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Territory-wide System Assessment 2019
Secondary 3 English Language
Reading
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

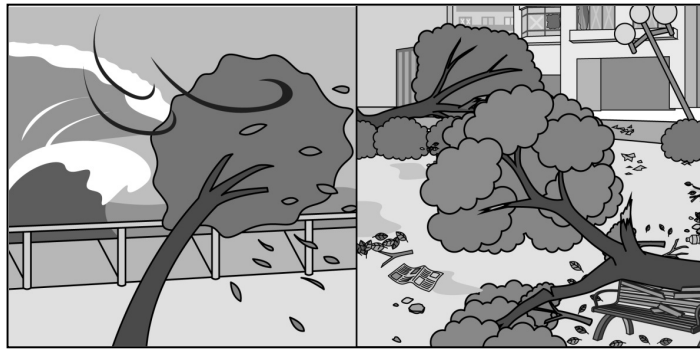
You have to write an article on the environment for the English magazine. Your teacher has given you an extract from a magazine as an example.

Read the extract and answer the questions.

Magazine Extract

Climate Crisis

Impact of Typhoons on Hong Kong

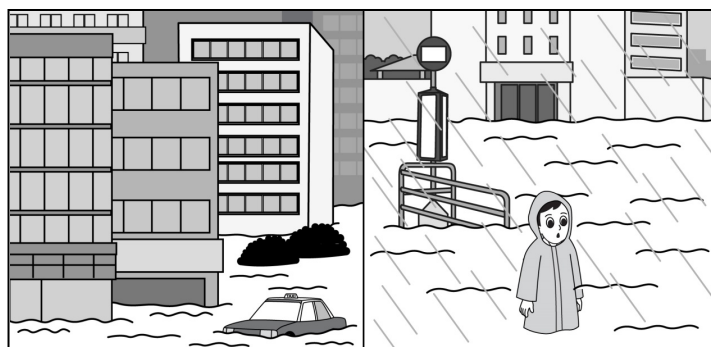


Typhoons affect Hong Kong. In the past, the typhoons caused many deaths and injuries. Technology has helped to make sure that people are warned about typhoons, but there are still injuries and sometimes even deaths.

Typhoon	Year	Injuries	Deaths	Storm Surge (metres)
Mangkhut	2018	394	0	3.40
Hato	2017	121	0	1.18
Vincente	2012	138	0	1.11
York	1999	500	2	2.39
Ellen	1983	333	10	2.74
Hope	1979	260	12	3.23
Elsie	1975	46	0	2.29
Rose	1971	286	110	3.00

Storm Surge

One danger with any typhoon is the storm surge. Storm surge is just a way of saying the sea level will rise due to the winds and low pressure of the typhoon. The height of the storm surge depends on the water depth and the shape of the coastline. The storm surge for the latest typhoon to hit Hong Kong, Mangkhut, was record-breaking! It was the highest recorded since 1979.



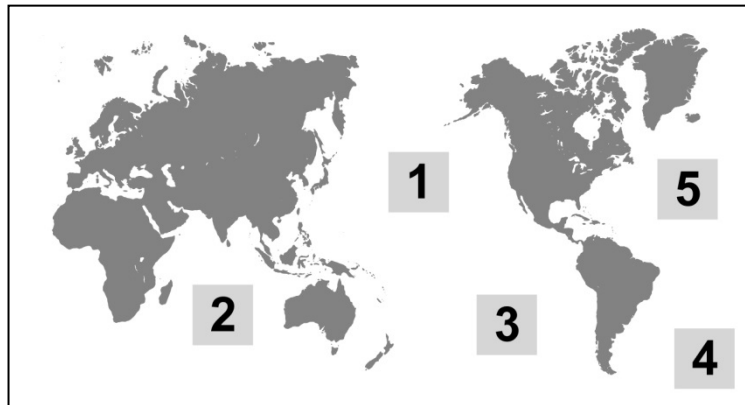
Climate Crisis continued...

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP)

This is an area in the Pacific Ocean between Hawaii and California.

Researchers have spent three years searching for floating waste. They found and collected bottle caps, fishing nets, toys and old containers.

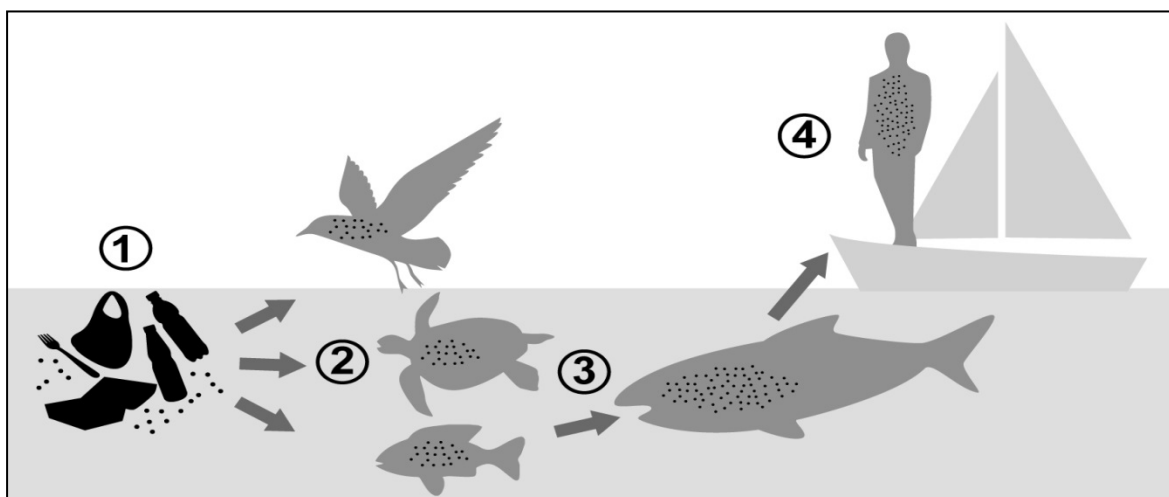
It is estimated that the GPGP is made up of 80,000 tonnes of rubbish. That is equal to 500 jumbo jets or 250 pieces of rubbish for every person on the planet. What makes this worse is that there are four other garbage patches around the world where rubbish has also collected.



Garbage patches around the world EG Report

Danger in the Ocean

Plastic in the ocean breaks into smaller pieces over time. It breaks down and the tiny pieces are called micro plastics. They are smaller than the width of a human hair, and harmful to animals and humans. Micro plastics have been found in the stomachs of fish for sale at supermarkets.



Micro plastics and how they get into the food chain EG Report

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

Impact of Typhoons on Hong Kong & Storm Surge

1. The typhoon which has more recorded deaths than any other is _____.
 - A. York
 - B. Ellen
 - C. Rose
 - D. Hope

2. The most injuries caused by a typhoon were recorded in _____.
 - A. 2018
 - B. 1999
 - C. 1983
 - D. 1971

3. The best meaning that corresponds to the word 'surge' in the magazine extract is _____.

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. (n) a sudden movement of a lot of people <i>There was a surge of refugees into Europe.</i>3. (n) a sudden increase in amount or number <i>There was a huge surge in food costs.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. (n) a sudden, quick movement of electricity or a chemical <i>The electrical surge 'killed' my computer.</i>4. (n) a sudden powerful movement by a natural force <i>The surge caused flooding in low-lying areas.</i>
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 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4

4. The lowest storm surge was recorded in _____.
 - A. 2018
 - B. 2017
 - C. 2012
 - D. 1983

5. A storm surge is caused by the _____.
- A. sea level
 - B. shape of the coastline
 - C. water depth
 - D. winds of the typhoon
6. Mangkhut’s storm surge was ‘record-breaking’. This means the surge _____.
- A. was the highest of its type recorded
 - B. was the same as other storm surges
 - C. was awarded a prize
 - D. broke the machines recording the surge

The Great Pacific Garbage Patch (GPGP)

7. The Great Pacific Garbage Patch is _____.
- A. the only garbage patch
 - B. one of four patches
 - C. the only one with jumbo jets
 - D. one of five patches
8. The researchers _____.
- A. found 500 jumbo jets
 - B. searched for Hawaii and California
 - C. collected bottle caps and toys
 - D. found four other garbage patches
9. There are other garbage patches around the world, which means that _____.
- A. there is much more rubbish to be collected
 - B. the garbage problem all over the world is extremely bad
 - C. everyone needs to be aware of the damage they can cause to the environment
 - D. all of the above

Danger in the Ocean

10. The tiny pieces of plastic are called _____ plastics.
- A. micro
 - B. smaller
 - C. harmful
 - D. broken down

11. The plastics have been found in fish for sale at supermarkets. This means _____.
- A. it is likely that humans also have micro plastics in their bodies
 - B. fish can eat plastic and it doesn't hurt them
 - C. humans can safely eat the fish
 - D. animals can be used to get rid of the plastic in the oceans
12. There are only two pages of the magazine extract. The rest of the article will probably be about _____.
- A. the next typhoon to hit Hong Kong
 - B. how to get to the garbage patches
 - C. how people can help to protect the environment
 - D. where to find toys in Hong Kong waters

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.

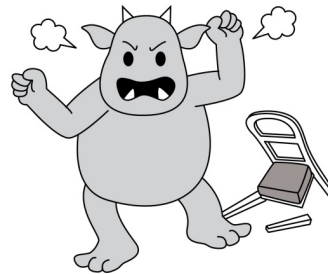
Read the poem and answer the questions.

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.



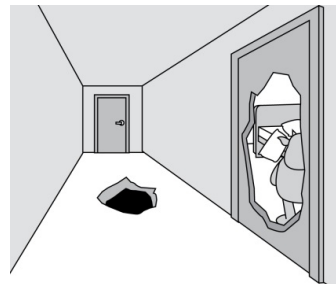
He crushed the first chair that he sat on.
He busted the table in two.
He ranted and raved
and was badly behaved,
like a monkey escaped from the zoo.



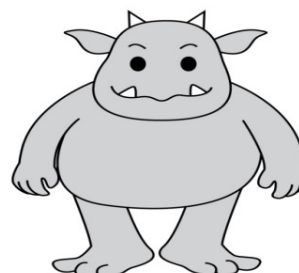
He smashed every plate in the kitchen.
He shattered each saucer and cup.
He broke every bowl.
He was out of control
as he ran around tearing things up.



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 are preparing to write a fantasy story. Your English teacher has given you a page from an encyclopedia, book information and a book blurb to help you.

Read the encyclopedia page, book information and book blurb and answer the questions.

Encyclopedia of Mythical Beasts

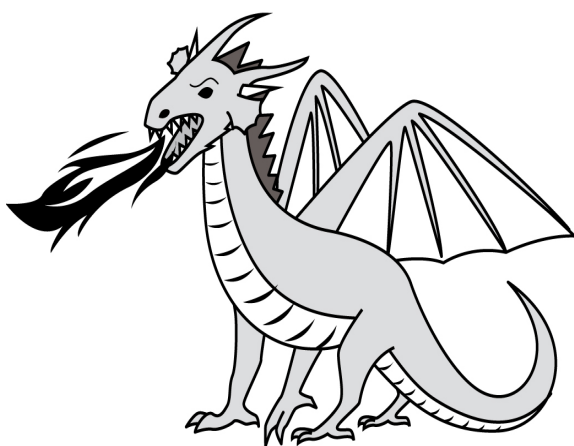
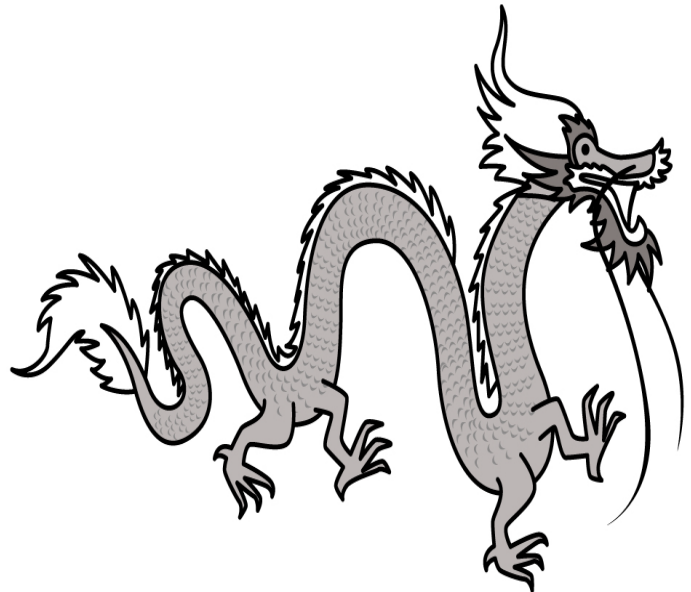
MYTHICAL BEASTS

The Chinese Dragon...

is a symbol of power, strength, prosperity and good luck.

It is usually drawn as snake-like with four legs. The dragon is powerful. It is able to control water, rainfall, typhoons and floods.

Historically the dragon was associated with the Emperor of China.



European Dragons...

are fire-breathing creatures. They have bat-like wings, four legs and a tail. Legends say that dragon's blood has special powers.

Dragons are known to have a hoard of gold and treasure they protect. Dragons can be greedy or close friends of humans as well as being noble, wise and kind.

The Phoenix...

is known as the bird that rises from the ashes.

The phoenix lives for 500 years before it dies in flames and is born again.

The feathers of the phoenix are colourful, with many reports saying that the feathers are red and yellow. The legs are covered in scales.

Depending on the reports, the bird ranges from the size of an eagle to being as big as an ostrich.



The Unicorn...

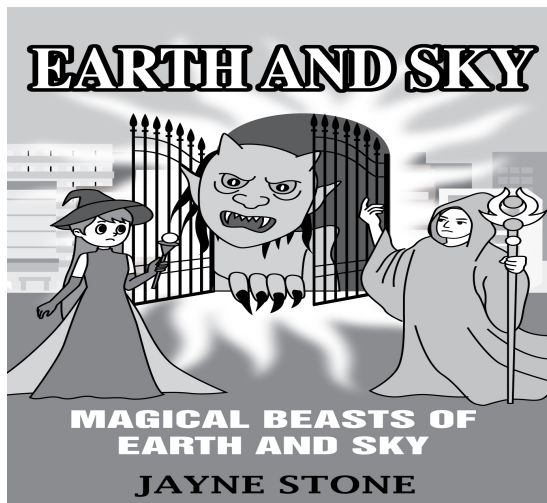
is a horse-like animal with a long horn in the middle of its forehead.

The horn was said to have the power to heal and to make water safe to drink.

The Chinese Unicorn – Qilin is a hybrid animal, made up of the body of a deer, the head of a lion, with green scales and a long curved horn.

Book Information and Blurb

Book Information



Title: *Earth and Sky*

Series: *Magical Beasts of Earth and Sky*

Author: *Jayne Stone*

Category: *Young Adult Fantasy*

ISBN: *Ebook: 9785 301 64974*

Paperback: 978-0-9873431-2-4

Audiobook: 9784 303 65987

Publisher: *Weldon Press*

Published: *December 2015*

Pages: *456*

Awards:

- *Trudy Stone YA Award for Best Series*
- *Seal Of Excellence (Indie Publishing)*
- *Fantasy Medallion for Outstanding Novel in a Series*
- *Best YA Fiction Award*

Blurb

Long ago, the gates between earth and sky opened. Magical beasts and horrible, dangerous monsters escaped, roaming the earth and ruling the skies. After long battles, the Gate Witches/Wizards and Beast Talkers forced the monsters back behind the gates and closed them forever...or so everyone thought.

Hundreds of years later the wars are only a memory, BUT monsters are roaming earth and sky again. Mara knows something is wrong with the gates, but no one believes her. Mara and her friend Terk have to stop the gates from opening and releasing the monsters.

Together they have to develop skills that will make Mara a Gate Witch and Terk a Beast Talker. Walpin, a wise old man, guides them. Nori, a warrior, protects them all. Can Mara and Terk learn in time or will their world be ruled by monsters again? If they fail, they could all die.

Reviews:

‘A fast-paced adventure. Highly entertaining for readers of all ages!’

Kevin Kelsey, author

‘Earth and Sky has it all – rich, detailed world building, realistic characters and a great plot.’

Jenny Smith, YA Book Reviews

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

Encyclopedia of Mythical Beasts

1. Both the Chinese and European Dragons _____.
 - A. are symbols for good luck
 - B. have four legs
 - C. have treasure
 - D. can control water

2. The European Dragon is the only dragon that _____.

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| 1. can control water | 2. has powerful blood |
| 3. can talk to the Emperor of China | 4. can breathe fire |

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

3. The Phoenix _____.

- A. is a type of bird
- B. has a short life
- C. is very small
- D. is featherless

4. Phoenix feathers are _____.

- A. colourless
- B. made from ashes
- C. covered in scales
- D. colourful

5. The Chinese Unicorn – Qilin is called a ‘hybrid’. Which meaning of hybrid best describes the Qilin in the passage?

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| 1. (n) an animal or plant produced from parents of different breeds or types | 2. (n) a thing made by combining two different elements |
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The bird was a hybrid of a chicken and a duck.

It's a wonderful hybrid of poetry and fiction.

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| 3. (n) a word formed from different languages | 4. (n) a car with a petrol and electric motor |
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Television is made up of the Greek word 'tele' and the Latin word 'vision'.

The Japanese hybrid can use both motors.

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

6. The horn of the unicorn _____.
- A. is curved and short
 - B. has green scales
 - C. is powerful
 - D. is used to drink water
7. The mythical beasts that can fly are the _____.
- 1. Phoenix
 - 2. Unicorn
 - 3. Chinese Unicorn
 - 4. European Dragon
- A. 1 and 2
 - B. 1 and 3
 - C. 1 and 4
 - D. 2 and 3
8. The pages that follow the information about the four mythical beasts will probably be about _____.
- A. where to get your own mythical beast
 - B. how to meet the Chinese Emperor
 - C. other interesting mythical beasts
 - D. how and where to find a dragon hoard

Book Information and Blurb

9. The title of the book is _____.
- A. Magical Beasts of Earth and Sky
 - B. Young Adult Fantasy
 - C. Earth and Sky
 - D. Weldon Press
10. The author of the book is _____.
- A. Trudy Stone
 - B. Kevin Kelsey
 - C. Jayne Stone
 - D. Jenny Smith

11. The book _____.

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| 1. is close to 500 pages | 2. comes in three different formats |
| 3. has won no awards | 4. is part of a series |

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

12. The main characters of the book are _____.

- A. Jayne and Mara
- B. Mara and Terk
- C. Terk and Kevin
- D. Jenny and Walpin

13. The characters in the book have to stop the ‘monsters’. Which meaning best describes the word ‘monsters’ in the blurb?

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| 1. (n) an inhumanly cruel or wicked person | 2. (n) a thing of extraordinary size |
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He was an unfeeling monster who hated her.

This is a monster of a book, almost 500 pages.

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| 3. (n) a rude or badly behaved person, typically a child | 4. (n) a large, ugly, and frightening creature |
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She's only one year old, but already she is a little monster.

A monster with the head of a lion and the body of a wolf.

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

14. Mara knows something is wrong because _____.

- A. Terk tells her
- B. she is hundreds of years old
- C. her memory tells her
- D. monsters have been seen again

15. Walpin is a _____.

- A. Beast Talker
- B. Gate Wizard
- C. wise old man
- D. warrior

16. The reviews about the book are _____.

- A. positive
- B. negative
- C. funny
- D. neutral

END OF PAPER

Sources of materials used in this paper will be acknowledged in the Territory-wide System Assessment Report on the Basic Competencies of Students in Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics published by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority at a later stage.

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