



# Cambridge Secondary 1 Progression Test

## Question paper

Cambridge  
Secondary 1

1 hour 10 minutes

## English Paper 1

### Stage 7

Name .....

No additional materials are required.

#### READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST.

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

You should pay attention to punctuation, spelling and handwriting.

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

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!



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.

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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.

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### Glossary

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

- 1 Which **two** facts about humpback whales are correct?  
Tick (✓) **two** boxes.

They travel far.

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They can swim quickly.

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Their teeth are sharp.

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The female is often bigger than the male.

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[2]

- 2 Where do humpback whales like to feed during the summer?

..... [1]

- 3 Put the following in the correct order, 1–4, to describe the ‘bubble net’ technique.

The humpback whale

comes up through the middle

☐

catches food

☐

opens its mouth wide

☐

blows a bubble net

☐

[2]

- 4 Combine these sentences into **one** sentence, using ‘although’ and ‘which’. Use correct punctuation.

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

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..... [2]

- 5 Read the sentence beginning 'Humpback whales exhibit some creative...' (Lines 10-12) What does the use of the word 'creative' tell us? Tick **one** box.

Humpback whales are artistic.

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Humpback whales are clever.

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Humpback whales are playful.

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[1]

- 6 Which of these words from the third paragraph is a verb? Tick (✓) **one** box.

methods

☐

surfaces

☐

mouthfuls

☐

[1]

- 7 Underline the main clause in the following sentence.

As the whale takes in huge mouthfuls of water and food, its throat expands somewhat like a pelican's pouch.

[1]

- 8 (a) Find an adverb in the second paragraph which compares the speed of humpback whales to other animals.

.....[1]

- (b) Find a verb in the third paragraph which shows how humpback whales move to trap their prey.

.....[1]

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 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!

- 9 Tick (✓) to show which of these statements, according to the text, are true about scuba diving.

There are many places to dive.

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Diving qualifications are widely accepted.

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Scuba diving requires a high level of fitness.

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There is no age limit for learning to scuba dive.

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[2]

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

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- 11 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.

.....[5]

**Section B: Writing**

- 12** Write an article for children, which gives information about visiting a lake, river or beach you know, or the sea.

You will need to:

- choose a lake, river or beach you know about, or the sea
- decide what information you need to give
- use headings to help make the information clear, e.g. What it looks like; What you can do there; The wildlife which lives there; etc.

Do **not** include illustrations.

Write your plan in this box.

Purpose and Audience

[7]

Punctuation

[5]

Text Structure

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Spelling

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Sentence Structure

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Write your article here.

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