ANSWERS

A. Comprehension: Whale-watching

1. Very long movement of the whales.
   Any answer which shows an understanding of the meaning of words.
2. From June to December.
3. Calve, play and bathe.
4. C
5. C
6. He saw its 'V' shaped plume of spray.
7. B

B. Composition

Up to 20 marks for content:

- The very best answers will be consistently engaging and convincing.
- Description will be striking, with varied vocabulary and fluent, often sophisticated expression.
- There will be some striking and interesting ideas, **not** pre-learnt similes, metaphors or studiedly 'unusual' adjectives.

Up to 5 marks for virtually error-free spelling, punctuation and grammar.

C. Comprehension: King Gannet

1, d

2. Like flames/weapons.
   Being launched/thrown/hurled.

3. Recoil – pull back/go back/retreat
   Flex – move/flinch/tense/relax
   Steadfastly – firmly/steadily/determinedly (or in phrases, e.g. with determination)

4. d

5. tottering = moving in a feeble or unsteady way (or other suitable synonyms)
   solitary = alone (or other suitable synonyms)
   bewildered = confused (or other suitable synonyms)

6. b

7. Clamber
   Inched

8. c

9. They **buzzed/made a noise** (1 mark) and either **continually/constantly/noisily/in a low hum.** (1 mark)

10. 1 mark for each appropriate piece of evidence:
    Stood at full stretch, flapping his wings / Fussy self-importance
    Throne
    Shoulders hunched
    Peered down at the host

    2 marks for a clear explanation