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SAMPLE OF READING (EXCERPT ONLY)

READING PASSAGE 1 (Test 4)

You should spend about 20 minutes on **questions 1-13**, which are based on reading passage 1 below.

Aboriginal Tribes

- A** Aboriginal Australians, also referred to as Aborigines, are people whose ancestors were indigenous to the Australian continent—that is, to mainland Australia or to the island of Tasmania—before British colonisation of the continent began in 1788. The category "Aboriginal Australians" was coined by the British after they began their colonization.
- B** The origin of Aboriginal peoples in Australia has been the subject of intense speculation since the nineteenth century. Until recently, no theory of migration had gained wide acceptance. Genetic studies had shown the Aboriginal peoples to be related much more closely to each other than to any peoples outside Australia, but scholars had disagreed whether their closest kin outside Australia were certain South Asian groups or African groups. The latter would imply a migration pattern in which their ancestors passed through South Asia to Australia without intermingling genetically with other populations along the way. A 2009 genetic study in India found similarities among Indian archaic populations and Aboriginal people, indicating a Southern migration route, with expanding populations from Southeast Asia migrating to Indonesia and Australia.
- C** Aborigines inhabiting the large 26,000 square mile island of Tasmania to the south of the Australian mainland were racially different from the inhabitants of the mainland. This was probably due to the formation of the Bass Strait 12,000 years ago, which isolated them from contact with the mainland. The Tasmanians had darker skins and frizzy hair, while the mainlanders were generally lighter skinned and had straight or wavy hair. Most probably, the Tasmanian inhabitants were from an early wave of settlers who were driven south by later arrivals. There were never more than 3000 or 4000 of them. Prior to the Patagonians and the Fuegians populating the southern regions of South America, they would have been the most southerly people in the world.
- D** Australia has never supported a large aboriginal population. The population in 1788 has traditionally been thought to have been 300,000, but some historians now think it may have been as high as a million. However, as the aboriginal people did not farm or herd, a lower figure seems more likely. A reasonable figure could be 500,000. In addition, a number of cultural

SAMPLE OF READING QUESTIONS (EXCERPT ONLY)

Questions 1-7

Reading passage 1 has eight paragraphs, **A-H**.

Choose the correct headings for reading passage 1 from the list of headings below.

Write the correct number, **i-xii**, in boxes 1-7 on your answer sheet.

List of Headings

- i** Farming as a way of life
- ii** Hierarchy within the tribes
- iii** Linguistic connections
- iv** Independent rule
- v** Connections with India
- vi** Limits to their numbers
- vii** Religion and spirituality
- viii** Divided by the sea
- ix** Debate over ancestry
- x** A dangerous place to live
- xi** Naming the original inhabitants
- xii** A people in decline

- 1** Paragraph A
- 2** Paragraph B
- 3** Paragraph C
- 4** Paragraph D
- 5** Paragraph E
- 6** Paragraph F

Example	Answer
Paragraph G	vii

- 7** Paragraph H

Questions 8-11

Complete the table below. Choose **NO MORE THAN TWO WORDS** from the passage for each answer. Write your answers in boxes 8-11 on your answer sheet.

<i>CAUSE</i>	<i>EFFECT</i>
Formation of Bass Strait	... (8) ... aboriginals different from mainland inhabitants
Breast-feeding / short life expectancy / battles	Low ... (9) ...
Being nomadic and lacking ... (10) ...	Large tribes never congregate
Living off land and not many ... (11) ...	Lack of status