

News / Weather report (on TV / on the radio)

A news report tells us the events that happened recently. A weather report tells us the weather conditions of a place.



Example



News announcer:

Good evening! Welcome to the 6 o'clock evening news. Here is a special report about Typhoon Pigeon. Typhoon signal number 8 was issued at 3 o'clock this afternoon and is now still in force. Typhoon Pigeon has brought heavy rain and strong winds to Hong Kong. In Sheung Shui, five landslides have been reported ...

Time of the report

What the event is & when it happens

Details of the event



Typical Question

Listen to the track and answer the question.

How long has typhoon signal number 8 been issued?

- A. 2 hours B. 3 hours C. 4 hours D. 6 hours



Tip

Find out the time mentioned in the report.

Career talk

The guest speaker in a career talk talks about the details of his/her job.



Example



Sarah:

Good afternoon, I'm Sarah Hui, an old girl of this primary school. I'm happy to be here to talk to you before you start secondary school life in the coming September. I would like to share my story about how I became a professional dancer. When I was in primary school, I always wanted to learn to dance. So I signed up for a ballet class. At the beginning, I found it very difficult to do the dance moves. I remember I had ballet practice at home from five o'clock to seven thirty in the evening every day ...

Who the guest speaker is

Who he/she is talking to

When he/she starts to develop an interest in the job

How hard he/she works



Typical Question

Listen to the track and answer the question.

Who is Sarah speaking to?

- A. secondary school students B. Music Club students
C. dance class students D. primary school students



Tip

Where is the guest speaker?

Skill 1

Rephrasing

- Look for the option in the question that has the same or nearly the same meaning as a specific word/phrase in the text.

Remember

Common words/phrases of similar meaning

joyful = pleased	nervous = anxious	angry = furious	sad = upset
take care of = look after	find = look for	wear = put on	join = participate in



Example

Last Sunday, when Rocky appeared at Sue's front door for the first time, he growled and stared at Sue with his big brown eyes. That made her **frightened**. Fortunately, when Rocky met Sue later, he wagged his tail at her happily.

The word 'frightened' (line 2) shows Sue's feeling.

When Sue first saw Rocky, she felt _____.

- A. surprised B. happy
C. scared D. worried

Option C (scared) has similar meaning as 'frightened' (line 2).



Typical Question

Read the text below and answer the question.

Football Club

- ◆ Day: Tuesdays ◆ Time: 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
◆ Venue: School Playground ◆ Fee: \$30

Do you like playing football? If you do, join us now! Our coach, Mr Ng, will teach you basic football skills. Besides having fun, you will learn to work as a team. You may have a chance to represent our school in different inter-school competitions.

* To join our club, you need to pass a fitness test.

By joining the Football Club, students can learn to _____.

- A. be a coach
B. have high-level football skills
C. pass a fitness test
D. be a team player



Tip

What is another way of saying 'work as a team' (line 5)?



Skill 1

Understanding the topic

- Read the writing question and find out the following pieces of information:

people who were involved

when and where the event happened

text type

You are Karen. You went home by bus after school yesterday. Based on the pictures below, write an email to your friend Annie about what happened. Write at least 80 words.

Information from the writing question

Who	When	Where	Text type
you (your name: _____)	_____	on the _____	_____

Skill 2

Grasping the message from each picture

- Look at the pictures carefully and find out their details. Then, think of an ending.

(a)



- Who** sat next to you? a _____
- What** did he do? He _____.
- How** did you feel? I felt _____.

(b)



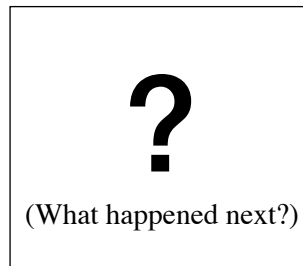
- What** is on the man's legs? a _____
- What** did the man take out from the paper bag? He took out _____.
- How** did he feel? He felt _____.

(c)



- What** happened to the soft drink? The soft drink dropped from the man's hand. Then it _____.
- How** did you feel? I felt _____.

(d)



- What** did the man say to you? The man _____.
- What** did you do? I _____.

in animal shows at the Ocean Theatre. I still remember the day I first took part in a show. I was so nervous that I forgot to ask the dolphins to leap through the hoops! The most challenging part of my job is to teach the animals to perform new tricks. Sometimes, it takes the animals a long time to learn the tricks.

Some of you may wonder how you can become an animal trainer. If you want to be an animal trainer, you must finish Form 6 or above. You also have to be very good at swimming. Some animal trainers know how to dive. However, it is not a must for you to know it. Besides, as you need to talk in shows, you must have a good command of spoken English and Cantonese. Since there are some tourists from Mainland China, you must know how to speak basic Putonghua. Last but not least, you must be an animal lover!

I really enjoy my present job every day. I hope you'll find a job that you like in the future. Thank you!

Part 2

6. A 7. B 8. D 9. C 10. A

Tapescript

Cathy: Andy, there is a typhoon today. We can't go outside to play.

Andy: Let's stay at home and watch TV then.

Cathy: OK! Let me turn on the TV ... Oh! There are only news programmes. They are not suitable for us.

Andy: Oh ... Shall we watch YouTube videos then?

Cathy: Good idea! Let me turn on the computer ... Do you like watching music videos?

Andy: Not really. I think animal videos are more interesting. I enjoy learning about animals' daily lives.

Cathy: All right! Let me search the animal videos for you ... Look! This is a list of animal videos. There are some introductions about them. Which one do you want to watch?

Andy: Let me have a look ... The video *Peaceful Time with African Animals* seems fun!

Cathy: Is it about what African animals eat?

Andy: No. It shows the sleeping habits of different kinds of animals in Africa.

Cathy: This topic sounds special! How long is the video?

Andy: It's one hour long.

Cathy: OK. It's half past three now. How about you watch this video now? After you finish watching it, I will watch a video about teddy bear making. I want to make a teddy bear.

Andy: Sure! Who is the teddy bear for?

Cathy: It's for our cousin Linda.

Andy: Linda always says teddy bears are very cute. I guess she will like your gift very much! Is it for her birthday?

Cathy: No, it's not for her birthday. Yesterday, Linda told me she wanted to get a teddy bear from Santa Claus.

Andy: Oh really? Then you can make her dream come true!

Cathy: Yes! She is going to stay at our home in December. I will put my gift under the Christmas tree on 24th December. When Linda wakes up the next morning, she will think that the gift is given to her by Santa Claus!

Andy: I can't wait to see how happy she will be!

Part 3

11. ☒ 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
12. fish balls, chicken wings
13. ☒ \$35–\$44
14. ☒ Reasonable price
15. Sell ice cream in summer
16. The lemon tea can be more sour

Tapescript

Kelvin: Hello, Cathy. What are you doing?

Cathy: Hi, Kelvin. I'm filling in a survey form about Yummy Food Stall. It's opposite our school.

Kelvin: I know this stall! I always buy breakfast there on school days.

Cathy: And for me, I usually buy snacks there after school. I often go to the stall immediately when the school bell rings at 3 p.m. So, for the first question, I'll put a tick here. For the second question ... I usually buy fish balls and chicken wings. I love eating them a lot! The fish balls are very spicy and the chicken wings are so crispy!

Kelvin: I like eating them too! Do you like the bubble tea there?

Cathy: Yes! But I seldom buy it as it's a bit expensive for me. My mum only gives me \$80 a week as my pocket money. I spend half of it at the school canteen and spend the rest at Yummy Food Stall. Let me put a tick here to show how much I spend. OK, next, what do you like most about the stall?

Kelvin: I think there are different kinds of food at the stall.

Cathy: And the staff are always kind to us.

Kelvin: Also, the stall opens from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. It has long opening hours!

Cathy: But I can only choose one thing I like most about the stall. I think the best thing is that the price of the food isn't too expensive. Many students can

Section A**Listening****(32 marks)**

There are three parts in this section. In Part 1, you will hear a talk. In Part 2 and Part 3, you will hear a conversation. **Write all your answers in the answer booklet.** For each part, you will have 30 seconds to study the questions in the answer booklet. The CD will be played only **ONCE**.

Section B**Reading****Part 1****(12 marks)**

Cathy is reading an article introducing some unusual jobs. Read it carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 17–22.

Unusual Jobs

Candy Taster



This is the perfect job for people with a sweet tooth! You can taste newly invented candies before they are sold. Candy Tasters are responsible for tasting how yummy candies are. Apart from this, you need to make sure the candies look attractive. Knowing that both the flavour and looks of candies are delicious is really important. Candy Tasters have to taste candies in a secret laboratory and write tasting report about them before they are released on the market.

Secret Hotel Guest



Since many people love to go on staycations in Hong Kong, Secret Hotel Guest has become a highly-wanted job. As a Secret Hotel Guest, you need to record yourself using different hotel facilities and review the cleanliness of the hotel and the services of the staff. You also have to post your experience staying at the hotel on your social media accounts for promoting the hotel to the public. The room fee is provided and three meals are free of charge.

Undercover Shopper



To become an Undercover Shopper, you simply need to be a regular online shopper! First, you browse particular shopping websites and place orders online. Then, you need to write a review on the website's user-friendliness and quality of the products. If you order takeaway from a food delivery website, you can enjoy free meals. An ideal Undercover Shopper should pay attention to details and have basic knowledge of using different online payment methods.

Durian Carer

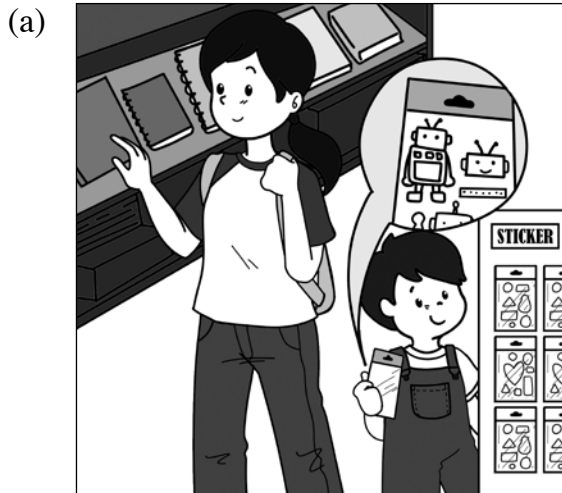


Durian is a delicious fruit that grows on tall trees. As a Durian Carer of the fruit garden, you have to climb trees to pick durians. After that, you freeze some of them with cream to make durian ice cream. Hours later, you can sell it at the fruit garden market. The rest of the durians will be made into bowls, juice and medicine in a factory. You need to check the quality of those products before selling them at the fruit garden market.

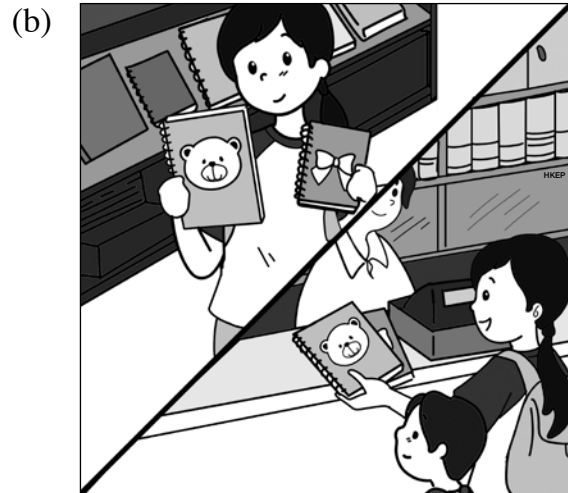
Section C**Writing****(30 marks)**

36. You are Cathy. You went to a stationery shop with your 4-year-old brother yesterday. Based on the pictures below, write an email to your friend Anne about what happened. Write at least 80 words.

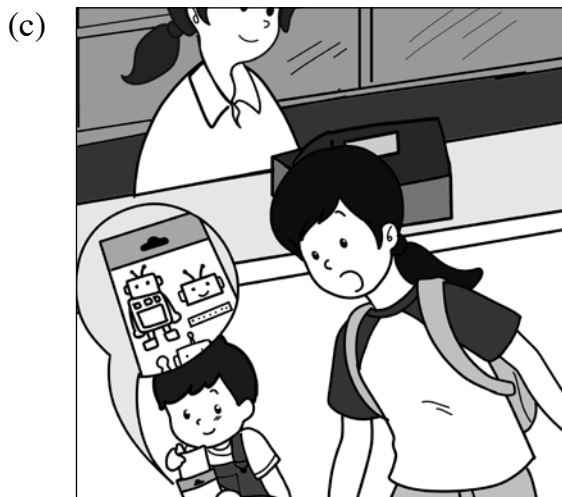
* You may use the words under the pictures to help you.



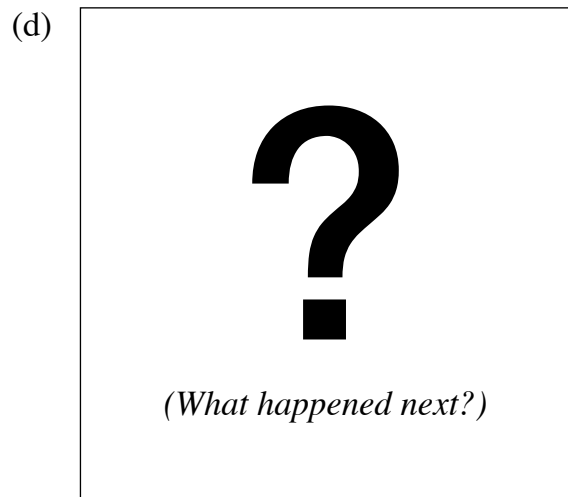
look at / notebook / sticker sheet



choose / pay for



take out / pocket / shocked



(What happened next?)

End of Test