Education Bureau
Territory-wide System Assessment 2013
Primary 6 English Language
Reading and Writing

Instructions:
學生須知：
1. Stick barcode labels on pages 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 in the spaces provided.
   在第 1、3、5、7 及 9 頁的適當位置貼上電腦條碼。
2. There are 20 pages in this Question-Answer Booklet. Answer all questions.
   本卷共有 20 頁，全部題目均須作答。
3. Do not write in the margins.
   請勿在框線以外書寫。
4. Time allowed is 50 minutes.
   評估時限為 50 分鐘。
5. Write your School Code, Class and Class Number in the boxes below.
   在下面的方格內填寫學校編號、班別及班號。

Instructions for answering questions:
作答說明：
Multiple Choice Questions — Blacken the circle next to the correct answer with an HB pencil. For example:
選擇題 — 選出正確的答案，並用 HB 鉛筆把該選項的圓圈塗黑和塗滿，如：
   ● A.  ○ B. or    ● A.   ○ B.
   ○ C.   或     ○ C.   ○ D.

Other Questions — Write your answers in the spaces provided.
其他題目 — 在適當的位置內填寫答案

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此格只許填寫一個大楷英文字母
Write one capital letter in this box.
Part 1
Susan is reading some information in a youth centre.
Read the information.

What’s New

Weekend Activities
Free of Charge. First Come, First Served.

How to Make Good Use of the Internet
Content:
- video meeting with up to eight users
- online shopping
- searching for information on the Internet
Date: Saturday, 13 July
Time: 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Place: Computer Room, Wan Chai Youth Centre
Speaker: Winnie Chan

A Creative Mind
Content:
Prize-winning artist, Mary Li, will share her love of painting – how she gets ideas from her daily life and chooses colours.
Date: Sunday, 14 July
Time: 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Place: Room 2, Wan Chai Youth Centre

Staying Healthy
Advice on:
✓ doing exercise
✓ eating healthily
✓ getting enough sleep
Date: Saturday, 20 July
Time: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Place: Hall, Wan Chai Youth Centre
Speaker: Dr Sally Choi

Choosing a Suitable Book
Content:
Ms Annie Wong, the librarian, will show you these steps:
- look at the title and the cover illustration
- check the table of contents
- study the back cover
- read the first page and check your understanding
Date: Sunday, 21 July
Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Place: Library, Wan Chai Youth Centre
Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. Susan wants to know more about a good diet. She should go to the centre on ______________.
   ○ A. 13 July
   ○ B. 14 July
   ○ C. 20 July
   ○ D. 21 July

2. Susan is very interested in art. Whose presentation should she go to?
   ○ A. Winnie Chan’s
   ○ B. Mary Li’s
   ○ C. Sally Choi’s
   ○ D. Annie Wong’s

3. Susan wants to know how to buy a painting online. She should go to the centre on ______________.
   ○ A. 13 July
   ○ B. 14 July
   ○ C. 20 July
   ○ D. 21 July
Welcome to the youth centre. These are the best things you can do for yourself - eat well, get plenty of rest ...

Who is the speaker?

A. Winnie Chan
B. Mary Li
C. Sally Choi
D. Annie Wong

Where will Winnie Chan give her talk?

A.  
B.  
C.  
D.  
6. Mary Li is _______________.
   ☐ A. a doctor
   ☐ B. a painter
   ☐ C. a librarian
   ☐ D. a salesperson

7. According to Ms Annie Wong’s advice, put the following pictures in the correct order.

   1. Stories about My Friends
   2. My Old Friend
   3. Contacts
   4. Stories about My Friends

   ☐ A. 1 → 3 → 4 → 2
   ☐ B. 1 → 4 → 2 → 3
   ☐ C. 4 → 2 → 1 → 3
   ☐ D. 2 → 3 → 1 → 4
French Artist to Visit HK

By Nancy Ho

Thirty paintings by a French artist, Marie La Pen, will be on display at the Kowloon Arts Centre soon. Two years ago, at age 20, she was the youngest artist ever to take part in the Paris Art Show in France. It is the first time she has had an exhibition outside France, so this will be her maiden event here. In Paris, Miss La Pen was praised for her unusual paintings of flowers, trees and animals. Her use of bright colours was special and all her paintings were sold on the first day. Mr Louis Wong, in charge of the Kowloon Arts Centre, said that he is sure people in Hong Kong will enjoy Miss La Pen’s interesting and unusual paintings. Miss La Pen will open the exhibition at 5 p.m. on 20 May and the last day will be 30 May.

Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. What is the purpose of this article?
   ○ A. to teach people how to paint
   ○ B. to enter a painting competition
   ○ C. to tell readers about an exhibition
   ○ D. to introduce the Kowloon Arts Centre

2. Read lines 8 – 9: … this will be her maiden event here. What does the writer mean?
   ○ A. Marie has never had an exhibition in Hong Kong before.
   ○ B. Marie will come to open an exhibition in May.
   ○ C. Marie was praised for her paintings in Paris.
   ○ D. Marie is a very special artist from France.
3. Which of the following is true about Marie La Pen?
   - A. She is 20 years old.
   - B. She is the youngest artist in France.
   - C. She is famous for her nature paintings.
   - D. She is in charge of the Kowloon Arts Centre.

4. What is special about Marie’s paintings?
   - A. choice of brushes
   - B. choice of colours
   - C. choice of frames
   - D. choice of paper

5. Why does Mr Wong think that the exhibition will be successful?
   - A. Marie sold all her paintings on the first day in Paris.
   - B. Marie won prizes in international competitions.
   - C. Marie will give her paintings to visitors.
   - D. Marie will teach people how to paint.

6. When will the exhibition be held?
   - A. 20 May only
   - B. 30 May only
   - C. 20 May and 30 May only
   - D. from 20 May to 30 May
Part 3
Susan, Tom and David wrote for the school magazine.
Read their writing.

Sports Day

I am not a good athlete, so I joined the cheering team. Many of my friends also joined. We sang together and waved flags. Some of us even performed simple dances. We wanted to encourage our schoolmates to do well in the competitions. I think it helped. Anyway, we had fun!

Susan Wong (Class 6B)

I was a helper on Sports Day. I helped organise the races. Before the races, I had to make sure that the runners were standing behind the starting line. Also, I had to give water to the runners during the race. I was glad to help on Sports Day and I want to help again.

Tom Lee (Class 6D)

I will remember this Sports Day for a very long time. Why? I ended up going to hospital! I ran in three races and came first in all of them. However, just after finishing the third race, I fell down and hurt my ankle. I had to go to hospital and spent four hours there. Fortunately, the injury was not serious. I am fine now.

David Chan (Class 6B)
Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. Susan entered the cheering team because _____________.
   - A. she danced well
   - B. she liked waving flags
   - C. she did not like singing
   - D. she was not good at sports

2. What did Susan do on Sports Day?
   - A. 
   - B. 
   - C. 
   - D. 

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3. What did Tom do on Sports Day?

○ A.  

○ B.  

○ C.  

○ D.  

4. Tom will ______________ on the next Sports Day.

○ A. be a student helper

○ B. enter a running race

○ C. join a cheering team

○ D. give prizes to the winners

5. Why will David remember this Sports Day for a long time?

○ A. He was fine.

○ B. He ran in three races.

○ C. He won all his races.

○ D. He had to go to hospital.
6. What happened to David on Sports Day?

A. 
B. 
C. 
D. 

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Part 4

_Susan is reading a passage about Lily Tam, her favourite writer._

Read the first part of the passage. Answer Questions 1 – 4.

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**Lily Tam in Hong Kong**

Peter Jackson, our reporter, recently met Lily Tam, a famous writer of children’s books. Below is their conversation.

Jackson: Well, Lily, welcome back to Hong Kong. I know you were born here. You studied in Canada, or was it England?

Tam: After secondary school in Hong Kong, my parents sent me to Canada in 1970. I entered university there at age 16 and studied music. At the same time, I began writing. I also loved reading books, both in Chinese and in English. After my studies in Canada, I worked in England for a few years.

Jackson: You have won many prizes, Lily. Tell me about them, would you?

Tam: Well, I’ve never won any prizes for my piano playing! I loved playing the piano but I wasn’t that good. My writing is better. The first prize I got was in 1980 for the book ‘Happy Memories’. It is about children growing up in Hong Kong in the 1960s. They faced many problems but also had good times. Then, two years later, I won a prize for a book of short stories. The stories are about very young learners in Hong Kong and Singapore.
Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. Lily Tam is famous for ________________.
   ○ A. playing the piano
   ○ B. teaching people how to write
   ○ C. writing children’s books
   ○ D. studying in Hong Kong

2. Lily Tam was born in ________________.
   ○ A. Canada
   ○ B. England
   ○ C. Hong Kong
   ○ D. Singapore

3. Lily Tam started writing when ________________.
   ○ A. she was 16
   ○ B. she was in secondary school
   ○ C. she lived in England
   ○ D. she lived in Hong Kong

4. Which of the following is true about ‘Happy Memories’?
   ○ A. It is about young learners in Hong Kong and Singapore.
   ○ B. It is about Hong Kong’s children in the 1960s.
   ○ C. It is Lily Tam’s second prize-winning book.
   ○ D. It is a piece of music.
Read the **second part** of the passage. Answer Questions 5 – 9.

Jackson: I learned that you were seriously injured in a car accident in Canada.  

Tam: Yes. It happened two years ago when I was driving home from work.  

I suddenly heard a loud boom. The next thing I knew I was lying in a hospital bed.

Jackson: How long did you stay in hospital?  

Tam: For nearly two months. I’m better now but I can only write a little.  

Also, I had to give up playing the piano. My hands were hurt in the crash.

Jackson: Now you have retired. What is your life like today?

Tam: I live in Canada most of the time with one of my children. She has two kids, a boy and a girl. I’m like most grandmothers, I think. We enjoy spending time with our grandchildren.

Jackson: You’re a wonderful grandma, Lily. It’s been lovely chatting with you.  

Thank you so much.
Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

5. Lily Tam had a car accident _______________.
   ○ A. in Canada
   ○ B. in Hong Kong
   ○ C. two months ago
   ○ D. when she drove to work

6. Read line 3. ‘Boom’ is the sound of _______________.
   ○ A. a piano
   ○ B. a car crash
   ○ C. a racing car
   ○ D. children playing

7. Why doesn’t Lily Tam write a lot now?
   ○ A. She is busy playing the piano.
   ○ B. She finds it boring to write.
   ○ C. She has to stay in hospital.
   ○ D. She hurt her hands badly.
8. Lily Tam is living with _______________.
   ○ A. her son
   ○ B. her friends
   ○ C. her husband
   ○ D. her daughter

9. Read line 11: I’m like most grandmothers .... What does Lily Tam mean?
   ○ A. She likes spending time with her grandchildren.
   ○ B. She thinks being a grandmother is tiring.
   ○ C. She is old enough to be a grandmother.
   ○ D. She likes her grandmother.

Read the **first** and **second parts** of the passage again. Answer Questions 10 – 11. Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

10. Another title for this passage can be _______________.
   ○ A. How to Write a Good Book
   ○ B. Taking Care of Children
   ○ C. The Life of a Writer
   ○ D. A Car Accident
11. Read the following sentences. Put them in the correct order.

1. Lily Tam worked in England.
2. Lily Tam entered university.
3. Lily Tam stopped playing the piano.
4. Lily Tam had a car accident.

○ A. 1 → 2 → 4 → 3
○ B. 1 → 3 → 2 → 4
○ C. 2 → 1 → 3 → 4
○ D. 2 → 1 → 4 → 3
Part 5
You are writing to the school magazine about how you spend time with your family. Write about 80 words. You may use the following ideas for your composition.

- Where do you usually go with your family?
- What do you usually do with your family?
- Do you like spending time with your family? Why / Why not?

Spending Time with My Family

- beach
- countryside
- games hall
- home
Spending Time with My Family

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