

**Education and Manpower Bureau
Territory-wide System Assessment 2007**

Secondary 3 English Language

**Reading
Question-Answer Booklet**

Instructions:

1. There are seven 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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Part 1

Tom is sitting in the library reading a poem.

Here is the poem Tom is reading.

What a busy, busy day	1
More work, more exams, what more to say?	
It's time to go to bed	
To close my eyes	
To rest my tired head.	5
I toss and turn left and right	
I can't stand this terrible heat!	
How do I get myself to sleep?	
And again tomorrow another test	
Oh...I've got to find a way to rest.	10
I look outside my window,	
With eyes wide open.	
Staring into the night	
The moon shines beautifully bright	
All is calm in its glowing light.	15
Slowly, silently, quietly	
A warm feeling comes over me.	
I drift away to quiet places	
Mountains and valleys, forests and trees	
I slowly reach a land of dreams.	20
I am in a state of bliss	
Where gentle breezes kiss my smiling face	
Away from time and the school day	
Twinkling stars lead my way	
To lovely dreams so far away.	25
<i>Joseph L. Lee</i>	

Tick ☒ the best answer.

1. In lines 1 – 5, what do you think the writer is telling us?

- ☐ A. He is very tired.
- ☐ B. He wants more exams.
- ☐ C. He wants more work.
- ☐ D. He wants to go out.

2. In line 6, why does the writer say 'I toss and turn left and right'?

- ☐ A. He is worried about a test.
- ☐ B. He cannot fall asleep.
- ☐ C. It is very hot.
- ☐ D. all of the above

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3. Which season does the writer describe in the poem?

- ☐ A. spring
☐ B. summer
☐ C. autumn
☐ D. winter

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4. Referring to lines 11 – 15, what happens when the writer looks at the moon outside?

- ☐ A. He goes to sleep.
☐ B. He starts to feel peaceful.
☐ C. He drifts to another land.
☐ D. The moon slowly hides behind the clouds.

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5. In lines 16 – 20, what happens to the writer?

- ☐ A. He sees mountains outside.
☐ B. He becomes quiet.
☐ C. He feels warm.
☐ D. He falls asleep.

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6. Why does the writer use the word 'bliss' (line 21) in the last stanza?

He is _____.

- ☐ A. angry
☐ B. excited
☐ C. happy
☐ D. nervous

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7. 'Day' and 'say' are a pair of rhyming words in stanza 1 (lines 1 – 5). Find two other pairs of rhyming words in stanzas 2 (lines 6 – 10) and 5 (lines 21 – 25).

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Part 2

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

Read the following passage.

Treasure Island, written by Robert Louis Stevenson, is a very famous children's book. It is about a boy named Jim Hawkins, a ship called the Hispaniola, and a hunt for hidden treasure. It tells the story of pirates who were thieves sailing on the high seas. It is also about trust and betrayal among friends.

Pirates sailed in ships that usually flew a flag called the Jolly Roger. On this flag there was a skull and crossbones. The skull and crossbones was a sign of death or danger. The pirates used this flag to frighten other ships into giving up without a fight. In fact, the sign appears on medicine bottles today to warn of poison. 5

Pirates would sail the seas looking for ships that were full of expensive goods, such as jewels, silk, money and gold. They would rob these ships and the people on them of anything of value. The pirates would divide the stolen goods, or loot, among themselves but the pirate captain usually kept most of the stolen goods for himself. 10

To save his treasure from being stolen by others, the pirate captain would often hide his treasure. Usually it was buried on an island in a treasure chest. It was well hidden and the only way to find it was to use a treasure map. 15

Pirates sometimes used booby traps to protect their treasure from other pirates. These traps would blow up and kill people. Booby traps helped to keep the exact location of the treasure a secret.

When pirates went on their journeys, their ship's captain kept a log. This helped them to remember the places the ship had visited, important things that happened, unusual weather conditions and other information. 20

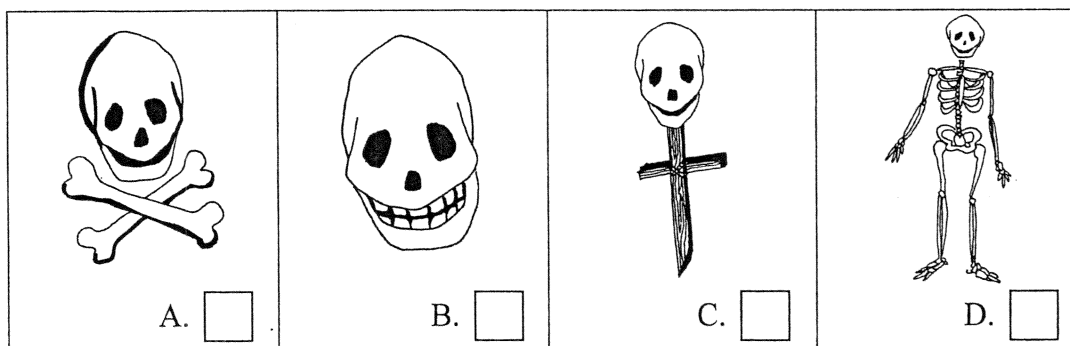
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1. Which one of the following is **not** true about *Treasure Island*? 2. What is the 'Jolly Roger' (line 5)?

- ☐ A. It happened on a pirate ship.
☐ B. It tells us a lot about pirates.
☐ C. It is a popular book among children.
☐ D. It is about children hunting for treasure.

- ☐ A. a flag
☐ B. a pirate
☐ C. a ship
☐ D. poison

3. What does the sign mentioned in line 6 look like?



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4. In the story, what was the use of the sign mentioned in line 6?

- ☐ A. to signal other ships that the sailors were sick
- ☐ B. to warn of poison on medicine bottles
- ☐ C. to remind people of death
- ☐ D. to scare other ships

5. Which one of the following from paragraph 3 means the same as 'expensive goods' (line 9)?

- ☐ A. pirates' loot
- ☐ B. stolen goods
- ☐ C. anything of value
- ☐ D. money

6. According to this passage, what was a possible use of a treasure map?

- ☐ A. to keep the treasure a secret
- ☐ B. to protect the treasure
- ☐ C. to bury the treasure
- ☐ D. to get the treasure

7. Look at the word 'log' in line 19. Now, look at the dictionary entry for 'log' below.
Which meaning represents the word in line 19?

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- 1. a piece of wood
- 2. a written record of a trip
- 3. a tool to measure the speed of a ship
- 4. a record of messages sent or received

- ☐ A. 1
- ☐ B. 2
- ☐ C. 3
- ☐ D. 4

8. The passage introduces _____.

- ☐ A. pirate captains
- ☐ B. pirate adventures
- ☐ C. ways to get treasure
- ☐ D. the life of Robert Louis Stevenson

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Part 3

You cannot decide whether you want to watch the film, Dr. Chan Lam. Your friend, Tom, has given you two texts about this film.

Read the two texts below.

STAR JOURNAL: NEW RELEASE

A Cinematic Masterpiece

Reviewed by Carolyn Shaw

Dr. Chan Lam is no doubt one of the best films so far directed by Michael Wang. The excellent performances by actor Lawrence Leung and actress Janet Kung make this film worth seeing.

The movie tells us the story of the young *Chan Lam*, who lives in the King's palace in China during the 16th century. While studying medicine, he falls in love with the Princess. The King gets very upset about their relationship, so he orders *Chan Lam* to leave the palace. *Chan Lam* is very sad but he overcomes his sorrow and works hard to become a famous doctor. Later on in the film, he saves the lives of many people.

Lawrence Leung does a wonderful job acting as the quiet and caring Chinese doctor. He does not say much throughout the film, but his strength lies in the truthful words he speaks. The Princess, played by Janet Kung, is a strong and interesting character who helps change *Chan Lam*'s life when they finally get together.

The skilful direction of Michael Wang makes you feel the pain of sickness and disease in the film. The lessons of patience and love can also be remembered. This is no ordinary film. It is a love story which I am sure will be enjoyed for many years to come.

ENTERTAINMENT WEEKLY: MOVIES

A Lover or a Doctor?

Reviewed by Christopher Tsui

Dr. Chan Lam is likely to win this year's Hong Kong Best Picture Award. However, Director Michael Wang does not fully develop the love between the two main characters. This affects the whole film in an unfavourable way. Lawrence Leung, as the doctor and Janet Kung, as the princess, are very good; however, the story, costumes and music are not impressive.

Despite all the praise this film has received, the story is not believable. It


does not tell you how *Dr. Chan Lam* develops his passion to help people and save lives.

The love between *Chan Lam* and the Princess is touching, but does not seem real. This makes the whole film boring. This is not a film as good as Michael Wang's last film, *The Heart of the Healer*, in which an old doctor cannot save his dying wife. Everything in this film production could have been better.

Section A

Complete the fact sheet below.

Movie of the Month			Marker's Use Only	
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Director:	_____		<input type="checkbox"/>	(29)
Main Characters:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • _____ • _____ 		<input type="checkbox"/>	(30)
Story: (Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the best answer.)	What is the film about? <input type="checkbox"/> A. Lawrence Leung and Janet Kung work together. <input type="checkbox"/> B. Sick people can be healed by Chinese medicine. <input type="checkbox"/> C. Dr. Chan Lam is a brave, caring doctor. <input type="checkbox"/> D. Dr. Chan Lam saves his dying wife.		<input type="checkbox"/>	(31)
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– Time	_____		<input type="checkbox"/>	(33)
Movie Reviewer	Carolyn Shaw	Christopher Tsui		
Did they like the movie? (Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the correct answer.)	<input type="checkbox"/> A. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> B. No	<input type="checkbox"/> A. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> B. No	<input type="checkbox"/>	(34)
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Section B

Tick ☒ the best answer.

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1. You have just read two _____. 2. The film *Dr. Chan Lam* is a _____.

- ☐ A. reviews
☐ B. interviews
☐ C. news reports
☐ D. advertisements

- ☐ A. mystery
☐ B. comedy
☐ C. love story
☐ D. musical

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3. Why was the King upset with Dr. Chan Lam?

- ☐ A. Chan Lam wanted to travel.
☐ B. Chan Lam did not study hard.
☐ C. Chan Lam loved the Princess.
☐ D. The Princess asked Chan Lam to leave.

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4. How did Chan Lam overcome his sadness?

He _____.

- ☐ A. became famous
☐ B. saved many lives
☐ C. became very quiet
☐ D. used Chinese medicine

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5. What does Carolyn Shaw think about the movie?

- ☐ A. The Director likes to show people suffering from pain and illness.
☐ B. Years from now, people will still want to see this film.
☐ C. Janet Kung is not very good as the Princess.
☐ D. Lawrence Leung is not a good actor.

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6. Read the following statements about the film.

Write 'F' for fact and 'O' for opinion.

- ☐ A. The film tells a story which took place in the 16th century.
☐ B. The film is likely to win this year's Best Picture Award.
☐ C. Chan Lam is a doctor who saves many lives.
☐ D. Michael Wang's last film, *The Heart of the Healer*, is better.

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