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**CELEBRATING THE ACADEMIC GIFTS OF STUDENTS
IN YEARS 7 & 8**



GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

TEAM NUMBER _____

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ANSWERS

SECTION ONE: LANDSCAPES OF INFLUENCE (22 MARKS)

AROUND THE GLOBE ARE LANDSCAPES THAT HOLD GREAT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INFLUENCE AS A SYMBOL OF STATE POWER AND AUTHORITY

For questions 1-7, answer the questions in the space provided.

Question 1

a	Name this important historical site? (1 mark)	The Acropolis of Athens
b	Name the country in which this is located? (1 mark)	Greece
c	Name the form of government that began in this place? (1 mark)	Democracy

Question 2

a	Name this iconic building. (1 mark)	The Pentagon
b	Name the government organisation to which this building belongs to (1 mark)	United States Department of Defense
c	Name the city that this building is found in? (1 mark)	Washington DC

Question 3

a	Name the event that is held here each year in mid-to late February. (1 mark)	The Academy Awards
b	Name the city in which this is located. (1 mark)	Los Angeles
c	Name the name of the statuette trophies won at these awards. (1 mark)	Oscar

Question 4

a	Name the landmark in this picture. (1 mark)	Taj Mahal
b	Name the country in which this is located. (1 mark)	India

Question 5

a	Name the city in which this is located. (1 mark)	Berlin
b	Name the gate structure at this is located. (1 mark)	The Brandenburg Gate
c	This gate became part of what structure, seen here, heavily graffitied in the foreground? (1 mark)	Berlin Wall

Question 6

a	What are these ruins of? (1 mark)	Roman Forum
b	Name the city in which this is located. (1 mark)	Rome
c	Identify the place of governance, once located in these ruins. (1 mark)	The Senate

Question 7

a	Name this landmark. (1 mark)	Tiananmen Square
b	Name the city in which this is located. (1 mark)	Beijing

Question 8

a	Give the name of this building. (1 mark)	The National Congress of Brazil
b	Name the city in which this is located. (1 mark)	Brasilia
c	Name the controversial new President, recently elected to this house of power. (1 mark)	Jair Bolsonaro

SECTION TWO: SEVEN NEW WONDERS OF THE WORLD (7 MARKS)

THESE SEVEN ICONIC NEW WONDERS OF THE WORLD INFLUENCE THEIR LANDSCAPES AND HAVE BEEN GLOBALLY RECOGNISED AS POSSESSING VALUE TO BE PROMOTED AND PROTECTED

List the **Seven New Wonders of the World** (1 mark each)

Great Wall of China
Christ the Redeemer - Rio de Janeiro
Taj Mahal
Machu Picchu
The Colosseum
Petra
Chichen Itza

SECTION THREE: HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW AUSTRALIA? (12 MARKS)

QUESTION		ANSWER
1	How many countries are larger than Australia?	Five
2	What year did Cyclone Tracy hit Darwin?	1974
3	Name Australia's western-most point?	Steep Point (Shark Bay)
4	Who was the first Australian Prime Minister?	Sir Edmund Barton
5	What was Tasmania originally named?	Van Diemen's Land
6	Where is the lowest point (elevation) in Australia?	Lake Eyre
7	What is the floral emblem of the Northern Territory?	Sturt's desert rose
8	Which year was Vegemite launched commercially?	1923
9	Which year did Melbourne host the Olympic Games?	1956
10	In which state is Lake Disappointment?	Western Australia
11	Who started the Royal Flying Doctor Service?	John Flynn
12	Where was Australia's first atomic test held?	Monte Bello Islands

SECTION FOUR: LANDSCAPES AND MOVIES (10 MARKS)

Where were these famous movies filmed or set?

Movie	Place
<i>Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom</i>	Filmed: Kualoa Ranch on the Hawaiian island of Oahu
<i>Inferno</i>	Set: Florence, Italy
<i>Lord of The Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring</i>	Filmed: New Zealand
<i>Mamma Mia</i>	Set: Greece or Greek island of Skopelos
<i>Finding Nemo</i>	Set: Sydney Harbour
<i>Slumdog Millionaire</i>	Set: Mumbai, India
<i>The Greatest Showman</i>	Set and filmed: New York, United States
<i>Christopher Robin</i>	Set: London
<i>Rabbit-Proof Fence</i>	Set: Western Australia
<i>Spider-Man: Homecoming</i>	Set: New York, United States

SECTION FIVE: RECENT EVENTS (14 MARKS)

NO.	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	<p>According to recent surveys, which country is the second biggest user of mobile phone data per capita after Norway?</p> <p>A. Australia B. USA C. India D. China</p>	C
2	<p>Which 15-minute sequel to a major film was recently released? And what charity was it raising money for?</p> <p>A. Four Weddings and a Funeral – Beyond Blue B. Four Weddings and a Funeral – Comic Relief C. One Red Nose Day and a Wedding – Red Nose Day D. One Red Nose Day and a Wedding – Comic Relief</p>	D
3	<p>Which Australian senator was egged by a teenager recently and why?</p> <p>A. Fraser Anning – blaming the Christchurch massacre on Muslim migration. B. Fraser Anning – he refused to apologise about comments he made on immigration following the Christchurch massacre C. Pauline Hanson – insensitive comments about migrants. D. Pauline Hanson – refused to censure Fraser Anning.</p>	A
4	<p>Students recently went on strike from school and marched in protest. Which of the demands below were not on their list of demands for change?</p> <p>A. 100 per cent renewables by 2030 B. Stop the Adani coal mine in central Queensland C. Adhere to commitments made under the Paris Agreement D. No new coal or gas projects</p>	C
5	<p>What is reported to have been the cause of recent bushfires in both Tasmania and Victoria?</p> <p>A. Dry lightning B. Unattended campfire C. Electricity wires D. Arson – deliberate setting of grass fires</p>	A
6	<p>Which Pacific nation is looking for a new name? Chair of the committee responsible said, "The new name would have to incorporate the nation's strong Christian faith and Maori heritage. And it must instil a sense of pride in our people, and unite our people," he said. "It must also be easy to say."</p> <p>A. New Caledonia B. New Zealand</p>	C

	<p>C. Cook Islands D. Vanuatu</p>	
7	<p>Aviation authorities worldwide have grounded a model of airplane following crashes. What is the plane and where were the crashes?</p> <p>A. Lion Air 737 MAX 8 – India and Eritrea B. Lion Air - India and Ethiopia C. Boeing 737 MAX 8 - Indonesia and Ethiopia D. Boeing 737 MAX 8 - India and Ethiopia E. Lion Air MAX 8 - Indonesia and Ethiopia F. Boeing 737 MAX - Indonesia and Eritrea G. Lion Air 737 - Indonesia and Eritrea</p>	C
8	<p>In March, Space X flew a test mission. What was the purpose of this flight?</p> <p>A. Falcon 9 was used to deliver an unmanned capsule to the International Space Station, which successfully returned to Earth showing that manned capsules could be reliably used later in the year. B. An unmanned version of Dragon Crew capsule was launched and autonomously docked with the International Space Station and returned to Earth to demonstrate that manned flight could commence later this year. C. Falcon 9 was used to deliver a Dragon Crew capsule which autonomously docked with the International Space Station showing that NASA could commence sending crews to the Space Station from the USA. D. A Dragon Crew capsule, in conjunction with Falcon 9 docked with the International Space Station. As the capsule was manned by a test dummy, control was assumed by NASA remotely. This was to show that USA crews could fly directly to the Space Station without having to use Russian launch facilities.</p>	B
9	<p>Two Marvel films feature in this year's new releases. They are:</p> <p>A. Captain America and the Avengers, Endgame B. Captain Marvel, Avengers: Endgame C. The Avengers, Marvel Endgame D. Captain Marvel, Endgame E. Captain America, Avengers: Endgame</p>	B
10	<p>In February, the Medical Evacuations Bill was passed with discretion given to the Immigration Minister to overturn a decision to evacuate a detainee from offshore detention. Which of the following guidelines is not in the Bill?</p> <p>A. Two treating physicians can recommend transfer of a detainee on medical grounds. B. The Minister may veto a transfer if he/she disagrees with the medical opinion of the doctors.</p>	E They can only challenge on the grounds of medical opinion

	<p>C. The Minister may veto a transfer if she/ he believes the detainee to be a security risk.</p> <p>D. The Minister may veto a transfer if she/ he believes the person would expose the Australian community to a serious risk of criminal conduct</p> <p>E. A panel of medical professionals may challenge any veto that the Minister makes, as long as a challenge and decision is made within 72 hours.</p>	
11	<p>The winner of the 2019 Victorian Prize for Literature wrote most of his award-winning book using WhatsApp.</p> <p>Kurdish-Iranian writer Behrouz Boochani wrote his remarkable work of non-fiction, <i>No Friend But the Mountains: Writing from Manus Prison</i>, over the course of five years while living on Manus Island in Australia's offshore detention centre. He won two awards recently for this book. What was the other award?</p> <p>A. 2019 New South Wales Prize for Literature</p> <p>B. 2019 Victorian Premier's Literary Prize for Non-Fiction</p> <p>C. 2019 Australian Literary Award</p> <p>D. 2019 New South Wales Premier's Literary Award</p> <p>E. 2019 Miles Franklin Award</p>	B
12	<p>What astronomical event which won't occur again until 2021 recently occurred?</p> <p>A. Super blood moon eclipse</p> <p>B. Partial eclipse of the sun</p> <p>C. Partial lunar eclipse</p> <p>D. Moon coinciding with Jupiter</p> <p>E. Eta Aquarid meteor shower</p>	A
13	<p>Who won the Australian Grand Prix this year?</p> <p>A. Daniel Ricciardo</p> <p>B. Sebastian Vettel</p> <p>C. Lewis Hamilton</p> <p>D. Valtteri Bottas</p> <p>E. Fernando Alonso</p>	D
14	<p>Australia Day 2019 saw protests under the 'Invasion Day' banner. What of the following were on the agenda at the protest marches held in each capital city?</p> <p>A. Aboriginal youth suicide,</p> <p>B. Discriminatory policing</p> <p>C. Aboriginal Deaths in Custody</p> <p>D. Change the date</p> <p>E. Abolition of Australia Day as a celebration</p> <p>F. Protest against the planned celebration of 250 years since Captain Cook's arrival by sailing a replica of the Endeavour around Australia – cost \$6.8 million.</p> <p>G. A, B, C</p> <p>H. D, E, F</p>	I

	I. All of the above	
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