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Secondary 3 English Language
Reading
Question Booklet

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

The English Society wants to hold a cooking competition. Your English teacher has found an article for you to read.

Read the article and answer the questions.

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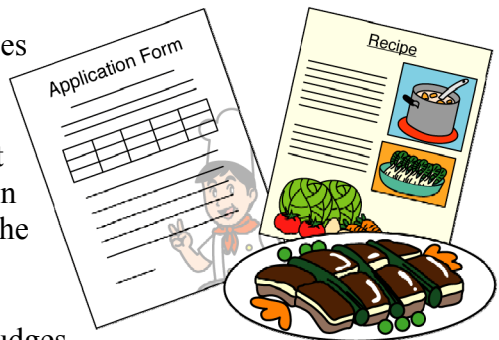
Junior Chefs Cook up a Storm on TV

Cooking programmes have become more and more popular in recent years. Generally the chefs are adults, but a new trend has young people in the kitchens competing!

5 The second season of the popular **COOKING KIDS™** kicks off with fifty junior cooks hoping to make it into the top ten. Entries are now open for season three.

This season the kids will participate in cooking challenges like *Strange Ingredients*, *Pressure Cooker*, *My Recipe* and *Surprise Challenge*. Imagine the foods in the *Strange Ingredients* segment! If the junior cooks are good at managing their time, they should be able to perform well in the *Pressure Cooker* segment where they race against the clock to finish set recipes.

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My Recipe allows them to show the judges their best recipe and *Surprise Challenge* is just that, a surprise! Last season, one of the surprise challenges involved all of the kids cooking at a local theme park for all the theme park characters!

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Young contestants will be judged by some famous chefs and food experts. Each dish cooked is awarded points. The best dish gets six points. Second place gets four points and third gets two points. Everyone else will be awarded one point for effort. The overall winner gets to go to France for five weeks and learn more about food and cooking at the *Paris Food Academy*!

The show airs on local and cable networks on Thursday nights at 8:00 p.m. Let's start cooking!

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

1. If people 'cook up a storm' (line 1), it means they _____.
- A. only cook when it is raining
 - B. cook well in a storm
 - C. cook some very good food
 - D. cause damage in the kitchen

2. Cooking shows with young people _____ popular.
- A. have recently become
 - B. have never been
 - C. will always be
 - D. have always been
3. *Cooking Kids* is a _____.
- A. show for adults
 - B. competition for young people
 - C. completely new show
 - D. show in its tenth season
4. The number of chefs competing is _____.
- A. two
 - B. ten
 - C. fifty
 - D. five
5. If kids are interested in *Cooking Kids*, they can _____.
- A. go and cook in France
 - B. learn to manage their time
 - C. apply for the third season
 - D. buy a pressure cooker
6. In *Strange Ingredients*, the junior cooks will _____.
- A. race against the clock
 - B. use interesting foods
 - C. use their own recipe
 - D. compete against surprise chefs
7. The *Surprise Challenge* this year will take place in _____.
- A. France
 - B. a theme park
 - C. a food academy
 - D. none of the above
8. A contestant will use his/her favourite recipe in _____.
- A. *Strange Ingredients*
 - B. *Pressure Cooker*
 - C. *Surprise Challenge*
 - D. *My Recipe*

9. A contestant who needs a lot of time to finish cooking will not perform well in _____.
- A. *My Recipe*
 - B. *Surprise Challenge*
 - C. *Pressure Cooker*
 - D. *Strange Ingredients*
10. The maximum number of points awarded in each competition is _____.
- A. four
 - B. six
 - C. three
 - D. five
11. The different cooking challenges allow contestants to _____.
- A. go to different countries
 - B. work at a theme park
 - C. watch themselves on television
 - D. test their cooking skills
12. When a television show airs, it means it will _____.
- A. show only on two channels
 - B. show at a particular time
 - C. start in the evening
 - D. show for the first time

Part 2

The principal has received an email complaint and passed it on to the Student Council to get their opinion.

Read the email and answer the questions.



TO: **mrlauprincipal@frgklss.edu.hk**

SUBJECT: **Noise while we are doing our exams**

SEND 

Dear Mr. Lau,

We are a group of Form 3 students who wish to complain about the behaviour of the primary school students at the school next door.

As you know, we had exams last week and all we could hear was the screaming of the students and the yelling of the teachers. The noise was very loud and it happened every day during our exam period. We got very frustrated because we were not able to concentrate. Each time the noise died down, another group would start shouting and screaming. It was really bad when the primary school students had their recess and at lunchtime. We could barely hear each other when we were in our English oral exam and kept saying ‘Can you repeat that please?’ to each other.

We asked our teachers to do something but now the noise is worse, not better! That is why we are writing to you. When we have exams, we need **peace and quiet** to be able to focus. Is there something that you can do to help us? Could you talk to the principal or can our Student Council members do something? Can we get some noise barriers to stop their noise coming across? Can we build a wall to stop the noise?

We are worried that if it is so noisy every time we have exams, we will not be able to do well, to think or concentrate and some of us might fail. We know that the senior students are also very worried about this as they are going to sit for their final exams soon.

Please help us to solve the **noise pollution** problem from the school next door!

Yours sincerely,

Form 3B Students

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

1. The email complaint was written by _____ school students.
 - A. upper primary
 - B. senior secondary
 - C. junior secondary
 - D. lower primary

2. The primary school students have been _____.
 - A. singing
 - B. screaming
 - C. laughing
 - D. complaining

3. The noise was loudest when the primary school students were _____.
 - A. in their classrooms
 - B. enjoying their recess
 - C. leaving school
 - D. arriving at school

4. When the students were doing their oral exam, they had to _____.
 - A. speak quietly
 - B. repeat themselves
 - C. build a noise barrier
 - D. all of the above

5. The students need 'peace and quiet' when they do their exams so that they can _____.
 - A. speak to each other
 - B. yell at each other
 - C. concentrate
 - D. fail

6. The students suggest building a wall to _____.
 - A. keep the primary school students out
 - B. keep the teachers out
 - C. reduce the noise
 - D. stop the primary school students from screaming

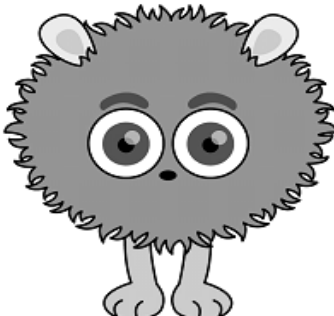
7. The students are worried that if the noise continues, they will _____.
- A. not pass their exams
 - B. yell at the primary school students
 - C. yell at the teachers
 - D. none of the above
8. 'Noise pollution' here is the noise made by the _____.
- A. primary school students
 - B. Form 3 students
 - C. senior students
 - D. students sitting their oral exams

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!

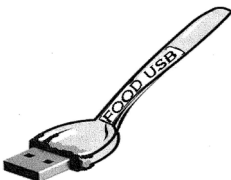


Mobby sings and speaks

- 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. 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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