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Territory-wide System Assessment 2014
Secondary 3 English Language
Reading
Question Booklet

Instructions:

1. There are 12 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

The English Society is looking for an interesting way to promote Reading Week. Your NET teacher has found an article for you to read that may give you some ideas.

Read the article and answer the questions.



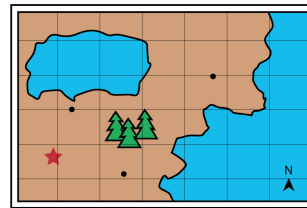
An author is in the news and at the top of bestseller lists around the world. All because of a book she started writing for her children. In an era of smartphones, the internet and instant answers, author Roberta Carroll gets readers to take a step back in time, to when life was slower and technology not as widespread. It starts with a book that has only one page. Add the use of envelopes, stamps, snail mail, postmen, a hidden treasure and you begin to see why everyone is talking about

The Treasure Hunt Build-a-Book™ by Roberta Carroll.



The treasure hunt has everyone from little children to adults excited and searching for answers. Clubs of treasure hunters have formed to see if they can win by pooling their resources and ideas!

Ms. Carroll's book is the first ever sold to contain only one page. On that one and only page is the first clue. Each book has a different page and a different clue. No two books are the same! To prevent people from buying a number of books to get different clues, there is a limit of one book per reader.



All competitors have to complete a special registration process before they can begin hunting! When a clue is solved the reader has to send the answer in a letter to an address provided. If their answer is correct, they have to wait until their next clue arrives in the mail before they can continue! If not, another letter tells them to try again!

Clues are completed at random. When all pages have been received they form a giant treasure map. This is why teams and clubs are forming. Together they work on the clues in the hope that they will be able to come up with one complete book and map and share in the prize.

Some people are making money by selling their clue pages online. Prices started out low before word of the treasure got out. With things getting crazier and more people trying to get clues, prices are soaring. It seems they will only keep going up!



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

1. The author is famous because _____.
 - A. she writes books for children
 - B. her book is about technology
 - C. her book is a bestseller
 - D. she only uses envelopes and stamps
2. The book is special because it encourages the use of _____.
 - A. smartphones
 - B. time
 - C. the internet
 - D. letters
3. To find the treasure, the treasure hunters have to use 'snail mail'. Snail mail is _____.
 - A. another term for email
 - B. mail delivered by the postal system
 - C. mail delivered by snails
 - D. another term for a postman
4. If people are 'pooling' their resources and ideas, it means they are _____.
 - A. collecting ideas and working together
 - B. working by themselves
 - C. going to the swimming pool
 - D. using information from the internet
5. The book is different from other books because it _____.
 - A. has a big map on the first page
 - B. starts with the same clue
 - C. has the same first page
 - D. has one page when it is bought
6. There is a limit per customer so that _____.
 - A. there are enough books for everyone
 - B. it is easier to register
 - C. everyone finishes with the same clue
 - D. no one gets all of the clues

7. The registration is required so that _____.
- A. treasure hunters can get their clues
 - B. the author knows how many books have been sold
 - C. people can buy more clues
 - D. treasure hunters don't have to read the book
8. The reader has to _____.
- 1. solve the clue
 - 2. register
 - 3. wait for the next clue
 - 4. mail the answer to the clue
- A. 4 → 3 → 2 → 1
 - B. 1 → 3 → 4 → 2
 - C. 2 → 1 → 4 → 3
 - D. 3 → 4 → 2 → 1
9. Teams and clubs may have an advantage over a single reader because _____.
- A. they can get more prizes
 - B. bigger groups get more excited
 - C. they can share the prize
 - D. they have more clues
10. If competitors have a complete book, they will _____.
- A. sell the treasure
 - B. have a complete treasure map
 - C. each get a prize
 - D. save money on stamps
11. People are buying books and selling them to _____.
- A. other treasure hunters
 - B. the author's children
 - C. online collectors
 - D. postmen
12. After readers have a complete book, they _____.
- A. can send a letter to get their prize
 - B. have to tell people about the treasure
 - C. can sell their book to the post office
 - D. have to follow the map to find the treasure

Part 2

You have to write a fun news page for the English magazine. Your teacher has given you a page of an online news site that deals with strange but true stories as an example.

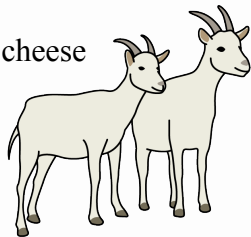
Read the stories and answer the questions.

www.strangebuttruenews.com ➔

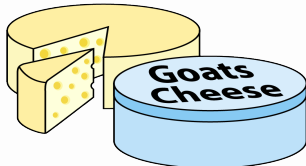
Strange things happen all the time. Odd things that have made the news recently.

Goat cheese catches fire!

In Norway five kilos of goat cheese burned inside a tunnel for six days, resulting in nearly two miles of the road being closed. The burning goat cheese gave off toxic fumes, which stopped the firefighters from being able to put out the fire!



Why did the cheese burn? The type of cheese in the tunnel is called Brunkas and it is considered to be a delicacy. The cheese has a high concentration of fat and sugar, and police said that it is almost like petrol when it gets hot!



Brunkas is actually not a traditional cheese. It is made from goat milk and can contain up to 30 percent of fat. People who eat it say that it is salty and sweet with a hint of goat flavour!

What do you put on your French fries?

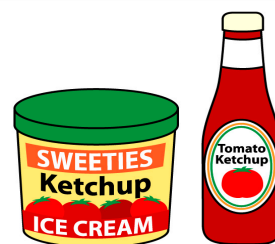
Lots of people eat French fries and one thing associated with French fries is ketchup. Ketchup was sold as medicine in the 1830s but it is now eaten all over the world.



In Sweden it is eaten on pasta. The Japanese put it on rice and in Denmark it is put on spaghetti. In Spain and India it is put on eggs. Americans and Australians eat it on hamburgers and hotdogs.

Ice cream maker Sweeties made gallons of Ketchup Ice Cream before realising that it would not sell.

Ketchup used to be made with pickled fish and spices. Now it is made with tomatoes, vinegar, sugar and spices.



Soda freezes on highway

What is soda? The word soda describes drinks that are carbonated and sweet, like lemonade. Soda freezes in the right conditions. It freezes in a freezer, but on a highway? A crash on a highway in America resulted in hundreds of litres of soda spilling onto the highway and freezing in the early morning temperatures. To imagine how much soda froze on the highway, imagine 3445 cans of bubbly, fizzy, sweet liquid spilling onto the road! The spill closed the highway for more than five hours! What a waste of soda!



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

1. The goat cheese burned _____.
 - A. inside a goat
 - B. for six days
 - C. because it is toxic
 - D. for 30 days

2. If something is 'toxic', it is _____.
 - A. a delicacy
 - B. made with fat and sugar
 - C. not traditional
 - D. poisonous

3. The cheese is made from _____.
 - A. milk
 - B. petrol
 - C. goat meat
 - D. salt

4. Ketchup has been used by a company to make _____.
 - A. spaghetti
 - B. ice cream
 - C. hot dogs
 - D. pickled fish

5. Ketchup is now made from _____.
 - A. rice
 - B. eggs
 - C. fish
 - D. tomatoes

6. Soda is a _____.
 - A. hot drink
 - B. frozen dessert
 - C. drink made on a highway
 - D. sweet drink

7. Soda freezes in a freezer, but it can also freeze elsewhere if _____.
- A. it is spilled on a highway
 - B. the truck crashes
 - C. the temperature is right
 - D. it is left on a road for five hours
8. The spill closed the highway because _____.
- A. the frozen soda was dangerous
 - B. the spill had to be cleaned up
 - C. the crash site had to be cleared
 - D. all of the above

Part 3

All Form 3 students have to watch a movie and write a review. Your English teacher has given you a poster, movie information and movie reviews to help you.

Read the poster, movie information and reviews and answer the questions.

Movie Poster

Ben Chan



May Wong



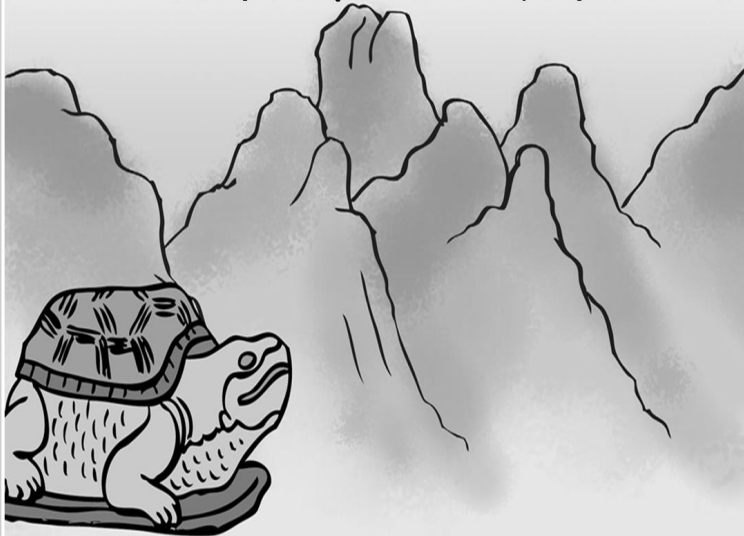
Joe Chau



Maggie Chong



Imprisoned for thousands of years.
Their fight for justice has only begun.



HK STUDIOS PRESENTS

The 108 Warriors

www.the108warriors.com

Movie Information

The 108 Warriors begins as the demons are released. The film follows the stories of the demons, who are changed into 108 heroes and scattered over the length and breadth of China. The heroes uphold justice. They also help the weak and poor. The 108 gather on Liangshan Mountain and wage their fight against the corrupt government.

Rating: PG

Length: 2 hr 20 min

Genre: Action and Adventure

In cinemas: June 22, 2013

Directed by: Steven Wong

Written by: Sam Lau, Sara Chui, Shi Kong

WarriorFilmsHK – Official Site

Cast

May Wong

Ben Chan

Joe Chau

Maggie Chong

Stars: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The 108 Warriors is another film about the famous Chinese folk legend called Water Margin. What sets it apart is that it focuses on the beginning of the story. It doesn't try to squeeze everything into one film. Instead, ***The 108 Warriors*** is the first in a trilogy that will tell the entire tale. The result is a film that explores the characters and their lives in more depth.

May Wong, Ben Chan, Joe Chau and Maggie Chong lead a talented cast of actors. The martial arts scenes and action sequences were so exciting and thrilling. They are some of the best I have ever seen.

The special effects were great, particularly in the scenes leading up to and detailing the release of the demons from the Hall of Subdued Demons. The demons exiting was amazing! Yet it was terrifying for some of the children, and their screams and shouts scared some of the adults!

The location and setting were beautiful and added to the atmosphere.

The costumes were spectacular and the attention to detail has led to a nomination for Best Costumes in the HK Martial Arts Film Awards for Mary Cheung!

I can't wait to see the rest of the films in the trilogy!

Stars: ★

I didn't like ***The 108 Warriors*** at all! It was boring. Some of the audience walked out halfway. I stayed hoping it would get better. It didn't!

The main focus was telling the story from the release of the demons. The mountain scenes were just background and filler. In my opinion, it was totally unnecessary. We all know the story and don't need the background!

Given that ***The 108 Warriors*** is the first in a trilogy, the next films might be better and include the elements I felt were lacking in this instalment! There were some special effects. They made some scenes more interesting, but that was it!

As a diehard martial arts fan I expected much more action and fighting. I also expected to see Ben Chan and Joe Chau showing off their martial arts and sword fighting skills. There were few scenes that showcased what these two are capable of! The director missed the opportunity to display the skills that have made the lead actors such famous stars in the martial arts world and attracted their fans to see their films.

This film is not worth wasting your money on!

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

Movie Poster and Movie Information

1. The film is about 108 _____.
 - A. heroes
 - B. actors
 - C. weak people
 - D. poor people

2. *The 108 Warriors* is a _____.
 - A. comedy
 - B. romance
 - C. horror film
 - D. martial arts film

3. The demons are released and become _____.
 - A. weak
 - B. warriors
 - C. poor
 - D. judges

4. If something is 'scattered over the length and breadth' of a place, it is _____.
 - A. found nearby
 - B. kept in only one place
 - C. released from prison
 - D. spread widely

Reviews

5. *The 108 Warriors* is the first in a 'trilogy'. A 'trilogy' is a _____ film(s).
 - A. group of two
 - B. single
 - C. group of three
 - D. group of four

6. According to the first reviewer, this film is _____.
 - A. too long
 - B. too short
 - C. very detailed
 - D. not detailed

7. The action sequences would most likely have characters _____.
- A. fighting with each other
 - B. hugging each other
 - C. wearing beautiful costumes
 - D. scaring the audience
8. The first reviewer says the special effects were _____.
- A. bad
 - B. talented
 - C. frightening
 - D. detailed
9. The 'location' of a film is _____.
- A. where the actors live while the movie is filmed
 - B. a site where the movie is filmed
 - C. a mountain where scenes are filmed
 - D. the time it takes for a movie to be filmed
10. The first reviewer has written a/an _____ review.
- A. positive
 - B. negative
 - C. neutral
 - D. angry
11. The second reviewer _____.
- A. doesn't like martial arts movies
 - B. nearly walked out
 - C. was excited
 - D. loved the film
12. The second reviewer also felt that a lot of the scenes were _____.
- A. exciting
 - B. very bad
 - C. necessary
 - D. not required

13. The second reviewer thinks the director ‘missed the opportunity’. This means the director _____.
- A. showcased the skills of the actors
 - B. missed the actors
 - C. wasted the chance to highlight the actors’ skills
 - D. made the actors famous
14. Ben Chan and Joe Chau are _____.
- A. directors
 - B. actors
 - C. weak
 - D. dead
15. The second reviewer hopes that the other films will _____.
- A. have more action
 - B. show the skills of the actors
 - C. not include as much background information
 - D. all of the above
16. The second review is a _____ one.
- A. positive
 - B. negative
 - C. neutral
 - D. happy

END OF PAPER

Sources of materials used in this paper will be acknowledged in the Territory-wide System Assessment Report on the Basic Competencies of Students in Chinese Language, English Language and Mathematics published by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority at a later stage.

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