Read the text and choose the best answer a, b or c.

THE BUMBLEBEE

I think the bumblebee is the most interesting insect. The bumblebee is a type of large bee. It's not the same as a honey bee. Its body is rounder and fatter and it's got bright yellow and black hairs on its back. Bumblebees don't produce very much honey, so there isn't enough for people to collect and eat. These bees aren't dangerous and they hardly ever sting. When honey bees sting, they die, but after a sting a bumblebee won't die. A bumblebee can sting several times.

Most bumblebees live in small colonies or groups of about 50 bees and they have a queen. The queens lay eggs after sleeping all winter. People should realise that these bees are very important to the world. While they are visiting flowers looking for food, they help new flowers to grow by spreading pollen. Without the bumblebees many flowers and fruit trees cannot grow.

There are about 250 types of bumblebee in the world, but they are having a lot of problems. Three types are now extinct and scientists believe many others will disappear in a few years. There are many reasons for this. A lot of bumblebees are dying from a disease that they get when they visit certain flowers. Scientists are going to do more studies in the future to try to find the best way to protect bumblebees against this disease.

Another reason is that a lot of large fields are disappearing. This means there are fewer places where bumblebees can find food. Gardens are a very good habitat for bumblebees and we should make our gardens better places for them to visit. Plant lots of flowers and more bumblebees will fly into your garden. The best flowers are the most brightly coloured – especially purple, blue and pink. Scientists say that bumble bees can't see the colour red! I'm going to plant flowers in a box outside my bedroom window this year. It will be great to see and hear the bees, and help the environment, too.

1 The bumblebee looks …
   - **a** fatter and more dangerous than a honey bee
   - **b** round and brightly coloured.
   - **c** large and black.

2 Bumblebees do not normally …
   - **a** eat too much honey.
   - **b** sting people when they collect the honey.
   - **c** make very much honey.

3 Bumblebees …
   - **a** are very dangerous.
   - **b** have a queen.
   - **c** live alone.

4 The queen bees sleep …
   - **a** after they've laid their eggs.
   - **b** between March and May.
   - **c** in the winter, then lay their eggs.

5 There are …
   - **a** fewer types of bumblebee than there were.
   - **b** more than 250 types of bumblebee.
   - **c** 25 types of bumblebee in danger of extinction.

6 Bumblebees are useful because …
   - **a** they are good for the environment.
   - **b** we need their honey.
   - **c** they make our gardens peaceful places.

7 Bumblebees will come into our garden when …
   - **a** they are not in danger.
   - **b** we plant the flowers they like.
   - **c** they see red flowers.

8 Bumblebees help …
   - **a** bees to make honey.
   - **b** new flowers to grow.
   - **c** people to have beautiful gardens.



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Listening

LISTENING 37 Listen to the dialogue and decide if the sentences are True (T), False (F) or Not Mentioned (NM)

1 The boy is going somewhere with his parents on Saturday. T/F/NM

2 The dog centre looks after dogs that don't have homes. T/F/NM

3 It wasn't quiet at the centre. T/F/NM

4 The boy is going to choose a dog next week. T/F/NM

5 The girl's mum does not allow pets. T/F/NM

6 The girl's family are going to get a dog called Buster. T/F/NM

7 The boy's family decided to get a white dog. T/F/NM

8 The girl is going to visit the boy's house next week. T/F/NM

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