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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

All Form 3 students at your school have to do a project about things that affect students today. Your English teacher has given you an article about student stress to help you.

Read the article and answer the questions.

THE DAILY NEWS

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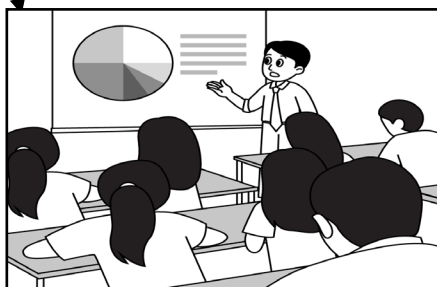
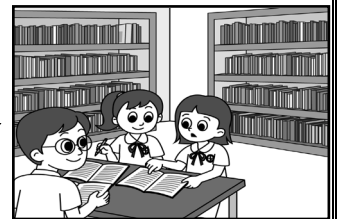
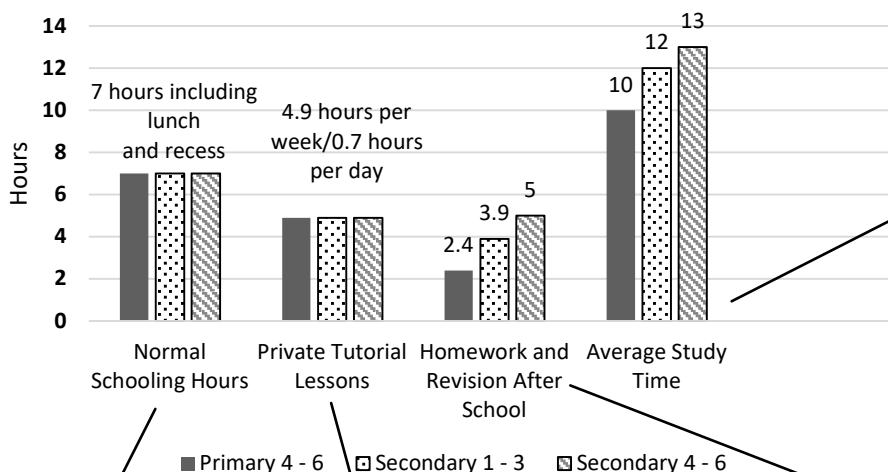
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Student Stress on the Rise

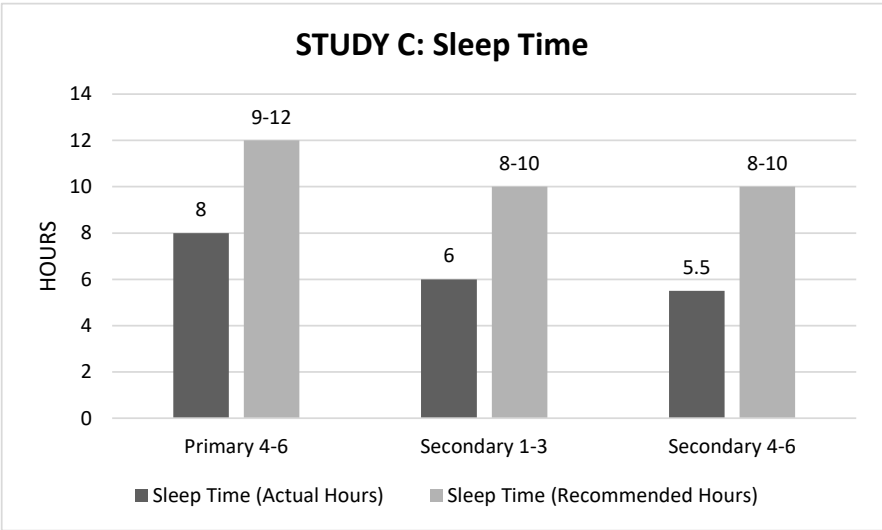
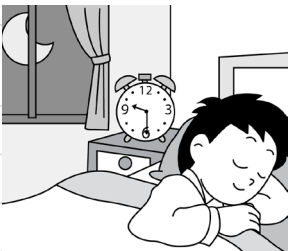
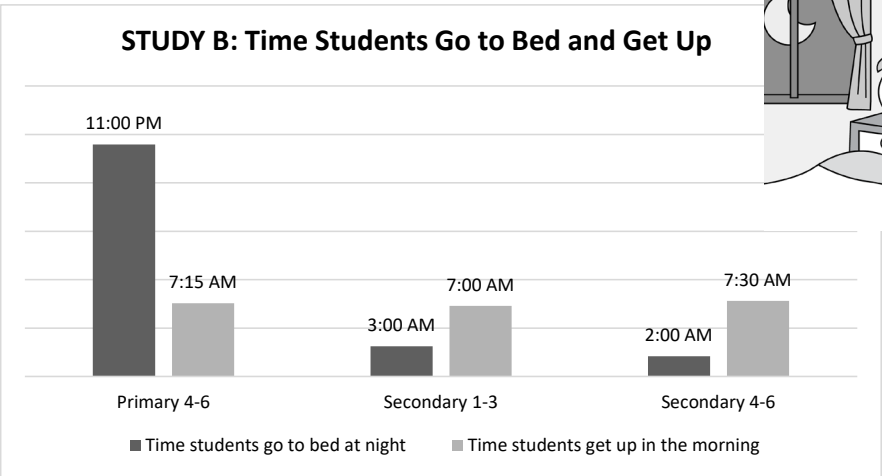
Several studies carried out recently have found that both primary and secondary students are overloaded with stress. This pressure or worry can have negative effects on students' health and their behaviour. What are the reasons for the stress? Students surveyed said that it was due to worries about academic results, other school-based issues like problems with teachers, interpersonal relationships or family finances. Look at the time students spent studying.

STUDY A: Overall Study Time for Students

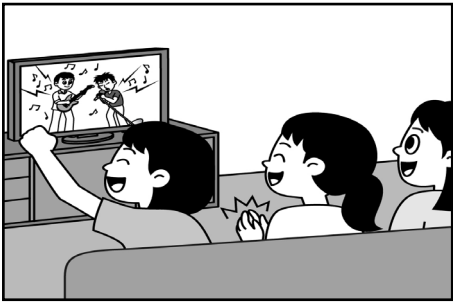


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So, you might wonder then if students are studying so much, how much sleep students get. Sleep is important for students. Not enough sleep can affect students negatively, resulting in health issues, like heart problems and mental issues. It can also cause behavioural problems and a decline in academic results.



So what do students do when they should be sleeping? Primary 4-6 students said that they played video games and watched television instead of sleeping. Secondary 1-3 students played video games, chatted with their friends or surfed the internet. Secondary 4-6 students did the same things the Secondary 1-3 students did but they also said that they spent some of their time studying.



Given the impact on the well-being of students, it is obvious that something has to be done. Students need to learn and study and they also need time to relax and enjoy themselves. Balancing all of these factors is important to reduce the stress students feel.

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

Page 1

1. The meaning that best corresponds to the word 'stress' in the article is _____.

1. (n) physical pressure that can damage something

Little is known about the effects of water stress on plants.

2. (n) pressure or worry caused by problems or having too much to do

The stress of assignments and worksheets is affecting the behaviour of the students.

3. (n) extra force used when pronouncing a word or syllable

We worked on the pronunciation and stress for the speech.

4. (n) special importance given to something

She puts great stress on the students being on time to class.

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

2. The information about student stress comes from _____.

- A. the academic results of students
- B. teachers
- C. family members
- D. various studies

3. The reasons students are stressed are _____.

- A. all related to school life
- B. only related to their life at home
- C. related only to problems with their friends
- D. a combination of problems at school, at home and with friends

4. Secondary 3 students _____.

- A. spend the same amount of time on homework as primary students
- B. spend less time on homework than primary students
- C. spend more time on homework than primary students
- D. have no homework at all

5. All students spend the most time _____.
- A. doing homework
 - B. at private tutorial lessons
 - C. doing revision
 - D. at school studying
6. According to the table, _____.
- A. primary and secondary students spend the same amount of time at tutorial lessons
 - B. primary and secondary students spend the same amount of time on homework
 - C. primary students have more homework than secondary students
 - D. neither group attends tutorial lessons
7. The average study time for secondary students is higher than for primary students because they _____.
- A. work more slowly than primary students
 - B. have more tutorial lessons
 - C. have more detailed homework, revision and exams to study for
 - D. spend more time at school

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8. A lack of sleep can cause _____.
- A. only health problems
 - B. improvement in academic results
 - C. only behavioural problems
 - D. both health and behavioural problems
9. Primary 4 students get up at _____.
- A. 3:00 am
 - B. 7:00 am
 - C. 7:15 am
 - D. 7:30 am
10. Secondary 4-6 students get _____ hours of sleep.
- A. 5.5
 - B. 6
 - C. 8
 - D. 10

11. When they should be in bed sleeping, Secondary 1-3 students are _____.

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. playing video games | 2. watching television |
| 3. studying | 4. chatting with friends |

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

12. The next page of the article will most likely contain _____.

- A. information about video games students play
- B. where to surf the internet at night
- C. things that can be done to reduce stress in students' lives
- D. the latest TV programmes students are watching

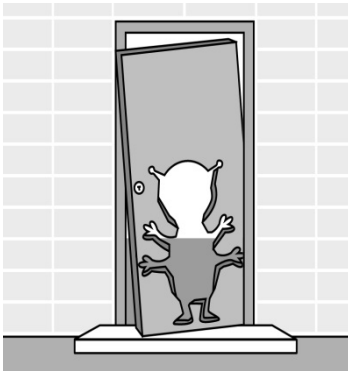
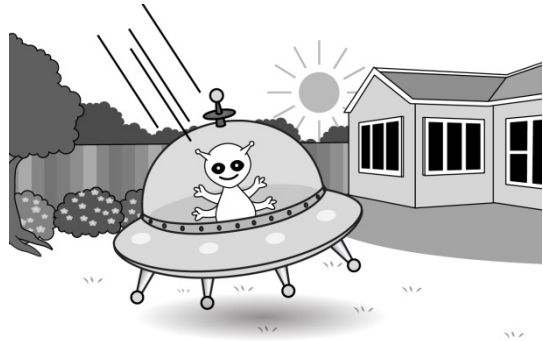
Part 2

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.



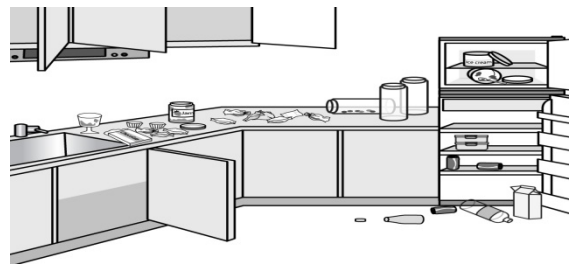
He broke down our door
and invaded our house,
exploring for something to eat.
He rummaged through cupboards and foraged through drawers
in search of a snack that was sweet.

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

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

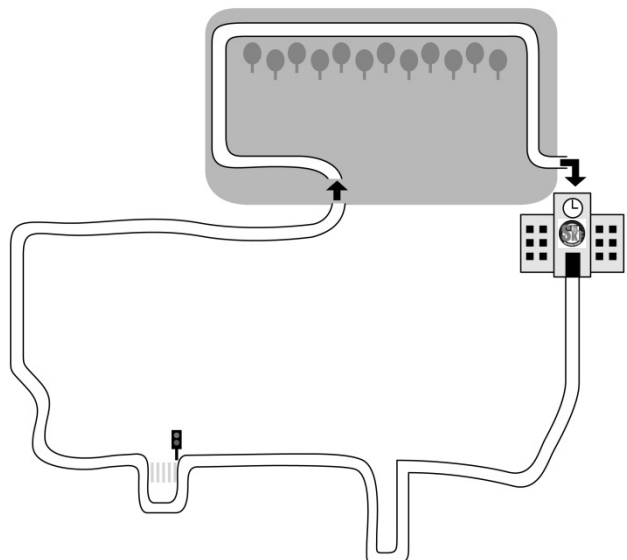
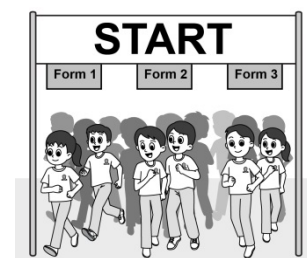
1. Starts in the playground.
2. Students run around the school following the marked route.
3. They exit the school and run along Fung Wah Road until Kwong Wing Road.

✧ *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



DATE: Friday 10th June, 2024

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.

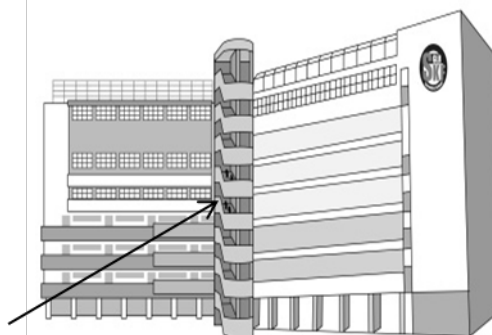
Race	Quota – get in before the spots fill up!	Start
Individual	200	1:00 pm
Student Relay	20 teams – 4 from each house	1:45 pm
Fun Climb	250	2:30 pm

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

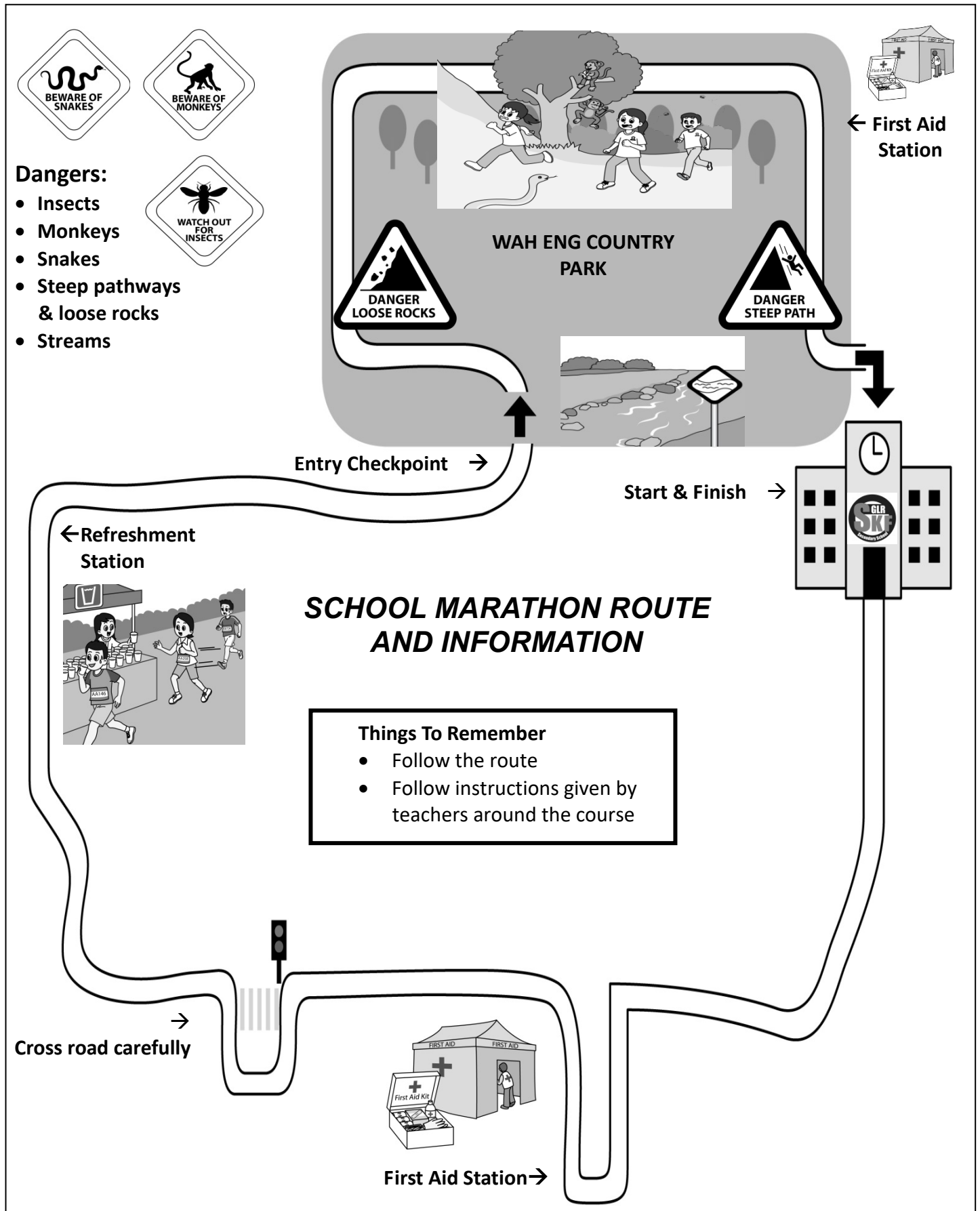
✧ **Fun Climbers** ONLY use the centre wing stairs



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 _____.

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| 1. (n) group in an organisation whose beliefs are different from others | 2. (n) the sides of a stage that cannot be seen by people watching a performance |
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The director of the company belongs to the left wing of the group.

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

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| 3. (n) a part of a building that usually sticks out, that has been added to the main part | 4. (n) the flat part of the body/structure used for flying |
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The IT department will be moving to the new wing in December.

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

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