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## PART I: WRITTEN RECEPTION (70 points)

(ACCESS TO INFORMATION FROM WRITTEN TEXTS)

الفصل الأول: فهم المقروء (70 درجة)  
اقرأ القطعة التي أمامك،  
وأجب عن الأسئلة 1-8 التي تليها.

פרק ראשון: הבנת הנקרא (70 נקודות)  
קרא את הקטע שלפניך,  
וענה על שאלות 1-8 שאחרינו.

Read the text below and then answer questions 1-8.

### KOALAS RETURN TO THEIR HOMES

**I** In September 2019, fires started in many places in Australia. They continued for six months. The fires burned over 105 million dunams\* of land. This area is almost six times as big as all of Israel. The fires completely destroyed thousands of houses and many forests. These forests were homes to many plants and animals that live only in Australia. Many of them died in the fires. One of the animals that especially worried many people was the koala.

**II** Koalas are unusual because they live in eucalyptus trees and their only food is the leaves of these trees. As soon as the fires started, hundreds of volunteers went to look for koalas in order to rescue them. Dr. Kathy Lang, director of an environmental organization, said, "There was a real danger that we would lose all the koalas in some areas."

**III** Experts believe that over 25,000 koalas died in the fires or because they had no food to eat. But newspapers reported that volunteers saved hundreds of koalas and other animals. They brought them to special zoos or animal hospitals.

**IV** After six months, heavy rains finally put out the fires. Grass began to grow immediately and new leaves appeared on the eucalyptus trees that survived. It was time for the koalas to return to their homes in the forests. Sharon Nash from the Koala Hospital said, "This is a great day for us. We are able to return many koalas to their homes, some of them even to their original tree. This makes us very proud and happy."

**V** Dr. Lang explained, "We put a radio-chip on all the koalas that the volunteers rescued. This is because experts say that in the future there will be big fires again in Australia. In times of danger, it will be easier for volunteers to find the koalas that have a chip."



**Koala in a Tree**

Photo by Valeriia Miller

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\* דונם – 1,000 מטרים רבועים = dunam



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أجب بالإنجليزية عن الأسئلة 1-8، حسب القطعة.  
 في السؤالين 1 و 2 و 4 و 7 و 8، ضع دائرة حول رقم الإجابة الصحيحة.  
 في الأسئلة الباقية، أجب حسب التعليمات.  
 (70 درجة)

ענה באנגלית על שאלות 1-8, על פי הקטע.  
 בשאלות 1, 2, 4, 7 ו-8, הקף את המספר של התשובה הנכונה.  
 בשאר השאלות ענה לפי ההוראות.  
 (70 נקודות)

QUESTIONS (70 points)

Answer questions 1-8 in English according to the text. In questions 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8, circle the number of the correct answer. In the other questions, follow the instructions.

1. What do we know about the fires in Australia? (paragraph I)

- i) How they started.
- ii) How they stopped.
- iii) How long they burned.

(8 points)

2. The writer mentions Israel to show that (-). (paragraph I)

- i) there are 105 millions dunams of land in Israel
- ii) the fires destroyed a very large area
- iii) fires burned in many places in Israel too

(8 points)

3. What is special about koalas? Give ONE thing. (paragraph II)

ANSWER: .....

(9 points)

4. Why did people go to look for koalas during the fires? (paragraph II)

- i) To help them find food.
- ii) To save them from danger.
- iii) To build them new places to live.

(9 points)



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5. Why did so many koalas die? Write ONE reason. (paragraph III)

ANSWER: ..... (9 points)

6. Where did the volunteers take the koalas? (paragraph III)

ANSWER: ..... (9 points)

7. Why did the koalas finally return to the forests? (paragraph IV)

- i) There were too many koalas in the hospital.
- ii) They found new homes in the grass.
- iii) They could find food in the forests again.

(9 points)

8. According to Dr. Lang, why did they put radio-chips on the rescued koalas? (paragraph V)

- i) To help volunteers find the koalas more easily in the future.
- ii) To help save eucalyptus trees from fires in Australia.
- iii) To know when fires start in the forests again.

(9 points)

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