READING 1 (Items 26-35) (10 marks)

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

The beach clean-up was supposed to be boring. That is what Class 10B thought when their science teacher, Mrs Fatma, announced it on Sunday morning. Twenty students, black rubbish bags, and two hours on Al Sawadi beach on a Saturday - who would choose that? But Mrs Fatma had a secret weapon: she promised that the class that collected the most rubbish would win a pizza party.

At seven in the morning, the bus stopped at the beach, and the competition began. The students spread out in pairs with gloves and bags. Salem and his best friend Khalfan took the area near the rocks. At first they found the usual things: plastic bottles, old fishing rope, a shoe with no partner, hundreds of small colourful pieces of broken plastic. 'People are terrible,' Khalfan said, filling his third bag.

Then Salem saw something strange near the dry grass above the sand - a line of small holes, like someone had pushed fingers into the sand in a row. He called Mrs Fatma, who looked at the line, then looked at the sea, and suddenly spoke very quietly. 'Everyone stop. Put your bags down. Slowly.' She pointed. 'Those are turtle tracks. A green turtle came up last night and nested right here.'

The whole class stood in a circle around the small marked area while Mrs Fatma called the environment office. Within an hour, a ranger named Hamoud arrived in a white truck. He measured the tracks, checked the nest, and put a protective fence around it with a yellow sign in Arabic and English: 'Turtle Nest - Do Not Disturb.' 'In about fifty days,' he told the students, 'one hundred baby turtles will come out of this sand and run to the sea. Maybe one in a hundred will survive to become an adult. Your clean beach gives them a better chance.'

On the bus home, nobody talked about pizza. Class 10B had found something better than a prize. At school on Sunday, they asked the head teacher for a permanent 'beach team', and every student in the class signed the list. Salem kept a photo of the yellow sign on his phone. Under it he wrote: 'The day our rubbish bags saved one hundred lives.'

READING 1 (continued)

Task One: *for each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ next to the correct option.*

26. What was Mrs Fatma's secret weapon?

⬭ **a film** ⬭ **a pizza party** ⬭ **a day off**

27. Where did Salem and Khalfan work?

⬭ **near the rocks** ⬭ **near the bus** ⬭ **near the car park**

28. What did Salem find above the sand?

⬭ **a turtle egg** ⬭ **turtle tracks** ⬭ **a baby turtle**

29. Who arrived in the white truck?

⬭ **a police officer** ⬭ **a ranger named Hamoud** ⬭ **a fisherman**

30. How many baby turtles may come out of the nest?

⬭ **about fifty** ⬭ **about one hundred** ⬭ **about twenty**

31. What did the class ask for on Sunday?

⬭ **a permanent beach team** ⬭ **another pizza party** ⬭ **a new teacher**

Task Two: For each item, complete the missing words (not more than TWO WORDS).

32. The students wore gloves and carried black rubbish _____.

33. They found a shoe with no _____.

34. The ranger put a protective _____ around the nest.

35. Salem kept a photo of the yellow _____ on his phone.

READING 2 (Items 36-45) **(10 marks)**

Read the text. Then, complete the tasks.

Are zoos good or bad for animals? It is one of the oldest arguments in the animal world, and visitors to any zoo can see both sides with their own eyes.

The case against zoos is easy to feel. Wild animals belong in the wild. A tiger that would walk thirty kilometres a day in the forest walks thirty circles in a cage instead. Elephants, which live in loving families across huge areas, stand alone on concrete floors. Critics say zoos exist for people, not animals: they sell tickets, and the animals pay the price in boredom, stress and shortened lives. No cage, however large and modern, can replace a forest, a desert or an ocean.

READING 2 (continued)

The case for zoos is also strong. Good modern zoos save species. The Arabian oryx, extinct in the wild by 1972, survived only because zoos kept and bred the last animals, until Oman could bring them home. Zoos also fund and run breeding programmes, research and rescue centres for injured animals. And they teach. A child who looks into a tiger's eyes for ten seconds understands more about protecting tigers than a hundred videos can teach. Most zoo visitors will never travel to a rainforest; the zoo brings the rainforest to them. Supporters also note that good zoos send experts into schools and pay for protection work in the wild, so the ticket you buy partly pays for rangers on the other side of the world.

The honest answer is that 'zoos' is too big a word. There are terrible zoos - small cages, concrete floors, bored animals walking in circles - and they should be closed or completely rebuilt. And there are excellent zoos - huge natural spaces, expert vets, real breeding programmes - which earn their place in the modern world. The question is not 'zoos, yes or no?' but 'what kind of zoo?' If a zoo's first question every morning is 'what is best for the animals?', then it deserves our support. Some countries now prefer open reserves and safari parks, where animals move freely and visitors watch from cars, and these may be the best future of all. If its first question is 'what sells tickets?', it deserves our absence. Our money is our vote, and animals are counting on us.

Task One: For each item, write a short answer (not more than FOUR WORDS).

36. How far would a wild tiger walk a day?

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37. What do elephants stand on in bad zoos?

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38. When was the oryx extinct in the wild?

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39. What do good zoos run besides breeding programmes?

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40. What kind of zoos should be closed?

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41. What is our vote, according to the writer?

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Task Two: *For each item, shade in the bubble ⬭ to indicate whether the statement is* ***True/False****.*

	Statements	True	False
42.	**Critics say zoos exist mainly for people.**	⬭	⬭
43.	**Zoos had no role in saving the Arabian oryx.**	⬭	⬭
44.	**A short zoo visit can teach more than videos.**	⬭	⬭
45.	**The writer wants all zoos closed immediately.**	⬭	⬭

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