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1 Listening

- Announcements
- Introduction

Exam Skill: Understanding connection between ideas

To find the relationship (e.g. cause and effect) between one thing in the question and another thing in the text

As easy as 1-2-3

1 Find out the keywords in the question (e.g. why, because).

2 Look for the connectives in the recording (e.g. because, but).

3 Understand the relationship in different situations (e.g. cause and effect).

A.

Write your answers (A, B, C or D) in the ☐ below.

Joe is listening to some announcements at his school. Listen carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 1–4. You have 24 seconds to study the questions. You may start now. (8 marks @2 marks)



1. Why will the fashion design class be held again this year?

- A. Students love buying new clothes.
- B. Students want to learn to be fashion designers.
- C. Students could design some new clothes last year.
- D. Students had a lot of fun last year.

How was the fashion design class last year?

☐

2. In the Home Economics Club's summer activity this year, students can _____.

- A. make a cushion in a short time
- B. make a cushion with only two colours
- C. use different materials brought from home
- D. get two pieces of cloth for free

☐

3. In the creative writing class, students will _____.

- A. write stories based on different ideas
- B. watch a video about writing stories
- C. learn how to write articles
- D. invite a writer to teach them

☐

4. How can students join the summer activities?

- A. tell Miss Wong
- B. ask Mr Pang
- C. fill in an application form
- D. apply at the notice board

☐

B.

Write your answers (A, B, C or D) in the ☐ below.

Joe is listening to an introduction given by a bakery owner called Linda. Listen carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 1–5. You have 30 seconds to study the questions. You may start now. (10 marks @2 marks)



1. After the tour, Joe will _____.
 A. bake a cake
 B. take a cake home
 C. open a bakery
 D. shop at the bakery
 ☐

2. Why did Linda's neighbours say her mum should open a bakery?
 A. Linda's mum gave them cakes.
 B. Linda's mum made many cakes.
 C. They liked the cakes Linda's mum made.
 D. They liked Linda's mum so much.
 ☐

3. Which of the following is **TRUE** about Annie's childhood?
 A. She once got sick after drinking milk.
 B. She did not like her mum's baking.
 C. She could eat many things.
 D. She only liked nuts and dairy products.
 ☐

4. When was the bakery opened?
 A. before Linda and Annie left school
 B. when Annie was very little
 C. two years ago
 D. five years ago
 ☐

5. What is special about Linda's bread and cakes?
 A. They have chocolate and bananas.
 B. They are made with butter.
 C. They are nut-free and dairy-free.
 D. Everyone loves the banana cake.
 ☐

What did the neighbours think about Mum's cakes?

Tactic

Annie was very ill when she was very little.



Gillian is reading a leaflet introducing some phone apps. Read it carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 1–5. (10 marks @2 marks)

Preparatory Level

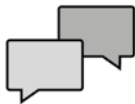
Fun Phone Apps Centre

- ❖ From 1st to 31st May, you can get four codes by downloading all four phone apps. Enter the codes to receive a special gift from the apps centre.
- ❖ All four phone apps are free.

Let's Chat!

Want to find your friends anytime, anywhere? Use our app to talk to them through instant messages, calls and video calls. You can also find out the country your friends are in by choosing the 'Find friends' button. If you get bored, check out 'Puzzle games' with your friends in the app. There are five new puzzles every day.

You can also play puzzle games with your friends and chat with them at the same time!



Friendly Animal Centre

Help Elsa and Hannah run their animal centre and take care of all the lovely animals! There are 200 cartoon pets for you to choose from, including dogs, cats, hamsters, etc. You can do lots of things with **them**, such as bathing, feeding and exercising. You can even visit your friends' centres and play with their pets!



All Around the World

Travel to places all around the world with just one click on your phone. Choose a country and watch a short video about the place. You can also book cheap flight tickets and hotels using our app.



Who Are You?

Have you ever wondered how you would look if you were the opposite gender? Or when you were 100 years old? Take a selfie in the app to find out! You can also add stickers on photos. Just try to add a funny hat sticker on your head!



Word bank

app (n.) – a computer programme downloaded to a mobile device

code (n.) – a set of secret numbers, letters or signs known to particular people

download (v.) – to transfer files or software to a computer or mobile phone through the Internet or from another device

gender (n.) – male or female

selfie (n.) – a photo that one takes of oneself

Exam Skill: Interpreting data from graphs

To find out useful information from a graph for answering a certain question

As easy as 1-2-3

1

Find the two tallest bars or biggest proportions in the chart. They are the two most popular areas of interest.

2

Reread the passage to locate the sections about the popular areas of interest.

3

Put the two most popular items in the blanks.

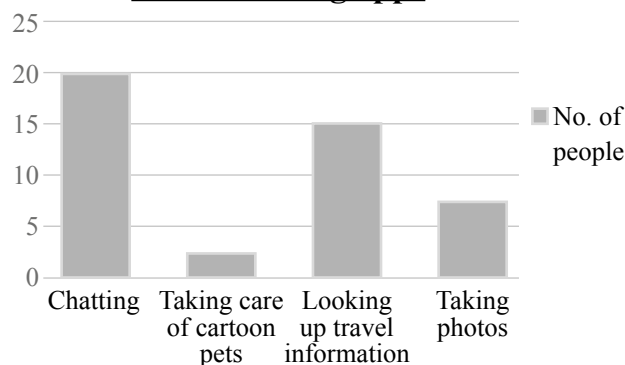
- From the leaflet, what do we know about the promotion?
 - The promotion lasts for three months.
 - Each app requires a code to download.
 - People must download the apps on a website.
 - Let's Chat!* is a free app.☐
- Which of the following is **TRUE** about *Let's Chat!*?
 - It only works for people who live in the same country.
 - It only works for people who use video calls.
 - People can search for the country your friends are in.
 - People can chat with friends about puzzles only.☐
- In the description of *Friendly Animal Centre*, what does '**them**' refer to?
 - the 200 cartoon pets
 - Elsa and Hannah
 - the user's friends
 - the pets in a friend's pet shop☐
- For *Who Are You?*, how many functions are there?
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
 - 5☐
- Study the following chart and decide which might be the two most popular apps in Fun Phone Apps Centre among young people. Write the letter (A-D) in each blank below.

Phone apps

- Let's Chat!*
- Friendly Animal Centre*
- All Around the World*
- Who are you?*

- The most popular app: _____
- The second most popular app: _____

! In which introduction can you find the same keywords?

Survey on young people's habits in using apps



21 Writing

• E-mail

As easy as 1-2-3

1

Read the question for the basic background information.

2

Look at the pictures carefully to find out details to be included.

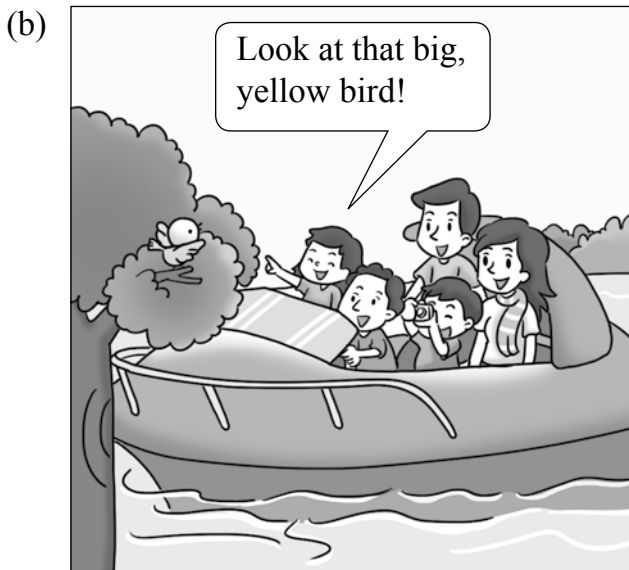
3

Think of a reasonable and interesting ending.

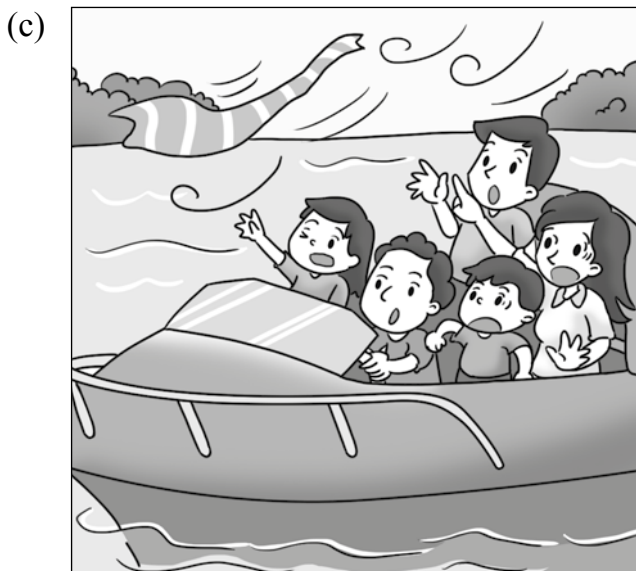
You are Maggie. You went on a boat trip yesterday. Based on the pictures below, write an e-mail to your friend Rebecca about what happened. Write at least 80 words. (30 marks)



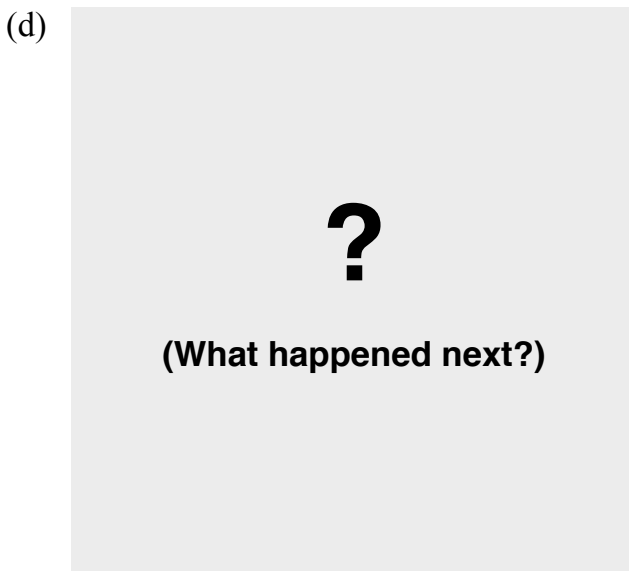
family / excited



scenery / river / amazed



scarf / blow / catch



1. Read the question again and fill in the table below.

Characters' names	Time/date	Event	Text type	Tense
e.g. Maggie, Rebecca	a.	b.	c.	d.

2. Answer the questions about the pictures and complete paragraphs 1 to 3.

Picture (a)



- (1) How was the weather?
- (2) What family activity was that?
- (3) Who was with you?
- (4) How did you and your family feel?

More Vocabulary

extremely, fine, windy

Paragraph 1

It was a (1) _____ day.
 (2) _____
 went on (3) _____
 together. We (4) _____

Picture (b)



- (1) What did you see?
- (2) How did you feel and what did you do?
- (3) Write one more thing about the picture?

More Vocabulary

amazed, branch, chat, fascinated, harbour, set off

Paragraph 2

We got on the boat. (1) _____

 (2) _____

 (3) _____

The speech bubble can help you understand the story.

Picture (c)



- (1) Describe the weather at that time.
- (2) What shocking thing happened?
- (3) What did you do? Did you succeed?

More Vocabulary

a gust of wind, because, reach out, suddenly

Paragraph 3

(1) _____

 (2) _____

 (3) _____

3. Read Ending A and complete Ending B with the guiding questions.

Picture (d)

?

(What happened next?)

- (1) Where was Mum's scarf? Can you see it?
- (2) Did you solve the problem? Did anything special happen?
- (3) How did you feel about the things that happened in (2)?

Ending A

We saw Mum's scarf in the sea. Dad used a selfie stick to get the scarf. We thought it was a brilliant idea.

Ending B

- (1) _____

- (2) _____

- (3) _____

More Vocabulary

drop, experience, incredible, magnificent, pick up

Writing your final work

Don't lose marks!

Remember to close the e-mail with a proper closing.

Look at the following subject lines and tick the best subject line.

- | | | |
|-----|--|--------------------------|
| (a) | Subject: Hello Rebecca! | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) | Subject: An interesting boat trip | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) | Subject: My parents, my brother and I went on a boat trip yesterday. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (d) | Subject: A big yellow bird | <input type="checkbox"/> |

To: Rebecca <rebeccamak@bmail.com>

From: Maggie <maggieleung@hkmail.com>

Date: 23 August 20XX 17:26

Subject: _____

Hi Rebecca,

How's it going? Let me tell you about my boat trip yesterday.

Marks

C	
L	
O	
Total	

Hong Kong Attainment Test (Pre-Secondary 1)

English

Mock Paper 1

Instructions:

1. There are eight pages in this question booklet.
2. The test has Sections A to C.
3. Use a blue or black pen in this test.
4. On the cover of the answer booklet, write your Name, Class and Class Number.
5. Write all your answers in the spaces provided in the answer booklet.
6. For multiple choice questions, choose only ONE answer for each question. Write your answers (**A, B, C or D**) in the boxes in the answer booklet. Two or more answers will score NO MARKS.

Assessment Scope	Marks	Time
Listening	32	15 minutes
Reading	38	35 minutes
Writing	30	
Total	100	50 minutes

Section A Listening

(32 marks)

There are three parts in this section. In Part 1, you will hear an introduction. In Part 2 and Part 3, you will hear a conversation. **Write all your answers in the spaces provided in the answer booklet.** For each part, you will have 30 seconds to study the questions in the answer booklet. The CD will be played only **ONCE**.

Section B Reading

(38 marks)

Part 1

(12 marks)

Lucy is reading a leaflet introducing some board games. Read it carefully, choose the best answers for Questions 17–21 and complete Question 22.

Smart Games Centre Promotion

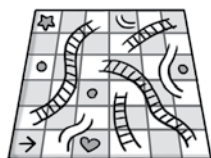
From 1st September to 31st October, get 3 board games for the price of 2.

Buy online to get a free gift and a \$10 off.

Up and down the Ladders

Climb up the ladders and tumble down the slides. The first to get to the starry door wins! Roll the dice to see how many steps you can move. Is it going to take you up or send you down? You will have to find out with your friends.

Price: HK\$200



Fun with the Alphabet

Are you up for an exciting vocabulary challenge? Take seven letters and try to form a word with as many of **them** as you can. Draw two more each turn. Don't know how to spell yet? No problem. Match your letters with the ones on the other side of the board! The person with the most points wins.

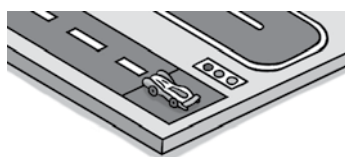
Price: HK\$320



Racing Cars

If you like racing cars, this game is for you! Each player picks a race car and races along the track! Roll the dice to see how many spots you can take. There are tasks along the track. Make sure you complete them. The fastest car to get to the finish line wins!

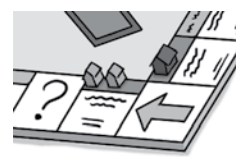
Price: HK\$380



The Home Builders

See how well you deal with money! Some save up and build a big house. Some go small but build lots. You can sell your house and start all over! Or force people to pay rent as they accidentally enter. You sure have to use your brain and think.

Price: HK\$500



Shop online: www.smartgamescentre.com.hk

17. From the leaflet, what do we know about the promotion?
- A. The promotion lasts for three months.
 - B. All games are half price.
 - C. We pay less online.
 - D. There is a free gift with all purchases.
18. Which of the following is **TRUE** about *Up and down the Ladders*?
- A. The players need to climb up slides.
 - B. It is for one player only.
 - C. There is a starry door.
 - D. The players can take as many steps as they want each turn.
19. In the description of *Fun with the Alphabet*, what does '**them**' refer to?
- A. the letters
 - B. the players
 - C. the vocabularies
 - D. points
20. For *Racing Cars*, you need to _____.
- A. drive a race car
 - B. do special tasks
 - C. return to the start to win
 - D. memorise names
21. How much does Lucy pay if she buys three boxes of *The Home Builders* online?
- A. \$990
 - B. \$1,000
 - C. \$1,490
 - D. \$1,500
22. Lucy is writing a text message to her friend, Amy. Read the leaflet on p.2 and help Lucy complete the sentences. Use only **ONE** word for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Hi Amy, I just bought three new board games. In *The Home Builders*, it trains you to _____ (i) _____ with money better. For *Fun with the Alphabet*, even my little brother can play. He just needs to _____ (ii) _____ the letters with the ones on the board. Come to my home and we can play together! ...

sample

CrackingHKAT (Pre-S1)

JUMPSTART

English 2 in 1

(Intensive Practice + Mock Papers)

Vocabulary Booster Upgraded Edition

- Arranged in themes
- Marked with syllable breaks
- Example sentences given
- Theme-based short exercises
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Learning by theme

1. Arts and cultures

Vocabulary	Reference
<p>1. com.e.dy (n.): story or writing of jokes or funny plots <i>e.g. When Sally is sad, she likes to watch <u>comedies</u> to make herself happy.</i></p>	Mock 3 Reading 1 p.2
<p>2. de.sign.er (n.): someone who creates the look of clothes, products, etc. <i>e.g. Many famous fashion <u>designers</u> are from Europe.</i></p>	Listening 1A p.2
<p>3. dec.o.ra.te (v.): to add something to an object to make it more attractive <i>e.g. Let's <u>decorate</u> the Christmas tree together.</i></p>	Mock 2 Reading 1 p.2
<p>4. di.rec.tor (n.): a person in charge of the making of a film <i>e.g. Mr Chan is the <u>director</u> of two award-winning films.</i></p>	Listening 6A audio
<p>5. ex.traor.din.ary (adj.): something very unusual and special <i>e.g. There is an exhibition in the museum showing all kinds of <u>extraordinary</u> paintings.</i></p>	Listening 6B audio
<p>6. fai.ry tale (n.): a fantasy story told to amuse children <i>e.g. Snow White and Cinderella are <u>fairy tales</u> loved by many children.</i></p>	Mock 3 Reading 1 p.2
<p>7. his.to.ry (n.): the study of past events <i>e.g. There are books about the <u>history</u> of France in the library.</i></p>	Listening 4A p.8
<p>8. ma.te.ri.al (n.): a substance you can use to make things <i>e.g. This board is made of very hard <u>material</u>.</i></p>	Listening 1A p.2

Vocabulary	Reference
9. tragedy (n.): writing of a sad story or event <i>e.g. This <u>tragedy</u> is about a man who has lost his family.</i>	Mock 3 Reading 1 p.3
10. well-made (adj.): made to a good standard <i>e.g. This <u>well-made</u> sculpture is expensive.</i>	Listening 4B p.9

Try it out

Fill in the blanks with the words you have just learned. You may need to change the form of the words.

1. This _____ is really amusing. It makes me laugh a lot.
2. _____ are usually artistic and creative people who like drawing.
3. This _____ is about a little boy who lost his parents.
4. My younger sister asked Mum to tell her a _____ before bed.

2. Describing people around us

Vocabulary	Reference
1. allergic (adj.): having a medical condition that causes you to feel ill when you eat or touch something <i>e.g. We cannot adopt a cat because Dad is <u>allergic</u> to cats.</i>	Listening 1B audio
2. emperor (n.): the ruler of an empire <i>e.g. Emperor Kangxi was one of the greatest Chinese <u>emperors</u> in Chinese history.</i>	Mock 2 Reading 2 p.4

Learning by parts of speech

1. Adjective

1. allergic	過敏的
2. amused	感到好笑的
3. challenging	具挑戰性的
4. disgusting	令人厭惡的
5. distracted	注意力分散的
6. efficient	有效率
7. electronic	電子的
8. energetic	有活力
9. exhausted	筋疲力盡的
10. extraordinary	非凡的；特別的
11. frequent	頻繁發生的
12. frightening	可怕
13. homeless	無家可歸的
14. mean	刻薄的
15. meaningful	有意義的
16. messy	混亂的
17. obese	肥胖 / 過重
18. passive	被動
19. punctual	準時
20. sticky	黏乎乎
21. stressed	壓力大的
22. successful	成功的
23. sufficient	充足
24. well-made	製作精良

2. Noun

1. canteen	食堂
2. chaos	混亂及無秩序
3. comedy	喜劇

4. cuisine	菜餚
5. designer	設計師
6. digestion	消化
7. dim sum	點心
8. director	導演
9. dumpling	餃子
10. emperor	皇帝
11. external phone charger	外置充電器
12. fairy tale	童話故事
13. fear	恐懼
14. flavour	口味
15. fur	動物的毛皮
16. history	歷史
17. ingredient	成分
18. invention	發明
19. material	物料；材料
20. mood	心情
21. nutrient	營養
22. orphan	孤兒
23. participant	參加者
24. playroom	遊戲室
25. portion	分量
26. programming	程式
27. satisfaction	滿意
28. scenery	風景
29. selfie	自拍照
30. service	服務
31. siu mai	燒賣
32. surroundings	四周 / 環境
33. takeaway	外賣
34. thrill	興奮；緊張感
35. tragedy	悲劇