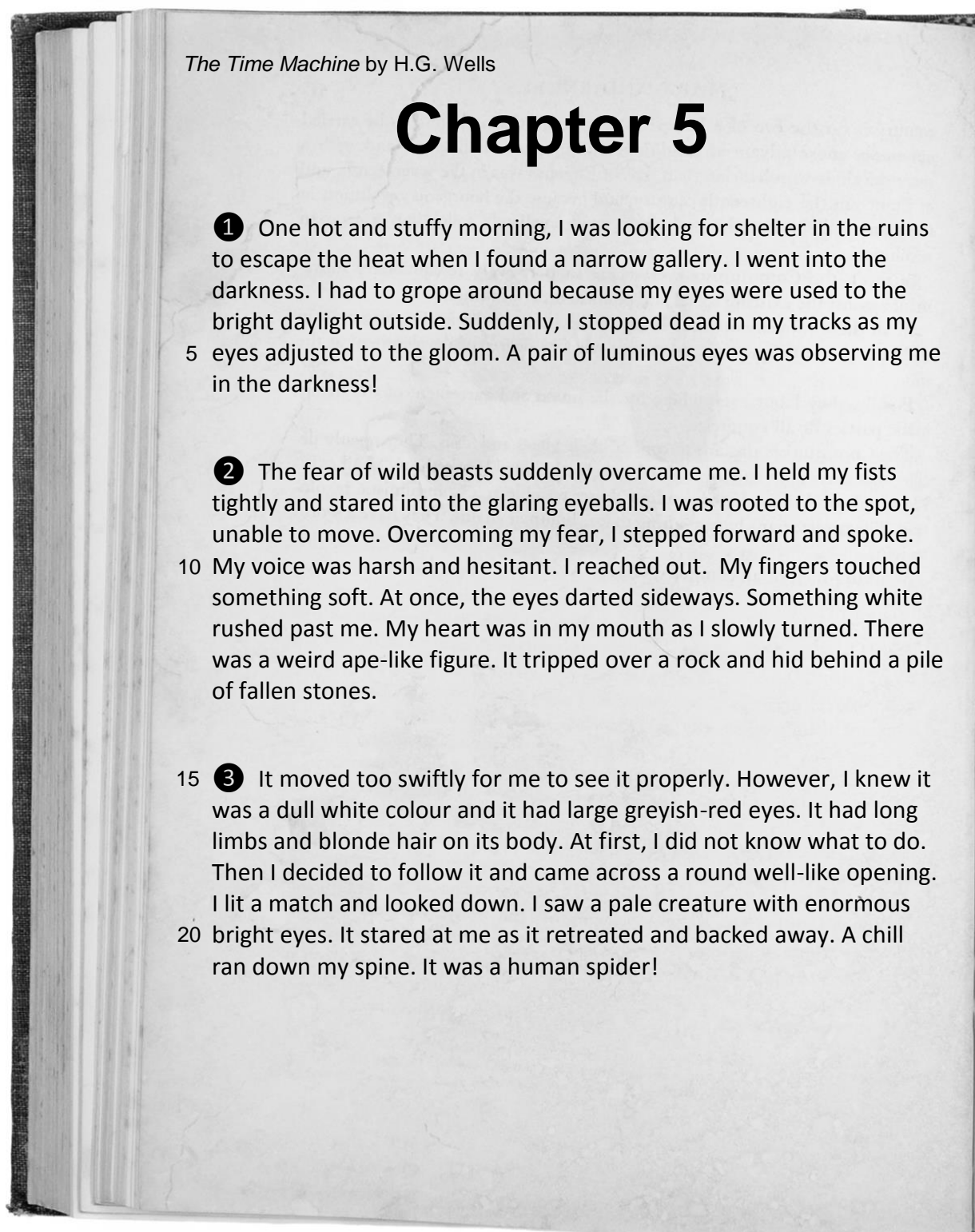


Name: _____ () Class: _____ Date: _____

Your friend is interested in sci-fi stories and stories about supernatural beings. He has given you an extract of his favourite novel. Read the novel extract.

Text 1 Novel extract

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The Time Machine by H.G. Wells

4 'If I saw this as a child, I would have nightmares every day,'
I thought to myself.

5 It took a long while for me to persuade myself that the monster
25 I saw was human. Yet, gradually, an idea came to me: humans had
probably split into two different species. There were the graceful
people known as the Eloi in the Upper-world. Then there was this
white beast that lived in the darkness underneath.

6 There were three clues that made me think this creature rarely
30 came to the surface. First of all, it had that pale look common in
animals that dwelled in the dark, such as in caves. Secondly, it had
gigantic eyes. They are typical of nocturnal creatures, such as owls
and big cats. Finally, this specimen exhibited signs of confusion in the
sunshine. It awkwardly fled towards the dark shadows, as though the
35 light hurt its eyes. If it were used to being in daylight, it would not be
afraid of this brightness.

7 I came to wonder if more of these spidery creatures lived
underground. I imagined many tunnels beneath my feet. I began to
wonder how the human race had split into two. I came up with a
40 theory. However, I soon discovered that it fell far short of the truth ...



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Comprehension 1 *Your sister wants to know more about 'The Time Machine'. Answer her questions using information from the novel extract. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.*

- 1 What is the setting of the story?

- 2 Find a word in paragraph 1 that means 'very bright'.

- 3 The narrator was 'rooted to the spot' (line 8) because he felt _____.

- ☐ A terrified
- ☐ B exhausted
- ☐ C surprised
- ☐ D miserable

- 4 Give THREE examples from paragraph 2 which show that the atmosphere is scary and uncertain.

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

- 5 How do you think the creature felt when the narrator touched it? Use evidence from the text to support your answer.

- 6 Based on the information from paragraph 3, use ONE word to complete each blank.

Profile of the creature

Eye colour: (i) _____

Hair colour: (ii) _____

Skin colour: (iii) _____

Resembles a (iv) _____

- 7 Order the following events in the novel extract. Number the events (1–5).

The narrator followed the creature to a well-like opening. _____

The creature ran past the narrator. _____

The narrator saw a pair of eyes in the darkness. _____

The narrator found a gallery. _____

The narrator touched the creature. _____

- 8 Are the following statements **True (T)**, **False (F)** or **Not Given (NG)**?

Statements	T	F	NG
i) The narrator could not see clearly in the gallery.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) The creature thought the narrator was a monster.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) The narrator is a child.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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9 What are the 'two different species' (line 26) that humans had split into?

- i) _____
ii) _____

10 Which of the following is NOT a clue that the creature probably lived underground?

- A It had unusually large eyes.
B It seemed confused in the bright light.
C It acted like a large cat. A B C D
D Its skin was very light. ○ ○ ○ ○

11 Which of the following best describes the tone of the story?

- A touching C mysterious A B C D
B nostalgic D regretful ○ ○ ○ ○

12 Complete the summary of the novel extract. Use ONE word to complete each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

The narrator noticed a pair of (i) _____ in the darkness (ii) _____ him. He felt (iii) _____, but then reached out to (iv) _____ whatever it was. It ran away immediately. He could not see it clearly. All he saw was that it was (v) _____ in colour and resembled a/an (vi) _____.

The narrator eventually realized that it was actually (vii) _____, even though it looked so (viii) _____. Then he theorized that there were two (ix) _____ of people: one that lived in the Upper-world, and one that lived (x) _____. But how did this happen?

13 Find words from the text with these meanings.

i) a long narrow room (n., paragraph 1)	
ii) feel your way with your hands (v., paragraph 1)	
iii) got used to a new situation (v., paragraph 1)	
iv) lived somewhere (v., paragraph 6)	
v) active at night (adj., paragraph 6)	