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## Reading Comprehension

Grade: 3

### Christmas Examination

PASSAGE: 1 Read the information below, then answer all questions.

#### Vivacious Vertebrates

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#### Glossary

**Amphibians** - animals covered with smooth, wet skin.

**Birds** - animals covered with feathers.

**Cold -blooded** - body temperature depends on whether it's cold or hot outside.

**Fish** - animals that live and breathe in water.

**Mammals** - animals covered with hair or fur.

**Reptiles** - animals covered with dry, scaly skin.

**Warm-blooded** - body temperature stays the same when it's cold or hot outside.

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1. What is the title of the book? \_\_\_\_\_ (1pt.)
2. Who wrote this book? \_\_\_\_\_ (1pt.)
3. What chapter begins on page eleven? \_\_\_\_\_ (1pt.)
4. On which page would you find Amazing Amphibians? \_\_\_\_\_ (1pt.)
5. On which page would you find information about metamorphosis? \_\_\_\_\_ (1pt.)
6. What part of a book can you find the definition of words used in a book? \_\_\_\_\_ (1pt.)



PASSAGE: 2 Read the passage twice and complete all questions.



One afternoon, Jack was at his grandma's house playing with his brother, Sam. They were throwing the ball back and forth. Jack threw the ball really hard. CRASH! It hit a lamp and broke it. Jack and Sam were scared they might get in trouble. Jack did not know what to do. Grandma came into the room. She looked upset. Sam was crying. Jack decided to tell the truth. He had broken the lamp. His grandma was glad he told the truth and together they cleaned up the mess.

7. Who are the characters in the story? \_\_\_\_\_(3pts.)
8. Where did the story take place? \_\_\_\_\_(1pt.)
9. When did the story take place? \_\_\_\_\_(1pt.)
10. What was the problem in the story? \_\_\_\_\_(1pt.)
11. How did Sam and Jack feel when they realized they might get in trouble? \_\_\_\_\_(1pt.)
12. How was the problem solved? \_\_\_\_\_(1pt.)
13. When Grandma found out what happened, how did she feel? \_\_\_\_\_(1pt.)
14. What would be a suitable title for this passage? (1pt.)

At Grandma's House

Playing Ball

My Favorite Day



PASSAGE: 3 Read the passage twice then answer all questions.



### Crocodiles and Alligators



Crocodiles and alligators are the largest reptiles in the world. They live in warm, moist places. They rely on their sharp teeth and **powerful** jaws to capture prey. They feed on a variety of animals such insects, frogs, fish, turtle and birds.

Alligators have wide, flat head with rounded **snouts**. The head of an alligator looks like the letter U. Crocodiles have pointed snouts. The head of a crocodile looks like the handle of a baseball bat. When alligators close their mouths, their lower teeth cannot be seen. In crocodiles, their lower teeth can be seen even when they shut their mouths tightly.

Unlike some reptiles, mother alligators and crocodiles protect their nests from hungry **predators**. Crocodiles usually dig a hole in the ground and lay as many as sixty eggs. They cover the hole with sand to keep the eggs warm. Alligators use leaves, branches, and mud to build their nest above the ground.

15. Crocodiles and alligators are \_\_\_\_\_. (1pt.)

mammals                  reptiles                  fish                  amphibians

16. Where do alligators and crocodiles live? \_\_\_\_\_ (1pt.)

17. They rely on their sharp teeth and powerful jaws to capture prey. In this sentence, the word **powerful** means: (1pt.)

a. gigantic                  b. tough                  c. strong                  d. weak

18. Which of the following do crocodiles and alligators **NOT** eat? (1pt.)

a. turtles                  b. birds                  c. fish                  d. vegetables



19. Which of the following statements about crocodiles is true? (2pts)

- a. Crocodiles' heads look like the letter U.
- b. Mother crocodiles dig a hole in ground to lay eggs.
- c. Crocodiles sit on top of their eggs to keep it warm.
- d. When crocodiles close their mouth, their lower teeth can be seen.

20. Which of the following statements about alligators are true? (2pts)

- a. When alligators close their mouths, their lower teeth cannot be seen.
- b. Alligators have pointed snouts.
- c. Alligators' head look like the handle of a baseball bat.
- d. Alligators use leaves, branches and mud to build their nest above ground.

21. Alligators have wide, flat head with rounded **snouts**. What is a synonym for

the word **snouts**? \_\_\_\_\_(1pt.)