Education and Manpower Bureau
Territory-wide System Assessment 2005

Primary 6
English Language
Reading and Writing

Instructions:
1. There are 14 pages in this booklet.
2. Answer all questions.
3. The time allowed is 55 minutes.
4. Write your answers in this question booklet.
5. Write your School Code, Class and Class Number in the spaces below.

學生須知：
1. 本卷共有 14 頁。
2. 全部題目均須作答。
3. 作答時限為 55 分鐘。
4. 請把答案寫在題目簿內。
5. 在下面填寫學校編號、班別及班號。

School Code  | Class  | Class No.
學生編號      | 班別   | 班號
(6)                      (12)
Part 1

_in the school library, Paul reads some charts about a survey on reading habits._

Read the charts and answer the questions.

**Survey on Reading Habits**

**Chart 1**

*Time spent on reading in a week*

- ☐ less than 1 hour
- ☐ 1 - 2 hours
- ☐ 3 - 4 hours
- ☐ over 4 hours

**Chart 2**

*Where to read*

- ☐ in bed
- ☐ in the bathroom
- ☐ in the library
- ☐ on the MTR/bus

**Chart 3**

*Favourite books*

- **Comics**: 40
- **Music**: 10
- **Sports**: 30
- **Science**: 20
- **Computers**: 10

**Chart 4**

*Reasons for reading*

- **Learning new things**: 30
- **Pleasure**: 40
- **Homework**: 10
- **Passing time**: 20
Part 1A

Paul is writing some notes about the information on the charts.

Help him complete his notes.

Survey on Reading Habits

Places to read:
1. 
(largest no. of people)

(smallest no. of people)

Favourite kinds of books:
2.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Order</th>
<th>Kinds of Books</th>
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<td>5 (least popular)</td>
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Part 1B

Tick ☑ the best answer.

1. Most people spend _________ reading per week.
   A. less than 1 hour
   B. 1 – 2 hours
   C. 3 – 4 hours
   D. over 4 hours

2. The least number of people think that the purpose of reading is for _________.
   A. fun
   B. learning new things
   C. doing homework
   D. passing time

3. Chart 1 shows that only a few people spend _________ reading per week.
   A. less than 1 hour
   B. 1 – 2 hours
   C. 3 – 4 hours
   D. over 4 hours

4. The librarian at Paul’s school wants to buy some books for children. Which two kinds of books would he choose?
   A. Sports and Science
   B. Sports and Music
   C. Comics and Science
   D. Comics and Computers
Part 1C

*There are some new classmates in Paul’s class. His teacher asks him to do Chart 4 again. Paul asks them why they read books and takes some notes.*

I want to learn more about the moon.  
That would be about learning new things. I’ll write that down.

Judy  
Paul

Complete the table by filling in A, B, C or D.

A. learning new things  
B. pleasure  
C. homework  
D. passing time

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>What they tell Paul</th>
<th>Reasons for reading</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Judy</td>
<td>I want to learn more about the moon.</td>
<td>e.g. A</td>
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<td>1. Mark</td>
<td>My teacher tells me to read.</td>
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<td>2. John</td>
<td>I have nothing else to do.</td>
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<td>3. Stella</td>
<td>I want to have a good laugh.</td>
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<td>4. Helen</td>
<td>I would like to know more about Africa.</td>
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Paul sees a poster for a play in the library. He wants to go to see the play.

Read the poster.

Organiser: Hong Kong Theatre Company

THE FORTUNE TELLER

Getting good results at school...

Written by John Lee
Directed by May Wong
Starring Michael Yip, Francis Choi, Judy Wong

Date : 12th – 19th November, 2005
Time : 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm
Venue : Hong Kong Entertainment Hall
Ticket Office : Tickets-4-U Hong Kong
Price : $180
(half price for seniors and full-time students)

- Total length of the play : 90 minutes
- Free parking available
- Non-reserved seating
- No eating, drinking or video-recording allowed in the hall

All ticket fees will go to Hong Kong Charity for the Poor.

Please support us!
Tick ☑️ the best answer.

1. Where is the play going to take place?
   - A. The Fortune Teller
   - B. Tickets-4-U Hong Kong
   - C. Hong Kong Entertainment Hall
   - D. Hong Kong Charity for the Poor

2. What does the word ‘starring’ mean?
   - A. acting
   - B. getting
   - C. writing
   - D. directing

3. Who is the director of the play?
   - A. John Lee
   - B. May Wong
   - C. Michael Yip
   - D. Francis Choi

4. As a student, how much will you pay for the ticket?
   - A. $90
   - B. $180
   - C. $270
   - D. $360

5. If you are recording the play in the hall, you may be asked to ____________.
   - A. get food and drinks
   - B. pay full price
   - C. leave
   - D. continue

6. If people arrive at the hall early, they can get good seats because ________.
   - A. there is free parking
   - B. seating is not reserved
   - C. seats are reserved for them
   - D. the play will start at 8:30 pm

7. How much do people need to pay for parking?
   - A. $0
   - B. $45
   - C. $90
   - D. $180

8. Who will get the money from the sale of the tickets?
   - A. Tickets-4-U Hong Kong
   - B. Hong Kong Theatre Company
   - C. Hong Kong Entertainment Hall
   - D. Hong Kong Charity for the Poor
Part 3

Paul is watching a drama with his friends.

Read the first part of the drama.

Characters

Madame Ching: fortune teller, 50 years old
Joseph: Primary 6 student, 12 years old
Sandy: Primary 6 student, 13 years old

Scene I

Narrator: Joseph and his cousin, Sandy, walk slowly towards a shopping centre after school. Joseph tells Sandy he is worried about his schoolwork.

[They are in their school uniforms walking down the street.]

Sandy: How was school today?
Joseph: Okay. But you know, I’ve been thinking. I’d really like to know how well I’ll do in school next year. How about going to that fortune teller’s shop over there?
Sandy: All right, if you think it’s a good idea.

Part 3A

Tick ☑ the best answer.

1. This passage is taken from __________.
   - [ ] A. a play
   - [ ] B. a poem
   - [ ] C. a recipe
   - [ ] D. a news article

2. Why are Joseph and Sandy going to the fortune teller’s shop?
   - [ ] A. They want to take a rest there.
   - [ ] B. They know the fortune teller there.
   - [ ] C. Joseph wants to ask the fortune teller about his future.
   - [ ] D. Joseph wants to ask the fortune teller how to do his schoolwork.
Part 3B

Read the next part of the drama.

Scene II

Narrator: Inside the shop, Madame Ching welcomes Joseph and Sandy. Madame Ching has long, black hair and dark eyes. She has a big, pink hat on her head and a gold necklace.

[They sit at a table in front of the fortune teller. She is looking at a crystal ball in the centre of the table.]

Ching: Ahh...Hmm...In my crystal ball I see...

Joseph: Yes...yes. What do you see?

Ching: You are a clever boy and you want to be even smarter.

Joseph: Yes, that’s right. But, how do you know?

Ching: I’m a fortune teller. I’m Madame Ching. I know everything! Now, to be a smarter boy you must eat bananas like a monkey. You must eat twenty bananas a day.

Sandy: Twenty bananas a day! He’s not a monkey. He’ll get fat if he eats so many!

Ching: Oh no, no! These are magic bananas. They are sure to make him smarter.

Joseph: Well, how much do these magic bananas cost?

Ching: Only $5 each...very cheap for magic bananas.

Joseph: Oh, okay.

Ching: Also, I have something else very special for you. This is a good-luck cat!

Sandy: But that’s not a real cat. It’s only a toy cat.

Ching: Oh no, no! Right now, he’s only sleeping!

Sandy: What?

Ching: When the time is right, the cat will wake up and bring good luck to Joseph.

Joseph: So what you’re saying is that I must also buy the good-luck cat to bring me good luck.

Ching: Yes...yes...and because the cat is sleeping, it is only $150.

Sandy: Wait a minute. I don’t believe any of this. You don’t need bananas or a cat to do well at school. All you have to do is study and work hard.

Ching: Oh well. If you don’t believe me, that’s up to you. But, there is one more thing.

Joseph: What’s that?

Ching: You must pay me $100 because I’ve told you your fortune. That’s very cheap indeed. As I said before, I’m Madame Ching and I know everything!

[Joseph gives $100 to Madame Ching and leaves biting his fingernails.]

END
Tick ☑ the best answer.

Sandy: Twenty bananas a day! He’s not a monkey. He’ll get fat if he eats so many!

1. Sandy thinks that ____________.
   - A. Joseph is a fat boy
   - B. what Madame Ching says is true
   - C. Joseph does not like eating bananas
   - D. only monkeys eat twenty bananas a day

Ching: Oh no, no! These are magic bananas. They are sure to make him smarter.

Joseph: Well, how much do these magic bananas cost?

Ching: Only $5 each...very cheap for magic bananas.

2. Madame Ching ____________.
   - A. wants to turn all bananas into magic bananas
   - B. wants Joseph to buy a lot of bananas
   - C. hopes Joseph can be smarter
   - D. thinks Joseph is smart

Ching: Also, I have something else very special for you. This is a good-luck cat!

Sandy: But that’s not a real cat. It’s only a toy cat.

Ching: Oh no, no! Right now, he’s only sleeping!

Sandy: What?

Ching: When the time is right, the cat will wake up and bring good luck to Joseph.

3. What does this conversation tell us?
   The cat will bring good luck to Joseph if it is ____________.
   - A. real
   - B. awake
   - C. a toy
   - D. sleeping
4. What does Madame Ching mean? It costs _______ when the cat is not sleeping.
   - A. nothing
   - B. less than $150
   - C. $150
   - D. more than $150

Sandy: Wait a minute. I don’t believe any of this. You don’t need bananas or a
cat to do well at school. All you have to do is study and work hard.

5. What does Sandy NOT believe? (You can tick ☑ more than one answer.)
   - A. Eating bananas can help Joseph do well at school.
   - B. Buying the cat can help Joseph do well at school.
   - C. Joseph has to study and work hard.
   - D. Joseph can do well at school.

Ching: You must pay me $100 because I’ve told you your fortune. That’s very
cheap indeed. As I said before, I’m Madame Ching and I know
everything!

6. Why does Madame Ching ask for $100?
   - A. $100 is a good price.
   - B. Madame Ching knows everything.
   - C. Joseph and Sandy will have a good year.
   - D. Madame Ching has told Joseph his future.

7. What does the writer want to teach us?
   - A. A toy can wake up.
   - B. Eating bananas can make you smart.
   - C. To be smarter, you need to work harder.
   - D. $100 is very cheap for knowing your future.
Part 3C

Complete the story map below. You may need to write more than one word for some answers.

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<td><strong>A boy</strong></td>
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<td>Name: _______</td>
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<td>Age: _______</td>
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<td>Status: student</td>
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<td>Appearance:</td>
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<td>wearing a school uniform</td>
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| **A girl**      |
| Name: ___________|
| Age: _______    |
| Status:         |
| Appearance:     |
| wearing         |

| **A woman**  |
| Name: ___________|
| Age: _______    |
| Status:        |
| Appearance:    |
| wearing        |
| • _____________ |
| • _____________ |

Arrange the following events in the correct order. Write the correct number in the box.

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<td>Joseph went to see the fortune teller with Sandy.</td>
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<td>Sandy told Joseph not to buy the bananas or the cat.</td>
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<td>Joseph thought the price of the magic bananas was all right.</td>
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<td>Madame Ching told Joseph to buy a good-luck cat.</td>
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<td>Madame Ching asked for $100.</td>
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<td>Madame Ching told Joseph to eat twenty bananas a day.</td>
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Tick ☑ the best answer.

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<td>Joseph felt _______.</td>
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<td>A. tired</td>
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<td>B. hungry</td>
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<td>C. excited</td>
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<td>D. worried</td>
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Part 3D

Answer the following questions.

If you were Joseph, would you buy the magic bananas and the good-luck cat? Why or why not? Write about 30 words.
Part 4

*Paul is reading riddles about nature in the library.*

Read the riddles and answer the questions.

I'm the only one in the sky.  
I can make things bright.  
I'm big, silver and round,  
I never make a sound.  
All over the world,  
People like me.

I come through the window  
To chase away the darkness.  
I make everything bright again.  
A good start to a brand new day!

1. Who am I?

2. Which word rhymes with 'round'?

3. Who am I?

4. Who am I?

5. What time of the day is it?

6. Who am I?
Part 5

*Paul received a letter from his pen friend, Ben.*

Read the letter.

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28 Chester Road  
Sydney  
Australia  
1 December 2005

Dear Paul,

How are you? I’m glad to be your pen friend.

What is the weather like in Hong Kong now? It’s very hot and dry here in Australia. To cool off, I eat ice cream every day. On weekends, I go swimming. What about you? Besides swimming, I like running and badminton. I enjoy running most. I won first place in the 100-metre run for twelve-year-olds last month. Which sports are you good at?

At school, I go to Drama Club every Tuesday. I have learnt a lot about drama after joining the club. I now know how to act in a drama and how to set lighting for the stage. ‘Romeo and Juliet’ is one of my favourite plays. Do you go to any clubs? Which one? What do you learn there?

I hope you can write to me soon.

Bye.

Your pen friend,  
Ben
Paul is writing his reply to Ben.
Help Paul complete the letter in about 80 words.

Flat B, 3rd Floor
Block A
Kowloon Bay Plaza
Hong Kong
8 December 2005

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