

Section R2 (7 marks)

Read the six short news stories below. Choose from the articles (A to F) and complete the answer grid. The articles may be chosen more than once. One article should not be chosen at all. One question has been done for you as an example.

Marks Awarded

A. The prolonged drought in eastern Australia has driven kangaroos, wombats and koalas to seek food and water closer to urban areas, which has led to an increase in injuries. As well as being hit by cars, native animals are being attacked by dogs or getting caught in fences. Authorities in Melbourne have introduced lower speed limits between dawn and dusk to reduce the number of road accidents.

B. An Australian farmer has moved his cows over 700 km in order to feed them in the extremely dry weather. The local authority in Moyne Shire has given him permission to graze his stock along the roadside. This arrangement means it doesn't need to pay to cut the vegetation, while the owner can feed his animals. Drivers are being invited to stop and purchase fresh milk.

C. A powerful typhoon has slammed into western Japan, causing widespread disruption to flights and public transport. Kansai International Airport was badly affected by flooding, with hundreds of flights cancelled and lengthy queues at check-in. While most businesses remained open, the majority of schools were closed for the day. This may have left students delighted, but parents were put in a difficult situation regarding childcare.

D. A storm moved across Alberta on Sunday, which was more reminiscent of mid-winter than the current season. Over 30 cm of snow fell in some parts. A blizzard caused a bus carrying 16 office workers to slide off the road. Fortunately no-one was injured, although they were late to work. The town has opened a centre for stranded drivers. Organisers of the summer marathon have been forced to call off tomorrow's event. However, the snow is expected to melt within 48 hours.

E. Almost a million people were evacuated along India's eastern coast as the country braced for a severe cyclone. Fearing Cyclone Fani could be the worst since 1999, the government put the country's defence forces on high alert. Over 800 shelters were opened and 100,000 dry-food packets were made ready to be airdropped. Special trains were arranged for tourists to leave popular beach resorts along the coast.

F. Communities near Port Hedland in north-west Australia are getting ready for Cyclone Veronica. Residents have boarded up their windows and put sandbags outside their homes. Beaches in the area have seen huge waves generated by the advancing cyclone, with surfers taking advantage of them. However, authorities have advised surfers to take extra care when entering the water.

Which article, A, B, C, D, E or F talks about

very unseasonal weather?	e.g.	D
a situation which solves two problems?	1	
classes cancelled?	2	
locals protecting their property from bad weather?	3	
desperate wildlife?	4	
a narrow escape for workers?	5	
an opportunity for sport?	6	
official driving restrictions?	7	