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MARK SCHEME – Emerald Band 15 – The Games Player of Zob

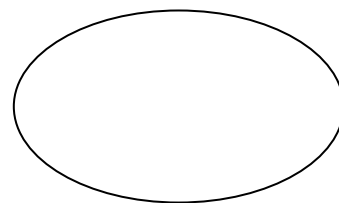
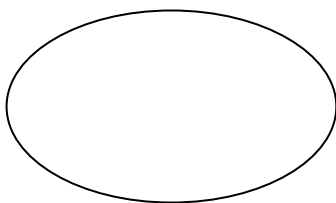
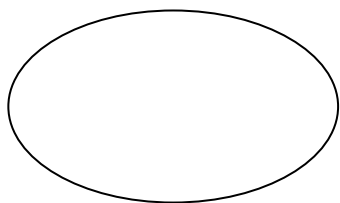
Page 4: How does the weather affect the **mood** of the story?

Choose one: (STRUC)

- ☐ It forces the children to stay indoors.
- ☒ It creates a sinister atmosphere.
- ☐ It allows the alien to appear.
- ☐ It encourages the children to be happy.

Pages 6 – 7: “Greetings, feeble earthlings!”

Look at the word ‘feeble’ in this sentence on page 6. Write 3 different synonyms that could be used instead of feeble in the ovals below. (LANG)



Accept any synonym of feeble; weak, frail, delicate, thin,

Page 10: Do the children have any choice but to play with Vingor? Explain your answer, giving a reason from the text. (KNOWL)

No, if they do not play then Vingor says he will zap them.

Pages 12 – 14: How does Vingor react to Miles being better than him at the game? Write down 3 ways and number them. (KNOWL)

1. Vingor keeps saying that he wasn't ready to start.
2. He says that the game is stupid a
3. He complains bitterly.

Page 15: Which reporting clauses tell us that Vingor was using an unhappy voice? (LANG)

he snapped; he snarled

Page 18: What does Vingor blame for losing the football game? (KNOWL)

He accuses Jack of cheating. He claims that the gravity on earth is giving him a headache.

Page 24: Why is Mum upset? (KNOWL)

The children have interrupted her work.

Page 29: Which word on this page means 'at the same time'? (LANG)

Meanwhile

Page 32: Why do you think Jack decided not to protest against Vingor's cheating when counting up to 40? (INF)

He believed that he would be zapped anyway.

Page 33: What is Jack most worried about at this point in the story? (INF)

That he was about to be zapped.

Page 39: What is the purpose of the last sentence on this page? "Then Jack grabbed hold of it and..." (STRUC)

Accept:

It helps to build suspense in the story. (Best answer)

Puts the story on a cliffhanger.

Makes the reader want to read on to find out what happens.

Page 40: How does the event on this page immediately change the tension in the story? (STRUC)

The tension is relieved as the children realise that Vingor isn't really dangerous.

Page 41: Why does the ticking of the clock sound much louder than usual? (INF)

Accept answers that reflect that the characters are waiting nervously and not talking to one another.

Page 45: *"Er, that's OK," answered Jack. It seemed like the polite thing to say.*

What is Jack really thinking? (INF)

Accept answers that relate to the idea that Jack didn't really feel the same way as Vingor at the end of the play session.