**Test 3**

*Nature and Environment*

**1** ***In each group (1–5), find a word that does not fit in.***

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| lake | river | waterfall | hill |
| heatwave | snowing | below zero | freezing |
| lion | bee | horse | gorilla |
| spider | parrot | duck | penguin |
| snake | salmon | shark | cod |

**2** ***Complete the sentences with the correct missing words.***

Tigers are on the list of e_____ animals. We have to protect them.

When I go on beach holiday, I prefer s_____ beaches to stony ones.

Bees, flies and mosquitoes are all i_____.

In big cities, such as London or Paris, there is a lot of p_____ because of a huge number of cars.

My uncle has a farm with lots of s_____. He has to cut their wool several times a year.

**3** ***Circle the correct word in each sentence.***

We have some solar panels on the roof to produce our own *energy / environment*.

The Sahara *valley / desert* is in the middle of Africa.

*Cod / Whales* feed their babies for almost a year.

I like all four *seasons / sources*, but my favourite one is summer.

I love walking along the *harbour / high street* where you can see so many beautiful boats and ships.

***4. Complete the sentences using the appropriate modal verbs in the affirmative or negative form (may, might, could, must or can).***

1 I'm sure Tessie's results are excellent.

Tessie's _____.

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2 I think she is taking her driving test today.

She _____.

3 I'm not sure if Ted likes fish.

Ted _____.

4 I'm certain they don't agree.

They _____.

5 They will possibly spend winter in Spain.

They _____.

6 Drivers are not allowed to drink and drive.

Drivers _____.

7 I'm sure Luke doesn't drive, he isn't 18 yet.

Luke _____.

8 I'm certain she's older than her husband.

She _____.

9 Maybe he does not like Indian food.

He _____.

10 It's for sure that he has seen the film.

He _____.

**5. Complete the text with the correct words A–C.**

In the last few years the weather seems to be really strange. [1]___ not much snow in winter, and very [2]___ rain in the summer. In spring, we used to have really [3]___ rivers and lakes full of water. Now, early in spring, they get half-[4]___. As early as May, the first [5]___ comes and the whole country gets extremely dry. Early in summer, the [6]___ often rise up to 35°C and then, when a [7]___ comes, with [8]___ rain, a lot of villages are [9]___. Farmers also complain about such weather: [10]___ is either too dry or it's washed away by the rains.

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| 1. | A They are | B There are | C There is |
| 2. | A few | B little | C less |
| 3. | A fast | B flowing | C fast-flowing |

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| 4. | A high | B clear | C empty |
| 5. | A heatwave | B source | C scenery |
| 6. | A temperatures | B temperature | C climate |
| 7. | A thunder | B storm | C lightning |
| 8. | A thick | B heavy | C light |
| 9. | A flood | B flooded | C flooding |
| 10. | A countryside | B environment | C farmland |

**6. Read the text and write the best heading A–F for each paragraph. There are two extra headings.**

A How's the weather in the Sonoran Desert?

B Who lives in the Sonoran Desert now?

C How much rain falls in Arizona?

D Who used to live in the area?

E What are the forms of natural life?

F Where is the Sonoran Desert?

**PLACES TO VISIT: THE SONORAN DESERT**

1___

The Sonoran Desert is the largest desert in North America. It covers an area of 120,000 square miles. Part of the desert goes over south-west Arizona, part over south-east California and the rest over north-west Mexico. The western part of the United States–Mexico border passes through the Sonoran Desert.

2___

Native American groups lived in the region for hundreds of years before the Spanish came in the 15th century and colonised a large part of the desert. Now, you can see the remains of an early Native American civilisation, the Hohokam tribe, who created villages and an advanced canal system to carry water for their plants.

3___

Eighty per cent of the whole Arizona population live in the Sonoran Desert, mainly in towns such as Tucson and Phoenix. It's a surprise because the desert covers only twenty per cent of Arizona's total area and this area has very little rainfall compared to

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other parts of the state, so water has to be taken from the ground. The desert is also home to over seventeen Native American tribes with settlements in reservations.

4___

Because the temperature in summer rarely falls below 38°C and the winters are never cold, the main form of vegetation in this area is cacti. There is also a variety of wildflowers which appear after the winter rains and disappear in the first heat of the spring. You will not find many animals in the desert, except for some mice or rabbits and one of the 'big cats' called the mountain lion.

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