

TEST

Read the text and choose the correct answer to the questions.

During 1976, several children and teenage girls independently spied a strange feathered "owlman" near the church at Mawnan, a small village on the south coast of Cornwall. Judging from the sketch made by eyewitness June Melling, 12, who saw it hovering over the church tower on 17 April, it resembled a man with feathered wings, pointed ears and a black beak. By contrast, it appears much more owl-like in a drawing prepared by Sally Chapman, one of two teenage girls who reportedly observed this entity on 3 July, as it stood amid some pine trees in the woods near the church and then took flight. According to Sally and fellow eyewitness Barbara Perry, it was like a big owl the size of a man, with glowing red eyes, pointed ears and pincer-like feet. Sally's description and sketch recall the European eagle owl *Bubo bubo*, an extremely large species not native to Britain but a frequent escapee from collections, with bright orange eyes, prominent ear tufts and huge talons on its feet. Further sightings occurred near Mawnan church in 1978, after which it seemed to **vanish from existence**.

During the late 1980s, however, a teenager whom I shall identify only as Gavin (now an undergraduate zoology student) was walking with his girlfriend one summer evening through woodlands in the vicinity of Mawnan when they saw the owlman standing on a thick branch in a large conifer tree, with its wings raised. Grey and brown in colour, with glowing eyes, it seemed around 1.25 metres (4 feet) tall, and they discerned two huge toes on the front of each foot. When the creature saw its eyewitnesses, "...its head jerked down and forwards, its wings lifted and it just jumped backwards. As it did its legs folded up." Its behaviour once again calls to mind a very large owl, although Gavin is not sure what it was. Some researchers deem the owlman to be a zooform entity, or simply a hoax. The simple truth is that we just don't know.

1. What is **TRUE** about the "owlman"?
 - A Only teenagers could see it.
 - B Its habitat was in the pine trees.
 - C Nobody could see it after the 90ies.
 - D It came from the south coast of Cornwall.
2. According to Sally Chapman, the "owlman" looked like .
 - A an owl which behaved like a man
 - B a man with owl-like eyes, ears and feet
 - C an owl which was as big as a man
 - D an eagle-like creature with manly eyes
3. What does the author imply by saying that the "owlman" seemed to **vanish from existence**?
 - A It escaped from the cruel world.
 - B It tried to hide from people's eyes.
 - C It reminded about itself from time to time.
 - D It disappeared from the surface of the earth.
4. What **DIDN'T** Gavin say about the "owlman"?
 - A It wasn't bright.
 - B It had four toes.
 - C It could fly.
 - D It didn't move.
5. It can be inferred from the text that the "owlman" was .
 - A an extinct eagle owl
 - B a strange human being
 - C an unidentified creature
 - D a mixture of a man and an owl

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Read the text and choose the appropriate missing sentence

IS IT TRUE THAT A DINOSAUR LARGER THAN TYRANNOSAURUS REX WAS RECENTLY FOUND?

In 1995 scientists in Argentina discovered a meat-eating dinosaur they named *Giganotosaurus*. They claimed that it was as big as or bigger than the North American *Tyrannosaurus*. However, their claim is still being disputed. Although *Giganotosaurus* had a larger skull, it had a smaller brain, making it less intelligent. It has a longer upper leg bone but a shorter lower leg bone, so both _____.

However, the non-meat-eating dinosaurs were considerably larger. In fact, of all the known dinosaurs, which one is the biggest depends on how _____.

A dinosaur named *Argentinosaurus* was recently discovered in Argentina (hence the name). It was as tall as a seven-story building and weighed 110 tons.

In 1994 _____ found the bones of another huge dinosaur. They named it *Sauroposeidon*, which means "earthquake god lizard."

One standard measurement used to define a dinosaur's size is length, which is measured from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail. Because *Sauroposeidon* was 30 feet longer than *Argentinosaurus*, some scientists claim it is _____.

We have anything against the state of Oklahoma, but _____ on record goes to the monster from Argentina. That's not the end of the story. A fossil hunter in Colorado unearthed one of the largest dinosaur legs ever discovered. Based on the leg, he estimated that the dinosaur was probably 98 feet long and weighed 130 tons.

Unfortunately, that's only a guess until _____.

- A someone finds the rest of the dinosaur
- B the size of a modern chicken
- C dinosaurs were about the same height
- D our vote for the largest dinosaur
- E you measure a dinosaur's size
- F a highly efficient plant-eating creature
- G the largest animal ever found
- H scientists in southeastern Oklahoma