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Secondary 3  English Language
Listening
Question Booklet

Instructions:

1. There are 7 pages in this Question Booklet.
2. Time allowed is approximately 25 minutes.
3. Do not write anything in this Question Booklet.
4. Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.
Part 1

You are doing a project on China for your Social Studies class.

Read the information sheet, listen to the conversation between Peter and Mary and answer the questions. The dialogue will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all questions the second time.

Information Sheet

Great Wall of China
The Great Wall, located in Badaling, is known as the Ten Thousand Mile Wall in Chinese. The valley at Badaling is famous due to its closeness to Beijing. The landscape around the Badaling Great Wall changes every season. Its beautiful scenery attracts thousands of tourists each year.

Three Gorges Dam
The Government believes that a trip to the Three Gorges is a perfect break from the noisy cities of China. A boat trip on the Yangtze River is likely to be memorable for all who visit. Tour boats now offer trips on the lakes so that tourists can appreciate the scenery.

1. In Beijing Peter was a ________.
   A. visitor
   B. student
   C. traveller
   D. teacher

2. Many old buildings in China are ________.
   A. being painted
   B. being sold
   C. being torn down
   D. being made stronger

3. When Mary says, “That’s a shame, isn’t it?”, she is ________.
   A. disappointed
   B. surprised
   C. pleased
   D. angry
4. Peter did not sleep well on the Great Wall because ________.
   A. he was afraid
   B. he didn't like it there
   C. his sleeping bag was too thin
   D. he was bitten most of the night

5. The Badaling valley is famous because it ________.
   A. is in a valley
   B. attracts tourists
   C. is not far from Beijing
   D. has beautiful scenery

6. The cormorants (birds) eat ________.
   A. after catching enough fish
   B. when they are on land
   C. while they are fishing
   D. before catching fish

7. The Three Gorges Dam is important because ________.
   A. people can work there
   B. farmers need water to drink
   C. it collects water from three rivers
   D. it stops floods along the river

8. If Peter went back to visit China again, he would like to see the ________.
   A. universities in Beijing
   B. Three Gorges Dam
   C. Great Wall
   D. villages and rural areas

9. The Government of China believes the Three Gorges area is good for ________.
   A. river boats
   B. tourism
   C. memories
   D. swimming in lakes
Part 2

You are doing a project about Hong Kong’s past for your Liberal Studies class.

Listen to the interview between Peter and his neighbour, Mrs. Ho, and answer the questions. The interview will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all questions the second time.

1. Mrs. Ho is talking about __________.
   A. being away from home
   B. a young woman
   C. her friends
   D. her childhood

2. As a primary student, Mrs. Ho got the news on __________.
   A. TV
   B. the radio
   C. a tape player
   D. a record player

3. Mrs. Ho’s father and grandmother sometimes watched TV __________.
   A. at school
   B. inside a shop
   C. in a restaurant
   D. in front of a shop

4. Back then many people watched __________.
   A. variety programmes
   B. sports programmes
   C. dance shows
   D. talk shows

5. Mrs. Ho thought people in London also spoke Cantonese because the __________.
   A. songs were from London
   B. news from London was in Cantonese
   C. variety shows were in Cantonese
   D. dramas were in Cantonese
6. Outside the cinema, Mrs. Ho’s family liked to ________.

   A. watch people cooking  
   B. watch a movie  
   C. cook their food  
   D. watch people in the restaurant
Part 3

*On Mother’s Day, your English teacher read this poem to your class.*

Listen to the poem and answer the questions. The poem will be read twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all questions the second time.

Stanza 1
1. The girl thinks that she _________.
   A. likes to work for nothing
   B. can do better than her mother
   C. should be like her mother
   D. none of the above

Stanza 2
2. The word ‘selfless’ means _________.
   A. interested in oneself
   B. taking advantage of people
   C. caring more about other people
   D. all of the above

Stanza 3
3. The girl knows that her mother is always _________.
   A. tired
   B. helpful
   C. away from home
   D. all of the above

Stanza 4
4. The girl feels that her mother _________.
   A. is kind
   B. is not friendly
   C. enjoys sunny days
   D. none of the above

Stanza 5
5. The girl is not afraid because _________.
   A. her mother has taught her well
   B. she will be a mum soon
   C. she loves her friends
   D. none of the above
6. Two words from the poem that rhyme are _________.
   A. near and same
   B. come and mum
   C. cause and stress
   D. none of the above

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