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**DIRECTIONS:** Read each passage. Then read each question about the passage.

Answer each question in this test. You will have 1 hour to read the passages and answer the questions. Remember that ALL answers must come from the passages. If you are not sure about the answer to a question, do the best you can but do not spend too much time on any one question.

## PASSAGE 1

# Kids' Vibe

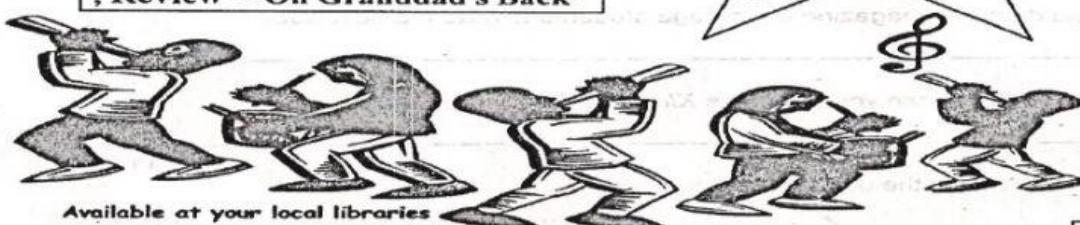
Monthly Magazine for 'Smart' Kids

**Inside this Issue**

- On the Cover: Renae Smith  
**'How to Ace Your Exams'**
- From Drab to Fab  
**'Trendy Makeovers for Kids with Style'**
- Fit Not Fat  
**'Tasty Dishes That Feed Your Brain'**
- Kids Speak  
**'What's Your 5 cents?'**
- Game Scene  
**"Computer Games that Teach"**
- Minister's Bookclub  
**'Review - On Granddad's Back'**



**Next Issue:**  
**Singing Star**  
**K.B.**



Available at your local libraries

1. i. Who wrote the article 'How to Ace Your Exam'?

[1]

ii. Choose the letter next to the option that states what is meant by the word 'ace' in the cover story, "How to Ace Your Exam"?

- (a) get an A on the Exam
- (b) get the ace of hearts
- (c) get an average grade
- (d) get a failing grade

[1]

2. Complete the table below. In which section would you find information about the following topics?

Topic	Section
Recipes	
Suggested Readings	
Fashion	
Children's Opinions	

[4]

3. (i) Use the drop box below to choose when will the next issue of Kids' Vibe magazine be available.

[1]

(ii) Support your answer with evidence from the poster.

The poster states that it is a \_\_\_\_\_ [1]

4. What is the name of the 'singing star' who will be featured in the next issue of the magazine?

[1]

**TOTAL MARKS [9]**

## PASSAGE 2

Joy and her mother lived in an apartment in Freeport. Joy had no brothers or sisters, and there were no children living nearby. Her best friend was a very old woman named Mary, who lived down the hall. Mary's most prized possessions were a cat named Tom and an album of photographs from her family in Andros.

When she visited Mary, Joy liked to look through the album. Most of the photos were of Mary's family members and pictures of Blue Holes, churches and beaches. Mary would talk about these long-dead relatives but would end by telling stories about the Iguanas and crabs that lived in the mangroves near her family home. Joy loved listening to these stories. She wanted to become a scientist to assist in saving the mangroves from destruction.

One night as Joy was doing her homework she heard sirens and saw fire trucks on the street below. The next thing she knew, a firefighter was pounding on their door. The top floors of the building were on fire. Joy's mother shouted "Grab your stereo and let's go!" Joy had saved her money for a year to buy the stereo.

"Mary may need help". Joy yelled as she raced down the hall to her friend's apartment. The door was standing open. The firefighters had already helped Mary and Tom downstairs; smoke was filling the hallways.

Joy's mother was anxiously waiting for her on the street. She saw that her daughter had saved only Mary's photo album. "I'm sorry about your stereo", Joy's mother said.

"That's all right," Joy said, "I made the right choice."

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5. Who are the main characters in the story? Choose the letter next to the correct answer.

- (a) Mary, Joy and Joy's mom
- (b) Mary, the fireman and Tom
- (c) Mary, the neighbor and the police

[1]

6. What evidence in the passage suggests that Joy was lonely?

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[2]

7. Write a word from the box that is similar in meaning to the words listed in the table below.

Possession	anxious	appeared	pounding	helped
(i) knocking				
(ii) aided				
(iii) worried				

[3]

8. What occupation was Joy interested in once she became an adult? Why?

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9. Which of these sentences would fit best at the end of the story? Choose the letter next to the correct answer.

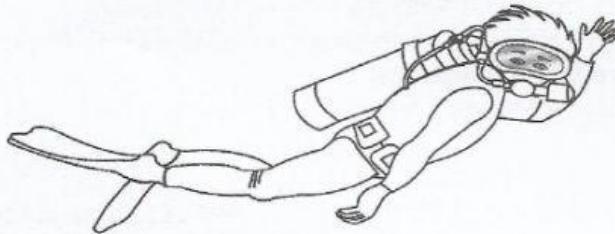
- (A) "My album cost more than the stereo."
- (B) "I will give her a reward."
- (C) "I am tired of my stereo."
- (D) "I could never replace the album."

[1]

**TOTAL MARKS [ 9 ]**

### Passage 3

#### **'UNDERWATER THRILLS'**



Our islands are known as one of the best diving countries in the world. Tourists flock here each year to view an array of marine life. They enjoy exploring ship wrecks, cruising coral reefs or joining a school of reef sharks for dinner. It's not just sharks that attract divers to our waters. Scattered about the islands are blue holes. These are places where the ocean floor drops hundreds of feet. The Bahamas is also home to the third largest barrier reef in the world. It is found on the east coast of Andros. The variety of marine life found there is amazing and includes turtles, sting rays, crawfish and reef fish.

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10. Shade in the box next to the correct answer. In which of the following documents would you most likely look to find the article 'Underwater Thrills'?

- A. In a comic book
- B. In a dictionary
- C. In a fashion magazine
- D. In a travel magazine

(1)

11. Other than craw fish, reef fish and sharks, give the names of two other examples of marine life that are mentioned in the passage.

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(2)

12. Read the following sentences. Write the underlined word in each sentence to its correct meaning in the box.

- I. Tourist flock to The Bahamas to enjoy our beautiful islands.
- II. Cruising coral reefs is an unforgettable experience for divers.
- III. To encounter an array of marine life is second to none!

Underlined Words	Word Meanings
	many kinds of things
	To come in large numbers
	To move leisurely

(3)

13. 'The third largest barrier reef of the world is located on the east coast of one of our family islands.' What is the name of the family island on which this barrier reef is located?

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(1)

Total Marks (7)