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Secondary 3 English Language
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Question Booklet

Instructions:

1. There are 16 pages in this Question Booklet.
2. Time allowed is 35 minutes.
3. Do not write anything in this Question Booklet.
4. **Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.**

Part 1

You have to write some articles about recent events for the English Newsletter. To help you, your English teacher has given you pages from a newspaper to read.

Read the newspaper pages and answer the questions.

THE HONG KONG NEWS

CHOCOLATE PROBLEMS

The Cocoa Belt is a strip of land where most of the world's tropical rain forest is located. Chocolate comes from the Cocoa Belt. Conditions there are perfect for growing the cacao trees. They need hot, humid and rainy weather to grow.

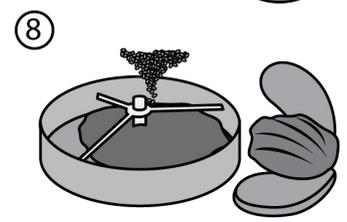
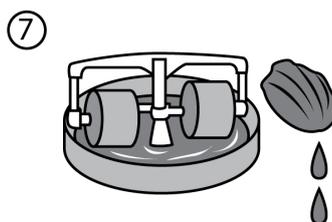
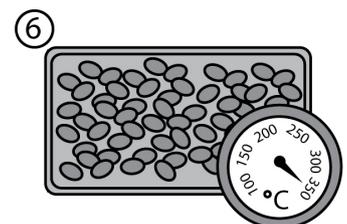
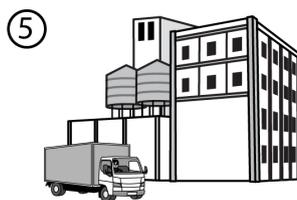
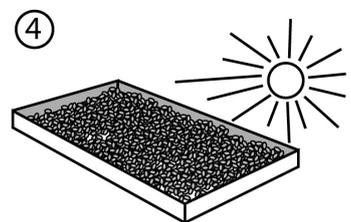
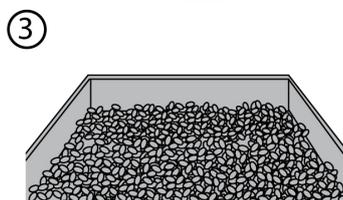
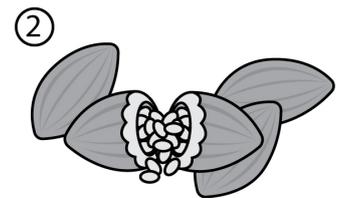
Climate change is affecting the weather in the belt, causing extremely high temperatures and much drier soils. The trees are also not producing as many cacao pods, which means a smaller amount of beans. The beans are what make chocolate. The weather change has also meant a spread of disease and pests that damage the trees. While these trees can live to be 200 years old, they only produce beans for 25 years.

Does chocolate grow on trees? No! The pods grow on the trees. The pods are picked when they are ripe and the beans are taken out of the pods. Machines can damage the trees so all of the work has to be done by hand.

The pods are not wasted. They are ground up into a powder called cocoa. Cocoa is used in baking and to make hot chocolate.

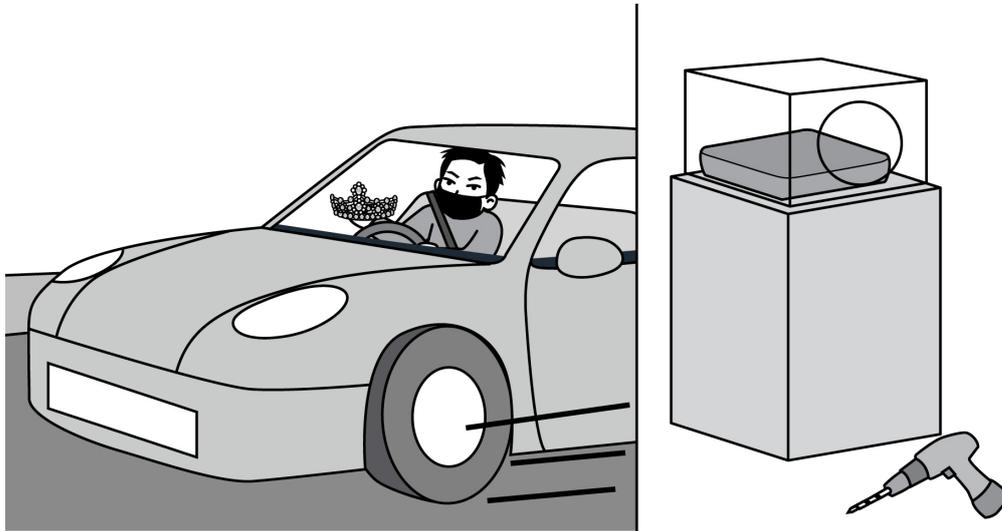
The beans have to be fermented. This process brings out the chocolate flavour. Then they are dried, packed and shipped all over the world. Chocolate makers take the beans and roast, then heat and melt them. Then they are mixed with sugar and milk. The liquid chocolate is poured into moulds and sold to chocolate lovers!

Did you know that it takes 400 beans to make two and a half cups of chocolate?

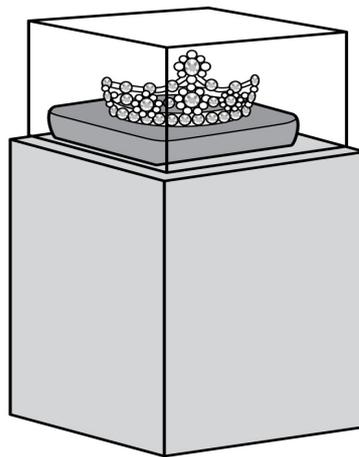


TIARA STOLEN!

The Louis Royal Tiara was stolen last week. The robbers broke into the Royal Amberley Museum where the tiara was on display. They used a diamond drill to open the case and remove the tiara. This happened sometime between 10.15 p.m. and 11.00 p.m. on Tuesday evening. The open case triggered an alarm. Security arrived in the hall to find the case empty. A getaway car was found near the museum, but there was no sign of the robbers or the tiara.



The tiara is a headpiece, similar to a crown. The tiara was made for Princess Sarah by her husband. The Louis Royal Tiara was on loan from Princess Sarah to the museum when it was stolen. The museum was using the piece in its *Crowns and Jewels Exhibition*.



James St. Clair, the spokesperson for the museum, told police that the piece was worth millions, but it could be worth much more if it was broken up and the diamonds and other rare jewels sold separately.

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

Chocolate Problems

1. The production of chocolate is being affected by _____.
 - A. the Cocoa Belt
 - B. humid weather
 - C. climate change
 - D. rain forests

2. The cocoa trees grow best when _____.
 - A. the weather is cold and wet
 - B. it is hot and dry
 - C. the soil is dry
 - D. the weather is hot and rainy

3. If the trees are affected by climate change, they _____.
 - A. help spread disease
 - B. produce more beans
 - C. don't grow as many pods
 - D. don't grow pods

4. There are many things that can damage the trees. Some of these things are _____.

1. rainy weather	2. disease
3. hand picking of the pods	4. pests

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

5. If the trees produce a smaller amount of beans, _____.
 - A. the price of chocolate will probably increase
 - B. it will be harder to ferment the beans
 - C. more people will be needed to pick the pods
 - D. machines will be used to pick the pods

6. The powder used to make hot chocolate is made from _____.
- A. the pods
 - B. milk
 - C. the beans
 - D. sugar
7. How do the beans become chocolate? Put the process into the correct order.
- 1. beans are fermented
 - 2. pods grown on trees
 - 3. pods ripen
 - 4. beans removed from pods
- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - B. 2, 3, 4 and 1
 - C. 3, 4, 1 and 2
 - D. 4, 3, 2 and 1
8. It takes _____ beans to make nearly two and a half cups of chocolate.
- A. 2
 - B. 25
 - C. 200
 - D. 400

Tiara Stolen!

9. The item stolen is called the _____ Tiara.
- A. Royal Amberley
 - B. Louis Royal
 - C. Princess Sarah
 - D. James St. Clair
10. What happened at the museum? Put the events into the correct order.
- 1. security arrived
 - 2. police found the getaway car
 - 3. robbers opened the case with the tiara inside
 - 4. the alarm went off
- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - B. 1, 4, 3 and 2
 - C. 2, 3, 4 and 1
 - D. 3, 4, 1 and 2

11. If something is 'on loan' to the museum, it _____.

- A. belongs to the museum
- B. was made for the museum
- C. was bought by James St. Clair for the museum
- D. has been borrowed by the museum

12. The tiara is worth a lot of money. If it is cut up and sold in pieces, _____.

- A. it is worth even more money
- B. it won't be worth anything as it will be broken
- C. security can sell it back to the museum
- D. James St. Clair will speak to the robbers

Part 2

You are doing a report on strange beasts and animals. Your English teacher has given you a poem to help you get started.

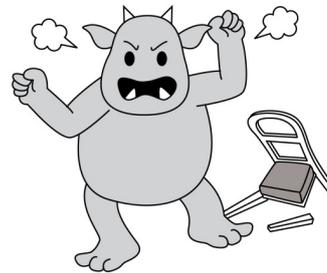
Read the poem and answer the questions.

An Ogre Came Over for Dinner

An ogre came over for dinner.
He showed up with ice cream and cake.
We thought, "It can't hurt,
since he brought us dessert,"
so we asked him to join us for steak.



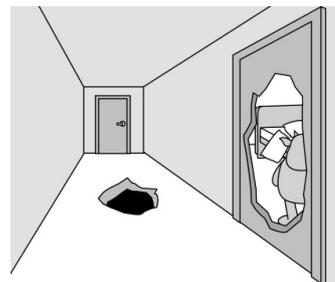
He crushed the first chair that he sat on.
He busted the table in two.
He ranted and raved
and was badly behaved,
like a monkey escaped from the zoo.



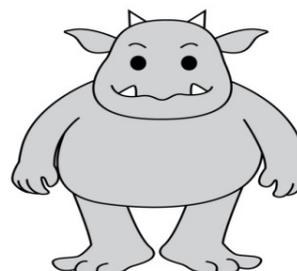
He smashed every plate in the kitchen.
He shattered each saucer and cup.
He broke every bowl.
He was out of control
as he ran around tearing things up.



He broke all the beds in our bedrooms.
He even demolished a door.
He cracked all the walls
in the stairways and halls,
and he left several holes in the floor.



And when he was done causing damage,
although we all wanted to scream,
he said, "That was fun
but I really must run.
I hope you enjoy the ice cream."



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

Stanza One

1. The two rhyming pairs in stanza one are _____ and _____.
 - A. ice cream, cake/hurt, dessert
 - B. hurt, dessert/cake, steak
 - C. ice cream, cake/dessert, steak
 - D. showed, asked/thought, brought

2. The ogre came to eat dinner and he brought food that is usually eaten _____.
 - A. at the start of a meal
 - B. in the middle of a meal
 - C. at the end of a meal
 - D. at the start and end of a meal

Stanza Two

3. The words that show the bad mood of the ogre are _____.
 - A. sat and badly
 - B. busted and escaped
 - C. ranted and behaved
 - D. ranted and raved

Stanza Three

4. In stanza three the word that rhymes with 'bowl' is _____.
 - A. control
 - B. cup
 - C. up
 - D. saucer

Stanza Four

5. Alliteration is when two or more words in a phrase or sentence begin with a similar sound. The phrases that use alliteration are _____.
 1. broke all the beds
 2. left several holes in the floor
 3. cracked all the walls
 4. demolished a door
 - A. 1 and 2
 - B. 1 and 4
 - C. 2 and 3
 - D. 3 and 4

6. The ogre broke things all over the house. He moved through the house in this order:

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|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. dining room | 2. bedrooms |
| 3. kitchen | 4. rest of the house |

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

7. The ogre broke a lot of things. The first thing he broke was _____ and the last thing he broke was _____.

- A. a table/a chair
- B. a chair/the floor
- C. the walls/the stairways
- D. the door/a saucer

8. After this visit, the ogre will most likely _____.

- A. be invited back for lunch
- B. become a regular guest at meal times
- C. eat the ice cream
- D. never be invited back for dinner

Part 3

You will be interviewing some students for the school magazine and writing up the interview. To help you, your English teacher has prepared an article for you to read.

Read the article and answer the questions.

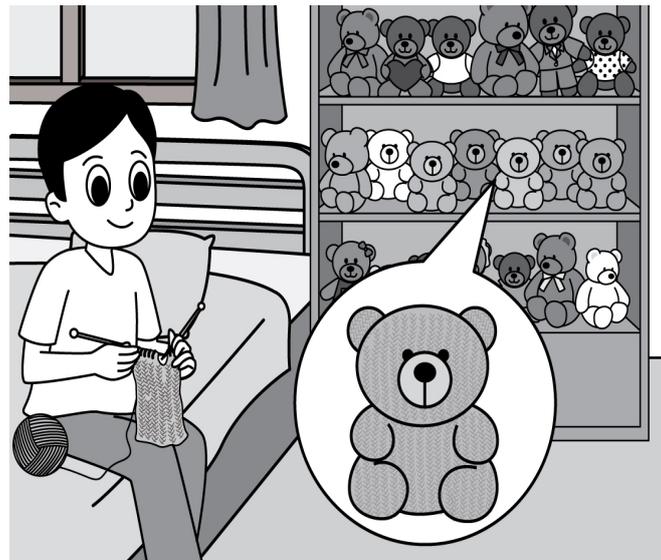
Amazing Kids

Amazing kids exist everywhere. Here are some amazing kids and what they have achieved!

Meet **Timothy Campbell** from Australia...

Timothy is 12 years old and for the last four years he has knitted teddy bears for charity. His bears have been sent all over the world. Bears have gone to Europe, the USA and to hospitals and charities in Australia and New Zealand. He knits in his bedroom, before school, after school and on weekends.

All of the wool he uses is stored in his mother's craft room. Timothy decided to start when he heard about two sick children in hospital at Christmas. He asked his parents if he could buy them gifts. His mother agreed, but she said it would be better and more meaningful if he made them a gift, rather than buy one. He decided to use his grandmother's knitting needles and wool, and he hasn't looked back.



Meet **Altai Algerim** from Mongolia...

Altai is 14 years old and a Kazakh eagle hunter. There are only five female eagle hunters. In the past, eagle hunters were only men. She has a special call for the eagle and it recognises her voice and follows her commands.

Altai is going to enter the Golden Eagle Festival this year. She practises almost every day. In the competition she is going to have to call her eagle to land on her arm, while riding and without falling off her horse.



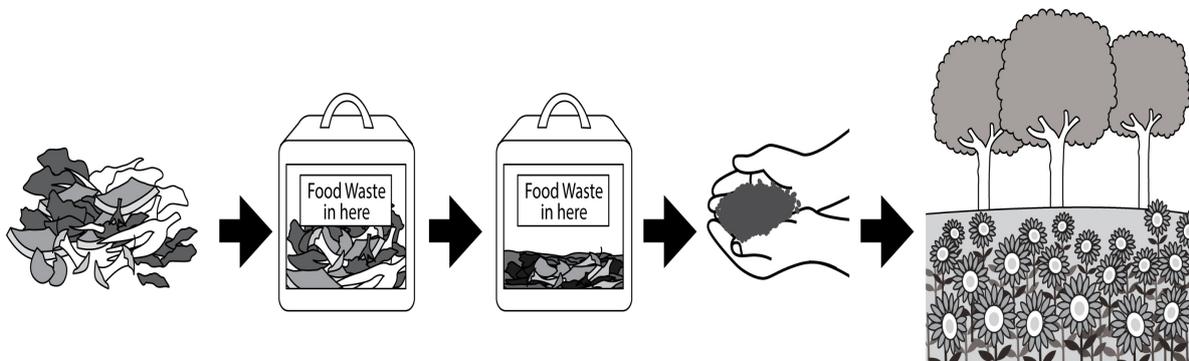
Amazing Kids...continued



Meet Mary Lau from Hong Kong...

Last year when Mary was 10, she noticed that her family threw away a lot of food. She thought it was a waste. Mary decided to try to do something about it. Big compost bins weren't suitable as many people in Hong Kong live in very small flats.

With a little money, she invented mini compost boxes, which break down food waste. The food waste goes in and compost comes out. Nothing smells. The boxes fit into a small space and don't take up too much room. So far her compost boxes have been given to everyone living in public housing estates. Mary wanted to highlight the amount of food wasted. The compost made in Mary's bins has been used to start estate gardens.



Meet Peter Jorgenson from Finland...

Peter is 15 years old. He loves to read and has a lot of books, both at home and at the local library. When he heard about the many refugees escaping wars in lots of places around the world, he wondered how they could read, especially if they didn't have any books.

He started with his own books at home. He gathered all of the books he didn't want and sold them to a local charity. With the money raised he bought books for the refugees in their language. Peter didn't stop with his own library. He decided to write to libraries all over the world and asked for books, that adults and children could read, to be sent to the various refugee camps.



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

1. Timothy lives in _____.
 - A. Europe
 - B. the USA
 - C. Australia
 - D. New Zealand

2. Timothy started knitting when he was _____ years old.
 - A. 12
 - B. 8
 - C. 4
 - D. 2

3. He started knitting because _____.
 - A. he wanted to annoy his grandmother
 - B. his mother had wool in her craft room
 - C. he didn't want to buy gifts
 - D. he wanted to do something for children in the hospital

4. Timothy knits _____.
 - A. at school
 - B. in hospital
 - C. in the craft room
 - D. in his bedroom

5. There are _____ eagle hunters.
 - A. only male
 - B. only female
 - C. only five
 - D. both male and female

6. Altai's eagle _____.
 - A. flies to her when she calls
 - B. doesn't follow her commands
 - C. makes her fall off her horse
 - D. is five years old

7. Altai has to be skilled at _____ to win the competition.
1. riding her horse
 2. calling her eagle
 3. commanding the male eagle hunters
 4. falling off her horse
- A. 1 and 2
B. 1 and 3
C. 2 and 3
D. 3 and 4
8. Altai has been _____.
- A. riding with the other eagle hunters
 - B. training for the competition
 - C. teaching the special call to the other eagle hunters
 - D. following the commands of her eagle
9. Mary's boxes are suitable for Hong Kong because _____.
- A. they are small and can fit anywhere
 - B. they last for 10 years
 - C. people in small flats can grow their own gardens
 - D. people can buy them from their local estate garden
10. Mary invented compost boxes. The broken down material from her boxes _____.
- A. must be thrown away
 - B. is very smelly
 - C. can be used to help plants grow
 - D. takes up too much space in the estates
11. Mary invented the compost boxes because she wanted to _____.
- A. make a lot of money
 - B. waste food
 - C. invent a small box
 - D. draw attention to the food waste problem
12. Peter wanted to help _____.
- A. libraries
 - B. charities all over the world
 - C. refugees
 - D. people speaking different languages

13. What is the correct order of the steps Peter took to start the book programme?
1. Peter wrote letters to libraries all over the world
 2. Peter sold his books to a charity
 3. Peter sorted out his books
 4. Peter bought books for refugees
- A. 1, 2, 3 and 4
B. 2, 3, 1 and 4
C. 3, 4, 2 and 1
D. 3, 2, 4 and 1
14. The two ‘Amazing Kids’ who help other children are _____.
- A. Timothy and Peter
B. Mary and Altai
C. Peter and Mary
D. Timothy and Altai
15. The **most** environmentally friendly idea is _____.
- A. Timothy’s
B. Altai’s
C. Mary’s
D. Peter’s
16. The oldest of the ‘Amazing Kids’ is _____.
- A. Timothy
B. Altai
C. Mary
D. Peter

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