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**Secondary 3 English Language**  
**Reading**  
**Question Booklet**

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Instructions:

1. There are 12 pages in this Question Booklet.
2. Time allowed is 30 minutes.
3. Do not write anything in this Question Booklet.
4. **Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.**

## Part 1

You are writing poems in your Language Arts class. Your English teacher has given you a poem written by an American poet to read.

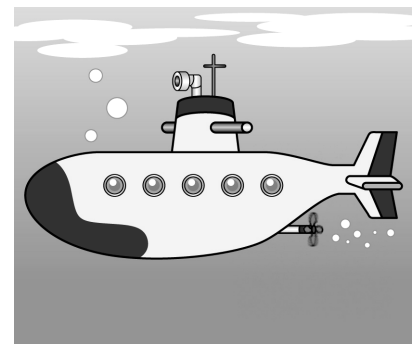
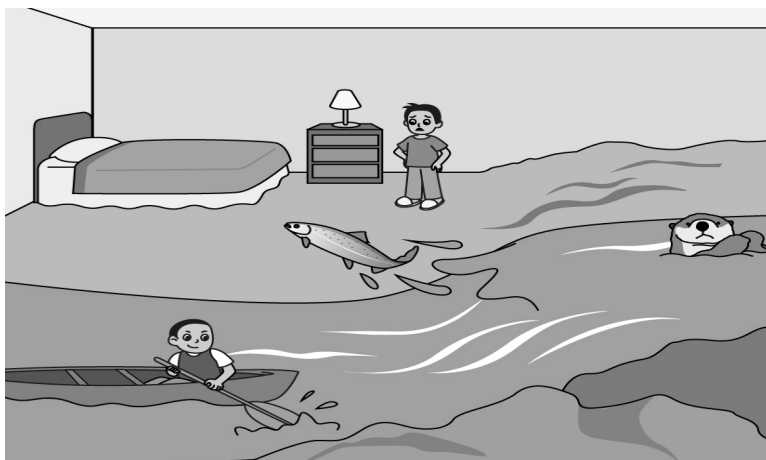
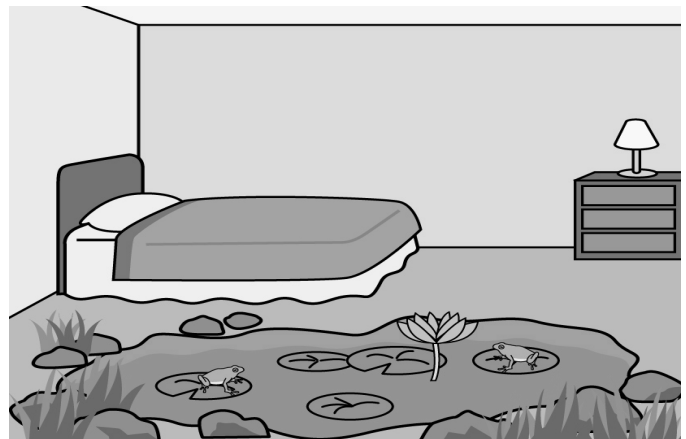
Read the poem and answer the questions.

### It's Raining in My Bedroom



- 1 It's raining in my bedroom.  
It's been this way all week.  
I think the upstairs neighbor's plumbing  
might have sprung a leak.
- 5 They may be on vacation.  
They must be out of town.  
And, all the while, my bedroom rain  
continues pouring down.  
My shoes have gotten soggy.
- 10 My bed is growing mold.  
A pond is forming on my floor.

- It's all so wet and cold,  
that frogs have started spawning.  
An otter wandered through  
with salmon splashing upstream,  
and some guy in a canoe.  
Now waves are growing larger.  
The weather's turning grim.  
A tide is rising rapidly.  
I'm glad that I can swim.  
My parents called the plumber.  
He's nowhere to be seen.  
Does anybody know where I  
can buy a submarine?



Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

1. The poem is about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. how to get a pond and a canoe into a bedroom
  - B. what to do when the pipes break
  - C. an otter hunting the salmon
  - D. a boy complaining about the water
  
2. The bedroom is wet because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the pipes are broken
  - B. the pond is full of frogs
  - C. there is a submarine
  - D. an otter is in the stream
  
3. The neighbors are probably \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. at home
  - B. in the canoe
  - C. buying a submarine
  - D. on holiday
  
4. 'Soggy' shoes (line 9) are \_\_\_\_\_ shoes.
  - A. dry
  - B. wet
  - C. large
  - D. moldy
  
5. 'My bed is growing mold.'(line 10) Mold grows best in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. dry weather
  - B. a pond
  - C. hot weather
  - D. wet conditions
  
6. In lines 7 to 10, the boy feels \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. relaxed
  - B. excited
  - C. worried
  - D. happy

7. The pond is home to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the boy's shoes
  - B. a plumber
  - C. the boy's parents
  - D. frogs
8. In line 13, it mentions that 'frogs have started spawning'. Spawning happens when \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the weather is wet and warm
  - B. the weather is dry and freezing
  - C. the weather is wet and cold
  - D. pipes leak
9. In the poem, the water starts as a leak and turns into \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. a pond, the sea, rain and a stream
  - B. rain, a pond, a stream and the sea
  - C. a stream, rain, a pond and the sea
  - D. rain, the sea, a pond and a stream
10. The words in lines 17 to 24 that show things are getting worse are \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. waves, glad, plumber
  - B. grim, rapidly, submarine
  - C. parents, plumber, tide
  - D. now, anybody, buy
11. The pipes remain broken because the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. neighbors are on holiday
  - B. boy likes having a canoe in his bedroom
  - C. boy is getting a submarine
  - D. plumber hasn't come to fix the pipes
12. The boy in the poem wants to buy a submarine because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. the weather is getting worse
  - B. he wants to explore the pond
  - C. the water level is rising
  - D. he cannot swim

## Part 2

*The English Society has set up an Agony Aunt Letter Drop Box. You are in charge of reading and responding to the letters.*

Read the letters and answer the questions.

Dear Agony Aunt,

I have a problem. I don't know what to do or who to talk to. Mum and Dad always work late. If I tell them, I know they will yell and scream at me. My brother sits and plays computer games all day. My best friends are far away and won't understand!

I am new to this school. We moved to Hong Kong when my parents changed jobs. I thought it would be easy to make friends but it's been difficult. Then I did something very stupid.

I told my classmates that I was friends with the singer of the boy band CCubed and that I could get everyone tickets to their August concert. However, I don't have enough money to buy forty tickets!

My parents won't give me the money to buy so many tickets and I don't know what to do! I thought about taking my mother's credit card to pay for the tickets, but if I did that I would really get into trouble!! How can I get the money to buy the tickets and not disappoint my new friends???

Help me please!

*Ticketless and Friendless in Hong Kong*

Dear Ticketless and Friendless in Hong Kong,

I understand you wanted to make friends, but buying friendship doesn't work. You don't have the money to do this and your 'friends' will only be friends while you can give them things.

I know it would be impossible for you to get \$20,000 to buy 40 tickets. Even if you had the money, you couldn't get them anyway. I know because I tried to get one, but they were all sold out.

Admit to your new classmates that you can't get the tickets and you really do not know the singer of CCubed. Tell them you wanted to make friends and this was the quickest way you could think of. Apologise and tell them you are sorry for lying to them. **Be yourself** and you will soon make friends.

I hope you will make friends soon!

*Agony Aunt*

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

1. An 'Agony Aunt' is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. the aunt of the writer
  - B. a person you write to and ask for help
  - C. a family member
  - D. none of the above
  
2. The family of the letter writer is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. busy
  - B. angry
  - C. far away
  - D. caring
  
3. *Ticketless and Friendless in Hong Kong* has \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. lived in Hong Kong for a few years
  - B. just moved to Hong Kong
  - C. friends in a band
  - D. lots of friends
  
4. To solve her problem, *Ticketless and Friendless in Hong Kong* has thought about \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. running away
  - B. apologising
  - C. playing computer games
  - D. stealing
  
5. *Agony Aunt* \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. makes some good suggestions
  - B. has no suggestions or solutions
  - C. makes some stupid suggestions
  - D. wants to be friends with the girl
  
6. *Agony Aunt* knows how difficult it is to get tickets because she \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. tried to buy some for *Ticketless and Friendless in Hong Kong*
  - B. tried to buy a ticket for her brother
  - C. asked CCubed and they didn't have any
  - D. tried to buy one for herself

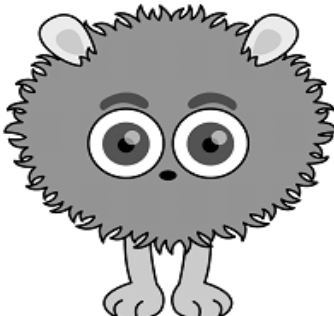
7. *Agony Aunt* suggests that *Ticketless and Friendless in Hong Kong* should \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. use her mother's credit card to buy tickets
  - B. tell her friends the truth
  - C. keep lying to her friends
  - D. move to a new school
8. *Agony Aunt* says 'Be yourself'. This means to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. lie and cheat on friends
  - B. act like someone else
  - C. act naturally
  - D. make friends with everyone

### Part 3

The members of the English Society have to buy some new toys for the English Corner. The students have suggested a new toy. Read the poster below and the customer reviews of this toy to help you make your decision.

Read the information and answer the questions.

# Mobby



**Soft, furry material**

**Lots of different colours**

**Changes colour depending on its mood**

**Great for young and old!**

**Learn languages!**

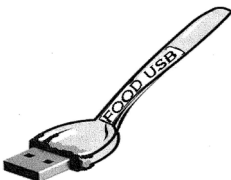


**Mobby sings and speaks**

- English
- Chinese
- Japanese
- Korean
- German

- Batteries not required!
- Solar powered blinking eyes
- Cute
- Cuddly

**Accessories:**

- Mobby House - a place to keep and charge Mobby
- Food USB - contains over 200 menus designed for all Mobbies





## Customer Reviews

☆☆☆☆☆ *Oh So Happy*

Mobby is fantastic! I have a pet that doesn't need to eat real food or be taken out for walks!

Mobby is lovely to watch. It changes colour depending on its mood and how you talk to it. If I yell at it, the colour darkens. If I cuddle it and talk softly, it gets lighter in colour and makes cute noises!

A happy Mobby sings along to any music it hears. It can sing with you or your music! It can even teach you different languages. You can set the language you want it to speak.

Feeding is easy. All I have to do is stick in the USB and select the food. It makes interesting noises when it eats. You can hear it chew, swallow and even burp!

Mobby follows me – it can walk or roll around.

I LOVE my Mobby and will buy another one soon. It's a wonderful toy for young and old!

☹☹ *Very Disappointed*

I was so excited to receive my Mobby, but it didn't do half the things the Mobby in the television ads and online videos could do!

My Mobby didn't change colour. I yelled, spoke softly and even cried – nothing happened!

I couldn't feed Mobby using the special USB food stick! The menus never appeared on the USB.

The ears moved a little bit, got stuck and then stopped moving completely. The feet didn't move and my Mobby didn't roll or walk!

I wasn't able to charge my Mobby even though I left it in the sun for a whole day!!

Finally, I sent Mobby back to the factory for a refund. Mobby wasn't cheap. I paid \$350 for a toy that didn't work!

I posted this review on [www.ReviewMobby.com](http://www.ReviewMobby.com). I also wrote to the company and complained. I won't be buying another Mobby. I just want my money back!!

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

1. The Mobby is a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. pet
- B. toy
- C. ball
- D. Food USB

2. The Mobby is suitable for children because it \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1. speaks only one language
- 2. comes in different colours
- 3. is cute and cuddly
- 4. is made from soft furry material

- A. 1, 2 and 3
- B. 2, 3 and 4
- C. 1, 3 and 4
- D. 1, 2 and 4

3. The Mobby is also \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. an educational tool
  - B. a house
  - C. a recipe book
  - D. a USB
4. The Mobby has 'solar powered blinking eyes'. If something uses solar power, it runs on \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. batteries
  - B. electricity
  - C. USB
  - D. energy from the sun
5. The Mobby does not move its \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. eyebrows
  - B. eyes
  - C. ears
  - D. feet
6. The accessories that come with the Mobby include \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. batteries
  - B. a house
  - C. ears
  - D. eyes
7. The Mobby is described as 'Great for young and old'. This means it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. not for adults
  - B. only for children
  - C. for adults and children
  - D. not for children
8. The Mobby will get darker if it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. afraid
  - B. happy
  - C. cuddled
  - D. hungry

9. The Mobby bought by *Very Disappointed* did \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. change colour
  - B. nothing at all
  - C. some things and then stopped
  - D. everything that was advertised
10. *Very Disappointed* saw Mobbies that did everything \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. on a USB
  - B. at the factory
  - C. on television
  - D. at the toy shop
11. *Oh So Happy* enjoyed his Mobby because it \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. sang
  - B. changed colour
  - C. changed moods
  - D. all of the above
12. The Mobby can be fed with \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. real food
  - B. the USB
  - C. the sun
  - D. batteries
13. *Oh So Happy* has posted a \_\_\_\_\_ review.
- A. positive
  - B. negative
  - C. neutral
  - D. angry
14. *Very Disappointed* was not able to charge her Mobby. This meant that her Mobby could not \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. walk
  - B. eat
  - C. change colour
  - D. all of the above

15. *Very Disappointed* is trying to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. buy another Mobby straight away
  - B. get her money back
  - C. write another customer review
  - D. none of the above
16. The Mobby is like a real pet because it \_\_\_\_\_.
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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. sleeps       | 2. gets fed |
| 3. makes noises | 4. walks    |
- A. 1, 2 and 3
  - B. 2, 3 and 4
  - C. 1, 3 and 4
  - D. 1, 2 and 4

**END OF PAPER**

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