

MINI-SKILL TEST 1 ONLINE

READING – SENTENCE COMPLETION / SHORT ANSWER QUESTION

PASSAGE 1

Dolphins

Dolphins are regarded as the friendliest creatures in the sea and stories of them helping drowning sailors have been common since Roman times. The more we learn about dolphins, the more we realize that their society is more complex than people previously imagined. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers and protect the weakest in the community, as we do. Some scientists have suggested that dolphins have a language but it is much more probable that they communicate with each other without needing words. Could any of these mammals be more intelligent than man? Certainly the most common argument in favor of man's superiority over them that we can kill them more easily than they can kill us is the least satisfactory. On the contrary, the more we discover about these remarkable creatures, the less we appear superior when we destroy them.

Question 1-3

Complete the sentences. Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS/ OR A NUMBER** from the passage for each other.

1. It is clear that dolphins have a reputation for being the _____ to humans.
2. We can kill dolphins more easily than they can kill us does not mean that we are _____ to them.
3. Dolphins have some social traits that are more _____ than people.

PASSAGE 2

The History of Easter Eggs

Easter eggs, also called Paschal eggs, are special eggs that are often given to celebrate Easter or springtime. The practice of decorating eggshell is ancient. Ostrich eggs with engraved decoration that are 60,000 years old have been found in Africa. In Europe, it was traditional to use dyed and painted chicken eggs at Easter, but a modern custom is to substitute chocolate eggs, or plastic eggs filled with confectionery such as jelly beans.

Easter eggs are a widely popular symbol of new life in Bulgaria, Poland, Romania, Russia, Ukraine, and other Central European countries where they are concealed in the garden for children to find. Eggs, in general, were a traditional symbol of fertility and rebirth. Some magic rituals, these days, often use eggs to promote fertility and restore virility (of the body and mind); and to foresee the future.

Question 1-3

Answer the questions below. Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer.

1. What is another name for Easter Eggs?

2. What type of eggs were formerly used at Easter in Europe?

3. What did eggs represent on the whole?
