

Territory-wide System Assessment 2008
Secondary 3 English Language

Tapescript – Part 2 (9EL2) & Part 3 (9EL3)

- Narrator** *Mr. Chan is telling his students about his life as a young boy.*
You now have 30 seconds to read the questions below. (30 second music).
Listen to the question and what Mr. Chan says. When you hear a beep
(beep), answer the question. The programme will be played once only. The
programme will begin now.
- [Narrator:** *What is Mr. Chan talking about?*
- Mr. Chan It was very different living in the New Territories. When I was a young boy,
where we are now was just a small village. There were no tall buildings. The
highest building in the village was the school. When visitors came to the
village, they would walk up the stairs to the top floor of the school to enjoy
the beautiful view. // (beep) (5-second pause)
- Narrator:** *What did Mr. Chan’s mother do everyday?*
- Mr. Chan There were no supermarkets in the village. My mother went to the market
early every day to buy vegetables, meat and fish. Mum even made her own
noodles in those days. She used to mix the flour with her bare hands which
was very tiring. She didn’t have any modern cooking tools to help her. //
(beep) (5-second pause)
- Narrator:** *What did Mr. Chan have when he was a small boy?*
- Mr. Chan I didn’t watch TV until I was 10 years old when my parents had enough
money to buy one. We used to listen to the radio. I didn’t have a mobile
phone or a computer either. So I didn’t know about the Internet or how to
play computer games, at least, not until I was 40. // (beep) (5-second pause)
- Narrator:** *According to Mr. Chan, what time of the year was it dangerous to go
swimming?*
- Mr. Chan In my free time, I had a bicycle and I used to ride over to my friend’s house.
We swam in the river. But that was sometimes dangerous in the month of
July when there was a sudden rain storm. Sometimes we played games like
hide-and-seek too. // (beep) (5-second pause)
- Narrator:** *Why did Mr. Chan’s family NOT go to Hong Kong Island very often?*
- Mr. Chan The most exciting times during the year were the festival days. Everyone had
a holiday. Sometimes my family and I went to Hong Kong Island. However,
it took many hours to get there because buses only ran every 2 hours. Today,
it’s much faster with the buses and trains running about every 15 minutes. //
(beep) (5-second pause)
- Narrator:** *How does Mr. Chan feel about where he lives?*

Mr. Chan Many people live here today and they all seem so busy. Also there are too many fast food restaurants, supermarkets and shopping centres for my liking. Oh, how I miss the old days and the quiet life. // (*beep*) (5-second pause)]

Narrator This is the end of the listening task.