

**Thelma Gibson Primary School**  
**Reading Comprehension**  
**Checkpoint #1**  
**Grade 4 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Text Structures & Text Features (35 points)**  
**Passage 1 (7 marks)**

Directions: Read the passage. Then read each question about the passage. Choose the best answer to each question. Mark the letter for the answer you have chosen.

**Fighting the Floodwaters**

The city of New Orleans has always had a problem with flooding. The city's location is part of the reason. New Orleans lies between two great bodies of water, the Mississippi River on the south and Lake Pontchartrain on the north. When the Mississippi River rises from heavy rainfall to the north, the extra water naturally tries to spread out into the city. There is danger to the city from the river during heavy rains. Hurricanes traveling along the Gulf Coast also bring a threat of flooding in the city. Another reason New Orleans often has water problems is that the city itself is like a saucer in a way. Its edges are higher than its middle. The middle dips below sea level. When a hurricane hits or when the river floods, there is always a chance that the city will fill with water. The Orleans Levee Board was created to address the problem of flooding. The Levee Board taxes citizens and uses the money to build high banks along the river called levees and floodwalls. Over the years, millions of dollars have been spent on hurricane and flood protection. Today the city is safeguarded by a complex system of levees, floodwalls, and floodgates. The longest of the levees and floodwalls are along the Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain.

1. This text is—  
A. fiction.  
B. nonfiction.  
C. poetry.  
D. drama.

2. This passage—
- A. describes a terrible flood.
  - B. argues that levees are useful.
  - C. provides flood statistics.
  - D. describes a way to solve a flooding problem.
3. The organization of this text is best described as—
- A. cause and effect.
  - B. problem and solution.
  - C. comparison and contrast.
  - D. sequence of events.
4. Which text structure provides a variety of information about a particular topic?
- A. sequence of events.
  - B. description.
  - C. problem and solution.
  - D. comparison and contrast.
5. What does comparison and contrast mean when it comes to text structure?
- A. provides the order in which something should happen or did happen,
  - B. identifies a need and explains how it is addressed.
  - C. provides a variety of information about a particular text.
  - D. shows how two things are similar and how they are different.
6. Which of the following is NOT a text structure?
- A. Heading
  - B. Sequence
  - C. Compare and Contrast
  - D. Cause and Effect
7. Which text structure has a weather report as an example?
- A. Sequence
  - B. Description
  - C. Cause and Effect
  - D. Problem and Solution

## **Passage 2 (8 marks)**



Drag and drop the correct text feature to complete each sentence.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ tells the topics that are in the book and the pages where to find them.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ are real pictures taken by a camera to help a reader understand a topic.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ gives the reader more information about the location.
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ tells the definition of some words found in the text.
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ tells us what the text is about.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ are the words or phrase that tells what the paragraph or section is about.
7. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a labelled picture that shows the parts of something.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ can be used to help the reader understand the information given or collected.

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| Title | Photographs       | Diagram  | Heading       |
| Map   | Table of Contents | Glossary | Tables/Graphs |

### Passage 3 (20 marks)

Read the passage. Answer ALL questions at the end of the passage.



#### Conch Cracking Festival



Each October, McLean's Town, on Grand Bahama Island is the place to be in The Bahamas. This is where the annual Conch Cracking festival is held in historic McLean's Town. Each year, the festival brings to the Island of Grand Bahama a fun-filled and entertaining day of friendly competition for the entire family. Visitors from Grand Bahama, other Family Islands, Canada, and the United States attend the festival.

At the festival participants and spectators hear and dance to live Bahamian music. They experience and taste traditional Bahamian food and beverages. The popular dishes made from conch are always available. These include conch fritter, conch salad, conch and rice, gilled conch, stew conch, cracked conch, curried conch, and jerk conch.

There is always entertainment for the entire family. Children can go in the bouncing castle and participate in other games for kids. For the adults, there is sculling, kayaking, the plaiting of the maypole, bird watching and much more! There are also traditional games and other family-friendly fun including; the egg and spoon race and climbing the greasy pole. Visitors are never left out at Conch Cracking. At the festival, visitors can experience first-hand, heritage tourism at its best.

The festival has been in existence for forty-one years. It was the brain child of English teacher, Jeffery Morgan who recognized the unique conch extracting skills of the students of the McLean's Town All-age School. He turned it into a competition, and it became the main attraction of the school's annual fair. Since 1972 to present, the festival has remained constant; however, it evolved into a major community development and tourist-friendly event.

However, the highlight of Conch Cracking is the competitive traditions of seeking to **determine** the fastest conch- crackers in the world. There are various conch cracking events with categories for tourists and novices, corporate groups, males and females competition remain a main event. The committee continues to seek new ways to expand the festival and incorporate a national conch cracking competition featuring winners from various homecoming festivals and regattas to battle it out for the world champion title.

1a. Is McLean's Town on Grand Bahama the place to be in the month of October?  
Write yes or no. [1]

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1b. How do you know? Use information from the passage to explain. [2]

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2a. Do only people from Grand Bahama attend the festival? Write yes or no. [1]

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2b. Support your answer from the passage. [2]

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3. List THREE dishes made from the conch. [3]

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4. Name TWO traditional games at the festival. [2]

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5. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false for the following statements. [4]

\_\_\_ the festival is the brain child of a Bahamian teacher

\_\_\_ the festival began in 1972

\_\_\_ there are many types of music at the festival

\_\_\_ fastest conch- crackers in the world is determine

6. In paragraph THREE quote the sentence that tells that the committee plans something for everyone to enjoy themselves. [2]

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7. What would be a synonym for the word '*determine.*' [1]

- (a) seek
- (b) left
- (c) decide
- (d) discourage

8. Name TWO categories people participate in at the festival. [2]

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