

Facts to help you understand the story better: The Loch Ness is a deep lake that is found in Scotland which is in the United Kingdom. The Loch Ness Monster is called Nessie. It is a creature that is said to live in Loch Ness. It is described as large in size with a long neck and one or more humps that stick out of the water.

Section A: Comprehension: INVADERS OF THE VEGETABLE PATCH

(25 marks)

I remember it had been a pretty normal evening. That means I was arguing with my sister, Cathy, over what to watch on TV, same as usual. I tried an appeal to Mum, making my voice as emotional as it would go.



"But it's Mutant Karate-Squad Kids on the other side. It's my favourite ..."

Mum is pretty tough when it comes to that sort of thing. She just ignored me.

She went on pushing buttons on her calculator and looking worried. That was

pretty normal as well: lately Mum seemed to spend most evenings at the dining table with a stack of bills and a calculator, trying to work out how to make ends meet.

"It's an educational programme, you know," I continued. Cathy let out a tut-tut from behind her book. (I hate it when she does that. You'd never know from the way she acted that she was my younger sister.)

At last Mum looked up. I couldn't help noticing how tired she looked.

"Tom," she said - Tom is my name, by the way - "Tom, you know the rules. It's your sister's turn tonight." I could sense Cathy's victorious smile from behind her book. "Besides," said Mum, "you've got Eddie coming tomorrow."

There was no point arguing. I slumped down further on the couch. At least Eddie would liven things up round here, I thought to myself. He had been my best friend when we lived in town. When my mum and dad split up, Mum decided we should move to the country and start up the Bed and Breakfast. After that I didn't see Eddie so often, but every year he came to stay with us for a few weeks.

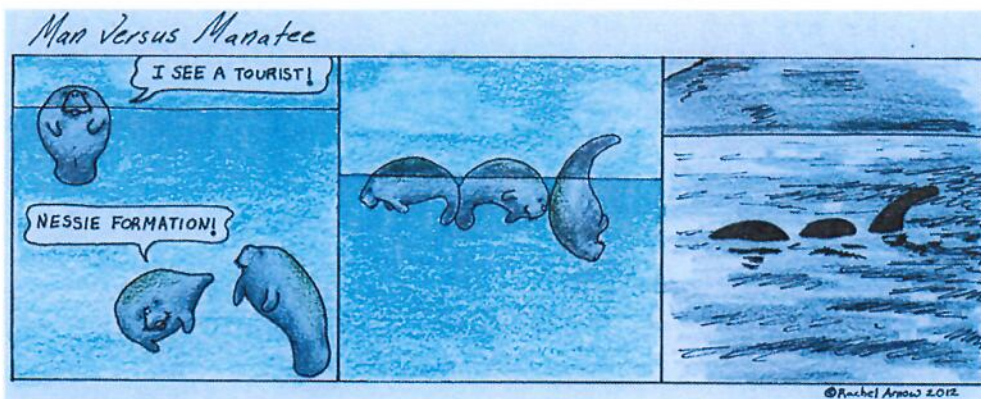
The opening music blared from the TV - it was Cathy's programme. My sister sat to attention. The presenter of the show was walking along surrounded by mist. When he got close enough and the spooky music died down, he looked straight at the camera. He smiled a perfect smile and stroked his moustache thoughtfully. He looked about as trustworthy as a fox with a chicken feather poking out of its mouth.

"The mystery of why Dirk Glib is on TV?" I chipped in. Cathy just shushed me. She loves this kind of thing: the abominable snowman, and UFOs, and all that stuff. Not that she believes it all. She says that scientists have to have an open mind about everything if they want to discover the truth - that's what she wants to be, a scientist.

Paragraph 4 I often wonder how Cathy and I could be so different. She's the most serious, sensible kid you've ever seen. Her way of talking, attitudes, her clothes even her HAIR is sensible. It's easy to forget she's just 8 years old, but then something comes along and reminds you that she's still a little kid too - like you'll find her talking to her toy pony, but then realize that what she's saying is the Latin name for that species of pony. She's a funny mix, my sister.

Section B: Cartoon Analysis

(5 marks)



Vocabulary: A manatee is a large, fully aquatic, mostly herbivorous marine mammal sometimes known as a sea cow.

Answer these questions. Full sentences are not necessary.

1. When was this cartoon strip published? (1)
2. What did the look-out manatee notice? (1)
3. What was the plan of the manatees? (1)
4. Why is the cartoon strip called "Man Versus Manatee"? (1)
5. Do you think that the manatees were successful in their plan? (1)

Section C: Language in Context

(30 marks)

1. Read the sentences in the textbox below. Match the correct part of speech in Column B with the word in Column A.

There **was** no point arguing. I slumped down further on the **couch**. At least **Eddie** would liven things up round here, I thought to **myself**. He **had been** my **best** friend when we lived in town. When my mum and dad split up, Mum decided we **should** move to **the** country and start up the Bed and Breakfast. After that I didn't see Eddie so often, but every year he came to **stay** with us for a few weeks.

Column A - the word(s)	Column B - the part of speech
1.1 was	Adjective
1.2 couch	Infinite verb
1.3 Eddie	Common noun
1.4 myself	Proper noun
1.5 had been	Personal pronoun
1.6 best	Finite verb
1.7 should	Auxiliary verb
1.8 the	Reflexive pronoun
1.9 to stay	Finite Verb
1.10 us	Definite Article (10)

2. Answer the following questions:

- 2.1 What is the abstract noun for the word "mysterious"? (1)
2.2 Write your own sentence using the present participle "swimming". (1)
2.3 Write your own sentence using the relative pronoun "that". (1)
2.4 Write your own sentences using the demonstrative pronoun "this". (1)
2.5 What does the idiom "take the bull by the horns" mean? (1)

3. Answer the following questions based on mistakes that appear in the textbox below:

- Niether Tom nor Cathy likes the presenter of the programme.
- The herd of manatee's fool the tourists from the United states of America.
- The calendar is fully booked with tourists seeking accommodation at the loch.

- 3.1 There is a concord error in one of the sentences in the textbox above. Rewrite that one particular sentence correctly so that the concord error has been fixed. (1)
3.2 Correct the spelling error that appears in the textbox. (1)
3.3 Correct the word that is missing a capital letter. (1)
3.4 Write the word that shows possession instead of being a plural. (1)



4. Rewrite the following sentences by fixing the punctuation errors. (6)

- 4.1 The shark is a fish the manatee is a mammal
4.2 The tourists most of them from china spent lots of money on souvenirs
4.3 The spokesperson said, We have used the following resources divers miniature submarines sonar beams and satellite navigation, but we still havent found definite evidence of the loch ness monster. (Negative marking of half per error to a max of 6 marks)

5. Rewrite the following sentences using reported speech: (5)

- 5.1 Mr MacIvor said, "I will never know the truth about Nessie, especially after the latest news that broke yesterday."
5.2 The couple shouted, "Yippee! We have seen Nessie!"
5.3 Mr Wattle, the scientist, complained, "I have had enough of these hoaxes."
(Negative marking of half per error to a max of 5 marks)
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