

Read the text and questions below. For each question, choose the correct answer at the end of the text.

### The Zookeeper

My name's Mark Porter. I've been interested in the natural world since I was very young. I used to keep insects, and I spent a lot of time drawing them. After I finished school, I went to work in a pet shop - that was great fun, but I knew I had to go to college if I wanted a better job. So I went to university to study Biology and then got a job in Florida working at a sea-life centre, looking after the dolphins.

While I was working there, I saw an advertisement for my current job - a keeper for the fish department at a zoo in California - and applied. Although it was for the same money, I was pleased when they immediately offered me the job because there are lots of different activities I'm involved in here. As part of my job, I get to do research, and I manage an education centre where I tell people of all ages about what they can do to protect fish and animals.

People think that my job is exciting because I go diving as part of my research work on sharks. However, I work long hours, and I worry if I have to call a medical specialist to come and look after a sick fish. Conditions at work can be uncomfortable too, as a lot of the fish I look after bite, so I have to be careful. Then there are the visitors. Some are OK, but some try to touch the fish or put sweet wrappers in the water - that makes me angry. However, my job is very rewarding, and I hope that you'll think about working with animals, too.

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1. What is the writer trying to do in this text?

- A. how people how they can protect animals.
- B. give an account of one day in his life.
- C. describe some of the people he works with.
- D. encourage people to have a career with wildlife.

2. What can a reader find out from this text?

- A. what qualifications you need to go to university
- B. how many hours a day Mark has to work.
- C. how long Mark has been keen on animals
- D. where you can find the best sea-life centres

3. What does Mark say about his current job?

- A. It allows him to do a variety of things.
- B. It was quite difficult to get.
- C. It is better paid than his last job.
- D. It gives him time off work to go diving.

4. How does Mark feel about visitors to the zoo?

- A. nervous that a fish might hurt them.
- B. annoyed when they don't behave well.
- C. upset when they take the fish out of the water.
- D. sad when they don't ask questions.

5. What might Mark write in his diary today?

- A. Today, I performed an operation on a sick fish which had eaten a sweet wrapper.
- B. I spent all day in the research laboratory again today doing boring experiments.
- C. I gave a talk today to a group of schoolchildren about looking after animals.
- D. Today I watched my boss go swimming with sharks - I wish I was allowed to do that too!