Questions on the text: So you think humans are unique.

Name:_____

Questions 1-5

Choose the correct letter, ***A, B, C*** *or* ***D****.*

1 What point does the writer make in the first paragraph?

A We know more about language now than we used to.

B We recognise the importance of talking about emotions.

C We like to believe that language is a strictly human skill.

D We have used tools for longer than some other species.

2 According to the writer, what has changed our view of communication?

A analysing different world languages

B understanding that language involves a range of skills

C studying the different purposes of language

D realising that we can communicate without language

3 The writer quotes the Cartmill and Byrne experiment because it shows

A the similarities in the way humans and apes use gesture.

B the abilities of apes to use gesture in different environments.

C how food can be used to encourage ape gestures.

D how hard humans find it to interpret ape gestures.

4 In paragraph 7, the writer says that one type of dolphin sound is

A used only when dolphins are in danger.

B heard only at a particular time of day.

C heard at a range of pitch levels.

D used as a form of personal identification.

5 Experiments at Edinburgh Zoo showed that chimps were able to

A use grunts to ask humans for food.

B use pitch changes to express meaning.

C recognize human voices on a recording.

D tell the difference between a false grunt and a real one.

Questions 6-10

Do the following statements agree with the claims of the writer in Reading Passage 3? Write

YES if the statement agrees with the claims of the writer

NO if the statement contradicts the claims of the writer

NOT GIVEN if it is impossible to say what the writer thinks about this

6 It could be said that language begins with gesture.

7 Ape gestures always consist of head or limb movements.

8 Apes ensure that other apes are aware of their gesturing.

9 Primate and human gestures share some key features.

10 Cartoons present an amusing picture of animal communication.

Questions 11-14

Complete the summary using the correct word.

It seems that humans are not the only species that babble.

Before young infants speak, some experts think that they produce the **11**..... mixture of human sounds.

Over time, however, they copy the language of their parents, and this affects their ability to pronounce **12**..... sounds from other languages.

A **13** ..... pattern has been found among dolphins.

They produce a range of individual sounds when they are babies, and then combine some of these to produce the sounds of **14**..... dolphins later on.