

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

**Secondary 3 English Language**

**Reading**  
**Question-Answer Booklet**

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**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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Write one capital letter in this box.

## 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 reading an article.

Read the article below.

Friday, 6 April 2007

### Community Weekly



#### "I Want to Play My Saxophone Again!"

Complaints about noise in Festival Park

Matthew Lynch

"If they don't let me play the saxophone here anymore, I'll be getting my back pain again," said seventy-five-year-old Chandra, an Indonesian Chinese immigrant who came to Hong Kong 40 years ago. "I really like playing my saxophone here and I don't want to go anywhere else," said Chandra in disappointment.

#### The Happy Gathering

Chandra's story began about half a year ago. He took his saxophone and began to play it at the open theatre in Festival Park. At first, people just stared at him, thinking perhaps that he was a bit odd. But after listening to the beautiful music he played, they began to clap their hands and sing along. In time, others who played musical instruments also came to the park to join Chandra. There were times when almost a hundred people gathered to sing and dance to the music every afternoon. Another old man who had joined the group said, "I'm eighty-two years old, but I feel

1 like I'm twenty years younger now!" Since Chandra and his group of musicians attracted so many people to their concerts, they began to use 30  
5 loudspeakers.

#### The Unhappy Ending

10 Sadly, the group has been ordered to stop playing their music in the park. Police told the group that there had 35  
been about 20 complaints concerning the noise and the crowds that gathered to listen to Chandra's group. The police said that the group could continue to play, but they would have 40  
15 to get a permit.

20 Now, it is true that not everyone likes the music played by Chandra's group. However, many people enjoy coming to the park to sing. In fact, since most 45  
of the people are elderly, it is wonderful entertainment for them every day of the week. Unfortunately, due to a few complaints, the music and singing must now stop. What do 50  
25 you think?

Tick ☒ the best answer.

1. In line 5, Chandra is an 'immigrant'. This means he \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A. is old  
☐ B. is sick  
☐ C. comes from another place  
☐ D. plays musical instruments

2. In lines 6 – 7, Chandra said, "I really like playing my saxophone here..." 'Here' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A. a concert  
☐ B. a theatre  
☐ C. his flat  
☐ D. a park

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3. According to the first paragraph, Chandra \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A. always has back pain
- ☐ B. is upset because he is old
- ☐ C. enjoys living in Hong Kong
- ☐ D. has to stop playing the saxophone

4. What happened in the park?

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- ☐ A. A music concert was started by a group of musicians.
- ☐ B. Some people got back pain after the concert.
- ☐ C. Only a few people joined the concert.
- ☐ D. The concert took place every night.

5. What did the old man mean when he said, "I feel like I'm twenty years younger now" (lines 26 – 27)?

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- ☐ A. He was lying to the reporter.
- ☐ B. He was exercising every day.
- ☐ C. He was only twenty years old.
- ☐ D. He was happy to play in the group.

6. Which one of the following is true about the story?

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- ☐ A. Chandra and other people play music indoors.
- ☐ B. Some people think Chandra's music is noisy.
- ☐ C. Festival Park is far away from housing estates.
- ☐ D. Most people who join Chandra are young.

7. What do you think is the best thing for the musicians to do?

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- ☐ A. don't pay attention to the complaints
- ☐ B. play music in the mornings only
- ☐ C. stop using loudspeakers
- ☐ D. get a permit to play

8. What does the writer think about the concert?

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- ☐ A. The music concerts should be stopped forever.
- ☐ B. The public should care about the elderly.
- ☐ C. The music concerts should continue.
- ☐ D. No loudspeakers should be used.

### Part 3

*You cannot decide whether you should 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>Title:</b>	_____		<input type="checkbox"/>	(28)
<b>Director:</b>	_____		<input type="checkbox"/>	(29)
<b>Main Characters:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____</li> <li>• _____</li> </ul>		<input type="checkbox"/>	(30)
<b>Story:</b> (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)
<b>Setting:</b> – Place – Time	_____ _____		<input type="checkbox"/>	(32)
<b>Movie Reviewer</b>	<b>Carolyn Shaw</b>	<b>Christopher Tsui</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	(33)
<b>Did they like the movie?</b> (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)
<b>Good points of the movie</b> (Tick <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the correct answer(s).)	<input type="checkbox"/> A. directing <input type="checkbox"/> B. acting <input type="checkbox"/> C. music <input type="checkbox"/> D. costumes	<input type="checkbox"/> A. directing <input type="checkbox"/> B. acting <input type="checkbox"/> C. music <input type="checkbox"/> D. costumes	<input type="checkbox"/>	(35)
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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 16<sup>th</sup> 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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