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Education Bureau
Territory-wide System Assessment 2011
Secondary 3 English Language
Reading
Question Booklet

Instructions:

1. There are 8 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

Read the advertisements below and choose the best job for each person.

THE DAILY NEWS

Date: Thursday, 23 June, 2011

YOUR FAVOURITE DAILY NEWSPAPER

Classified Section

1.

Office assistant - Full-time. Experience required - at least one year. Typing speed - 70 words per minute (WPM). Basic computer skills also required. Apply in person between 9am and 3pm at Kwan Kwok Import Ltd., 299 Churchill Road, Kowloon.

2.

Part-time work available in a supermarket. We need shop helpers to work during the evening, 3 days a week only. No experience required. Ideal for students. Call Ms. Wu at 4687 5538.

3.

Website designer with advanced computer skills needed. If you are looking for a full-time position and would like to work in a fast growing company, call Mr. Chan at 4887 0998 or apply in person, 648 Queen's Road, 7/F, Unit 2, Wanchai.

4.

We are looking for kindergarten teachers. Classes run from 9-11.30am and 2-3.30pm. Teachers must have a certificate in Early Childhood Education. For more information please contact Fran's Kindergarten in Whampoa Gardens, Shop 33.

5.

A community centre needs people to work part-time at the weekend. Responsibilities include answering telephone calls and helping elderly people. Job experience is a must. For more information, contact Ms. Hui at 4988 6732.

6.

Positions open: The Chinese University is looking for full-time instructors. Applicants should have a degree in one of the following: Mathematics, Chinese, English or History. Please contact Mr. Chow at 4666 2131 or go to www.chinuni.edu.hk for more information.

Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet.

Which is the best job for each person? Choose ONLY ONE for each person.
The first one has been done for you as an example.

Example

Julie Lau had to retire early from her previous job but is looking for a part-time position. She likes to work with people and has excellent communication skills. The best job for Julie is number _____.

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 5 ✓

1. David Wong is looking for a part-time position as he would like to work after classes during the day. He has never worked before and he needs money to buy his books. The best job for David is number _____.

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 1
- D. 6

2. Joseph Lau graduated from the Institute of Education in London with a degree in English. He has been working as a research assistant for the past two years. The best job for Joseph is number _____.

- A. 3
- B. 1
- C. 6
- D. 4

3. Joanne Chan has worked for two years in an office. She is an excellent typist and has some knowledge of Word, Excel and Chinese word processing. She wants full-time work. The best job for Joanne is number _____.

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 1
- D. 6

4. Alison Cheung studied for three years at a university and got a degree in Computer Science. She is looking for work and would like a full-time position. The best job for Alison is number _____.

- A. 6
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 2

5. Joanne Lee loves working with children and has an education certificate from Darwin College. She wants to start work immediately and does not care if it is part-time or full-time work. The best job for Joanne is number _____.

- A. 6
- B. 3
- C. 1
- D. 4

Part 2

You are working on a project about food and your teacher asked you to read this poem. The writer of the poem worked as a cook for the US Army.

Read the poem and answer the questions.

Martin ate what he found on his plate,
And never, as people do now,
Did he note the amount of the calorie count,
He ate it because it was chow.

He wasn't upset as at dinner he sat,
Eating a roast pig or a cake,
To think it was too full of sugar or fat,
Another he'd happily take.

He cheerfully chewed all kinds of food,
Not worried by troubles or fears,
That his health might be hurt by some fancy desserts,
And he lived over 900 years.

Anonymous

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

1. What did Martin eat? He ate _____.
 - A. fancy desserts
 - B. everything on his plate
 - C. what people like eating now
 - D. food low in calories
2. Which pair of words is an example of alliteration? *
 - A. sat and fat
 - B. now and chow
 - C. calorie and count
 - D. none of the above

[* alliteration – words starting with the same sound]
3. Which two words from the poem rhyme?
 - A. never and not
 - B. plate and now
 - C. chewed and food
 - D. none of the above

4. What does the poem tell us? We _____.
- A. should eat food and not worry
 - B. should count calories when eating food
 - C. should not eat food with fat
 - D. can live 900 years if we eat healthy food
5. Who ate the writer's food?
- A. teachers
 - B. police officers
 - C. students
 - D. soldiers
6. Which of the following would be the best title for the poem?
- A. Happy Eating
 - B. Army Food
 - C. A Cook's Life
 - D. A Sweet Tooth
7. What does the word 'chow' in line 4 mean?

chow /tʃaʊ/

1. **noun** [countable] chow or chow-chow
a dog with long thick hair and a purple tongue, originally from China
Example - breed of dogs: poodle, chow-chow, etc.
2. **noun** [uncountable] chow
an informal general word for food
3. **phrasal verb** chow down
to eat food, especially a lot of food quickly
Example - They chowed down on a pizza after the game.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. none of the above

Part 3

You and your friend can't decide whether you should go to see a new film. Read what the two moviegoers have to say.

Answer all questions and fill in the Fact Sheet in the Answer Booklet.

Passage 1

www.movies.com/opinion

by Lily Chan

<p><i>The Teen Cops</i> is about two lively teenagers, Linda and Sam, who make a difference fighting crime.</p> <p>Linda and Sam live in New York City. Linda lives with her father, the Police Chief. Sam lives with his mother. The two teens love going after criminals with the help of Linda's pet dog, Mr. Timmy. There are some very funny scenes in the film where Mr. Timmy knocks people over while they're chasing robbers.</p> <p>Sweet and gentle, Linda is loved by everyone. Even the worst criminals can't help giving in to her charming ways.</p>	<p>Perhaps James Ma, the director, is hoping her lovable nature will make this film a success.</p> <p>The best parts of the film are the special effects. The chase scenes through New York's busy streets are very exciting and thrilling to watch.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the plot is not original. This kind of story has been used too many times in television comedies.</p> <p>Overall, the actors seem to truly enjoy themselves and the exciting special effects make watching this film worthwhile.</p>
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Passage 2

www.films.com/opinion

by May Wong

<p>I'll be perfectly honest: I'm not a fan of <i>The Teen Cops</i>. To me, it's very much like watching a silly comedy show on television.</p> <p>But, let me first say that not everything in the film is bad. The main characters are funny and lovable. Linda is cute, Sam is funny and Mr. Timmy, the dog, is a perfect partner to the two teenage crime fighters. The producers have also come up with exciting new music.</p> <p>While the characters in the film are fine, the plot is too simple. 'They look for the bad guys, they find the</p>	<p>bad guys, and then they catch the bad guys.' Boring! No different from so many television programmes that we have all seen before.</p> <p>Here's another reason why I don't like the plot. Two teenagers and a little dog act like they are smarter than experienced policemen and criminals. This may be a comedy, but it isn't funny.</p> <p>It seems that Director James Ma has made this comedy for people of all ages to enjoy. But, in my opinion, he has failed and it is not worth seeing.</p>
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Complete the Fact Sheet in the Answer Booklet.

Fact Sheet

Title:	<i>The Teen Cops</i>	
Director:	1. _____	
Main characters:	2. _____	Mr. Timmy
	3. _____	
Plot:	4. A. Linda and Sam are New York City police detectives. B. Linda, Sam and Mr. Timmy catch thieves in New York. C. Linda and her father are lovable characters.	
Setting:	5. _____	
Moviegoers:	Lily Chan	May Wong
Liked the plot?	6. A. Yes B. No C. Not mentioned	7. A. Yes B. No C. Not mentioned
Liked the special effects?	8. A. Yes B. No C. Not mentioned	9. A. Yes B. No C. Not mentioned
Liked the music?	10. A. Yes B. No C. Not mentioned	11. A. Yes B. No C. Not mentioned
Recommended the film?	12. A. Yes B. No C. Not mentioned	13. A. Yes B. No C. Not mentioned

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

14. You have just read two _____.
- A. reviews
 - B. interviews
 - C. news reports

Are the sentences a Fact , an Opinion , or is the information Not given ?	James Ma has made a good film.	15. A. Fact B. Opinion C. Not given
	Sam lives with his mother.	16. A. Fact B. Opinion C. Not given
	Mr. Timmy is a trained police dog.	17. A. Fact B. Opinion C. Not given
	Sam is funny and interesting.	18. A. Fact B. Opinion C. Not given
	Linda's father is Chief of Police.	19. A. Fact B. Opinion C. Not given

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