Year 4 Reading Assessment Marking Scheme - Non-Fiction



question	answer	marks	notes		
1.	How many pet cats live in Britain? Circle one.				
	9 million	1	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for answer as indicated.		
2.	Using the information on page 2, use the numbers 1-5 to put them in chronological order (oldest first).				
	 The first carnivores that looked like cats walked the earth. African wildcats began to enter towns in search of food. Romans introduced cats to Europe. Cats were used during the First World War to control rats on ships. Over 9 million cats now live in Britain. 	1	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for answer as indicated.		
3.	Which breed of cat is welcoming to visitors?				
	Siamese	1	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for Siamese.		
4.	Which breed of cat might join you in the shower?				
	Bengal	1	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for Bengal.		
5.	Using the information on page 3, draw lines to match these cat feelings to the correct body language.				
	friendly tail up, rubs side of head and body around your legs, might roll over unhappy crouched position, tail tucked under, eyes large and darting around relaxed tail up, ears facing forward, walking towards you	1	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for correct lines drawn.		



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6.	On page 5, different breeds of cat are listed. Which word has the closest meaning to 'breed' in this context? Circle one.				
	type	1	Content domain: 2a—give / explain the meaning of words in context. Award 1 mark for answer as indicated.		
7.	Find and copy the reason that the Egyptians welcomed cats into their homes.				
	`they kept the snakes away'	1	Content domain: 2d—make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Award 1 mark for 'they kept the snakes away'.		
8.	What is the author's opinion of cats? Using words from the text, give two reasons for your answer.				
	The author likes cats. S/he uses phrases such as: 'more about these wonderful creatures' 'A cat is the very best pet you can own' 'your precious cat' The author wants people to look after their cats The author is telling us how to look after our cats	up to 2 marks	Content Domain: 2d—make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Award 1 mark each for answers as shown, up to a maximum of two marks.		
9.	Find and copy two ways in which a cat uses body language to show he is very scared.				
	arched back bushy tail fur standing up to make herself look bigger eyes look huge as the middle parts of the eyes (pupils) are big ears flattened against head	up to 2 marks	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for each answer as shown, up to a maximum of 2 marks		
10.	Which breed of cat might you choose if you can't have a dog? Give one reason why.				
	Cornish Rex; because they will often play 'fetch' with their toys.	1	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for answer as indicated		



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11.	On page 4, the author has used a different colour for some of the words on the page. Give two reasons why.				
	1. To show that the words are important 2. To show what each section is about	up to 2 marks	Content domain: 2d—make inferences from the text / explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text Award 2 marks, 1 for each answer with content as shown.		
12.	What might a Bengal cat do to get your attention?				
	'might join you in the shower', 'coo or chirrup instead of miaowing'	1	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for answers including `might join you in the shower', `coo or chirrup instead of miaowing'		
13.	Give one reason why were cats important during the First World War.				
14.	'cats were used in the trenches to sniff out poisonous gas' or 'cats were used on war ships to control rats'. Why has the author written this tex	1 t about cat	Content domain: 2b—retrieve and record information / identify key details from fiction and non-fiction Award 1 mark for 'cats were used in the trenches to sniff out poisonous gas' or 'cats were used on war ships to control rats'. S? Using the text, give at least three reasons for		
17.	your opinion.				
	Acceptable answers include: The author has written this text because they want to help people decide if a cat is the right pet for them Reasons for opinion: the summation that the author likes cats and s/he knows a lot about them the author shares interesting facts about cats the author shows people how to look after their cat the author shows tell people how to understand their cat	up to 3 marks	Content domain: 2f—identify / explain how information / narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole. Award 1 mark for each answer up to a maximum of 3 marks. Children must reference the text.		
		Total 19			

