

Read the newspaper article and answer questions 1-25.

# Daily Times

## Young swimmer saves schoolboy

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- 1 Bongi Shabalala, a 12-year-old Grade 5 pupil, saved a schoolboy who was drowning in a dam.
- 2 Eight year old Michael Naidoo was swimming in the Rough Dam near the school on Friday afternoon. According to reports, the Grade 3 boy was trying to dive from a tree, but hit his head on a branch before falling into the water. Bongi, who was on her way home from school, saw the boy floating in the dam. She immediately dived in to save him.
- 3 Bongi brought the boy to land and performed first aid on him. The Red Cross says that if someone stops breathing you must act immediately.
- 4 Luckily, Bongi's friend, Anne Brown, was passing the place of the accident. She went to the place where Bongi was helping the boy. She called the school principal who phoned the rescue services.
- 5 Bongi will receive a reward for her bravery and for saving Michael Naidoo's life.
- 6 The principal, Mr Makhanya, warned all the school children not to go to the dam on their own.

[Adapted from: DBE Workbook]

1. What is the name of the newspaper?  
A Daily Sun  
B Daily Report  
C Daily Times  
D Daily News (1)
  
2. What is the headline of the newspaper?  
The headline of the newspaper is: Young swimmer ...  
A saves a dog  
B loves the dam  
C makes friends  
D saves schoolboy (1)
  
3. Who wrote the article?  
A Anne Brown  
B Elisabeth Smith  
C Michael Naidoo  
D Bongi Shabalala (1)
  
4. How did Bongi save the boy? (Paragraph 2)  
Bongi...  
A floated in the water.  
B dived into the water.  
C took the boy to the dam.  
D phoned the rescue services. (1)
  
5. Do you think Bongi must get a reward for saving the boy's life?  
Give a reason for your answer.

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(2)

6. Why do you think Bongi was a brave girl?

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(1)

7. Write the correct spelling of the underlined word.

Bongi was swiming in the dam.

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(1)

8. What lesson did you learn from this article?

- A Michael Naidoo drowned.
- B Rescue services do not save lives.
- C Children should not swim alone.
- D Children will not drown in a dam.

(1)

9. How old was Michael Naidoo? (Paragraph 2)

Michael Naidoo was ... years old.

- A 3
- B 5
- C 8
- D 12

(1)

10. How do you think the boy felt when the girl saved his life?

- A Sad
- B Happy
- C Lonely
- D Angry

(1)

11. Which is the correct word in brackets?

There was (few/little) water in the dam.

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(1)

12. Which is the correct verb in brackets? Write the verb on the line.

Anne Brown (walk/walks) past the dam.

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

13. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "taking in air"?

(Paragraph 3)

- A Diving
- B Walking
- C Breathing
- D Swimming

(1)

14. Rewrite the following sentence in the past tense.

Michael swims in the dam.

Yesterday \_\_\_\_\_

(1)

15. Rewrite the following sentence using a capital letter and a full stop.

bongi was helping the boy

\_\_\_\_\_

(2)

16. Write the correct form of the verb in brackets.

The principal (is/are) happy.

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

17. In which sentence have the quotation marks been used correctly?

- A The principal said, "Mr Makhanya talks to the children."
- B The principal said: "Mr Makhanya talks to the children."
- C The principal said, Mr Makhanya talks to the children."
- D "The principal said, Mr Makhanya talks to the children."

(1)

18. Which is the correct pronoun in the word box?

her	him	she
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The girl helped \_\_\_\_\_ friend.

(1)

19. Bongi is a brave girl.

The word "brave" is ...

- A a verb.
- B a noun.
- C an adverb.
- D an adjective.

(1)

20. Which is the correct word in brackets?

The children (where/were) going to swimming lessons.

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

21. Rewrite the following sentence in the future tense.

Bongi receives a reward.

Tomorrow \_\_\_\_\_

(1)

22. Write the word in brackets in the present perfect tense.

The girl (receive) a reward.

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

23. Rewrite the sentence in the negative form.

The boy hit his head.

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

24. Which is the correct abbreviation for the word "Mister"?

- A Mr
- B Mrs
- C Mstr
- D Mam

(1)

25. Which prefix will change the underlined word to the opposite?

mis-	un-	dis-	pre-
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The school children behaved.

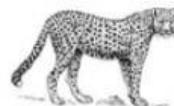
\_\_\_\_\_ behaved.

(1)

Read the information text and answer questions 26-37.

## The Big Five

1 South Africa's Big Five animals are the lion, elephant, rhino, buffalo and leopard. People come from all over the world to see the Big Five in our game parks. We must protect these animals from poachers who hunt and kill them.



### 2 Leopards

Leopards eat meat and are good hunters. They are very strong.

### 3 Lions

The lion is called the King of the Jungle. They are strong, brave and beautiful. The females look after the cubs and do most of the hunting.



### 4 Elephants

Elephants eat branches, leaves, grass and bark. They have trunks which are really long noses.



### 5 Buffaloes

Buffaloes live in big herds. They have bad tempers and are dangerous animals. They protect their young calves.



### 6 Rhinos

The rhino is the world's second biggest land animal. Rhinos are killed by poachers for their horns.



26. What is a "trunk"? (Paragraph 4)

It can refer to an elephant's ...

- A tail.
- B horn.
- C nose.
- D mouth.

(1)

27. Rhinos are killed by poachers for their \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)

28. What do poachers do to rhinos?

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(1)

29. The rhino is the world's third biggest **land** animal.

Place a tick (✓) in the correct box.

True	False
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Give a good reason for your answer.

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(2)

30. Why is the lion called the King of the Jungle?

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(1)

31. Write the plural of "branch".

One branch, but many \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)

32. Complete the joining of the sentences.

Leopards eat meat. Leopards are good hunters. (and)

Leopards eat meat and \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)

33. Write the correct preposition on the line.

Buffaloes live \_\_\_\_\_ big herds.

(1)

34. What is the collective noun used for lions?

The ... of lions sleep under the tree.

- A herd
- B pack
- C pride
- D group

(1)

35. Which word in the text is the antonym (opposite) of “short”? (Paragraph 4)

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

36. A baby lion is called a \_\_\_\_\_.

(1)

37. Rewrite the following sentence using a comma.

Elephants eat branches leaves and grass.

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

38. Write **one** paragraph (6 sentences) about what you want to be when you grow up, e.g. a teacher, doctor, nurse, police officer, fire fighter, chef, dancer or a mechanic. Use the mind map below to help you.

Your paragraph should include the following information:

- Why you want to be a ...
- Where will you work (place)?
- What will you wear (uniform)?
- What will you do (duties)?

Remember to pay attention to spelling, grammar and punctuation.

