Read the instructions on the ANSWER SHEET and fill in your NAME, SCHOOL and OTHER INFORMATION.
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You MUST record your answers on the ANSWER SHEET.

Mark only ONE answer for each question.
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Use the information provided to choose the BEST answer from the four possible options.
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Questions may sometimes be placed next to each other. Make sure you read ACROSS the page and answer the questions in the correct order.

You are NOT allowed to use a dictionary or an electronic translator.
Humpback whales are sometimes called the circus performers of the ocean. This is because they appear to perform acrobatic feats when they dive. The name ‘humpback’, which is the common name for this whale, refers to the distinctive arch shape the whale’s back forms as it dives.

Sometimes the humpback will embellish its dive with a spectacular movement known as a breach. During breaching the whale uses its powerful tail flukes to lift nearly two-thirds of its body out of the water in a giant leap. A breach might also include a sideways twist with fins stretched out like wings, as the whale reaches the height of the breach.

A humpback whale breathes air at the surface of the water through two blowholes which are located near the top of the head. It spouts a double stream of spray that can rise up to 4 metres above the water.

The humpback has a small dorsal fin located towards the tail flukes about two-thirds of the way down its back. Other distinguishing features include large pectoral fins, which may be up to a third of the body length, and unique patches of black and white on the underside of the tail flukes. These markings are like fingerprints: no two are the same.

Humpback whales live in large groups called pods. They communicate with each other through complex ‘songs’.
1. One way of identifying a humpback whale is by its
   (A) diet.
   (B) dive.
   (C) habitat.
   (D) blowholes.

2. The words *Megaptera novaeangliae* are written in *italics* because
   (A) they indicate a scientific name.
   (B) the information is less important.
   (C) the writer wants to draw attention to the information.
   (D) they explain ‘humpback whales’ in another language.

3. Which of the following words from the text is **DIFFERENT** in meaning?
   (A) ‘distinctive’
   (B) ‘embellish’
   (C) ‘distinguishing’
   (D) ‘unique’

4. Which option shows the correct punctuation?
   (A) ‘Hi Justine’ said Ben.
   (B) ‘Hi Justine,’ said Ben.
   (C) ‘Hi Justine’, said Ben.
   (D) ‘Hi Justine.’ said Ben.

5. Which word from the text is a verb?
   (A) ‘soccer’
   (B) ‘notice’
   (C) ‘news’
   (D) ‘treated’
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*Area* refers to the particular curriculum area or strand assessed by the question.

- **TC** Text comprehension: questions which require students to comprehend information provided in the text as well as to interpret the information and use it to make inferences and predictions.
- **WC** Writer’s craft: questions which require students to focus on the techniques, devices and choices that writers make to create an effect on the reader.
- **SYN** Syntax: questions about accuracy and clarity within sentences or texts (e.g. pronoun reference, tense) and the recognition of grammatical terms (e.g. noun, main clause).
- **VOC** Vocabulary: questions about the meaning of words or phrases.

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- **Easy**: more than 70% of candidates will choose the correct option.
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