

Education Bureau
Territory-wide System Assessment 2021
Secondary 3 English Language
Reading
Question Booklet

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Instructions:

1. There are 16 pages in this Question Booklet.
2. Time allowed is 35 minutes.
3. Do not write anything in this Question Booklet.
4. **Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.**

Part 1





All Form 3 students have to participate in the Extra-Curricular Programme. Your class will be going horse riding. Your English teacher has given you an email to help you prepare.

Read the email and answer the questions.

Email












Dear Mrs. Wong,

We spoke on the phone about the extra-curricular horse riding activities you wish to plan for your Form 3 students. I have put together a list of the horse riding schools in Hong Kong so that you can decide what suits the needs of your school and students. You can also call each school for more information. I have also attached some general information on horse riding and equipment that you might find useful. If you need any more information, please don't hesitate to contact me either by email or phone.

Name of School	HK Jockey Group Equestrian Club 	Sheung Shui Saddle Club 	Stanley Equestrian Riding Centre 	Border Riding Club 
Location & Size of School	Tsuen Wan – 50,000 m ²	Sheung Shui – 16,800 m ²	Stanley - 5,500 m ²	Lo Wu - 10,500 m ²
Cost & Size of Classes	Private \$395 Group \$495 (3-5 per group)	Member private \$650 Member group \$550 (5-6 per group)	Non-member private \$645 Non-member group \$570 (4-5 per group)	Non-member private \$1000 Non-member group \$500 (4-6 per group)
Other Fees	—	Membership fee \$150,000 Joining fee \$5500 Monthly fee \$600 Riding deposit \$8000	Joining fee \$5000 Monthly fee \$550 Riding deposit \$7000	Joining fee \$4500 Monthly fee \$400 Riding deposit \$5000
Notes	—	This facility is a members only club	No membership fee charged	

Best regards,
May Chan
Liaison HK Horse Riding Association

Attachment

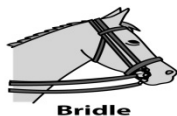
Name of School	HK Jockey Group Equestrian Club	Sheung Shui Saddle Club	Stanley Equestrian Riding Centre	Border Riding Club
				
Materials provided for lessons	All equipment - saddle, bridle, helmet, gloves, boots and breeches including the horse	No equipment or horses provided as all riders must use their own equipment and own horse	Horse, saddle, bridle & helmet only, no other equipment	Riders must provide their own horse and equipment, including clothing. The Club will provide a horse with helmet and saddle and bridle for private non-members for a fee
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 Horse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for a fee
 Helmet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for a fee
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 Boots	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Riding Equipment



Saddle



Bridle



Helmet



Riding Gloves



Boots



Breeches

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

Email

1. May Chan and Mrs. Wong _____.
 - A. are student and teacher
 - B. have spoken to each other
 - C. have never spoken to each other
 - D. are planning to go horse riding together

2. May Chan has provided information about _____ riding school(s) in Hong Kong.
 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4

3. The list from May will help Mrs. Wong _____.
 - A. put together a list of schools
 - B. call her students
 - C. organise the students into different classes
 - D. decide which riding school to contact

4. In the list May has provided information about ‘fees’. A fee here is _____.
 - A. exactly what the students will have to pay
 - B. what the clubs pay their members
 - C. an amount of money paid for a particular service
 - D. how much the school will pay for riding equipment

5. The largest school is the _____.
 - A. HK Jockey Group Equestrian Club
 - B. Sheung Shui Saddle Club
 - C. Stanley Equestrian Riding Centre
 - D. Border Riding Club

6. The school that charges the most in ‘Other Fees’ is _____.
 - A. HK Jockey Group Equestrian Club
 - B. Sheung Shui Saddle Club
 - C. Stanley Equestrian Riding Centre
 - D. Border Riding Club

7. The cost of a non-member private lesson at the Border Riding Club is \$_____.
- A. 395
 - B. 495
 - C. 650
 - D. 1000
8. May Chan works for the _____.
- A. HK Jockey Group Equestrian Club
 - B. HK Horse Riding Association
 - C. Sheung Shui Saddle Club
 - D. Border Riding Club

Attachment

9. The only club that provides all of the equipment is the _____.
- A. HK Jockey Group Equestrian Club
 - B. HK Horse Riding Association
 - C. Sheung Shui Saddle Club
 - D. Border Riding Club
10. A part of the riding gear is the clothing. Another word for ‘breeches’ could be _____.
- A. hat
 - B. gloves
 - C. shoes
 - D. pants
11. The only clubs that have horses for people who don’t own a horse are _____.
- 1. HK Jockey Group Equestrian Club 2. Sheung Shui Saddle Club
 - 3. Stanley Equestrian Riding Centre 4. Border Riding Club
- A. 1, 2 and 3
 - B. 2, 3 and 4
 - C. 1, 3 and 4
 - D. 1, 2 and 4

12. A rider needs the proper equipment and clothing. The items required for protection are _____ and _____.
- A. a saddle and a bridle
 - B. a helmet and gloves
 - C. gloves and a bridle
 - D. breeches and a saddle

Part 2

All Form 3 students are going to be writing a script and making a short movie. Your English teacher has given you a movie summary to help you prepare.

Read the movie summary and answer the questions.

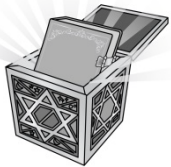
SUMMARY – ALIENS FROM THE DARK PLANET



Maggie, Tom and Simon move from busy New York City to a house in the country. Their parents are excited but the children aren't happy. They left their friends and everything they knew behind in the city. Life in the country doesn't seem so exciting.



The house isn't what the family expected. It is old, run-down, in need of repair, and miles away from any town. The children spend their time exploring. They discover secret rooms and passages while their parents fix the house.



In one secret room they find a box with a strange-looking key. Inside the box the children find a book. The book glows with light and its pages have no words.

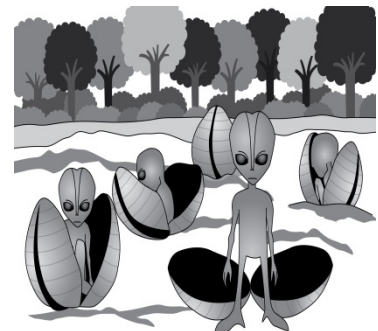


One night the children are woken by lights in the sky. They hear a loud explosion and see huge flames in the forest behind the house. Maggie, Tom and Simon sneak out to explore the forest. What they find is strange. It appears as if the explosion and fire never happened. The trees are standing and undamaged. Returning home, they find their parents asleep. They are the only ones who saw the lights, heard the bang and saw the fire.



In the secret room the book has started glowing. Words begin appearing on its pages. The children start to read. What they discover scares them.

Later, exploring the forest, the children see a strange pod. It starts to open. They hide, afraid of what is inside. More pods start popping out of the earth. They also start to open. Aliens emerge from the pods. They change and begin to look human.



Somehow, Maggie, Tom and Simon can understand the aliens. They learn the aliens are on a mission to invade Earth. The book holds the key to stopping the aliens but they must work out all of its secrets if they have any chance of defeating the alien invasion. The invasion has begun and it is up to the children to save Earth from the aliens from the dark planet.

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

1. Maggie, Tom and Simon are _____.
 - A. brothers and sister
 - B. just friends
 - C. parents
 - D. aliens

2. Maggie, Tom and Simon are _____ the move to the country.
 - A. excited by
 - B. scared by
 - C. unhappy about
 - D. looking forward to

3. The house is 'run-down'. Look at the word 'run-down'. Which meaning corresponds to the word in the section?

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. (adj) in a poor economic state <i>The run-down business had been making a loss.</i>3. (adj) in a poor neglected state after having been prosperous <i>The buildings were run-down and required a lot of work to make them safe.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. (adj) tired and rather unwell, especially through overwork <i>She felt tired and generally run-down.</i>4. (n) an explanation or description of something <i>She said she would make a run-down of the materials required.</i>
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 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4

4. The children are woken one night. What is the order of what happened that night?

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. huge flames3. lights in the sky	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. sneak out of the house4. an explosion
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 - A. 1 → 2 → 3 → 4
 - B. 2 → 3 → 4 → 1
 - C. 3 → 4 → 2 → 1
 - D. 3 → 4 → 1 → 2

5. After the strange night, the book _____.
- A. still has no words on its pages
 - B. only glows all the time
 - C. starts to glow and the pages have words
 - D. scares the children and parents
6. When the children see the pods in the forest, they _____.
- A. are very excited
 - B. see aliens that can change how they look
 - C. hide in the pods
 - D. change and look like the aliens
7. The aliens are preparing to _____.
- A. understand the children on Earth
 - B. work out the secrets of the book
 - C. invade Earth
 - D. defeat the aliens from the dark planet
8. *Aliens From The Dark Planet* is a/an _____.
- A. action film
 - B. romance
 - C. science fiction film
 - D. comedy

Part 3

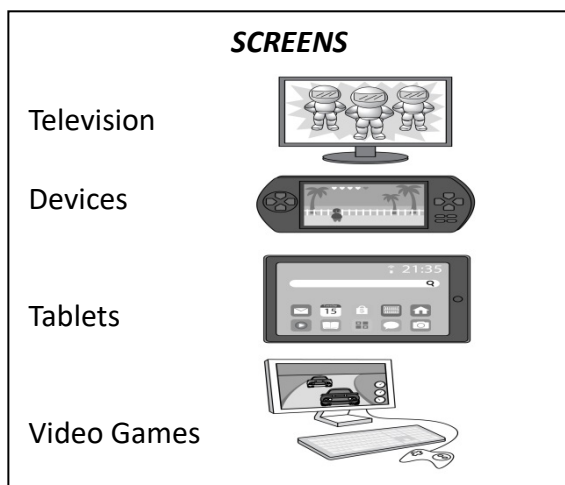
The Computer Club has been asked to come up with advice for students and parents on screen time during any period of social distancing. To help you, your teacher has given you a newspaper article to read.

Read the newspaper article and answer the questions.

Newspaper Article

NAVIGATING SCREEN TIME DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING

We all know it is hard to keep children occupied during any period of social distancing. It is understandable that children are using screens more than they would otherwise, even in cases exceeding the screen time recommended limits.



Screen Time – Recommended Limits

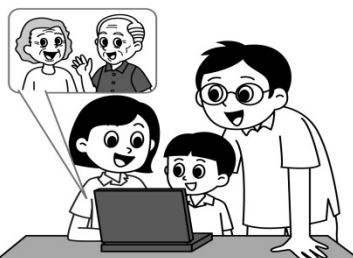
<u>Ages</u>	<u>Limit</u>
Under 18 months	no screen time*
2 – 5 years of age	1 hour per day
6 – 10 years of age	1 to 1.5 hours per day
11 – 13 years of age	2 hours per day
14 – 19 years of age	4 to 5 hours per day

** exception is video chatting, but limited to short bouts of 10 – 15 minutes*

Here are tips from professionals to help parents navigate screen time.

EDUCATIONAL CONTENT

Select high quality educational content. For children over the age of 2, educational programmes can help them learn new words and sounds because they speak directly to the children. There is also evidence that when parents and children watch together, children will also learn words because parents can sound out words for them. Parents can also help their children learn and focus by discussing what they are watching.



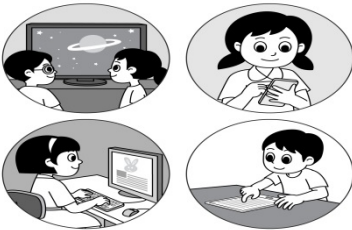
HUMAN CONNECTION

Screens can be used for human connection. They allow people to stay socially connected to their family, friends and schoolmates when they are not allowed to meet.

NAVIGATING SCREEN TIME DURING SOCIAL DISTANCING

SCHEDULES

Create a schedule for online and offline activities such as physical activity – exercise, healthy eating, reading, learning and device-free time so that screen time is balanced with other activities.



SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Primary School Aged 6 – 11

Developing tech skills is important but homework should be completed before accessing screen time.

Secondary School Aged 11 – 16

Children will need to balance their schoolwork with what they do in their screen time and how they manage their time.

The older children are, the more control and choice they can be given in managing their spare time and their screen time.



TOMMY

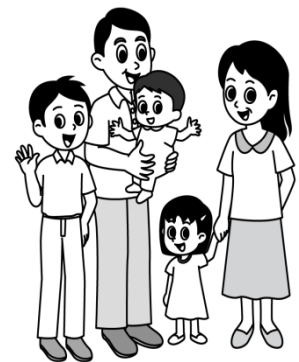
Age: 16
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I'm a gamer. I also have to do my schoolwork and homework using the computer. On weekends my friends and I would meet to go shopping or to play basketball. Now we see each other and play together online. It's different and harder, even though I have more free time. My grandparents live in Canada and we now connect regularly on the computer and my parents have organised online family meetings so we can talk to the other family members living overseas.

THE LAU FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Lau,
Ivy (baby) – 6 months,
Sally (toddler) – 1½ years,
Jason – 11 years



My husband and I have been working from home. It has been good to be home with the family, but it has also been difficult with the baby and Sally who has just started to walk. Jason has been doing online learning but we also let him play online games. Because I have to work, Ivy and Sally have been watching more television than usual.

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

ARTICLE PAGE 1

1. During a time of social distancing, screen time will increase. This is because children _____.
 - A. won't be at home
 - B. will only use computers to do schoolwork
 - C. will be limited to the recommended screen time limits
 - D. will have more time and will use various screens to keep busy

2. The article mentions _____ type(s) of screens.
 - A. one
 - B. two
 - C. three
 - D. four

3. It is recommended that a child aged 8 years of age only have _____ hours of screen time per day.
 - A. 1.5
 - B. 2
 - C. 4
 - D. 5

4. The screen time exception applies to children aged _____.
 - A. under 18 months
 - B. 6 – 10 years of age
 - C. 11 – 13 years of age
 - D. 14 – 19 years of age

5. The exception is limited to 'short bouts'. A bout here is a _____.
 - A. brief period of illness
 - B. brief period of involvement in an activity
 - C. boxing or wrestling match
 - D. specific time of day

6. According to the article, during social distancing, screens are mainly used for _____.
- | | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. doing homework | 2. relaxation and teaching |
| 3. getting tips from professionals | 4. socially connecting to family and friends |
- A. 1, 2 and 3
B. 1, 2 and 4
C. 1, 3 and 4
D. 2, 3 and 4
7. If parents are letting their children use screens, they need to make sure that _____.
- A. what the children watch can help them learn things
B. children only use one device
C. children set a time limit for screen use
D. children only connect with family

ARTICLE PAGE 2

8. The physical activity mentioned is _____.
- A. reading
B. exercise
C. healthy eating
D. learning
9. Primary school students should _____.
- A. manage their time well
B. complete homework before doing anything else
C. access screen time before doing homework
D. develop tech skills first
10. According to the article, secondary school students are older and better able to _____.
- A. select high quality content
B. learn new words and sounds
C. help their parents
D. manage their time
11. Tommy is _____ year(s) old.
- A. 1
B. 6
C. 11
D. 16

12. Tommy plays online games _____.
- A. with his grandparents
 - B. at school
 - C. with his friends
 - D. during family meetings
13. The Lau Family has a total of _____ members.
- A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 4
 - D. 5
14. The Lau Family has a ‘toddler’. A ‘toddler’ is a _____.
- A. primary school student
 - B. very young baby
 - C. boy who plays online games
 - D. child who has just learned to walk
15. According to Mrs. Lau, Sally and Ivy have been _____.
- A. working from home with her
 - B. doing online learning
 - C. watching television
 - D. playing online games
16. The article is mainly about _____.
- A. screens to use during social distancing
 - B. creating educational content for young children
 - C. the best way to manage screen time during social distancing
 - D. what parents do with their kids when working from home

END OF PAPER

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