

MEMORANDUM

Note to the teacher: The following are only suggested answers. The learners may come up with many other ideas. It is most important that they are able to give reasons for their answers.

Answering short questions

Chapter 1

- 1 The story takes place from 22 to 24 December ✓ and is set on a game reserve called Boekenhout Game Reserve, ✓ which is located in the Waterberg region, Limpopo. ✓ (3)
- 2 Nicky, ✓ Tshepo ✓ and Luke ✓ (3)
- 3 a *mmutla* ✓ (1)
b A rabbit is a small creature and not impressive or threatening; Tshepo is smaller than his older brother. A rabbit darts around and cannot be told where to go; Tshepo is unhappy about being told what to do. ✓✓ (2)
- 4 a simile ✓ (1)
b The size and shape of Sindi's eyes are being compared to the size and shape of frisbees. ✓✓ (2)
- 5 She no longer finds teasing as much fun as she used to; she now thinks it is mean and hurtful. ✓ Her body has changed; she has grown taller and is not skinny anymore. ✓ She appreciates fashion and compliments Sindi on her sunglasses. ✓ (3)
- 6 a The narrator is an observer; ✓ third person narrator OR omniscient narrator OR all-seeing narrator/observer ✓ (2)
b The narrator uses "he" and "she" (not "I" and "we"), to refer to the characters in the story. ✓ (1) [18]

Chapter 2

- 1 Yes, Sindi does respect the rules of the game reserve because she does what Neo tells her to do. OR No, her tone when she says "Whatever" shows that she does not respect the rules of the game reserve. ✓
Yes, she does understand the rules because she switches off her cellphone. OR No, she does not understand the rules because she is not used to being around animals in the wild because she comes from Cape Town. ✓ (2)
- 2 Sindi does not understand the word "*tshukudu*" and Tshepo has to explain that it means rhino. ✓ (1)
- 3 Nicky stiffens when she sees Keith Kildare. ✓ Nicky mutters her greeting. ✓ Nicky does not want to look at him when he greets her. ✓ Sindi "hissed" her question. ✓ Nicky is reluctant to talk about him. ✓ The children have nicknamed him "Sneaky Keith", which has a negative connotation. ✓ Tshepo says that he is "creepy". ✓ (Any three) (3)
- 4 The rhino are under threat because they are being killed for their horns. ✓ The farm is in Limpopo province, which has more poaching than in other provinces. ✓ By putting them in a restricted area, the game-farm owner is hoping to keep them safe from the poachers. ✓ (3)
- 5 a five ✓ (1)
b Big Boy, ✓ Big Girl, ✓ Thaba, ✓ Kgosigadi ✓ and Nana ✓ (5)

- c Three females and two males ✓ (1)
- 6 In helicopters, the poachers can fly over fences and get into restricted areas. ✓
They can spot the rhino more easily from the air. ✓ They can get away fast once
they have cut off the rhino's horn, or if someone discovers them. ✓ (3) [19]

Chapter 3

- 1 Joko ✓ (1)
- 2 The helicopter takes off. ✓ Neo, Tshepo and Luke walk towards the
boekenhout trees. ✓ As they get closer to the trees, Joko races ahead and
will not obey Luke. ✓ Soon Joko starts to bark and the group run towards
the sound. ✓ They find the rhino. (4)
- 3 He does not know if Kgosigadi might suddenly get up and charge at them. ✓
He is keeping the boys from danger. ✓ (2)
- 4 She would normally have a mud bath. ✓ (1)
- 5 She runs off and hides behind some trees. ✓ (1)
- 6 He is caring, ✓ kind ✓ and concerned ✓ about the rhino. (3)
- 7 Mr Ntuli will contact the vet ✓ in Bela-Bela ✓ and Mannie van Staden
will fly the vet to Boekenhout in his helicopter. ✓ They will pick up Mr
Ntuli and fly to the enclosure. ✓ (4) [16]

Chapter 4

- 1 Identification has been removed from the helicopter. OR Registration
numbers have been removed from the helicopter. ✓ (1)
- 2 a Ellie Landers ✓ (1)
b Sindi ✓ and the rhino ✓ (2)
c She wants us to believe that she is concerned about Sindi. ✓ (1)
- 3 She says she has to pick up friends from Johannesburg who are visiting
Bela-Bela. ✓ (1)
- 4 Yes, ✓ because she drives a big 4x4 and those are expensive. ✓ OR
Yes, ✓ because she seems to have lots of clients. ✓ (2)
- 5 It adds excitement ✓ and suspense ✓ because we want to know who
that person is and we cannot wait to find out. ✓ (3) [11]

Chapter 5

- 1 It makes the story realistic ✓ because teenagers use that sort of language
in their SMSs. ✓ (2)
- 2 There is a braai/fire. ✓
Boerewors is cooking. ✓
Ellie is talking to two friends from Johannesburg. ✓
Neo is surrounded by girls. ✓
Luke is hungry. ✓
Tshepo is in a hurry to get to Sindi's bungalow. ✓
Sneaky Keith wants to know where Nicky is. ✓
Sneaky Keith is smoking a cigar. ✓
Sneaky Keith is wearing a tie. ✓ (Any eight) (8)
- 3 Yes, because he is on the farm at the right time, ✓ he has a map of the
farm, ✓ and he makes a suspicious statement over the phone. ✓ (3) [13]

Chapter 6

- 1 No, ✓ because he sighs loudly when he has to return to her at the braai. ✓
OR No, ✓ because he's just using her to gain access to the game reserve. ✓ (2)
- 2 The children think they know who the culprit is, ✓ and Tshepo and Nicky have a narrow escape. ✓ The author has increased the tension and excitement. ✓ (3)
- 3 a game rangers ✓ and security guards ✓ (2)
b Neo will be on patrol ✓ at the time Sneaky Keith mentioned on the phone. ✓ (2)
- 4 a Tshepo can see that Luke is starting to like Nicky ✓ because Luke blushes when he thinks about her. ✓ (2)
b No, ✓ because she calls him "Lukie" as if he is much younger than she is. ✓ OR Yes, because she calls him "Lukie", which is affectionate. (2)
- 5 The telephone message was a bet on a horse race. ✓ Sneaky Keith has a map because he wanted to buy Boekenhout to build a golfing estate. ✓ Ellie was the one who introduced Keith to Louise. ✓ (3) [16]

Chapter 7

- 1 a 23 December ✓ (1)
b early afternoon ✓ (1)
c They are sitting in the hide. ✓ (1)
- 2 He can read the weather and knows a storm is brewing ✓ and he knows that birdlime is a parasite. ✓ (2)
- 3 Sindi tells them that many poachers are ex-soldiers, and they know that Mannie served in the Defence Force. ✓ The members of his security company who are helping with patrols are ex-soldiers. ✓ Mannie knows about the restricted area and has been there before. ✓ Mannie has a helicopter. ✓ Mannie is out on patrol with Neo when Neo loses radio contact with Tshepo. ✓ Neo is speaking to Mannie when radio contact is lost. ✓ (Any three) (3)
- 4 Only people from the game reserve know the code to get into the restricted area. ✓ (1) [9]

Chapter 8

- 1 Yes, ✓ because the most important thing to Tshepo is his brother's safety ✓ and he needs to see that Neo is okay. ✓ OR No, ✓ because Tshepo knows that it is dangerous because of the poachers and wild animals ✓ and he should rather go for help. ✓ (This is an open question.) (3)
- 2 Reception on the plain is poor ✓ and the storm is making reception even worse. ✓ (2)
- 3 a Three ✓ (1)
b They are wearing balaclavas to cover their faces. ✓ (1)
- 4 Neo and Mannie were on patrol, returning from the boundary fence. ✓ They heard a car. ✓ Some men jumped out of the car and grabbed Neo's radio and gun. ✓ They knocked him unconscious. ✓ They put him in the shed. ✓ (Any four) (4)
- 5 He wants to check that the rhino are okay ✓ and he last saw them under the trees near the shed. ✓ (2) [13]

Chapter 9

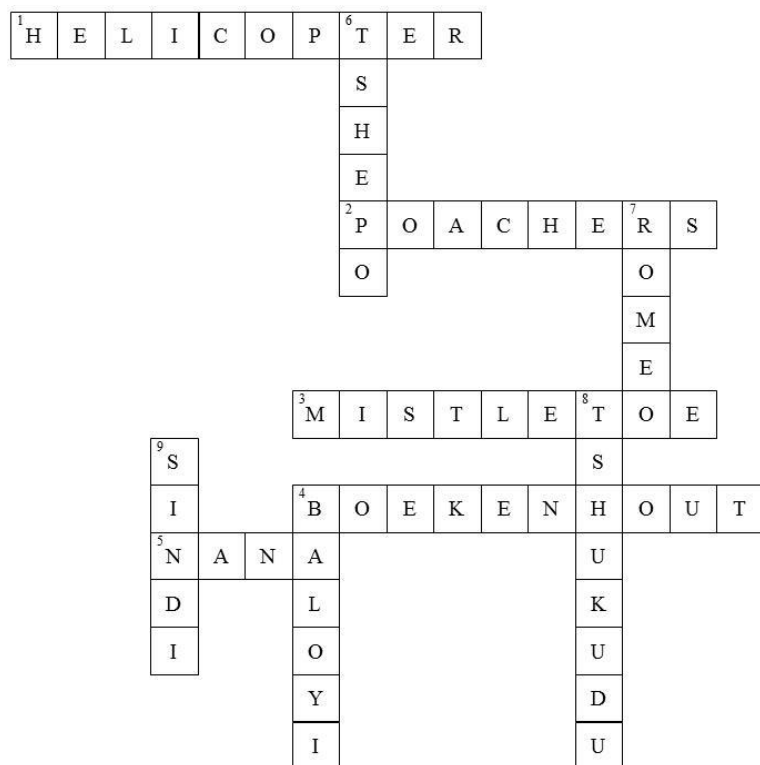
- 1 a All the threads of the plot come together ✓ to form the greatest amount of tension in the story. ✓ (2)
- b Neo and the boys are in danger from the poachers. ✓ The poachers are in the rhino camp. ✓ The rhino are under threat from the poachers. ✓ (3)
- 2 Friendship and loyalty: ✓ The Klipspringers have been friends for a long time and they are loyal to one another; they look after one another, even when their own lives are in danger. ✓
Poaching: ✓ Killing animals illegally can lead to much suffering. Four other rhino have already been killed on neighbouring farms, and Nana would have been left without a mother if Kgosigadi had died. ✓ (4)
- 3 a He carefully peeps through the window. ✓ (1)
- b He recognises Luke and knows that he is the chief game ranger's son. ✓ (1)
- c a dart gun ✓ (1)
- d They were making too much noise. ✓ (1)
- e He heard Luke cry out in pain. ✓ (1)
- 4 When they hear Mannie saying they are surrounded, camouflage man swears, ✓ the fat man puts his hands on his head ✓ and the man in khaki whimpers. ✓ (3)
- 5 Yes, ✓ Luke thinks he recognises Keith's voice. ✓ OR Yes, ✓ Tshepo recognises Keith's brand of cigar stompies. ✓ OR Yes, ✓ because Keith knew who Luke was. ✓ (2)
- 6 We have to decode the message before we recognise the name, ✓ which helps to create excitement. ✓ (2) [21]

Chapter 10

- 1 a Sindi ✓ (1)
- b She saved Kgosigadi's life. ✓ (1)
- 2 a Ellie Landers ✓ (1)
- b Ellie's silver 4x4 ✓ (1)
- c Ellie ✓ (1)
- d She visited Louise in the game farm's office and got the code from the office computer. ✓ (1)
- e She was able to drive around the farms because she had been asked to sell them. ✓ (1)
- f Johannesburg ✓ (1)
- g Ellie ✓ (1)
- h Ellie and Keith ✓ (1)
- i She seems to be the mastermind ✓ because she set up Keith and Louise OR she brings in her "friends" OR she often goes to the East. ✓ (Any one piece of evidence) (2)
- 3 a Mr Ntuli congratulates them in front of all the game rangers. ✓ He presents them each with the award of Honorary Game Ranger. ✓ He gives them game rangers' badges. ✓ (3)
- b He promises never to call him rabbit/*mmutla* again. ✓ (1)
- c Honorary Game Ranger ✓ and Klipspringer ✓ (2)
- 4 She kisses him under the mistletoe. ✓ (1)
- 5 Kissing under the mistletoe during the Christmas season is an old custom. (1) [20]

Exploring the novel further

Crossword puzzle



[10]

Place in sequence: Plot

- d The Klipspringers are told by *Mma* Gert to take care of Sindi.
- i Keith Kildare is on a game drive with Luke's father, Dirk.
- f Neo and the Klipspringers find Kgosigadi unconscious.
- g Mannie flies the vet to Boekenhout Game Reserve.
- a Nicky and Tshepo search Keith Kildare's room.
- b Sindi sends Ellie an email about their suspicions.
- j Tshepo is in the hide watching a 4x4 through his binoculars.
- c Luke is pinned to the wall by a man wearing a balaclava.
- e Sindi receives a phone call from her dad to say that they will not be home in time for Christmas.
- h Nicky, Sindi, Luke and Tshepo are made honorary game rangers.

[10]

Match the columns: Themes

	Column A: Quotation		Column B: Theme
1	"Cool, I actually saved her. That makes me feel better."	E	Achievement
2	"From today, you are officially a Klipspringer."	A	Friendship
3	"Rhino horns get sold for super-huge amounts of money."	B	Greed
4	"[Nana] lifted her head and made two high squealing sounds."	C	Poaching
5	"I would like Neo to present the award of Honorary Game Ranger to each of the Klipspringers."	D	Gratitude

[5 × 2 = 10]

Fill in the table: Character

His physical appearance	Tshepo is a teenage boy. He is shorter than Nicky and he does not like that.
His relationships	He is very loyal to his friends and family. He goes to find his brother to see if Neo is okay, and he threatens the poachers to save Luke.
His behaviour when his help is needed	He is brave, even though he might be a little afraid because he points the gun at the poachers but his voice is a little shaky. His mother tells him to look after Sindi, and even though he does not want to, he treats her like a friend. By the end of the story, they <i>are</i> friends.
His sense of humour	He is a tease and tries to scare Sindi when she first arrives; when the poachers are caught, he jokes about how vicious Joko is.

[4 × 2 = 8]

Practising questions for assessment

Paragraph question

Some points that learners might mention are as follows:

- **Ethics:** It is shocking and surprising that people whose job it is to protect people and property (like security guards) or animals and wild life (vets and professional hunters) could be involved in this illegal activity that in fact harms wild animals and has devastating effects for ecology in the long term.
- **Greed:** Greed can turn people into criminals when they break the law to enrich themselves. The poachers in *The Klipspringers* are not hungry or poor but are killing rhino in order to make a lot of money. They do not care about the harm they are doing. The poachers' greed can lead to suffering, the destruction of nature and the extinction of the rhino species.
- **Organised crime:** It is scary to realise that rhino poaching is sometimes very well organised and run like a business. There are lots of people involved and these people make money at the expense of the animals they kill, seemingly without a conscience.
- **Nature:** One of South Africa's greatest assets is its wildlife. It is our heritage and it is something we should all care for and protect so that we can maintain our rich natural diversity for future generations. It would be tragic if the rhino became extinct because of poaching during our lifetime. It would be a loss to the world because of the ruthless greed of a few people.

Contextual question (from Chapter 4)

- 1 In the Defence Force ✓ (1)
- 2 Bela-Bela ✓ (1)
- 3 Mr Ntuli ✓ (1)
- 4 Nana is hiding behind some bushes. ✓ (1)
- 5 Piet, the vet, has to fill a syringe with the antidote. He then injects Kgosigadi very carefully. ✓✓ (2)
- 6 Even a baby rhino like Nana can hurt them if she charges, so Piet asks Mr Ntuli to keep an eye on her while he injects Kgosigadi. ✓ When Kgosigadi wakes up, she is disorientated ✓ but once her calf joins her, they start to run. ✓ Their behaviour is unpredictable and takes the people by surprise. ✓ They run straight at Piet and Mr Ntuli and the men have to jump out of the way to save themselves from injury. ✓ (Any four) (4) [10]