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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




Your school is going to enter ‘World Record Day’ to try to set a school record. To help you decide what activity to do, to try and set a school record, your English teacher has given you a fact sheet to read.


Read the fact sheet and answer the questions.

Fact Sheet

THE CHICKEN DANCE



Easy to teach! Easy to learn!






The Chicken Dance is a well-known drinking and dancing song. It is usually played in the beer halls at a festival called Oktoberfest, which is held yearly in Germany in September and October. It is also played at weddings and other celebrations to get people up and moving.

The Chicken Dance was composed in the 1950’s by an accordion player. 140 versions of the song have been recorded worldwide. It is estimated that 40 million records of the song have been sold.

European versions of the song have lyrics, so people can sing along as they dance! British, Canadian, American and Australian versions are instrumental.

A dance goes with the song. It has a total of five moves. This makes it easy for both children and adults to learn quickly.

CHICKEN DANCE – OTHER NAMES	
Language	Name
English	The Bird Song
	Chicken Song
	Chirp Chirp
Spanish	Check Out The Chicken
	El Baile de los Pajaritos
German	El Ballo del Qua Qua
	Der Ententanz
	Tchip Tchip
French	Danse des Canard

Dance Moves	
<p>Step 1 The dancer lifts both hands into the air and opens and closes them four times to imitate a chicken.</p>	
<p>Step 2 The dancer pulls his/her hands into his/her underarms and flaps them four times like a chicken.</p>	
<p>Step 3 The dancer wiggles his/her shoulders and hips (tail feathers) twice.</p>	
<p>Step 4 The dancer claps four times.</p>	
<p>Step 5 The dancer joins with a partner by locking arms, spinning around and changing direction halfway. After Step 5 the dance repeats from the beginning.</p>	

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

1. The Chicken Dance is played _____.
 - A. only in Germany
 - B. by accordion players only
 - C. in beer halls and at weddings
 - D. only at the Oktoberfest

2. The Oktoberfest is _____.
 - A. not a festival
 - B. held every year
 - C. only held to play the Chicken Dance song
 - D. a type of wedding

3. Given the number of versions, records sold and different titles, the Chicken Dance is _____.
 - A. very unpopular
 - B. only known in four countries
 - C. not well-known
 - D. extremely popular

4. European versions of the song have lyrics. 'Lyrics' here are _____.
 - A. a short poem expressing personal feelings
 - B. words only used in pop songs
 - C. the words of a song
 - D. a piece of writing that describes emotions

Chicken Dance – Other Names

5. In the table, two titles are 'Tchip Tchip' and 'Chirp Chirp'. This is most likely because _____.
 - A. this is the sound chickens make
 - B. German people didn't like the original title
 - C. this is the name of the movement in Step 3 of the dance
 - D. this is what the accordion player named the song

6. From the table, the language with the most versions of the song is _____.
 - A. English
 - B. Spanish
 - C. German
 - D. French

Dance Moves

7. The dance has _____ moves.
- A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 4
 - D. 5
8. In Step 2 of the dance, the dancer has to _____.
- A. open and close his/her hands
 - B. flap his/her hands
 - C. clap his/her hands
 - D. wiggle his/her hips

Part 3

All students have to participate in the annual school marathon. Your PE teacher has asked you to read the leaflet and map to help you prepare for the run.

Read the leaflet and map and answer the questions.

Leaflet



ANNUAL SCHOOL MARATHON INFORMATION

DATE: Friday 10th June, 2024

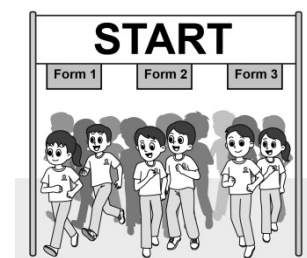
THE TRADITIONAL MARATHON

Starting Times

Forms 1 & 2: 1:30 pm

Forms 3 & 4: 1:50 pm

Forms 5 & 6: 2:00 pm



Race Route

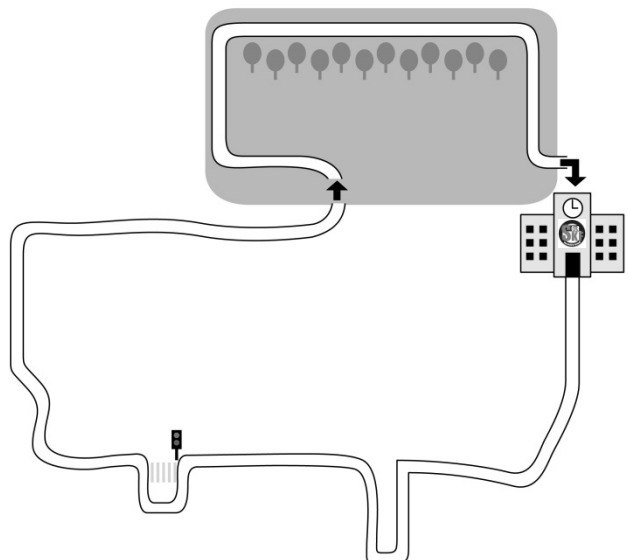
1. Starts in the playground.
2. Students run around the school following the marked route.
3. They exit the school and run along Fung Wah Road until Kwong Wing Road.

✧ *Teachers will be on duty at the Kwong Wing Road lights to make sure runners cross properly. Groups of runners will wait to cross the road safely and then enter Wah Eng Country Park.*

4. In the country park, students must follow the markers and signs.

✧ *All park exits will be monitored by teachers, so students don't exit at the wrong place. Anyone caught exiting will be disqualified and house points will be deducted. Don't cheat! Run a clean and honest race!*

5. Finish Line: in the hall



ANNUAL SCHOOL MARATHON INFORMATION



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NEW IN 2024 THE VERTICAL MARATHON

What's a vertical marathon?

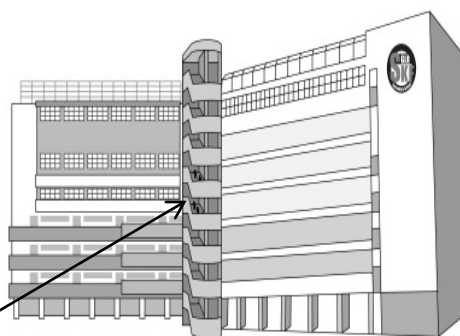
A marathon that uses stairs in a building. Runners run up and down the stairs.

Race	Quota – get in before the spots fill up!	Start
Individual	200	1:00 pm
Student Relay	20 teams – 4 from each house	1:45 pm
Fun Climb	250	2:30 pm

Race Route

Individual and Student Relay

1. Run up the left wing stairs
2. Cross to the centre wing, down the stairs
3. Run to the right wing, up the stairs
4. Run back across to the centre wing
5. Down the stairs onto the playground



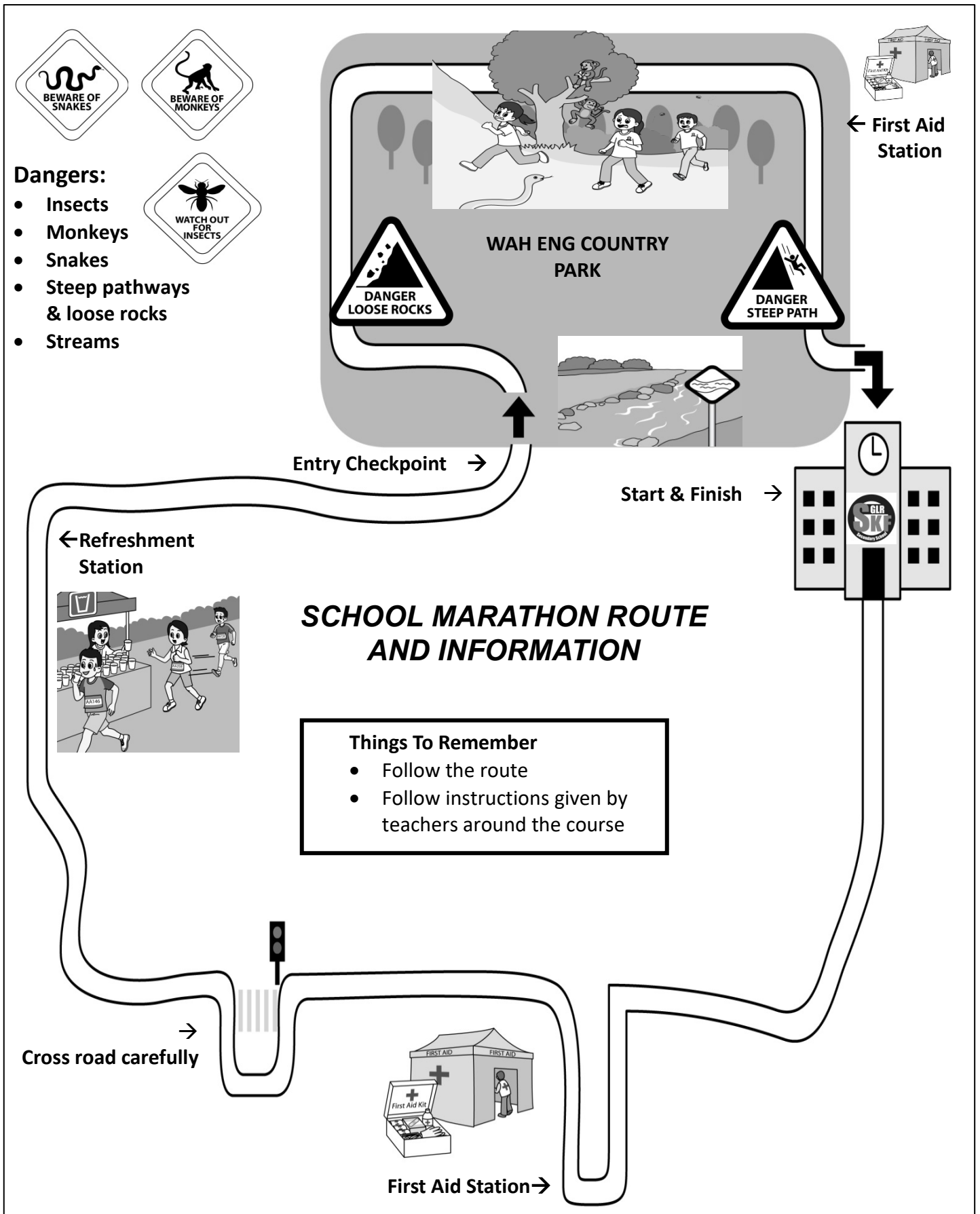
✧ **Fun Climbers ONLY** use the centre wing stairs



Race	Clothing	Activities
Individual	Sports uniform	None
Student Relay (Teams)	House colours and sports uniform	None
Fun Climb	Costumes	Games & activities on each floor



Map of the Traditional School Marathon



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

Annual School Marathon Information

The Traditional Marathon

1. The first traditional race starts at _____ pm.
 - A. 1:30
 - B. 1:45
 - C. 1:50
 - D. 2:00

2. The race starts _____ and finishes _____.
 - A. in the hall/at Wah Eng Country Park
 - B. at the park exit/at school
 - C. at Kwong Wing Road/at Fung Wah Road
 - D. in the playground/in the hall

3. Points will be deducted if students _____.
 - A. are honest with teachers
 - B. exit at the wrong place
 - C. don't follow markers and signs
 - D. run a clean race

4. Students are told to run a 'clean' race. Which meaning best corresponds to the word in the section?
 1. (adj) free from dirt, unstained
She bathed and put on a clean dress.
 2. (adj) free from all markings or writing
The sheets of paper were clean.
 3. (adj) having few or no corrections
The publisher demanded clean proofs from the printer.
 4. (adj) honest, no illegal acts
He had fought a long, hard but clean campaign.
 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4

The Vertical Marathon

5. The vertical marathon starts _____ the traditional marathon.
- A. at the same time as
 - B. after
 - C. before
 - D. on a different day than

6. The vertical marathon uses _____.
- A. the country park
 - B. roads around the school
 - C. stairs in a school building
 - D. the school hall

7. There is a quota on the number of teams and runners. A 'quota' here means _____.
- A. only the number of teams allowed
 - B. the fixed, limited number officially allowed
 - C. the number of races runners can participate in
 - D. the official start and finish time of a race

8. The meaning that best corresponds to the word 'wing' in the leaflet is _____.

1. (n) group in an organisation whose beliefs are different from others

The director of the company belongs to the left wing of the group.

2. (n) the sides of a stage that cannot be seen by people watching a performance

I waited in the left wing for my cue to go on stage.

3. (n) a part of a building that usually sticks out, that has been added to the main part

The IT department will be moving to the new wing in December.

4. (n) the flat part of the body/structure used for flying

The wing of the aeroplane was damaged in the storm.

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

9. The fun climb starts at _____ pm.
- A. 1:00
 - B. 1:45
 - C. 2:00
 - D. 2:30
10. The teams in the vertical marathon _____.
- A. can wear costumes
 - B. must wear their sports uniform
 - C. do not have to wear house colours
 - D. can play games on each floor
11. The leaflet is about _____.
- A. upcoming events for students
 - B. winning races
 - C. the centre wing at school
 - D. Wah Eng Country Park
12. The next page of the leaflet will most likely contain _____.
- A. information about how to cross the road
 - B. how to get clean after a race
 - C. hints and tips on running a marathon
 - D. where to put up signs about the marathon

Map of the Traditional School Marathon

13. There will be a total of _____ checkpoint(s).
- A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4
14. The refreshment station will _____.
- A. not supply drinks
 - B. only be for students to relax after the race
 - C. supply drinks for runners
 - D. close at the beginning of the race

15. Teachers will be on duty _____.
- A. only at the school
 - B. only at the country park entrance and exit
 - C. all over the course
 - D. in the first aid stations only
16. The things that make the park dangerous are the _____.
- A. snakes and steep pathways
 - B. monkeys and a refreshment station
 - C. first aid station and the refreshment station
 - D. route and the teachers

END OF PAPER