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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

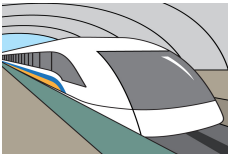
You are going to enter a competition to find the strangest form of transport in the world. Your English teacher has given you a page of entries to look at.

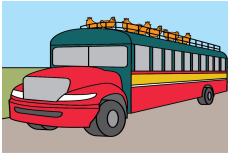
Read the blog and answer the questions.

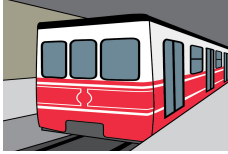
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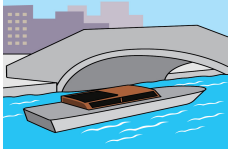
Weird Transport


Here are some entries we have received from weird transport fans all over the world!

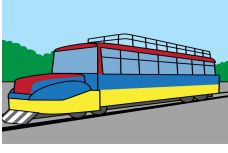
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Maglev Train
This train is superfast! It can reach speeds of up to 431 km per hour! It rides on top of a powerful magnetic field. Maglev is short for magnetic levitation. This train can get you anywhere in just a matter of minutes!
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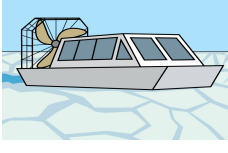
Chicken Bus
As well as being brightly coloured, this is an essential and affordable means of travel. It helps get people to and from villages. It is called a chicken bus because of the chickens that are sometimes brought on board going to and from the market!
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Underground Funicular
A funicular is not a train, even though it looks like one. It is a tram that moves up and down a hill using a cable. In one country the funicular is actually underground. It is also the second oldest subway in the world.
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Canal Taxi
In places where there is a lot of water, a canal taxi is usually the best and quickest form of transport. Roads get blocked with traffic but the waterways are faster to navigate in a canal taxi!
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Cyclo
This is better known as a tricycle taxi. It is mainly used by tourists to tour special parts of the city. Locals also use the cyclo to get around because this city has chaotic traffic. In some cases, they are faster than a car and also greener!
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Chiva Express
This is a bus that rides on train tracks! It takes travellers up into the mountains to take in the scenery! The bus even has seats on the roof for those who enjoy sitting in the cool mountain air.
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Hovercraft
These craft ride on a cushion of air. This one is the longest running commercial hovercraft ferry. Sadly, the larger catamarans have now taken over and hovercraft are no longer as popular as they once were!
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Ice Angel
This is a boat with an air propeller. It is used when the ice is not strong enough to support other vehicles. It helps kids who live on islands where it is used to get to school.

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

1. The Maglev train rides on a magnetic field. Other trains ride on _____.
 - A. canals
 - B. air cushions
 - C. tracks
 - D. cables

2. The Chicken Bus is a bus that _____.
 - A. only goes to markets
 - B. only carries chickens
 - C. is cheap to use
 - D. travels around one village

3. A funicular can be found _____.
 - A. only underground
 - B. where there is a hill
 - C. both above and underground
 - D. in every subway

4. Canal taxis are _____.
 - A. slow on water
 - B. used near the water
 - C. used on roads
 - D. a quick means of water transport

5. A cyclo is known as a ‘tricycle taxi’. This is because it _____.
 - A. has three wheels
 - B. carries chickens
 - C. only carries three people
 - D. tries to be green

6. The Chiva Express has seats on the roof because _____.
 - A. it carries chickens
 - B. some tourists like sitting in the open
 - C. there is not enough room inside the bus
 - D. it is cold inside the bus

7. The hovercraft and the Maglev are similar because they both _____.
- A. play commercials on board
 - B. carry crafts and commercial goods
 - C. travel on water
 - D. ride on top of something
8. The hovercraft is not used as widely as before because _____.
- A. it is too fast and dangerous
 - B. another type of transportation is more popular now
 - C. people must use other types of transportation
 - D. it is too slow
9. The Ice Angel most likely got its name because it _____.
- A. has an air propeller
 - B. is a boat for tourists
 - C. helps when other transport cannot be used
 - D. carries ice between the islands
10. The transport that sometimes carries animals is the _____.
- A. Chicken Bus
 - B. Chiva Express
 - C. Cyclo
 - D. Hovercraft
11. The transport that is most likely **NOT** used by tourists is the _____.
- A. Ice Angel
 - B. Chiva Express
 - C. Cyclo
 - D. Canal Taxi
12. Which type of transport runs on tracks but is **NOT** a train?
- A. Maglev
 - B. Underground Funicular
 - C. Chiva Express
 - D. Hovercraft

Part 2

You have to describe movie monsters for a project on movies. Your English teacher has given you a poem to help you get started.

Read the poem and answer the questions.

I'd Like To Meet An Alien

1 I'd like to meet an alien.
Yeah, wouldn't that be neat?
I'm sure there's not another
creature I would rather meet.

5 I wouldn't care if he was big,
or medium, or tiny,
or if his skin was rough and tough,
or super smooth and shiny.

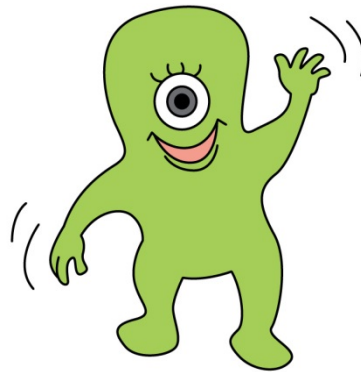
10 I'd like him if his head were bald
or covered up with hair.
I'd like him if his face were round,
triangular, or square.

15 He could be colored black and white,
or yellow, red, and green.
He might be awfully dirty
or meticulously clean.

20 I'd like him if he whispered
and I'd like him if he yelled.
I'd like him if he used perfume
or positively smelled.

It wouldn't matter much to me
if he was soft or scaly,
or if he danced the rhumba
or he played the ukulele.

25 He could look like a lizard
or be furry and mammalian.
I'd simply like to scare my mom
by bringing home an alien.



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

1. In the first stanza, 'neat' rhymes with _____.
- A. alien
 - B. another
 - C. creature
 - D. meet
2. According to stanza two, the aliens could be many sizes. Select the correct sequence of the sizes mentioned.



- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4
3. In stanza two, the rhyming pair is _____.
- A. if and big
 - B. medium and tiny
 - C. rough and tough
 - D. smooth and shiny
4. The faces of the aliens could be various shapes. Select the correct sequence of the shapes mentioned in stanza three.



- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

5. In stanza four, the alien might be ‘meticulously clean’. If something is ‘meticulously clean’, it is _____.
- A. easy to keep clean
 - B. hard to keep clean
 - C. extremely dirty
 - D. very clean
6. In stanza six, if the alien is ‘scaly’ it could look like a _____.
- A. cat
 - B. snake
 - C. bear
 - D. bird
7. The boy in the poem wants an alien because he wants it to _____ his mother.
- A. clean the house for
 - B. play music for
 - C. make perfume for
 - D. frighten
8. The title of the poem is ‘*I’d Like To Meet An Alien*’. Another possible title for the poem could be _____.
- A. The Alien That Smells
 - B. An Alien To Scare My Mom
 - C. The Alien Plays Music
 - D. Mom Loves My Alien

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



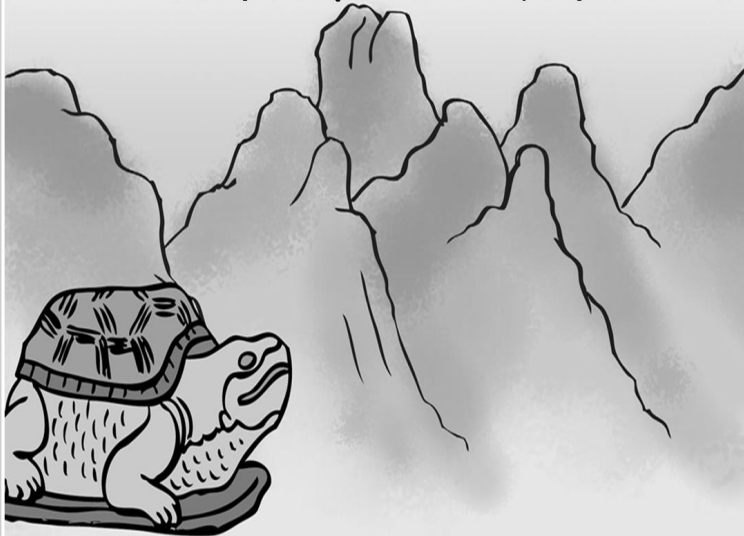
Joe Chau



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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