



5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

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- All tasks are compulsory.
- Time allowed: 45 minutes.
- 5 points are awarded automatically.
- Total score: 50 points.

**I. Read the following text and solve the exercises.**

**TEN FACTS ABOUT PANDAS**

1. Giant pandas are black and white bears. They live in thick bamboo forests, high up in the mountains of central China.
2. These magnificent mammals are **omnivores**. Occasionally, pandas eat small animals and fish, but most of the time they eat bamboo, which accounts for 99 percent of their **diet**.
3. Pandas are BIG eaters – every day they fill their tummies for around 12 hours. That’s about 12 kilograms of bamboo!
4. The giant panda’s scientific name is *Ailuropoda melanoleuca*, which means ”black and white cat-foot”.
5. Giant pandas grow to between 1.2 m and 1.5 m, and weigh between 75 kg and 135 kg. Scientists aren’t sure how long pandas live in the wild, but in captivity they live to be around 30 years old.
6. Baby pandas are born pink and measure about 15 cm – that’s the size of a pencil!
7. Giant pandas represent peace, strength and bravery, which are traditional Chinese values.
8. Family time! Female pandas give birth to one or two cubs every two years. Cubs stay with their mothers for 18 months before venturing off on their own.
9. Unlike most other bears, pandas do not **hibernate**. When winter approaches, they head lower down their mountain homes to warmer temperatures, where they continue to chew away at bamboo.
10. Panda bear numbers are increasing in the wild. Though they are still vulnerable, the species is no longer considered **endangered**. Hooray!

Adapted and abridged article from *National Geographic Kids*

**A. Choose the correct answer.**

10 points (5 × 2p = 10p)

1. Why are pandas considered omnivores?
  - a) They eat only bamboo.
  - b) They eat plants and sometimes small animals and fish.
  - c) They eat only meat.
  - d) They eat insects only.



2. What percentage of a panda's diet is bamboo?

- a) 50%
- b) 75%
- c) 90%
- d) 99%

3. What does the name *Ailuropoda melanoleuca* refer to?

- a) Their habitat
- b) Their diet
- c) Their physical appearance
- d) Their behavior

4. What can we understand about pandas from the text?

- a) They are lazy animals.
- b) They need to eat a lot to survive.
- c) They don't like bamboo.
- d) They sleep all day.

5. Why do pandas move in winter?

- a) To find food.
- b) To escape predators.
- c) To find warmer places.
- d) To hibernate.

**B. Write one of the words in bold from the text to match the definitions below.** 4 points (4 × 1p = 4p)

a. animals eating both meat and greens

→ .....

b. to sleep during winter

→ .....

c. one's regular food and drink

→ .....

d. a species that could disappear forever

→ .....

**C. Read and write True (T) or False (F).**

6 points (6x1p=6p)

a. Pandas weigh between 75 kg and 135 kg.

b. Baby pandas are born black and white.

c. Pandas hibernate in the winter.

d. Pandas represent traditional Japanese values.

e. Pandas only eat bamboo.

f. Cubs stay with their mothers for 18 months.

## II. Complete the sentences with *at*, *in* or *on*.

5 points (5 × 1p = 5p)

- a. We often go to the beach \_\_\_\_\_ the summer.
- b. They sometimes play basketball \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays.
- c. We often visit our grandparents \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend.
- d. We usually do our homework \_\_\_\_\_ the afternoon.
- e. Doctors sometimes work \_\_\_\_\_ night.

## III. Underline the correct words in each sentence.

8 points (4 × 2p = 8p)

1. *My sister / My friends* usually *walk / walks* to school, but they sometimes take the bus.
2. *The dog / The dogs* is very friendly, and *it / they* loves playing in the park.
3. My brother *have / has* a new bike because *he / I* wants to ride to school.
4. *We / Eric* always wants what he can't *has / have*.

## IV. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

12 points ( items: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10 → 1 point; items: 3, 6, 7, 9 → 1,5 points)

1. The Earth \_\_\_\_\_ (spin) around the Sun.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (do) her homework now.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (they / play) football on Saturdays?
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (study) for the test at the moment.
5. My mother \_\_\_\_\_ (cook) dinner every evening.
6. You \_\_\_\_\_ (always/lose) your keys!
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not / understand) this exercise.
8. My best friend always \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) cartoons after dinner.
9. She \_\_\_\_\_ (have) lunch right now, so she can't answer the phone.
10. Listen! Someone \_\_\_\_\_ (sing).