

Territory-wide System Assessment 2009
Secondary 3 English Language

Tapescript – Part 2 (9EL1) & Part 3 (9EL3)

Narrator: *Tom is listening to an interview on the radio and filling in a form for his homework.*

You have 30 seconds to read the form below. *(30 seconds music)*

The conversation will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and complete all the answers the second time.

The conversation will begin now.

[Interviewer: Welcome to Radio 4! Tomorrow will be Hong Kong's first 'No Plastic Bag Day'. What is this event? And why is it important? To answer these questions, we have David Tam, Chairperson of the Green Earth Society. Good morning, David, and welcome.

David: Thank you for having me. 5

Interviewer: 'No Plastic Bag Day' is the latest project of your organisation, Green Earth. Please tell us more about the purpose of this project.

David: Well, the purpose behind 'No Plastic Bag Day' is to reduce the number of plastic bags that people use. We use far too many of them so we are hoping, for at least one day, everyone will try not to use any plastic bags. 10

Interviewer: Well, I must admit, I see people using a lot of plastic bags.

David: {I know. Why do they have to use so many bags? Do you know that on average almost 33 million plastic bags are used in Hong Kong every single day? } (1) That's to say, every person in Hong Kong uses at least five bags a day. 15

Interviewer: {Five bags per person every single day? That's unbelievable! } (2)

David: It's true! Just look at the way people use plastic bags – they take as

many as they can and throw them out after using them only once.
The problem is that these plastic bags fill up Hong Kong's landfills. 20
There's just not enough landfill space.

Interviewer: What about the government? Do you think the government should make shops charge for plastic bags?

David: Well, Ireland and other countries make people pay for plastic bags. How about you? Would you mind paying for plastic bags? 25

Interviewer: Honestly, I wouldn't mind paying a small fee for every bag – it would certainly help me cut down on the number of plastic bags I use! Thank you, David. That's the end of our interview with David Tam. Thanks for joining us today!]
(3 seconds pause)

Now, listen to the conversation for the second time.

Repeat []

Narrator: Listen to David Tam and the interviewer again and answer questions number 6 and 7. (second time only)

Question number 6 (lines 13-15)

David: {I know. Why do they have to use so many bags? Do you know that on average almost 33 million plastic bags are used in Hong Kong every single day? } (1) (2 seconds pause)

How does David feel? (*beep*) (5 seconds pause)

Question number 7 (line 17)

Interviewer: {Five bags per person every single day? That's unbelievable! } (2) (2 seconds pause)

How does the interviewer feel? (*beep*) (5 seconds pause)

You now have 30 seconds to check your answers.

(30 seconds music)

9EL1 This is the end of Part 2.

9EL3 This is the end of Part 3.
This is the end of the listening paper.