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Introduction to Exam Skills

1, 6**Visualising**

To read about something in the text and make a picture of it in your mind.

2**Understanding one's feelings**

To find out one's feeling from their speech, actions, or related descriptions in the text.

3, 9**Identifying specific information**

To find details (e.g. the date, event, people, place, reason, number) in the text.

4**Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words**

To guess the meaning of unfamiliar words in the text by paying attention to words around them.



2 At the beach

Understanding one's feelings

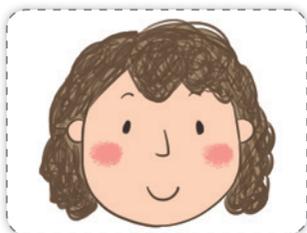
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A. Reading Trial

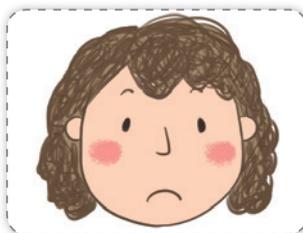
Read the text quickly and choose the best answer.

1 Jane goes to the beach with Mum, Dad and her brother Peter on Sunday. Jane plays in the sand and smiles. Mum swims in the sea. She is happy. Dad feels hot and eats an ice cream.

Q: How does Mum feel?



A.



B.



C.

B. Exam Skill Revealed

Read below and learn more about the exam skill.

The exam skill you use here is

Understanding one's feelings

How?

In the text, find:

- adjectives about feelings (e.g. happy)
- actions (e.g. smiles)

Here, the keywords are 'How', 'Mum' and 'feel'.



Now, try to use the exam skill step by step and answer the questions below.

1. How does Jane feel?

Try the exam skill : Understanding one's feelings

(a) What are the keywords in this question?

H _____,

J _____,

f _____

(b) Jane plays in the sand. What else does she do?

She _____ (line _____)



A.



B.



C.

2. Dad feels _____.

Try the exam skill : Understanding one's feelings

(a) What is the keyword in this question?

D _____

(b) Where is this keyword in the text?

Line(s) _____,

A. angry

B. cold

C. hot

C. Reading with Exam Skill

How much time do you need to finish this exercise?
Compare it with the suggested time on p.56!

Read the whole description. Answer the questions on the following page.

1

Jane goes to the beach with Mum, Dad and her brother Peter on Sunday. Jane plays in the sand and smiles. Mum swims in the sea. She is happy. Dad feels hot and eats an ice cream. Peter plays with a ball. He falls down and cries! They go home at five o'clock.

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They are very happy!



Check it up!
Check the meanings of the words in blue in Vocabulary Index on p.54-55!

1. Peter falls down. How does he feel?

Use the exam skill!

Peter falls down.
What does he do?



A.



B.

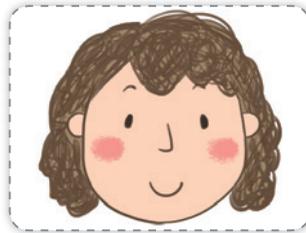


C.

2. Who swims in the sea?



A.



B.



C.

3. Jane and her family are very _____ about the day.

A. angry

B. happy

C. sad

Use the exam skill!

Jane's family go
home. How do they
feel?

4. When do Jane and her family go to the beach?

They go to the beach on _____.

5. What does Peter play with?

He plays with _____.

6. What time does Jane go home?

She goes home at _____ o'clock.

Read the text. Answer the questions on the following page.
(12 marks @2 marks)



The Naughty Pony

By Ann Smith

Tracy goes horse riding with Mum and Dad at nine o'clock on Saturday. They go to a horse riding park. It is in Tuen Mun. Tracy rides on a beautiful horse with Dad. Mum rides on a pony. It is black. It is small but it runs very fast! Suddenly, the pony thinks of a naughty idea ...

Reviews:

*‘*The Naughty Pony* is a very fun book. I laugh when I read it!’

– John White, a famous children’s book writer

*‘The pictures are colourful and cute!’

– *Smart Kids Magazine*



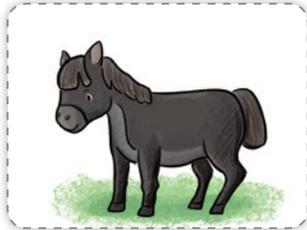
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Compare it with the suggested time on p.56!

Check it up!

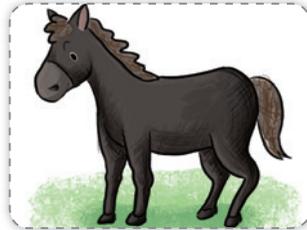
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Marks: _____ /12
Date: _____

- This text is a _____.
 A. diary B. poem C. back cover
- Read lines 5–6: 'Mum rides on a pony'. Which picture is a 'pony'?



A.

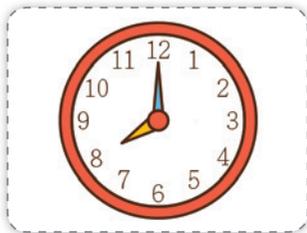


B.



C.

- What time does Tracy go horse riding?



A.



B.



C.

- Where is the horse riding park?

It is in _____.

- John White reads *The Naughty Pony*. How does he feel?

He feels _____.

- How does the pony run?

It runs _____.



Which skill did you use for each question? Fill in the question numbers.

| Visualising | Understanding one's feelings | Identifying specific information | Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words | Identifying text types |
|-------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------|
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Quick Match

You can quickly link up with these exam skills when you see these question types. The highlighted words are indicators.

Which is **TRUE** about Zeus?

- A. He is the king of gods.
- B. He is the god of water.
- C. He looks young.
- D. He likes sheep.



Analysing the information

How many days does the book sale last?

- A. **8**
- B. **9**
- C. **10**
- D. **11**



Calculating

Where do the people meet on Day 1?

- A. in the New Territories
- B. on Hong Kong Island
- C. in Kowloon
- D. on Lantau Island



Categorising

Read line 5. What does 'messy' **mean**?

- A. good
- B. tidy
- C. untidy
- D. yummy



Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words