

**Education and Manpower Bureau
Territory-wide System Assessment 2006**

Secondary 3 English Language

**Reading
Question-Answer Booklet**

Instructions:

1. There are six pages in this Question-Answer Booklet.
 2. Answer all questions.
 3. Time allowed is 30 minutes.
 4. Write your answers in this Question-Answer Booklet.
 5. Write your School Code, Class and Class Number in the boxes below.
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School Code

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Class

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Class No.

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Write one capital letter in this box.

Part 1

Tom and his two classmates, David and Ann, want to join a few school activities. They are choosing which activities they will join.

Read (A) the timetable for the activities and (B) their personal profiles.

Write three choices below each profile.

(A) Timetable for the activities

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12 noon – 1 p.m.	Gardening Club	Boy Scouts	Music Club	Robot Club	Cooking Club
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.	English Society	School Choir	Tennis Team	Basketball Team	Science Society
	School Band	Reading Club	Junior Police Call	Social Services Club	Red Cross

(B1) Profile of Tom

Name: *Tom Wong* Class: *3A*
Age: *15* Sex: *M*

Hobbies:

- wants to learn how to fight crime
- very interested in doing experiments
- loves to play the drum

Remarks:

- studies in the library after school every Thursday
- library duty at lunchtime

Choices for Tom:

- _____
- _____
- _____

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Use Only

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☐ (14)

(B2) Profile of David

Name: <i>David Lo</i>	Class: <i>3B</i>
Age: <i>14</i>	Sex: <i>M</i>
Hobbies:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• loves ball games very much• likes growing potted plants• enjoys camping	
Remarks:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• visits Grandma every Wednesday afternoon	

Choices for David: • _____
• _____
• _____

Marker's
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(B3) Profile of Ann


Name: <i>Ann Lee</i>	Class: <i>3A</i>
Age: <i>15</i>	Sex: <i>F</i>
Hobbies:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• always likes to try new dishes• loves English fiction• likes doing voluntary work for the elderly	
Remarks:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• attends piano lessons on Monday afternoon	

Choices for Ann: • _____
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• _____

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Part 2

Tom is reading an article about basketball from a teenage magazine.

Read the article.

I wonder why basketball is so popular in Hong Kong. Teenagers seem very interested in the game and the players, especially those from the United States. The National Basketball Association (NBA) in America attracts players from all over the world. In fact, one of the best and most popular NBA players is Yao Ming from China.

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Basketball is, without a doubt, very common in Hong Kong. It doesn't require many players and can be played by both boys and girls. Basketball courts can be seen everywhere and it is not an expensive sport to play. The equipment is simple – a ball and a hoop, although basketball shoes can be very expensive. For these reasons, the sport is very popular among young people.

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Many people think that a player must be tall to play the sport. This is not entirely true. Many short basketball players are very skilful. Basketball is a good test of skill and demands speed and strength from the players.

The NBA basketball players are also very popular. Hong Kong teenagers love to wear clothes with famous basketball players' names on them. Some even wear the very large, over-sized clothes that most NBA players like to wear.

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Many years ago a group of former NBA players formed a team called the Harlem Globetrotters. This is a team that travels around the world to perform basketball 'shows' in front of audiences. Their performances include jokes and special skills with a basketball that is entertaining for the crowd to watch. In fact, whenever they visit Hong Kong, fans form long queues in order to buy tickets to their unique game of basketball.

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Thanks to the NBA and its famous players, the game of basketball is more popular than ever. Basketball will continue to be a popular sport and attract new fans for a long time to come.

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1. What is the main idea of each paragraph?


In each of the boxes provided below, write the correct paragraph number (1 – 6) or put an 'X' if the information is **NOT** the main idea.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Basketball will remain a popular sport. | (21) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yao Ming is a famous Chinese basketball player. | (22) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | It is convenient to play basketball. | (23) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The NBA players are well liked by Hong Kong teenagers. | (24) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The Harlem Globetrotters were formed many years ago. | (25) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The Harlem Globetrotters are entertaining. | (26) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Players must be strong and skilful to play basketball well. | (27) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The NBA attracts the best players. | (28) |

2. Write 'F' for fact or 'O' for opinion in each of the boxes provided below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Basketball is a good test of skill and demands speed and strength from the players. | (29) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Basketball will continue to be a popular sport. | (30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A player must be tall to play basketball. | (31) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Many years ago a group of former NBA players formed a team called the Harlem Globetrotters. | (32) |

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Part 3

Tom has to write a book review for Ms Wong, the school librarian. She has given him two book reviews to compare.

Read the reviews.

Book Review 1

My English teacher asked me to read a book recently. Let me tell you about this book.

It is an interesting story about a young boy named John who sailed on a big ship. He didn't know it was a pirate ship when he first got on board. By the time he found out, it was too late. The ship had already been sailing for many days. 5
Later in the book the pirates attacked some ships and robbed the passengers of their jewellery and gold. Then, the captain buried the stolen treasure on an island. John did not like what they did. He knew it was wrong, but he was too scared to say anything. John had changed after his exciting adventures and experiences. He came back home as a brave young man. 10

This children's book, *An Exciting Journey*, written by Peter Peel, was certainly entertaining. Reading the book made me want to travel someday and write adventure stories too.

Sometimes reading seems boring. It seems like we only read for school and examinations. However, *An Exciting Journey* is a book that is a pleasure to read. 15
I recommend you read more adventure books as often as you can.

3D Chris Wong

Book Review 2

My friends told me *A Deserted Island*, a book by David Smith, was a very good book. They said the story was very interesting. I read it recently but I disagree with them. Let me tell you why.

The book is about two boys who lived 50 years ago. Kevin and Sam set sail in a small boat. A big storm almost destroys the boat but fortunately they survive. 5
They land on a deserted island and have many adventures together.

I had to force myself to finish reading this book. Yes I know when two friends help each other, nothing is impossible. But I really wondered what my friends liked so much about this story. It has nothing to do with my life today. So why should I care about the characters in this book? 10

Give me a story about real people and things that happen in their lives. I can learn from their successes and failures.

3A Sandy Lee

Complete the notes for Tom. Put an 'X' if no information is provided.

Notes for comparing two book reviews			Marker's Use Only	
Book reviewer	<i>Chris Wong</i>	<i>Sandy Lee</i>		
Name of the book	<i>An Exciting Journey</i>	<i>A Deserted Island</i>		
Why did the book reviewer read the book?	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> (33)	<input type="checkbox"/> (41)
About the story:				
• Time	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> (34)	<input type="checkbox"/> (42)
• Main characters	• _____	• _____	<input type="checkbox"/> (35)	<input type="checkbox"/> (43)
	• _____	• _____	<input type="checkbox"/> (36)	<input type="checkbox"/> (44)
	• _____		<input type="checkbox"/> (37)	
• Order of quotes of some events from the book	<div style="display: flex; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px;">A</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px;"></div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; gap: 10px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 30px; height: 20px;"></div> </div>	(38)	(45)
(The first box has been done as an example. Match and order the correct quotes for each book.)	A. "They are thieves. I'm on a pirate ship!" B. Our boat tossed and turned. C. We stayed on an island and had exciting adventures. D. The pirates robbed the passengers. E. The captain found a good place to bury the treasure. F. "It took us a long time before we landed on an island."		(39)	(46)
• Possible ending (Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the best answer.)	In line 10, John returned home. What do you think John would have done if his family was attacked? John would have <input type="checkbox"/> A. run away. <input type="checkbox"/> B. asked for help. <input type="checkbox"/> C. protected his family. <input type="checkbox"/> D. hidden under his bed.	What do you think happened to the two boys while they were on the island? The two boys <input type="checkbox"/> A. died on the island. <input type="checkbox"/> B. fought with each other. <input type="checkbox"/> C. bought a hut on the island. <input type="checkbox"/> D. built a boat to leave the island.	(40)	(48)

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