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**Education Bureau**  
**Territory-wide System Assessment 2010**  
**Secondary 3 English Language**  
**Reading**  
**Question Booklet**

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Instructions:

1. There are 9 pages in this Question Booklet.
2. Time allowed is 30 minutes.
3. Do not write anything in this Question Booklet.
4. **Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.**

## Part 1

*Your Social Studies teacher has asked you to read this article about smoking for your next class project.*

Read the article and answer the questions.

Recently, the government of Finland decided to introduce stronger laws against smoking, which will be stricter than the laws in Hong Kong. Hong Kong's anti-smoking laws have banned smoking in many public places, such as restaurants and shopping malls. In Finland, smoking will be banned in more places, including some cars. The display of cigarettes in shops will also be banned. The government in Finland said it wants to ban smoking 'once and for all'. 5

Many other places, such as Britain and Canada, have smoking bans, but they are not as strict as in Hong Kong or Finland. In some countries, there are separate areas in restaurants and bars where smoking is allowed. However, smoking is harmful to many people, including non-smokers, and is therefore not welcome at all. 10

Anti-smoking laws are being introduced everywhere since smoking is associated with many illnesses such as mouth and lung cancer as well as heart disease. Enforcing smoking bans in public places makes those areas safer and cleaner for everyone, particularly children. Banning smoking also means that it is less acceptable to smoke in public. Therefore, there has generally been a move to ban smoking around the world. 15

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

1. Which place has the strictest ban on smoking?
  - A. Britain
  - B. Canada
  - C. Finland
  - D. Hong Kong
2. In line 6, 'once and for all' is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. once only
  - B. forever
  - C. never
  - D. now
3. In line 7, the word 'they' refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. bans on smoking
  - B. many countries
  - C. Britain and Canada
  - D. Hong Kong and Finland

4. Look at the word 'strict' in line 8. Now, look at the dictionary entry for 'strict' below. Which meaning corresponds to the word in line 8?

**strict** adj.

- A. firm; stern, e.g. *strict parents*
- B. needing to be closely obeyed, e.g. *a strict rule*
- C. complete; absolute, e.g. *strict silence*
- D. faithful; following a rule or a way of living carefully, e.g. *a strict vegetarian*

5. How does smoking harm people?

- A. causes heart problems
- B. upsets non-smokers
- C. causes cancer
- D. all of the above

6. What would be the best title for this article?

- A. Smoking in Hong Kong
- B. Smoking and Cancer
- C. Smoking in Finland
- D. Anti-smoking Laws

## Part 2

*You are reading two book reports for your English class.*

Read the book reports and answer the questions.

### Book Report 1

By Terry Chan

Last week I read a book called 'Stranded'. This is a real-life story by Charles Watts about a couple stranded at sea. People will love to read this book.

One early morning, John and Kate take their little boat out to sea. John wants to do some fishing while Kate is hoping to see dolphins, as they are a common sight at this time of the year.

Unfortunately, the weather changes and they get caught in a violent storm. The powerful waves flip their little boat over and Kate struggles to stay on the surface. John realises she is not wearing her life jacket. Fighting against the wind and waves, John takes off his life jacket and manages to put it on Kate. Hours later, they are saved by a fishing boat.

Relaxing at home the next evening, they listen to a news story about their adventure at sea. However, what the news reporter does not mention is how brave John was to save Kate's life.

People can learn a lot from John's selfless act. He is a real-life hero.

### Book Report 2

By Simon Lau

Jamie Lee Mak's 'Spirit and Courage' is a book about a man, Ray Chan, who saves a young boy from drowning in a lake. He becomes a hero to many people but, in my opinion, he takes advantage of the situation and desperately tries to become a celebrity.

On a holiday weekend, with families enjoying themselves at a lakeside park, Ray notices a young boy almost drowning in the lake. Within a few minutes of the boy's cries for help, he is in the water rescuing the drowning boy. Once Ray swims back to shore with the boy, the crowd cheers him as a hero.

Later, the local TV station sends a reporter and cameraman to interview the boy's parents and, of course, Ray Chan.

From that moment on, Ray is interviewed on television and the radio. As he becomes more famous, his story begins to change. He makes it sound as though he has saved the little boy from a raging storm at sea. Sadly, I cannot say this book is worth reading since Ray forgets all about the little boy. He only wants to make himself look like a hero.

Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.

Book Reports								
Title	1.	<u>Spirit and Courage</u>						
Author	2.	3.						
Main character	4.	5.						
Setting - main event	6.	<u>lakeside park</u>						
Time - main event	<u>early morning</u>	7.						
The quotes (a-f) are from the two books.  <b>Put each letter (a - f) in the correct box.</b>  <u>One (c) has been done for you as an example.</u>	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>8.</td> <td>9.</td> <td>10.</td> </tr> </table>	8.	9.	10.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>11.</td> <td><b>c</b></td> <td>12.</td> </tr> </table>	11.	<b>c</b>	12.
	8.	9.	10.					
11.	<b>c</b>	12.						
a. 'Keep your head up! Hold on tight to the boat!' b. 'What made you go in after the boy?' c. 'People see you as a hero for what you did.' d. 'I'm on another show next week.' e. 'Have you caught anything yet?' f. 'Hurry, hurry. Put this on!'								

13. What important information does the news reporter forget to mention?

- A. Kate sees the dolphins.
- B. John saves Kate's life.
- C. John catches many fish.
- D. Kate's life jacket is too big.

14. According to Simon Lau, Ray Chan only wants to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. loved
- B. helpful
- C. well-known
- D. the boy's friend

### Part 3

Match the description (1-5) below with the picture of the products (A-H) on the next page. One has been done for you. Two products have no descriptions.

- 1.
- Records movie clips/still pictures
  - Fully digital
  - One year warranty
  - Includes pocket size case, battery charger and user guide

- example: C
- Improvements in speed and performance
  - Panning and zooming options
  - Allows the user to view the entire web page
  - New hard shell design









- 2.
- Holds up to three days worth of music
  - Plays for up to 14 hours
  - Displays CD covers for music
  - Carries photos and podcasts
  - User can download music from the Internet

- 3.
- Hair and body wash for men
  - Leaves skin and hair feeling clean and soft
  - Made from natural plant products
  - Recommended for all skin types

- 4.
- The popular demo returns as a special adventure with updated 3D graphics
  - The action levels give players an exciting experience
  - Try out new characters at six levels of difficulty in this special game demo

- 5.
- Easy to apply
  - Suitable for sensitive skin
  - Provides protection against harmful rays of the sun
  - Provides UVA and UVB protection
  - Waterproof

Write the letters in the Answer Booklet provided.

<p><b>A.</b></p> 	<p><b>B.</b></p> 
<p><b>C.</b></p> 	<p><b>D.</b></p> 
<p><b>E.</b></p> 	<p><b>F.</b></p> 
<p><b>G.</b></p> 	<p><b>H.</b></p> 

**Part 4**

*Your English teacher has asked you to read a report from the Internet for a class discussion about the police.*

Read the passage and answer the questions.

Police Action

For the past few weeks, the case of two innocent women arrested by police has been the lead story in all the newspapers and on TV news broadcasts.

At a busy shopping centre, two women, Ms Brown, 30, and Ms Austin, 29, were sitting in their parked car in front of the main entrance to a department store. All of a sudden, their car was sandwiched by two vehicles, stopping them from leaving. About eight men with guns jumped out and forced them to open their car doors. It was only later that the women found out that they were actually plainclothes police officers. 5

In a complaint made against the Police Department, the women claimed they were roughed up by the police. They said that the police hit their car, smashed a window, then slapped their faces and accused them of hiding drugs. They were finally taken to the police station. 10

According to police spokesperson Roger Hardy, it was simply a case of mistaken identity and the police had not slapped the women. They might have accidentally pushed the women and he apologised for their actions. However, the women still plan to take legal action. 15

When asked why they didn't open their car doors, the women said that the men did not look like police officers. They were thinking that the men were going to rob them, or even worse, hurt them.

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

1. According to paragraph 1, the case of the two women has become \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. strong
  - B. unbelievable
  - C. uninteresting
  - D. popular
  
2. In line 5, 'their car was sandwiched' is closest in meaning to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. sandwiches were left in the car
  - B. it was blocked between two cars
  - C. sandwiches were thrown at the car
  - D. parking space was tight for the car



3. In paragraph 3, the women said that the police \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. treated them badly
  - B. shot at them
  - C. tied them up
  - D. none of the above
4. The police spokesperson, Roger Hardy, agreed that the police officers \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. did not like the women
  - B. did not arrest the women
  - C. arrested the wrong women
  - D. thought the women stole the car
5. In the last paragraph, the women said they were afraid because \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. they thought the men wanted a ride in their car
  - B. they thought the men were going to attack them
  - C. they could not call the police
  - D. the car doors were locked

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