

Read the text and questions below. For each question, choose the correct answer at the end of the text.

The Zookeeper

My name's Mark Porter. I've been interested in the natural world since I was very young. I used to keep insects, and I spent a lot of time drawing them. After I finished school, I went to work in a pet shop - that was great fun, but I knew I had to go to college if I wanted a better job. So I went to university to study Biology and then got a job in Florida working at a sea-life centre, looking after the dolphins.

While I was working there, I saw an advertisement for my current job - a keeper for the fish department at a zoo in California - and applied. Although it was for the same money, I was pleased when they immediately offered me the job because there are lots of different activities I'm involved in here. As part of my job, I get to do research, and I manage an education centre where I tell people of all ages about what they can do to protect fish and animals.

People think that my job is exciting because I go diving as part of my research work on sharks. However, I work long hours, and I worry if I have to call a medical specialist to come and look after a sick fish. Conditions at work can be uncomfortable too, as a lot of the fish I look after bite, so I have to be careful. Then there are the visitors. Some are OK, but some try to touch the fish or put sweet wrappers in the water - that makes me angry. However, my job is very rewarding, and I hope that you'll think about working with animals, too.

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1. What is the writer trying to do in this text?
 - A. how people how they can protect animals.
 - B. give an account of one day in his life.
 - C. describe some of the people he works with.
 - D. encourage people to have a career with wildlife.

 2. What can a reader find out from this text?
 - A. what qualifications you need to go to university
 - B. how many hours a day Mark has to work.
 - C. how long Mark has been keen on animals
 - D. where you can find the best sea-life centres

 3. What does Mark say about his current job?
 - A. It allows him to do a variety of things.
 - B. It was quite difficult to get.
 - C. It is better paid than his last job.
 - D. It gives him time off work to go diving.

4. How does Mark feel about visitors to the zoo?

- A. nervous that a fish might hurt them.
- B. annoyed when they don't behave well.
- C. upset when they take the fish out of the water.
- D. sad when they don't ask questions.

5. What might Mark write in his diary today?

- A. Today, I performed an operation on a sick fish which had eaten a sweet wrapper.
- B. I spent all day in the research laboratory again today doing boring experiments.
- C. I gave a talk today to a group of schoolchildren about looking after animals.
- D. Today I watched my boss go swimming with sharks - I wish I was allowed to do that too!