above. [20]

Start your letter with 'Dear _____'. You may write up to 250 words.

Marks will be awarded as follows:

- Purpose and Audience [4]
- Punctuation [4]
- Text Structure [4]
- Spelling [3]
- Sentence Structure [4]

Use the box given below for planning and remember to make paragraphs.

Dear _____,

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