

2016 national curriculum tests

# Key stage 2

## English reading

### Reading answer booklet

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Questions 23–33 are about *The Way of the Dodo* (pages 10–11)

23 Look at the paragraph beginning: *For thousands of years...*

What does the word *spat* suggest about how the island of Mauritius was formed?

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1 mark

24 *Curious and unafraid, the animals of Mauritius offered themselves up for slaughter...* (page 10)

Why were the dodos *curious and unafraid*?

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1 mark

25 Find and copy one word from page 10 that tells you that some of the animals on Mauritius were only found there.

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1 mark



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(a) Give **two** reasons why Mauritius was a *paradise* for animals before humans arrived.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

Look at the paragraph beginning: *One of the victims...* to the bottom of page 10.

(b) Give **two** reasons why the dodo became extinct after humans arrived.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

1 mark

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Look at the paragraph beginning: *One of the victims...*

What does the word *invaders* suggest about the humans arriving on Mauritius?

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1 mark

28

Why were artists' drawings from the time of the dodo not always accurate?

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1 mark



29 *The mud flats would have formed a freshwater oasis in an otherwise **parched** environment.*

Give the meaning of the word *parched* in this sentence.

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1 mark

30 Look at the paragraph beginning: *Then, in 2005...*

**Find and copy one** word or group of words that shows that scientists were not sure what happened to most of the animals during the drought on Mauritius.

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1 mark

31 What does *rehabilitate the image* of the dodo mean?

Tick one.

restore a painting of the dodo

rebuild the reputation of the dodo

repair a model of the dodo

review accounts of the dodo

1 mark



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According to the text, how did the discovery of the dodos' bones help to change the image of the dodo?

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1 mark

33

Below are some summaries of different paragraphs from this text.

Number them 1 – 6 to show the order in which they appear in the text.

The first one has been done for you.

An important lesson is learnt.

Reasons for the extinction of the dodo.

Summary of the plight of the dodos.

New information is discovered about the dodo.

An explanation for the unreliable evidence.

Humans arrived on Mauritius.

1 mark





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