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Part A: Reading and comprehension 30 marks

Read the following article then answer the questions which follow.

A tourism business is on the cards for the Western Yalanji people in far north Queensland after their second significant native title settlement.

Western Yalanji people have had their native title claim recognised over two parcels of a perpetual lease held by the Pedersen family, land totalling 200 sq km, located 120 km northwest of Cairns and 70 km west of Mt Carbine.

Western Yalanji spokesman Danny O’Shane, said the determination offered great potential for business development.

‘As a result of this determination, we can carry out traditional rights such as hunting, fishing, gathering, conducting ceremonies and using the natural resources,’ he said. ‘However we’re hoping to get the most out of our native title recognition.’

‘We are exploring the possibility of business developments, such as tourism ventures, in cooperation with the other parties.’

It is the Western Yalanji’s second determination over this pastoral property, following the landmark 1998 recognition over another part of the property.

Known as the Western (Sunset) Yalanji determination, it was the first consent determination to be made over a pastoral property in Australia.

This latest determination includes four associated indigenous land use agreements. Mr O’Shane said it had been easier to negotiate the second consent determination and accompanying agreements as they had been through the process before and knew what sort of outcome to expect.

‘We’re hoping that with two successful experiences behind us, we’ll be able to finalise our remaining native title claims more quickly,’ he said.

‘We want to achieve outcomes that will provide opportunities for our people.’

The Western Yalanji reached the outcome by negotiating with the pastoral leaseholders, the Queensland Government, the Cook and Mareeba Shire councils, miners and the Queensland Lapidary and Allied Craft Association.

The determination is just a step towards recognition of their rights to their broader country as the group has another four native title claims under way in north Queensland.

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Comprehension questions

Multiple choice:

Circle the correct answer for each of the following questions. 8 marks

1. The main idea in the article is:
   A. the Western Yalanji people having their claim recognised for native title over land held by the Pedersen family,
   B. the Western Yalanji people being given money by the Queensland government
   C. the Western Yalanji people finalising their native title claims.

2. The Western Yalanji’s native title claim was for farm land.
   A. Yes
   B. No
   C. Not given.

3. The Western Yalanji people would like to use the land:
   A. for business purposes
   B. for traditional purposes
   C. both A. and B

4. The land the Western Yalanji won recognition over in 1998 was:
   A. the first time Aboriginal people had had native title granted over pastoral land
   B. the first time the Western Yalanji people had been granted native title
   C. none of the above

5. The Western Yalanji’s latest native title claim is:
   A. their first of two native title claims
   B. their second of four native title claims
   C. their second of six native title claims.

6. To have their native title claims recognised:
   A. the Western Yalanji people had to reach a deal with various people and organisations, including the Queensland Government
   B. the Western Yalanji people had to wait for the Pedersen family to agree to give them the land
   C. the Western Yalanji people had to wait for the government to decide what should be done with the land

7. The Western Yalanji people feel:
   A. their remaining native title claims may not be recognized as easily
   B. their remaining native title claims may be finalized sooner
   C. they will definitely have their remaining native title claims recognised
8. The article is about:

A. the first significant native title settlement for the Western Yalanji people
B. the second significant native title settlement for the Western Yalanji people
C. Western Yalanji spokesman Danny O’Shane.

**Short answer:**

Complete the following sentences in YOUR OWN WORDS; one mark is awarded for spelling. In each sentence use ONLY ONE WORD. Refer to the article to help you. 6 marks

9. The Western Yalanji people are ________________ the possibility of using the land for tourism.

10. For the Western Yalanji people, their second native title claim had not been as ________________ to negotiate as their first.

10. The Western Yalanji people achieved their ________________ by negotiating with various stakeholders.

**Write your answers to the following questions in the spaces provided. 8 marks**

12. ‘Known as the Western (Sunset) Yalanji determination, it was the first consent determination to be made over pastoral property in Australia.’

Explain in your own words why the 1998 determination was a landmark decision.

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13. ‘We want to achieve outcomes that will provide opportunities for our people.’

In your own words, explain what kind of opportunities you think are being referred to.

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14. ‘The determination is just a step towards recognition of their rights to their broader country…’

Explain in your own words what you understand these rights to be.

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15. Suggest an appropriate title for the article (it has been removed).

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Vocabulary:

Choose the best definition for the underlined words in the sentences from the article above. (Put a circle around the correct letter.) 8 marks

16. A tourism business is on the cards for the Western Yalanji people in far north Queensland after their second significant native title settlement.

Significant means:
A. important
B. successful
C. valuable

17. Western Yalanji spokesman Danny O’Shane, said the determination offered great potential for business development.

Potential means:
A. timing
B. location
C. opportunity

18. ‘As a result of this determination, we can carry out traditional rights such as hunting, fishing, gathering, conducting ceremonies and using the natural resources,’ he said.

Resources means:
A. surrounds
B. facilities
C. supplies
19. Western Yalanji spokesman Danny O’Shane, said the determination offered great potential for business development.

**Determination** means:
A. will-power  
B. decision  
C. native land

20. ‘Mr O’Shane said it had been easier to negotiate the second consent determination and accompanying agreements as they had been through the process before and knew what sort of outcome to expect.’

**Negotiate** means:
A. argue over  
B. discuss to reach a settlement  
C. decide on

21. ‘We want to achieve outcomes that will provide opportunities for our people.’

**Outcomes** means:
A. outings  
B. effects  
C. results

22. ‘We are exploring the possibility of business developments, such as tourism ventures, in cooperation with the other parties.’

**Ventures** means:
A. risks  
B. ideas  
C. undertakings

23. A tourism business is on the cards for the Western Yalanji people.

**On the cards** means:
A. going to happen  
B. play a game of cards  
C. fortune told by a fortune teller.
Part B: Grammar and spelling 20 marks

1. Punctuate the following extract. Remember, Danny is telling this to the reporter directly. 12 marks

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2. You want to tell someone else what Danny O'Shane has said. Using the words below rewrite the following as you would tell it to someone else. 8 marks

‘As a result of this determination, we can carry out traditional rights such as hunting, fishing, gathering, conducting ceremonies and using the natural resources,’ he said.

‘However we’re hoping to get the most out of our native title recognition.’ ‘We are exploring the possibility of business developments, such as tourism ventures, in cooperation with the other parties.’ He said that
Part C: Writing 50 marks

Plan and write an argumentative essay (at least 200 words) in response to the following essay question:

Essay question
In the article Danny O’Shane says: ‘We are exploring the possibility of business developments, such as tourism ventures, in cooperation with the other parties.’ Decide whether you think using native title land for tourism is a good idea or a bad idea.

Give reasons for your views.

You will be marked on the following:

• understanding of the question
• evidence to support your argument
• organization of ideas in paragraphs with an introduction, body and conclusion
• linking ideas within and between paragraphs
• grammar
• vocabulary
• punctuation
• spelling

N.B.

Don’t copy any parts of the reading passage as part of your essay. Take a few minutes to plan your essay before you start writing.

1. Use the next page to plan your essay:

2. Then the following two pages to write your essay here:
Write your Essay here: