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Education Bureau
Territory-wide System Assessment 2023
Secondary 3 English Language
Reading
Question Booklet

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

You are researching jobs students can do for an article for the English Club newsletter. Your English teacher has given you an article to read.

Read the article and answer the questions.

Article

STRANGE BUT INTERESTING JOBS www.strangejobs.com.hk

Want a different but interesting job? What about a job that's exciting and dangerous, or one that not many people can or would like to do? If you're interested,



to fill our latest job vacancies. Go to www.strangejobs.com.hk, and download the application form. Complete the form, indicating which job(s) you're interested in. Attach a photo and email us the application. We'll then call the applicants for interviews!

1. GOLF BALL DIVER

**Salary: HK\$270,000 per year
(\$22,500 per month)**

Many people play golf but not many players want to get wet retrieving their balls from ponds or lakes. On an average day, a golf ball diver can collect around 4000 balls that golfers have hit into ponds and lakes.



Skills Required:

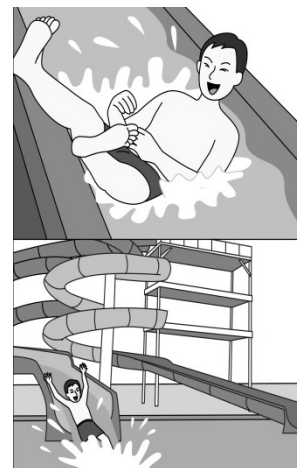
- ✧ ability to swim
- ✧ ability to dive

2. WATERSLIDE TESTER

**Salary: HK\$210,000 per year
(\$17,500 per month)**

Not much training is required but you must be able to swim and have nerves of steel, and not be scared of anything like heights or fast speeds...

A waterslide tester has to rate the slides on how much of a splash they cause and how exciting they are to slide down.



Skills Required:

- ✧ ability to swim
- ✧ nerves of steel

3. PET FOOD TASTER

**Salary: HK\$200,100 per year
(\$16,675 per month)**

To make sure that pet food meets certain standards like texture, taste and consistency, a taster is required. The taster must also smell and then eat the food to check that the ingredients and flavours are balanced!

Skills Required:

- ✧ ability to eat pet food and not get sick eating it
- ✧ good sense of taste and smell



4. SEWER FLUSHER

**Salary: HK\$480,000 per year
(\$40,000 per month)**

This job is not pleasant, but as they say somebody has to do it. Sewer flushers get rid of blockages from sewers. Most of the blockages were once just caused by people using cooking fats and oils and then putting them down the drains. These days, increased use of wet wipes is leading to even more blockages. A sewer flusher can clear around 10,000 blockages per year.

Skills Required:

- ✧ ability to work underground
- ✧ ability to ignore bad smells



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

1. A person interested in the jobs listed must _____.
 - A. call for an interview
 - B. upload the application form
 - C. take a photo of him/her doing the job
 - D. email the completed application

2. A golf ball diver must _____.
 - A. be a golf player
 - B. be able to work in water
 - C. collect 4000 balls each day
 - D. return the balls to the players

3. Golf ball divers spend their time retrieving balls. 'Retrieving' here means _____.
 - A. finding and bringing back things
 - B. training someone to find lost items
 - C. accessing things that were lost or deleted
 - D. getting something back that was stolen

4. Golfers who hit their balls into lakes or ponds are generally _____.
 - A. excellent, professional grade players
 - B. trying to hit the golf ball divers
 - C. not very good players
 - D. able to swim and dive

5. A waterslide tester has a/an _____ job.
 - A. boring
 - B. exciting
 - C. normal
 - D. stupid

6. A waterslide tester must have 'nerves of steel'. This is because _____.
 - A. the tester has to rate the waterslides
 - B. waterslides can be dangerous
 - C. some waterslides don't splash
 - D. the waterslides are made of steel

7. A pet food taster must _____ the pet food.
- A. be able to taste and check
 - B. add flavours to
 - C. be able to prepare
 - D. add ingredients to
8. A pet food taster earns \$ _____ per month.
- A. 16,675
 - B. 17,500
 - C. 22,500
 - D. 40,000
9. In the past, blockages were caused by fats. Now they are also caused by _____.
- A. other oils
 - B. sewers aboveground
 - C. wet wipes
 - D. bad smells
10. A sewer flusher earns the most money because _____.
- A. it is the most disgusting job out of all those described
 - B. a sewer flusher gets paid per blockage cleared
 - C. someone has to do it
 - D. most of the sewers contain cooking fats and oils
11. Some things have to happen before the sewer flusher goes and does his/her job. Put those things into order.
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|---|--|
| 1. a sewer flusher unblocks the sewer | 2. someone puts his/her fats and oils into the drain |
| 3. someone uses fats and oils in his/her home | 4. the sewer gets blocked |
- A. 1→2→3→4
 - B. 2→3→4→1
 - C. 3→2→4→1
 - D. 4→2→3→1

12. The jobs that earn the least amount of money are the _____ and the _____.
- A. golf ball diver/waterslide tester
 - B. sewer flusher/golf ball diver
 - C. pet food taster/waterslide tester
 - D. sewer flusher/pet food taster

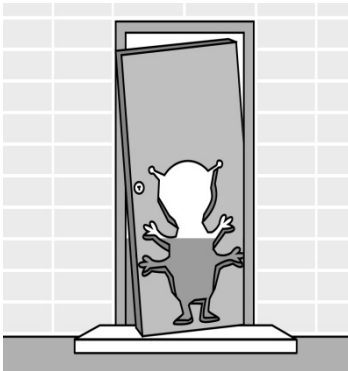
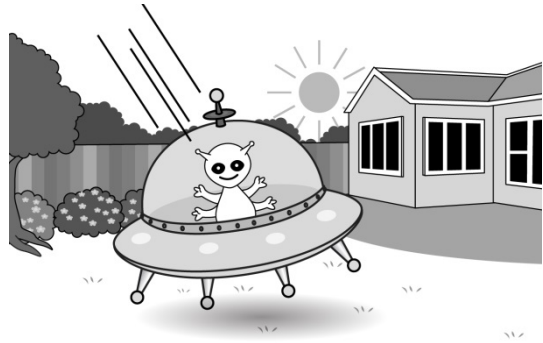
Part 2

You are going to write a story about strange events. Your English teacher has given you a poem to help you get started.

Read the poem and answer the questions.

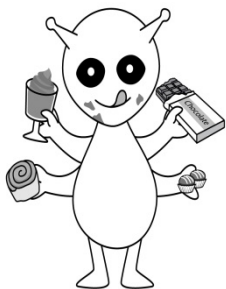
A Sweet Story

An alien landed outside on the lawn,
all slimy, and grimy, and green.
He showed up this morning exactly at dawn
in his alien flying machine.



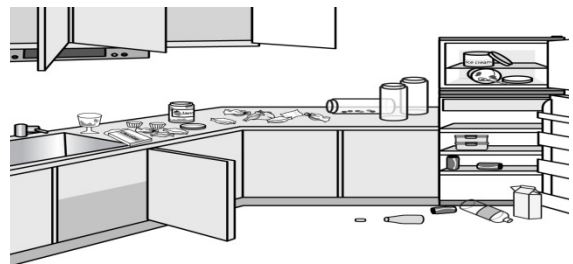
He broke down our door
and invaded our house,
exploring for something to eat.
He rummaged through cupboards and foraged through drawers
in search of a snack that was sweet.

He feasted on candies, and jellies, and jams.
He ate every cookie and cake.
He blended our ice cream with sugar and syrup,
and slurped it all down as a shake.



He gobbled our waffles and cinnamon rolls.
He guzzled our soda and juice.
He chewed up our chocolates and fed on our fudge.
He munched all our muffins and mousse.

And, when he was done eating all our desserts,
he wandered back out through the door
and left us with nothing else yummy to eat.
We might need to go to the store.



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

Stanza One

1. The alien landed _____.
 - A. in the house
 - B. on his machine
 - C. when the sun began to appear in the sky
 - D. on the house

2. One of the rhyming pairs in this stanza is _____.
 - A. lawn and landed
 - B. green and dawn
 - C. grimy and machine
 - D. green and machine

Stanza Two

3. The word that rhymes with 'eat' is _____.
 - A. sweet
 - B. rummaged
 - C. search
 - D. drawers

Stanza Three

4. The alien _____.
 - A. only drinks what he finds
 - B. blends everything
 - C. only eats cake
 - D. only eats sweet things

Stanza Four

5. The alien drinks _____.
 - A. soda
 - B. waffles
 - C. fudge
 - D. mousse

Stanza Five

6. The word that rhymes with 'door' is _____.
- A. desserts
 - B. wandered
 - C. store
 - D. yummy

Stanzas One to Five

7. The alien did many things in the poem. Put what happened into order.
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|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. ate chocolates | 2. looked in cupboards and drawers |
| 3. had ice cream | 4. landed on the lawn |
- A. 1→2→3→4
 - B. 2→3→4→1
 - C. 3→4→1→2
 - D. 4→2→3→1
8. The poem is called 'A Sweet Story'. Another title could be _____.
- A. Our Lawn Is Green And Slimy
 - B. House Invaded By Sweets
 - C. Alien Addicted To Sweet Things
 - D. The Alien Went To The Store

Part 3

The Sports Club wants to introduce different activities to attract members and extreme sports might be the answer. To get some more information about extreme sports and what is involved, the head of the Sports Club has prepared an information leaflet with some facts and figures for you to read.

Read the information leaflet and answer the questions.

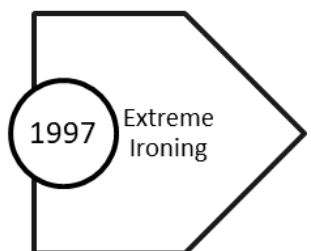
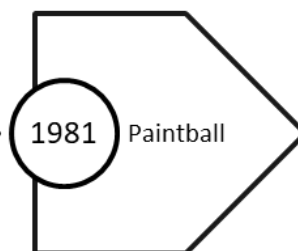
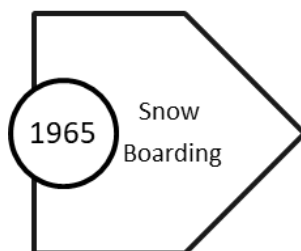
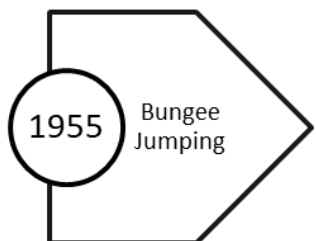
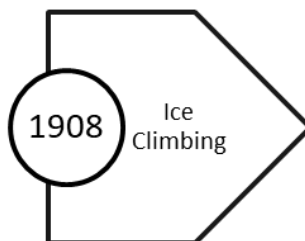
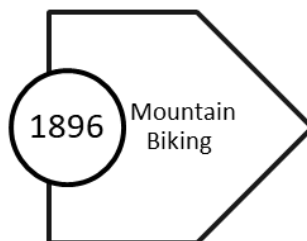
Information Leaflet



EXTREME SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Extreme sports are sports or activities that have a high degree of danger. They involve speed, height, physical effort and very special gear. They should not be attempted alone! The Extreme Sports Association has experts in some of the most famous sports. They are available to talk about the sports and the excitement that comes from doing them! Contact us for more information.
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Brief History of Extreme Sports



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PAINTBALL...

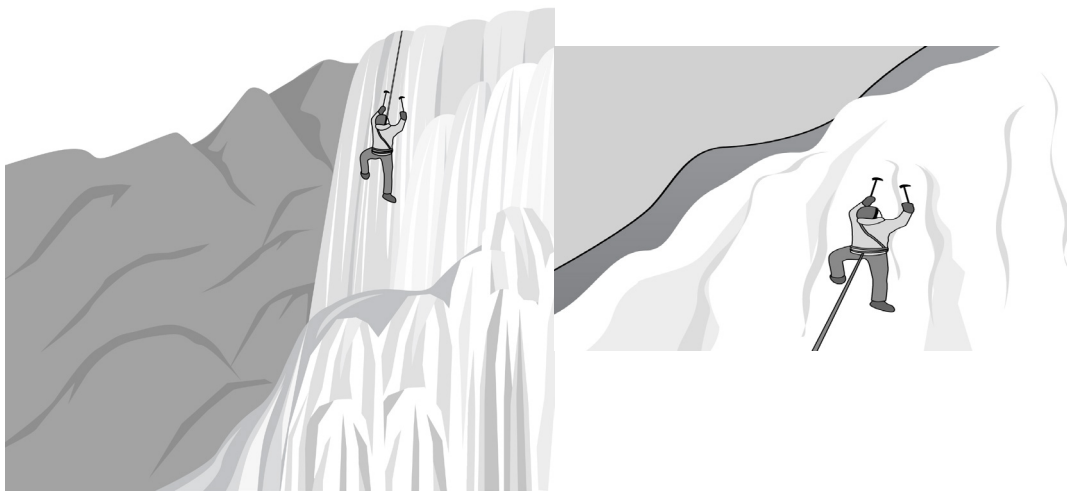
players compete in teams or individually. The aim is to get rid of opponents by shooting them with a paint gun. Shooting is called tagging. The bullet used is called a capsule. The paint is a coloured water soluble dye, which makes it easy to wash out with water.

There are worldwide leagues, professional teams and players. Some teams in Hong Kong have professional players. There are also weekend paintball players who do not have much experience but just want to have fun!

ICE CLIMBING...

cannot be done in Hong Kong due to the weather but it is fast becoming a major sport in some areas of China. It involves climbing ice formations with a rope. The climbing in China is done on alpine and water ice.

Alpine ice is found in extremely high, mountainous areas and water ice is usually found on a cliff or waterfall. Alpine ice is easier to climb. Both are dangerous as ice can be soft, hard, brittle or tough.



(2)

EXTREME IRONING...

Imagine a sport that combines a household activity and strange locations, or the climbing of mountains or cliffs!

Extreme ironing is a combination of extreme sport and performance art.

People take an ironing board and an iron to a location and then iron items of clothing.



Performances have been held in Hong Kong on the top of the International Building in Central and in the middle of Nathan Road in TST! One performance even occurred in a pool of sharks! Performances can be conducted solo or by groups.

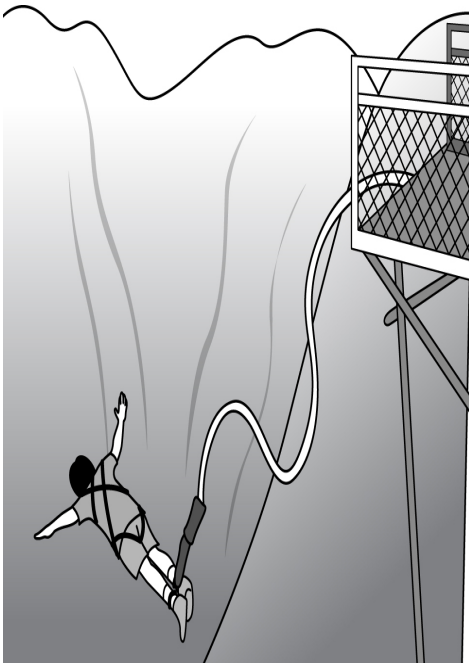


BUNGEE JUMPING...

requires a very tall structure, usually a special platform, building or bridge, and a large elastic cord. People have even jumped from hot air balloons and helicopters.

The thrill is in the freefall and the rebound. People jump and the cord stretches. Then they bounce as the cord rebounds. It is like a yo-yo effect, with the jumper going up and down until he/she stops.

Jumping can be dangerous and some cords have broken, dropping the bungee jumper.



(3)

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

Information Leaflet Page 1

1. The Extreme Sports Association _____.
 - A. runs courses for all extreme sports
 - B. has guest speakers available
 - C. sells all the gear required
 - D. organises demonstrations of extreme sports

2. The oldest of the extreme sports is _____.
 - A. Ice Climbing
 - B. Extreme Ironing
 - C. Mountain Biking
 - D. Paintball

3. The only extreme sports that can be done in Hong Kong are _____.
 - A. mountain biking and paintball
 - B. ice climbing and snow boarding
 - C. snow boarding and paintball
 - D. ice climbing and extreme ironing

4. Paintball first started in _____.
 - A. 1908
 - B. 1955
 - C. 1965
 - D. 1981

Information Leaflet Page 2

Paintball

5. In the game of paintball, the aim is to _____.
 - A. run away from the paint guns
 - B. hide from the other players
 - C. scare the other players
 - D. tag as many players as possible

6. In paintball, the paint used is a 'dye'. 'Dye' here means something that _____.
- A. can be removed easily with water
 - B. comes off after a few months
 - C. keeps the bullet liquid
 - D. is a liquid substance that changes the colour of things
7. 'Weekend paintball players' _____.
- A. only play with professionals
 - B. play because they enjoy the game
 - C. have a lot of experience
 - D. are professionals

Ice Climbing

8. Ice climbing cannot be done in Hong Kong because _____.
- A. the waterfalls are too small
 - B. the mountains have too many trees
 - C. the ice is not hard enough
 - D. the weather is not suitable
9. Ice climbing in China is _____.
- A. unpopular
 - B. extremely safe
 - C. becoming popular
 - D. easy to do
10. The word 'alpine' refers to _____.
- A. waterfalls
 - B. ice
 - C. water
 - D. mountains

Information Leaflet Page 3

Extreme Ironing

11. To do extreme ironing in high places, a person needs to _____.
- A. live in Hong Kong
 - B. have an extreme iron
 - C. like ironing
 - D. be able to climb and iron

12. Extreme ironing has taken place _____.
- A. only in a pool with people and a shark
 - B. in a house and climbing a cliff
 - C. in a crowd and also underwater
 - D. only underwater with sharks

Bungee Jumping

13. Bungee jumpers can jump _____.
- A. from very short and tall buildings
 - B. only from helicopters
 - C. into hot air balloons
 - D. from special and high platforms
14. People who bungee jump _____.
- A. like to play with yo-yos
 - B. are scared of jumping
 - C. will bounce up and down
 - D. will never jump from a helicopter
15. Extreme sports can be _____.
- A. very safe
 - B. only for jumpers
 - C. for lonely people
 - D. very dangerous
16. To do extreme sports, a person must _____.
- A. be an expert
 - B. be a member of the Extreme Sports Association
 - C. have a sense of adventure
 - D. be strong and tall

END OF PAPER

