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Paper 1 Reading

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2 hours

You must answer on the question paper.

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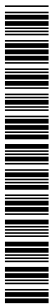
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INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 80.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].
- The insert contains the reading texts.

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Read **Text A, *The forest elephant***, in the insert and then answer **Questions 1(a)–(e)** on this question paper.

Question 1

(a) Which type of African elephant can many children identify just from a picture, according to the text?

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..... [1]

(b) **Using your own words**, explain what the text means by:

(i) 'Very little' (line 4)
..... [2]

(ii) 'highly elusive' (lines 4 and 5).
..... [2]

(c) Re-read paragraph 3 ('In March 2021 ... their preservation.').

Give **two** possible reasons why the IUCN updated the forest elephant's status to 'critically endangered'.

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[2]

(d) Re-read paragraphs 4 and 5 ('Genetic analysis ... curved tusks.').

(i) Identify **two** methods by which scientists could tell that the savannah elephant and the forest elephant were different types.

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(ii) Explain how the physical features of forest and savannah elephants are different.

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(e) Re-read paragraph 6 ('If we care about ... many other animals.').

Using your own words, explain how the rainforest may be affected if the forest elephant ceases to exist.

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Read **Text C, River Game Reserve**, in the insert and then answer **Questions 2(a)–(d)** on this question paper.

Question 2

(a) Identify a word or phrase from the text which suggests the same idea as the words underlined:

(i) Different terrains and landscapes were spread far and wide over River Game Reserve.
..... [1]

(ii) The rain on the night that the elephants arrived was extremely heavy.
..... [1]

(iii) The elephants escaping the game reserve were moving quickly and with heavy footsteps towards their former home.
..... [1]

(iv) Celia was strong enough to have pulled Lawrence into the elephant enclosure.
..... [1]

(b) Using your own words, explain what the writer means by each of the words underlined:

Just as the trucks pulled into the game reserve, a tyre exploded, and the vehicle tilted dangerously in the mud. My heart froze at the elephants' terrified trumpeting and screeching. It wasn't until dawn that we managed to get them into the secure enclosure.

(i) exploded [1]

(ii) froze [1]

(iii) screeching [1]

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- (c) Use **one** example from the text below to explain how the writer suggests Lawrence’s feelings about the situation with the elephants.

Use your own words in your explanation.

Night after night, Lawrence stayed as close to the secure enclosure as he dared, singing to those angry elephants, talking to them and telling them stories until he was hoarse. With tender determination and no shortage of foolhardiness, Lawrence breached Celia’s terror of humans and gained her trust.

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