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Education Bureau
Territory-wide System Assessment 2025
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 festivals. Your English teacher has given you an article about festivals in different places.

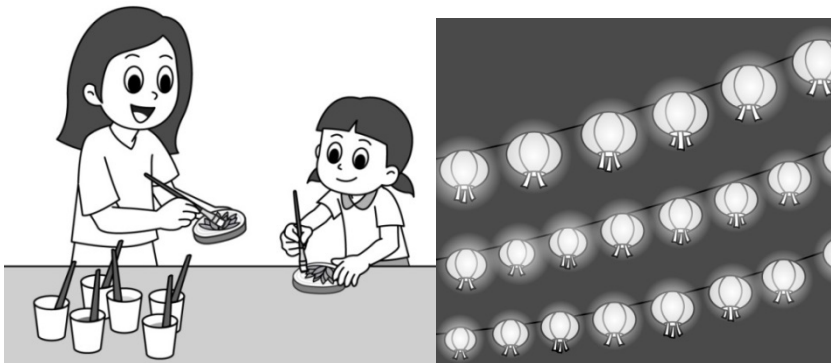
Read the article and answer the questions.

- ❶ Do you know of any festivals in different places? Why do people celebrate those festivals? What do people do during those festivals?

THE LOTUS LANTERN FESTIVAL

- ❷ The origins of the Lotus Lantern Festival can be traced back 1,200 years. This festival has been celebrated throughout China and other parts of Asia, including Korea.

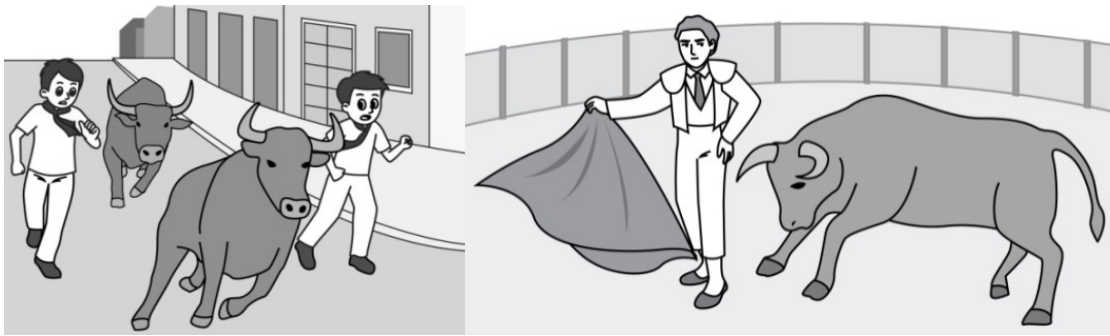
- ❸ In Seoul, the Lotus Lantern Festival is held in April or May each year. Women wear traditional Korean clothes in bright colours, such as green and pink. Some of them carry lanterns of various shapes and sizes while others carry fans with bright pink lotus flowers on them.



- ❹ Festival celebrations include dancing, acting, acrobatics and painting lotus flowers on wood. The highlight of the festival is at night, when the Lantern Parade and the Post-Parade Celebration take place. The Lotus Lantern Festival is definitely a ‘must-see’ for those visiting Korea.

THE BULL RUN

⑤ Traditionally, farmers in Spain transported their bulls from the countryside, where they were bred, to the city for sale or to the bullring for bullfighting. They found an easy and fast way to transport their cattle by hurrying them along with tricks using fear and excitement. This tradition turned into a competition and became part of a summertime festival around 450 years ago.



⑥ The competition involves running in front of a small group of bulls, typically six. The bulls can move freely through the streets. Anyone aged 18 or above and not under the influence of drugs or alcohol can run with the bulls. Runners do not have to register – they just show up before the competition starts. The runners try to get close to the bulls while the bulls sprint to the bullring. There, the fight begins when bullfighters use capes to provoke the bulls and display their skills.

APRIL FOOLS' DAY



⑦ The first day of April is known as April Fools' Day. Some historians believe that this festival began around 440 years ago. The King of France changed the start of the year in their calendar to 1st January in 1582. Before that year, some French had celebrated the new year in late March and early April. However, some did not like the change and continued to celebrate the new year around 1st April. People who used the new calendar called those following the old one 'April Fools' and played tricks on them.

⑧ To this day, people play pranks on each other on April Fools' Day by switching the salt and sugar. Some may make others believe things that are not true. For example, they lie to their friends by saying that their shoelaces are untied. It is particularly common for people to spread fake news, such as 'the rotation of the Earth is slowed down by the Internet'.

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

THE LOTUS LANTERN FESTIVAL

1. The Lotus Lantern Festival is celebrated _____.

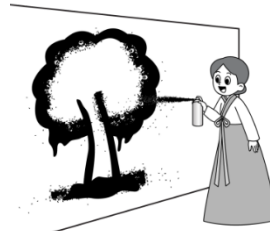
- A. only in China
- B. only in Korea
- C. in Asia
- D. all over the world

2. How is the festival celebrated in Seoul?

A.



B.



C.



D.



3. The highlights of the festival are _____.

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| 1. doing acrobatics | 2. painting on wood |
| 3. the Lantern Parade | 4. the Post-Parade Celebration |

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

THE BULL RUN

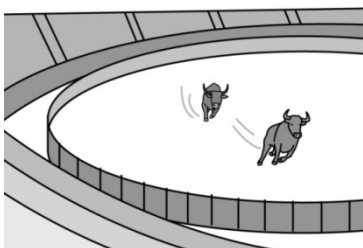
4. Traditionally, farmers in Spain transported their bulls for _____.

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| 1. sale | 2. bullfighting |
| 3. a competition | 4. a festival |

- A. 1 and 2
- B. 3 and 4
- C. 1, 2 and 3
- D. All of the above

5. The farmers moved their animals _____.
- during different festivals
 - by using tricks to hurry them along
 - to the city for breeding
 - from the city to the countryside
6. To enter the bull run competition, one should _____.
- be 18 years old or above
 - register before the competition
 - not be under the influence of alcohol
 - form a group of six
- 1 and 2
 - 1 and 3
 - 2 and 3
 - All of the above
7. Read the article and put the following in the correct order.

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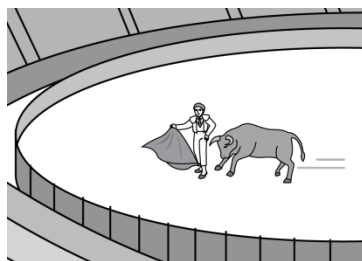
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4.



- 1→2→3→4
- 1→4→2→3
- 2→3→1→4
- 4→3→2→1

APRIL FOOLS' DAY

8. Before 1582, the French celebrated the new year in _____.
- A. early January
 - B. early May
 - C. late March
 - D. late April
9. In paragraph 7, _____ played tricks on _____.
- A. the French who used the new calendar / those using the old calendar
 - B. the French who used the new calendar / the King
 - C. the French who used the old calendar / those using the new calendar
 - D. the King / those using the old calendar
10. 'Pranks' in paragraph 8 means _____.
- A. fools
 - B. lies
 - C. news
 - D. tricks
11. According to the article, many people celebrate April Fools' Day by _____.
- A. untying their shoelaces
 - B. slowing down the Internet
 - C. spreading fake news
 - D. using old calendars
12. According to the article, _____ has the oldest history.
- A. the Lotus Lantern Festival
 - B. the summertime festival
 - C. April Fools' Day
 - D. the Bull Run

Part 2

You are going to write a diary entry about a picnic you had with your family. Your English teacher has given you a poem to help you get started.

Read the poem and answer the questions.

We Went to the Park

We went to the park for a picnic today.
The sky was quite cloudy, windy and grey.

We spread out our blanket with all of our food.
A couple of clouds couldn't ruin our mood.

An army of ants came and started to munch
on all of the foods we had brought for our lunch.

Some bees started buzzing around our dessert.
Mosquitoes attacked us. Their stings really hurt.

A dog began barking. He chased us around
as squirrels and birds dumped our drinks on the ground.

A skunk wandered over. It started to rain.
We ran away screaming. This day was insane!

Completely defeated, we went home and cried.
I think that we'll have our next picnic inside.



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

Stanza One

1. The sky was _____ when the picnic started.
- A. bright
 - B. clear
 - C. dull
 - D. foggy

Stanza Two

2. The poet felt _____ when he said, ‘a couple of clouds couldn’t ruin our mood’.
- A. angry
 - B. hopeful
 - C. surprised
 - D. worried

Stanzas One to Three

3. Alliteration occurs when two or more words in a phrase or sentence begin with the same sound. It is used in ‘_____’.
- A. a couple of clouds
 - B. cloudy, windy and grey
 - C. ruin our mood
 - D. started to munch

Stanzas Four to Six

4. Onomatopoeia is a word that sounds like the thing it describes. ‘_____’ is an example of onomatopoeia.
- A. Attacked
 - B. Buzzing
 - C. Chased
 - D. Screaming

5. A lot had happened to the poet and his friends during the picnic before it started to rain. Put the events in correct order.

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| 1. A dog barked and chased them. | 2. A skunk moved around. |
| 3. Some bees buzzed around them. | 4. Some squirrels and birds spilt their drinks. |

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

Stanza Seven

6. The poet went home feeling _____.

- A. excited
B. satisfied
C. frustrated
D. lonely

Stanzas One to Seven

7. The word that rhymes with 'cried' is '_____'.
'

- A. chased
B. defeated
C. insane
D. inside

8. The poet will most likely have the next picnic _____.

- A. at home
B. in a park
C. on a beach
D. in a playground

Part 3

Your class is doing a project about the fashion industry. Your teacher has given you two articles from a magazine to help you understand the current fashion industry and its impact.

Read the articles and answer the questions.

Article 1

CHOOSE WISELY BE ECO-FRIENDLY

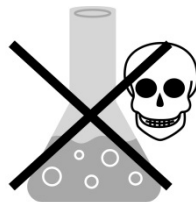
Do you know that fashion is one of the world's most polluting industries?

❶ Making clothes requires a lot of water, chemicals, land and energy. For example, making a single pair of jeans requires 2,912 litres of water. Up to 35% of ocean microplastics come from fashion products. However, 40% of the clothing in our wardrobe is rarely or never worn. Only about 1% of it is recycled.



Why should eco-friendly fashion be the next big trend?

❷ Eco-friendly fashion refers to clothes that are designed, produced, distributed and used to reduce the negative impact on the environment. To serve this purpose, eco-friendly materials, such as organic cotton, are grown to produce fabrics without using toxic chemicals, including pesticides that damage the environment. Recycled fabrics are made from old materials to create new ones. Selecting these recycled fabrics can reduce the amount of waste dumped in landfills and the production of dangerous chemicals harmful to humans. Natural dyes, made from plants and minerals, are an alternative to chemical dyes for colouring materials.



How does upcycling help protect the environment?

❸ Fashion designers and consumers can mend and upcycle secondhand clothes into something new and unique, like turning a pair of torn jeans into a tote bag. Redesigning secondhand clothes not only prolongs their lifetime but also offers a fun way to express one's creative mind.

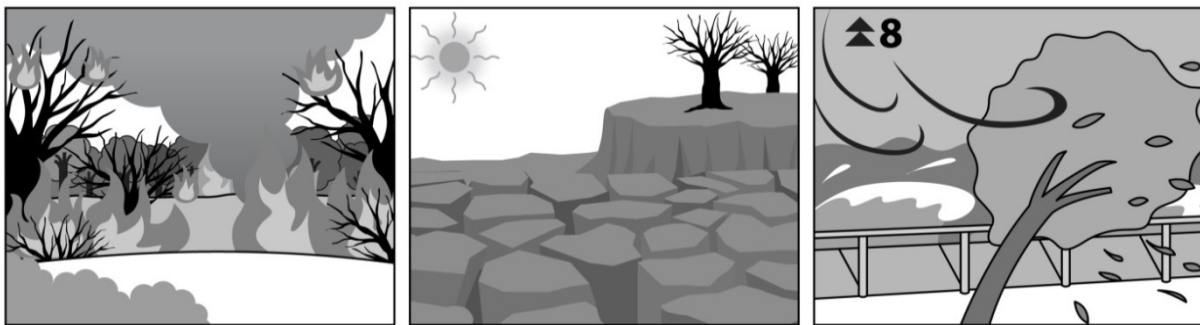
❹ Fashion can be wasteful and damaging, but we can all make a difference by choosing wisely.

THE RESPONSIBLE FASHION INDUSTRY

❶ The fashion industry has the responsibility to reduce its negative impact on the environment, protect workers and support animal welfare. However, it currently falls short of this responsibility, continuing to produce harmful waste and emit greenhouse gases. Moreover, many workers are paid poorly and animals are killed.

Why does the fashion industry need to be more responsible?

❷ The environmental impact of the fashion industry includes carbon production, leading to global warming and climate change. Global warming refers to an increase in Earth's average temperature. It has resulted in an increase in the melting of icebergs and rising sea levels, which could have a destructive effect on coastal regions. The potential future effects of global climate change include more frequent wildfires, droughts in some areas and an increase in the wind power from tropical storms.



How do we protect workers and animals?

❸ With a responsible fashion industry, workers are paid a living wage that covers expenses for necessities, such as food, shelter and healthcare. They are provided with safe, healthy working conditions. In addition, animals, like foxes and rabbits, need not die for fur coat production. Similarly, the skins of snakes and crocodiles are not made into shoes and handbags.

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

Article 1

1. Read paragraph 1. What message does the writer give to readers?
 - A. Buying more clothes than needed is the next big trend.
 - B. The fashion industry has created environmental problems.
 - C. People should not buy fashion products any more.
 - D. The fashion industry and consumers are eco-friendly.

2. Look at the word ‘products’ in paragraph 1. The meaning that best corresponds to this word is _____.

A. (n) the result of two or more numbers multiplied together <i>The product of 6 and 3 is 18.</i> C. (n) something which is used on someone’s hair to make it look or feel better <i>How often should I use this product to wash my hair?</i>	B. (n) a result obtained from experiencing something <i>She is a product of today’s generation.</i> D. (n) things which are made to be sold <i>This shop sells different dairy products.</i>
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3. Eco-friendly materials are used because they help _____.
 - A. develop pesticides
 - B. grow cotton
 - C. produce non-toxic chemicals
 - D. protect the environment

4. Eco-friendly fashion reduces harm to the environment in the processes of _____.

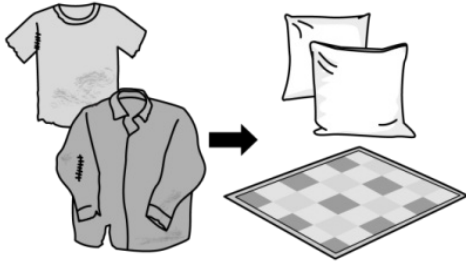
1. fabric production 3. colouring materials	2. fabric selection 4. advertising
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 - A. 1 only
 - B. 2 and 3
 - C. 1, 2 and 3
 - D. All of the above

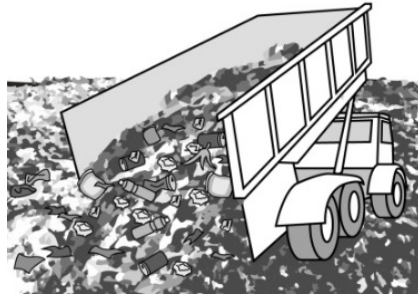
5. The new textiles called ‘recycled fabrics’ are made _____.
 - A. to last longer
 - B. to be used once only
 - C. from old materials
 - D. from chemicals

6. Which of the following is an example of upcycling?

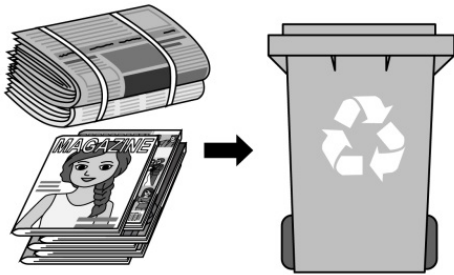
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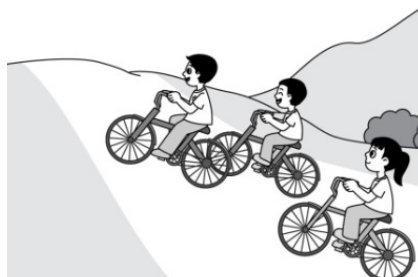
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7. The writer thinks that redesigning secondhand clothes _____.

- A. does not prolong their lifetime
- B. requires unique materials
- C. is a way to show creativity
- D. does not help reduce waste

8. According to paragraph 4, the writer is _____ eco-friendly fashion.

- A. overjoyed about
- B. bored with
- C. doubtful about
- D. supportive of

Article 2

9. According to paragraph 1, what are the main problems in the fashion industry?

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| 1. It does not pay the workers. | 2. It employs too many workers. |
| 3. It kills many animals. | 4. It produces harmful waste. |
- A. 1 and 2
 - B. 1 and 4
 - C. 2 and 3
 - D. 3 and 4

10. With rising sea levels, there will be more _____.
- A. coastal flooding
 - B. frequent wildfires
 - C. jobs for workers
 - D. melting icebergs
11. Global warming could have a destructive effect. 'Destructive' in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
- A. being helpful
 - B. being unhelpful
 - C. causing damage
 - D. making improvements
12. According to paragraph 2, _____ are the effects of climate change.
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| 1. increased rainfall | 2. severe storms |
| 3. frequent wildfires | 4. more icebergs |
- A. 1 and 3
 - B. 2 and 3
 - C. 2 and 4
 - D. All of the above
13. Global climate change can result in droughts in some areas. 'Drought' in paragraph 2 refers to _____.
- A. a large fire that spreads quickly
 - B. a period with little or no rain
 - C. a powerful wind event
 - D. a situation where water covers large areas
14. According to paragraph 3, a responsible fashion industry protects workers by providing them with _____.
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| 1. a fair wage | 2. healthcare services |
| 3. safe working conditions | 4. warm coats |
- A. 1 and 2
 - B. 1 and 3
 - C. 2 and 3
 - D. All of the above

15. The main idea in paragraph 3 is that _____.
- A. it is important for the fashion industry to be more eco-friendly
 - B. coats and bags should not be made from animals
 - C. workers should work in healthy conditions with a good wage
 - D. the rights of workers and animals should be protected

Articles 1 and 2

16. The theme of the two articles is to promote _____.
- A. eco-friendly and responsible practices
 - B. eco-friendly materials and secondhand clothes
 - C. global warming and climate change
 - D. the welfare of workers and animals

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