



Grade 6 Cambridge Primary Stage 6 (0058) Paper

2: Non - Fiction

Section A: Comprehension (25 MARKS)

Spend 30 minutes

1. Read the Text Carefully

“Why Do Bees Matter?”

“Bees are among the most important insects on Earth: they help plants grow, reproduce, and produce food. Without bees, many crops would fail; fruits, vegetables, and nuts depend heavily on pollination.

You might think bees are only useful for making honey—but their role is far greater. Scientists warn that bee populations are declining; this is due to habitat loss, pollution, and climate change.

So, what happens if bees disappear? Would we still have enough food to eat? The answer is worrying. A world without bees would struggle to support human life!

Farmers, researchers, and governments are now taking action—planting more flowers, reducing pesticide use, and protecting natural habitats—to help bees survive. Saving bees isn’t just a scientific issue; it’s everyone’s responsibility.”

Section A: Punctuation & Effect (10 marks)

Q1. Identify the punctuation mark used in these sentences (5 marks)

a) *Bees are among the most important insects on Earth: they help plants grow.*

→ _____

b) *Without bees, many crops would fail; fruits and vegetables depend on them.*

→ _____

c) *You might think bees are only useful—but their role is far greater.*

→ _____

d) *Would we still have enough food to eat?*

→ _____

(e) *A world without bees would struggle to support human life!*

→ _____

(1 mark each)

Q2. Purpose / Effect (5 marks)

a) What is the effect of using a **colon (:)** in the first paragraph? (1 mark)

→ _____

b) Why does the writer use a **semi-colon (;)** instead of a full stop? (1 mark)

→ _____

c) What is the effect of the **dash (—)** in the second paragraph? (1 mark)

→ _____

d) Is the question “*Would we still have enough food to eat?*” rhetorical? Explain. (1 mark)

→ _____

e) What is the effect of the **exclamation mark (!)**? (1 mark)

→ _____

(1 mark each)

 **Section B: Punctuation Analysis (6 marks)**

Q3. Identify and analyse (3 marks)

a) Write the additional information added by the dash: (1 mark) Bees are small—but incredibly powerful insects.

→ _____

b) Identify the punctuation mark used: (1 mark)

→ _____

c) Explain the function of this punctuation in the sentence: (2 mark)

→ _____

(1 mark each)

Q4. MCQs (3 marks)

1. Which sentence correctly uses a colon to introduce an explanation?
A) Bees are important they help plants grow.
B) Bees are important; they help plants grow.
C) Bees are important: they help plants grow.
D) Bees are important? they help plants grow.

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2. The sentence “Bees are small—but very powerful” shows:
 - A) time
 - B) contrast and emphasis
 - C) place
 - D) result

 3. The question “Would we survive without bees?” is:
 - A) a direct question expecting an answer
 - B) a command
 - C) a rhetorical question
 - D) a statement

(1 mark each)

 **Section C: Correct Punctuation in a Sentence (9 marks)**

Q5. Identify (5 marks)

- a) Bees are important they help plants grow
→ _____
- b) Without bees crops would fail food would become scarce
→ _____
- c) Bees are small but powerful
→ _____
- d) What would happen if bees disappeared
→ _____
- e) This is a serious problem we must act now
→ _____

(1 mark each)

Q6. Application - Create your own sentences (4 marks)

- a) Write a sentence using a colon
→ _____
- b) Write a sentence using a semi-colon
→ _____
- c) Write a sentence using a dash
→ _____
- d) Write a rhetorical question
→ _____

(1 mark each)
