

Name: _____ () Class: _____ Date: _____

Your friend likes reading science fiction stories. He has given you an extract of his favourite novel. Read the novel extract.

Text 3 Novel extract

Journey to the Centre of the Earth by Jules Verne

Chapter 14: The real journey begins

- ① We reached the top of the volcano. I leaned over the edge of the big hole and looked down. I felt dizzy and my legs shook. I wasn't used to this feeling and I didn't know what to do. I was about to fall in when I felt a firm hand holding me back. It was our guide Hans.
- 5 ② My uncle Professor Lidenbrock took out a rope. He threw one end of it down the big hole. He tied the other end to a large rock. 'Now Axel,' he said, 'let's put our most important things into our backpacks.'
- ③ 'But,' I exclaimed, 'what about our clothes, the ropes and the ladders?'
- ④ 'They'll go down themselves.'
- 10 ⑤ 'How?' I asked.
- ⑥ 'Like this!' I was used to my uncle's impatience. He liked to do things quickly. He put everything into a bag and threw it down the hole.
- ⑦ I heard the noise of falling stones as the bag fell down the hole. My uncle turned to me with a smile.
- 15 ⑧ 'Now then,' he cried, 'it's our turn!'
- ⑨ 'We might stay alive if we were mountain goats ...' I thought to myself nervously.

Name: _____ () Class: _____ Date: _____

Comprehension 3 *Your brother wants to know about the novel extract. Answer his questions using information from the novel extract. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

1 Who is the author of the story?

2 What is the setting of the story?

3 'I wasn't used to this feeling and I didn't know what to do' (lines 2–3). That shows the narrator is _____.

- | | | |
|-----------|-------------|---|
| A bored | C impatient | A B C D |
| B excited | D nervous | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |

4 Which word in paragraph 1 means 'strong and steady'?

- | | | |
|---------|---------|---|
| A dizzy | C firm | A B C D |
| B fall | D guide | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |

5 What does 'They' refer to in line 9?

6 How does Professor Lidenbrock feel in paragraph 8?

- | | | |
|-----------|-----------|---|
| A angry | C nervous | A B C D |
| B excited | D scared | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |

7 Which of the following best describes the atmosphere of the story?

- | | | |
|------------|------------|---|
| A funny | C touching | A B C D |
| B romantic | D exciting | <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> |

8 Match each of the following speech bubbles with one of the characters introduced in the novel extract. Write the appropriate name under the speech bubble.

Come on, everyone!
Time to go into the
big hole!

Are you sure it's
safe ...?

Be careful! Don't
stand too close to the
edge!

i) _____ ii) _____ iii) _____