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Primary 6
English Language
Reading and Writing

Instructions:
1. There are 11 pages in this booklet.
2. Answer all questions.
3. The time allowed is 50 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 11 頁。
2. 全部題目均須作答。
3. 作答時限為 50 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。

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Part 1

Paul's classmate, Anna, is reading in the library.

Study the information below and answer the questions.

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Tick ☑ the best answer.

1. Women's Monthly is a __________.
   - [ ] A. book
   - [ ] B. letter
   - [ ] C. magazine
   - [ ] D. newspaper

2. The information shows ____________.
   - [ ] A. a poster
   - [ ] B. a dictionary
   - [ ] C. an advertisement
   - [ ] D. a contents page
3. Anna can buy *Women’s Monthly* _____________.  
   □ A. once a week  
   □ B. once a month  
   □ C. twice a month  
   □ D. once a year  

4. On page 19, Anna can read _____________.  
   □ A. a story  
   □ B. a diary  
   □ C. a poster  
   □ D. an advertisement  

5. Anna wants to know what to wear when she goes to Thailand in summer.  
   She should read page _____________.  
   □ A. 2  
   □ B. 13  
   □ C. 16  
   □ D. 28  

6. Anna may find ideas to make her home more beautiful from ‘____________’.  
   □ A. Need help?  
   □ B. Letters to the Editor  
   □ C. What’s in, what’s out?  
   □ D. How to build your dream home  

7. Which sentence is **NOT** correct?  
   □ A. ‘Need help?’ is for readers who have problems.  
   □ B. In ‘Letters to the Editor’, readers share their ideas.  
   □ C. From ‘Nail care’, you can find out how to keep your nails strong.  
   □ D. ‘Clothes for your holiday’ tells readers where they can go on holiday.
Part 2

Paul is reading a story about a smart turtle.

Read the story and answer the questions.

Most people know what turtles are. Some turtles are big and others are small. All turtles move very slowly and have hard shells on their backs. Their shells help to protect them from danger. Turtles mostly live and eat in water but they also look for food on land.

This is a story, a folk tale, about turtles that villagers in West Africa tell their children.

Long ago, when turtles used to live only on land, some hunters caught a big turtle. They took the turtle back to their village to show their Chief. The Chief asked all the villagers to come and see the turtle.

“What a big turtle this is. How shall we cook him?” said the Chief.

“Cook me?” said the turtle. “Just a minute. You’ll have to kill me first and take me out of my shell before you cook me.”

“That’s easy. We’ll break your shell with a stick,” said the Chief.

“No, no. That’ll never work because my shell is very hard,” said the turtle. “But I know what you can do. Throw me into the water. I won’t be able to breathe and I’ll drown. Then you can cook me!”

“That’s a very good idea,” said the Chief.

So the villagers threw the turtle into the sea to drown him.

“Ha, ha! You silly people!” said the turtle. “Don’t you know I can swim?”

As the turtle swam away, he said to himself, “From now on, I’ll live in the water most of the time. I’ll be safe there.”

This is why turtles spend most of their time in the water.
1. Which of the following sentences is **NOT** true about turtles?

   A. Some are big.
   B. They are slow.
   C. They only live in water.
   D. They find food on land.

2. Read line 5. A ‘folk tale’ means a ________________.

   A. story
   B. place
   C. turtle
   D. villager

3. Read line 7: ‘…turtles **used to** live only on land…’ What does this mean?

   A. Turtles live on land now.
   B. Turtles like to live on land.
   C. Turtles lived on land before.
   D. Turtles wanted to live on land.

4. What did the hunters do when they caught the turtle?

   The hunters ________________.

   A. cooked it
   B. showed it to the Chief
   C. broke the turtle’s shell
   D. asked the villagers to see it
5. Read line 14: ‘That’ll never work…’
   This means ____________________.
   □ A. the Chief did not work
   □ B. the villagers could not find a stick
   □ C. the turtle could not work for the Chief
   □ D. a stick could not break the turtle’s shell

6. Read lines 14 – 16. What did the turtle do?
   The turtle ____________________.
   □ A. cried for help
   □ B. jumped into the water
   □ C. told the Chief what to do
   □ D. asked the Chief not to cook him

7. Read lines 15 – 16: ‘I won’t be able to breathe and I’ll drown.’
   This means the turtle could not ____________________.
   □ A. eat
   □ B. swim
   □ C. drink water
   □ D. breathe on land

8. Read line 17. What was the ‘very good idea’?
   □ A. cooking the turtle
   □ B. hitting the turtle with a stick
   □ C. telling the villagers to swim
   □ D. throwing the turtle into the water
9. Read line 19. Why were the villagers ‘silly’?
   A. They killed the turtle!
   B. The turtle hit the water!
   C. They hit the turtle with a stick!
   D. They did not know the turtle could swim!

10. Read line 22. Why do turtles live in the water most of their time?
    A. Hunters cannot catch them easily.
    B. Turtles don’t like living on land.
    C. There is a lot of food in the water.
    D. Turtles like swimming in the water.

11. What do you think of the turtle?
    This turtle was ________________.
    A. silly
    B. clever
    C. funny
    D. naughty

12. Arrange the following events from the story in the correct order.
    Write the number (2 – 4) in the correct box.

    1  Some hunters caught a big turtle.
    A. The turtle talked to the Chief.
    B. The villagers threw the turtle into the water.
    C. All the villagers came to see the turtle.
    5  The turtle swam away happily.
Part 3

*Paul is reading some information about a play.*

Read the information and answer the questions.

For the birthday of
Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875)

Kowloon City Youth Club
Presents

**THE NIGHTINGALE**

Set in China...

The play is about a little bird, the nightingale, whose songs are beautiful and famous. The King loves this little bird. He brings the bird to the palace. The nightingale sings for the King every day and it becomes a special member of the royal family. One day, the King has an accident and the bird saves him. After saving the life of the King, however, the nightingale chooses to return to its quiet life in the forest.

*The Nightingale* has always been a favourite story for young children.

Come and enjoy the wonderful show!

**Time:** 8 p.m.
**Date:** 4th to 6th March
**Venue:** Hong Kong Arts Centre
**Tickets:** Adults $200

Students $110 (Student ID required)
Tick ☑ the best answer.

1. What is Paul reading?
   A. a play
   B. a story
   C. a letter
   D. a poster

2. When was Hans Christian Andersen born?
   A. 1805
   B. 1875
   C. 4th March
   D. 6th March

3. What makes the bird famous?
   A. It sings well.
   B. It is a nightingale.
   C. The King loves it.
   D. It lives in the forest.

4. Who are the members of the royal family?
   A. young children
   B. adults and students
   C. the King and the Queen
   D. people working in the palace

5. ‘The Nightingale has always been a favourite story for young children.’
   What does this mean?
   Young children _________________.
   A. read the story every day
   B. like the story very much
   C. learn a lot from this story
   D. know more about the story

6. What happens to the nightingale in the end?
   A. The bird dies.
   B. The bird cannot sing anymore.
   C. The bird goes back to the forest.
   D. The bird lives happily with the King.

7. Paul is in Primary 6. What must he bring to buy himself a ticket?
   He must bring a _________________.
   A. credit card
   B. phone card
   C. birthday card
   D. student card

8. The play is to _________________.
   A. remind people of The Nightingale
   B. remind people of Hans Christian Andersen
   C. tell people about Kowloon City Youth Club
   D. tell people about the Hong Kong Arts Centre
Part 4
*Paul is reading a passage in the library.*

Part 4A
Read the passage and answer the questions.

**Hong Kong Daily**

**Tuesday, 10 January, 2006**

**Eating disorders and death: Horrible twins**

By Nancy Chan

Because of her body weight, Pamela Wong almost stopped eating for a year. She became another eating disorder victim.

Pamela, a 17-year-old girl, fell sick suddenly at her school in Aberdeen at 8.30 a.m. yesterday. She died an hour later at Queen Mary Hospital.

The nickname ‘Big Pam’ at school made Pamela sad. A year ago, Pamela told her classmate, Judy, that friends laughed at her. She wanted to be thin so she ate very little. Her weight dropped from 55 kg to 35 kg and finally to 25 kg. The weight loss of 30 kg was killing her.

Dr. David Chan of Queen Mary Hospital said, “Eating disorders are a big problem among teenage girls. Many females aged between 13 and 19 have an eating disorder. They think they are fat even though they are not. They do not eat enough food. Starvation is harmful to our body.”

Victor Au, the headmaster of Pamela’s school, said, “Pamela was a student librarian. She lived with her parents and her sisters, Betty, 14, and Dora, 8. She got As and Bs in her school exams. Teachers and friends will all miss her very much.”
Tick ☑ the best answer.

1. What is Hong Kong Daily?
   - A. a notice
   - B. a newspaper
   - C. a storybook
   - D. an advertisement

2. Who is Nancy Chan?
   - A. a doctor
   - B. a student
   - C. a librarian
   - D. a reporter

3. Read paragraph 1. Why was Pamela sent to hospital?
   - A. She died.
   - B. She lost weight.
   - C. She became weak.
   - D. She almost stopped eating for a year.

4. Why did Pamela’s friends call her ‘Big Pam’?
   - A. They were fat.
   - B. They didn’t like Pamela.
   - C. They wanted to be friendly.
   - D. They thought Pamela was overweight.

5. What was Pamela’s body weight before she died?
   - A. 25 kg
   - B. 30 kg
   - C. 35 kg
   - D. 55 kg

6. Dr. David Chan says that many teenage girls ____________.
   - A. are fat
   - B. eat very little
   - C. don’t like food
   - D. don’t have enough food to eat

7. Read line 23. What is ‘starvation’?
   - A. getting too fat
   - B. eating too little food
   - C. eating too much food
   - D. losing too much weight

8. In the passage, who is NOT a teenage girl?
   - A. Dora
   - B. Judy
   - C. Betty
   - D. Pamela

9. Which of the following is NOT correct?
   - A. Pamela was a good student.
   - B. Pamela’s parents both died.
   - C. Pamela died in the morning.
   - D. Pamela had an eating disorder.

10. This passage is about ____________.
    - A. death
    - B. being a teenager
    - C. not eating properly
    - D. the dangers of food
Part 4B

After reading the passage, Paul writes to the school newsletter. He wants to suggest ways to keep a person healthy.

You are Paul. Write about 80 words. Give examples.

Staying Healthy

It is more important to keep ourselves healthy than to just look good.

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