

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

**Secondary 3 English Language**

**Reading  
Question-Answer Booklet**

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**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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Write one capital letter in this box.

## Part 1

*You are Chairperson of the Science Club of your school. Your club is going to visit the Jubilee Nature Park.*

Read the memo from Ms Lily Chan, Teacher Adviser, and complete the programme for the visit.

### MEMO

To: Chairperson, Science Club  
From: Ms Lily Chan, Teacher Adviser

Attached are (A) the Jubilee Nature Park Activity Schedule and (B) Data of Survey Results showing the activities members would like to do. Use these materials to draft a programme for the visit to the Jubilee Nature Park.

Please note that the school bus will leave the school at 9 a.m. and pick us up from the park at 4:15 p.m. It takes about 45 minutes to get to the park. For activities, please refer to members' choices. Make sure all the most popular choices are included. Allow one hour for each activity. A group photo will be taken before leaving the park. Also note that lunch will be served at noon.

Please return the draft to me as soon as possible.

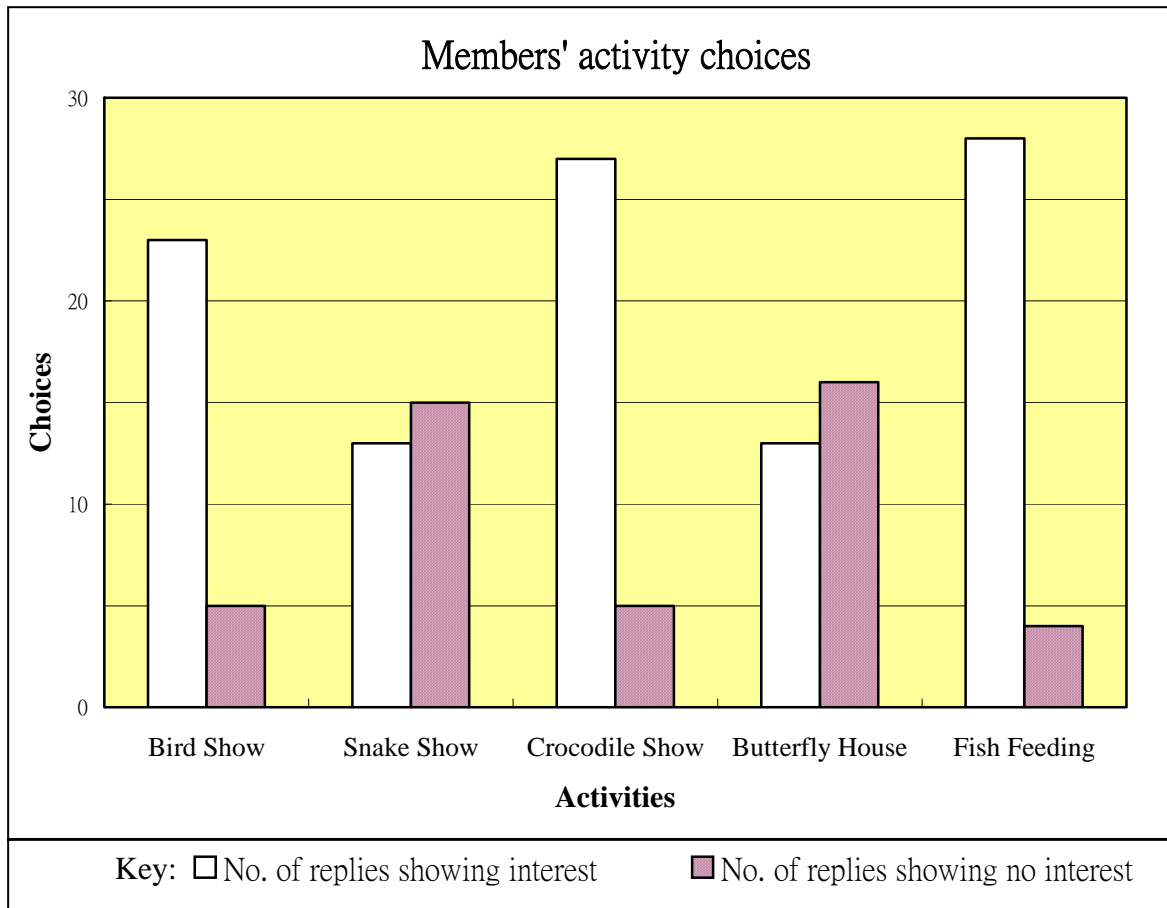
Thank you.

P.S. Most members would also like to learn how to grow flowers and vegetables.

#### (A) Jubilee Nature Park Activity Schedule


Activity Schedule	
Activity	Time
Snake Show	10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Bird Show	10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Crocodile Show	11 a.m. – noon
Fish Feeding	1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Rose Garden	2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Other Attractions (open all day: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.)	Tea Garden Butterfly House Organic Farm

**(B) Data of Survey Results**



Use the information from the memo, the Jubilee Nature Park Activity Schedule and Data of Survey Results to complete the following programme.

Jubilee Nature Park Programme		Marker's Use Only	
Time	Activity / Place		
_____	Depart school	<input type="checkbox"/> (12)	
10:00 a.m.	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> (15)
11:00 a.m.	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> (16)
12:00 noon	Lunch		
1:00 p.m.	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> (17)
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> (13)	<input type="checkbox"/> (18)
3:00 p.m.	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> (19)
4:00 p.m.	_____		<input type="checkbox"/> (20)
4:15 p.m.	Leave the park		
_____	Arrive school	<input type="checkbox"/> (14)	

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## Part 2

**Tom is a member of the Reading Club. He is reading about the writer of a book called 'Treasure Island'.**

Read the following passage.

*Treasure Island* is a very famous book for children written by Robert Louis Stevenson. It is a wonderful memorial to this talented writer.

Stevenson was born in Scotland in 1850. At the age of 17, he took a course in engineering. His father hoped that he would be his successor one day. However, he dropped the course and studied law instead. Contrary to what his parents expected, Stevenson never worked as either an engineer or a lawyer. He knew that he really wanted to be a writer. 5

Stevenson travelled to many places in his twenties. One of his first published books, *An Inland Voyage*, was about travel. He loved France most and lived there with other young artists, writers and painters. In 1876, he met his future wife there. Fanny was an American lady, eleven years older than him, married with two children. She divorced her husband to marry Stevenson two years later. 10

Stevenson began to write *Treasure Island* for his 12-year-old stepson, which was then published in 1883. This popular book was Stevenson's first book which made him a lot of money. After this successful book, he wrote books both for children and adults. 15

In 1888, Stevenson decided to sail around the Pacific islands with his family. The following year they settled in Samoa, an island in the beautiful South Pacific. Stevenson loved living there and wrote about the island and the ocean in many of his later works. He always wanted things his way and even planned his own burial. When he died in 1894, he was buried on a mountain, as he wanted, above his home on Samoa. On his tomb are the lines he requested written from his own poem *Requiem*: 20

'Under the wide and starry sky,  
Dig the grave and let me lie...' 25

Tick ☒ the best answer.

1. What is the main idea in paragraph 1?

- ☐ A. R.L. Stevenson did not complete his studies in engineering.
- ☐ B. R.L. Stevenson's father was a lawyer.
- ☐ C. R.L. Stevenson was a famous writer.
- ☐ D. R.L. Stevenson was a law student.

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2. Look at the word ‘dropped’ in line 5. Now, look at the dictionary entry for ‘drop’ below. Which meaning corresponds to the word in line 5?

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| 1. Let fall to the ground<br>‘Don’t drop the plates.’ | 3. Send a letter<br>‘Drop someone a line.’       |
| 2. Go down in value<br>‘US dollars dropped.’          | 4. Stop doing; give up<br>‘She dropped History.’ |

- ☐ A. 1
- ☐ B. 2
- ☐ C. 3
- ☐ D. 4

3. Which one of the following was true about R.L. Stevenson’s wife?

- ☐ A. Fanny met Stevenson in France.
- ☐ B. Fanny married Stevenson in 1876.
- ☐ C. Fanny married Stevenson and had two children together.
- ☐ D. It was Fanny’s first marriage when she married Stevenson.

4. How old was Fanny when she met R.L. Stevenson?

- ☐ A. 15
- ☐ B. 17
- ☐ C. 26
- ☐ D. 37

5. Why did R.L. Stevenson write *Treasure Island*?

- ☐ A. He was a writer for children.
- ☐ B. He wrote it for his stepson.
- ☐ C. He wanted to be successful.
- ☐ D. He wanted to make a lot of money.

6. Which one of the following books could he have written after 1888?

- ☐ A. *Treasure Island*
- ☐ B. *New Arabian Nights*
- ☐ C. *An Inland Voyage*
- ☐ D. *In the South Seas*

7. Which one of the following was true about R.L. Stevenson in the last paragraph?

- ☐ A. He drew pictures of the starry sky.
- ☐ B. He enjoyed living in the South Pacific.
- ☐ C. He wrote a poem about his home on Samoa.
- ☐ D. He sailed around the Pacific islands by himself.

8. In which part of the book do you think you could find lines 3 – 17?

- ☐ A. Cover page
- ☐ B. Contents page
- ☐ C. Introduction page
- ☐ D. Index

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### Part 3

*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.                     | (29) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Yao Ming is a famous Chinese basketball player.             | (30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | It is convenient to play basketball.                        | (31) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The NBA players are well liked by Hong Kong teenagers.      | (32) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The Harlem Globetrotters were formed many years ago.        | (33) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The Harlem Globetrotters are entertaining.                  | (34) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Players must be strong and skilful to play basketball well. | (35) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The NBA attracts the best players.                          | (36) |

# 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.         | (37) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Basketball will continue to be a popular sport.   | (38) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | A player must be tall to play basketball.   | (39) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Many years ago a group of former NBA players formed a team called the Harlem Globetrotters. | (40) |

In numbers 3 and 4, write a phrase or sentence for each answer.

# 3. Why is basketball popular in Hong Kong?

*e.g. Teenagers are interested in famous basketball players.*

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# 4. Why are the Harlem Globetrotters famous?

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