

HONG KONG ATTAINMENT TEST

Pre-Secondary 1

English

Mock Paper 1

Instructions:

- ◇ There are eight pages (including this cover page) in this question booklet.
- ◇ The test has Sections A to C.
- ◇ On the cover of the answer booklet, write your Name, Class and Class Number.
- ◇ Write all your answers in the answer booklet.
- ◇ 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**.

Time Allowed for the Test:

Section A (Listening) : 15 minutes

Sections B–C (Reading and Writing) : 35 minutes



Section A Listening

(32 marks)

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

Section B Reading

(38 marks)

Part 1

(12 marks)

Bonnie is reading a leaflet. Read it carefully. Choose the best answers for Questions 17–21 and complete Question 22.

Vegetables 101

Potatoes

Countries all over the world, even those in cold climates, are able to grow potatoes. A potato is also called a spud and it grows at the roots of a certain plant. The spud usually becomes the largest and most nutritious after growing for three months.

Potatoes are easily grown on farms.

To say that potatoes cannot grow anymore after being picked is incorrect. Potatoes are still living after harvesting and they can grow into more potatoes.

Tomatoes

Tomatoes are well-known for their shiny red skin and juicy flesh.

Farmers from nearly every country grow tomatoes, except countries in polar regions. Tomatoes also come in other colours, like orange, yellow, green, brown and even purple.

In the past, tomatoes were once called the 'Love Apple' because of their appearance. In recent years, tomatoes are considered one of the healthiest vegetables.

Corn

Corn grows on tall plants and some of these plants can be over four metres tall! Despite the height of the plants, corn is a vegetable that is easy to grow, preferably in warm weather.

There are five major types of corn and they are used in different ways. For example, we use sweet corn in all kinds of dishes, while dent corn is commonly used for making fuel for machines. Farmers harvest corn during summer. In winter and spring, farmers sow the corn seeds again.

Chili Peppers

Chili peppers grow well from spring to autumn. Since they are small in size, people even grow them at home or in their gardens. You can easily find chili pepper seeds in gardening shops.

People use chili peppers in many ways, not just for cooking spicy dishes. The most common colours are red and green. To protect crops on farms, farmers make use of the strong scent of chili peppers. **It** can help keep insects away.

Part 1

17. Potatoes do **NOT** _____.
- A. grow in warm areas
 - B. become large in size
 - C. contain any nutrients
 - D. grow above the ground
18. Which of the following is **TRUE** about tomatoes?
- A. They are all red in colour.
 - B. They can be grown in polar regions.
 - C. They contain a lot of juice.
 - D. They lack nutrients.
19. Corn can be used to _____.
- A. make fuel
 - B. make machines
 - C. wash dishes
 - D. keep warm
20. In 'Chili Peppers', what does '**It**' refer to?
- A. the farmer
 - B. a farm
 - C. the scent of chili peppers
 - D. an insect
21. What is mentioned for **ALL** of the four vegetables?
- A. their colours
 - B. conditions needed to grow them
 - C. their height
 - D. ways to cook them
22. Match the following descriptions with the correct vegetables. Read the information on P.2 and write A, B, C or D in the boxes in the answer booklet.
- (i) People can make use of this kind of vegetable to run cars.
 - (ii) This kind of vegetable only grows by replanting itself.
 - (iii) This kind of vegetable has a wide range of colours.
 - (iv) People grow this kind of vegetable at home.
- A. Potatoes
 - B. Tomatoes
 - C. Corn
 - D. Chili peppers

Part 2

(12 marks)

Bonnie is reading an article called ‘The Caring Rescuers’. Read it carefully. Choose the best answers for Questions 23–27 and complete Question 28.

The Caring Rescuers

What is Animal Rescue?

Animal Rescue is an animal charity that was established in 2002. It takes care of injured animals found in the city. Experienced vets take the role of Friends of Animals who treat injured animals and help them recover. Animal Rescue aims to give love and care to animals. The charity also promotes animal rights and the idea that people and animals can live in harmony.

What does Animal Rescue do?

- Travels to different parts of the city to receive injured animals
- Provides medication or surgery to animals in need
- Places recovering animals in care facilities until they can be released
- Educates the public about ways of caring for animals

Who can be Friends of Animals?

Friends of Animals are workers of Animal Rescue who love animals. Trained vets are employed for the job because they have to know a lot about animals and methods of healing them. Friends of Animals need to have driving licences so that they can receive hurt animals in different places. Animal Rescue gives them medical and animal first aid equipment at work.

Who are Junior Carers?

To encourage people to help animals, Animal Rescue has launched a volunteer scheme called Junior Carers for primary and secondary school students. Participants will learn ways to treat animals properly. Then they can volunteer at Animal Rescue’s activities, including assisting Friends of Animals.

How can you help?

There are different ways that you can support Animal Rescue. For example, you can become a volunteer or make a donation online so that Animal Rescue can help more animals in need.

Part 2

23. What is the main purpose of Animal Rescue?
- A. to look after injured animals
 - B. to employ professional vets
 - C. to launch volunteer schemes
 - D. to hold different charitable events
24. Which of the following is **NOT** the job of Friends of Animals?
- A. treating animals that are wounded
 - B. doing surgery on injured animals
 - C. travelling to other countries to treat animals
 - D. doing first aid on hurt animals
25. Which of the following types of people is most suitable to be Friends of Animals?
- A. primary school students who love animals
 - B. secondary school students who enjoy being outdoors
 - C. people who have received training on animal care
 - D. people who have worked in a hospital
26. Why does Animal Rescue want students to become Junior Carers?
- A. to care for students in the city
 - B. to ask them to help animals
 - C. to make money for Animal Rescue
 - D. to promote activities held by Animal Rescue
27. What is the main idea of the last paragraph?
- A. introducing Animal Rescue to people
 - B. telling people to get a job at Animal Rescue
 - C. hoping people will benefit from Animal Rescue
 - D. encouraging support for Animal Rescue
28. Bonnie is writing an email to her friend, Benjamin. Read the article on P.4 and help Bonnie complete the sentences. Use only **ONE** word for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Hi Benjamin,

Animal Rescue helps animals in need. Let's _____ (i) _____ with them at their activities. We can _____ (ii) _____ the vets when treating the animals.

Part 3

(14 marks)

Bonnie has written a blog entry about her trip to the zoo with her family. Read it carefully. Choose the best answers for Questions 29–34 and complete Question 35.

My Unforgettable Adventure at the Zoo!

Last week, I had an incredible experience at Changlong zoo in the mainland China. It was so exciting and I cannot wait to tell you all about it! Although I'm back in Hong Kong now, my heart still lingers at the zoo.

We set off from the hotel at 6 pm because the zoo was pretty far away. We took the train to the last station on the line. An hour and a half after we set off, we reached our destination. The moment I stepped inside the zoo, I felt my **feet lifted off the ground**. So many amazing animals surrounded me. It was like being in a real-life jungle!





One awesome thing I did at the zoo was feeding the giraffes. Among all the animals, they have always been my favourite. Who can resist their extraordinary long necks? I had the privilege of standing next to these noble creatures and offering them delicious leaves to munch on. It was both fun and fascinating to feel their long tongues tickle my hand. **They** are so gentle and graceful.

You know what can top that? I even had a snake wrapped around my neck! I know it might sound a little scary because the snake might choke me, but trust me, it was absolutely worthwhile! The zoo had a special reptile exhibit that allowed visitors to have a close encounter with a friendly snake. The moment the snake gently slithered around my neck, I felt like a true explorer! It was such a unique and unforgettable experience.

Visiting the zoo was a fantastic experience, and these were just a few of the amazing things I did. Seeing all the different animals up close, experiencing thrilling moments and, most importantly, learning about their habitats made it a day I will always remember. If you haven't been to a zoo yet, I highly recommend it!

Part 3

29. What time did Bonnie arrive at the zoo?
A. at 6:00 am B. at 7:30 am C. at 6:00 pm D. at 7:30 pm
30. In paragraph 2, Bonnie felt that her 'feet lifted off the ground', which means _____.
A. she fell and hurt herself B. she was very excited
C. she was scared of the animals D. she could not find her parents
31. In paragraph 3, 'They' refers to _____.
A. all the zoo animals B. the leaves
C. the giraffes D. the giraffes' tongues
32. Which of the following was what Bonnie felt about the giraffes?
A. interested B. scared C. annoyed D. surprised
33. Bonnie's neck was wrapped by a snake because _____.
A. the snake was trying to attack her
B. one of the staff members was negligent
C. Bonnie was experiencing a special event
D. the snake escaped from the reptile exhibit
34. Based on what Bonnie did, put the following pictures in the correct order.

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

35. Bonnie is writing a short text message to her friend, Jane. Read the blog entry on P.6 and help Bonnie complete the sentences. Use only **ONE** word for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

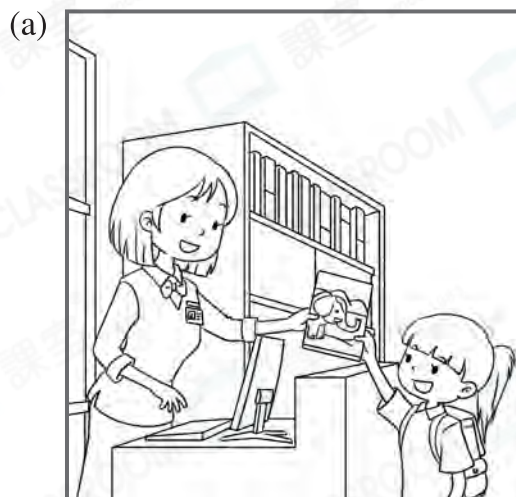
Hey Jane, you would not believe what happened at my zoo trip tonight. I was at a/an _____ (i) _____ where there were different reptiles. The staff put a snake around my neck! Don't worry, I did not find the snake _____ (ii) _____ at all, unlike others.

Section C Writing

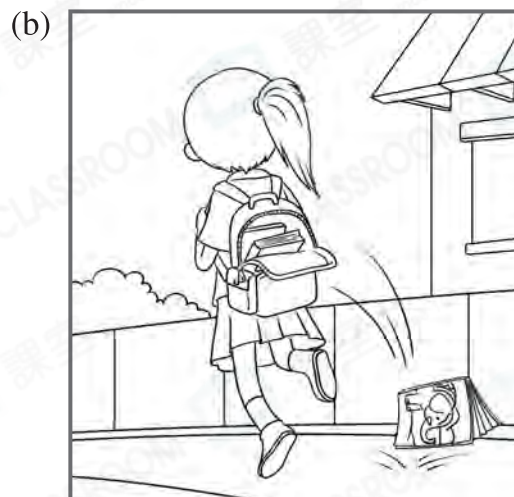
(30 marks)

36. You are Bonnie. Something happened to you yesterday after school. Based on the pictures below, write an email to your friend Ken about what happened. Write at least 80 words.

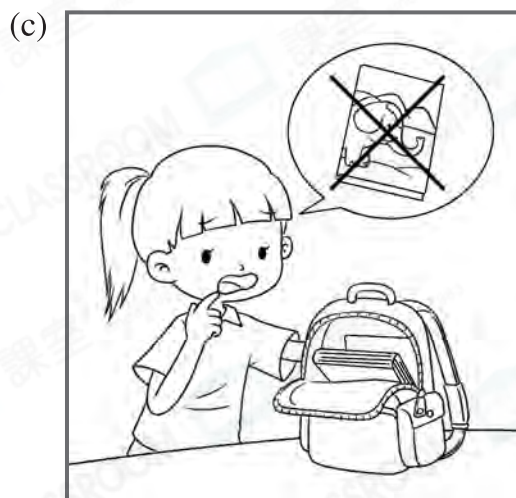
- You may use the words under the pictures to help you.



borrow / novel / librarian



open / drop / absent-minded



missing / shocked / burst into tears

