

HONG KONG ATTAINMENT TEST

Pre-Secondary 1

English

Mock Paper 4

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 speech. 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)

Nelly is reading an article about some ways to organise his home. Read it carefully. Choose the best answers for Questions 17–21 and complete Question 22.

Staying Organised

Here are some ways to transform your home into a haven of orderliness!

Everything in Its Place

The easiest way to stay organised is by setting aside a designated spot for everything and returning it back in its proper place. This way, when you need something, you won't have to constantly search for **it**. You may choose specific drawers for important things like house keys or letters. Keep important things in a centralised location so that no one has to waste time searching for them. Once you have your system in place, make sure you don't go back to your old habits.

Pencilling It In

Are you always forgetting important dates? Is your life so busy that you struggle to keep track? It's time to get a calendar. Simply hang it up where you will see it, attach pens, then get circling. Hang it where you can see it. Get into the habit of circling dates and writing down information. If you want to stay organised on the move, why not buy a diary? You will be planning like a pro in no time!

Charity Begins at Home

Are there old toys and clothes that don't fit in your house? Ever wondered what to do with these clutter? You can start by packing these old stuff with your family. Then, research second-hand shops and donate those items to them. You won't believe how much joy it brings to people in need. It is also amazing when you realise the extra space you have. Therefore, why not perform a good deed the next time that you are tidying up your room and clear out some space and help someone in need at the same time? Win-win situation!

Seasonal Clothing

The best suggestion for keeping your wardrobe tidy is to remove clothing that is out of season. When spring comes, pack away winter clothes to save space and make room for T-shirts. Clean all unseasonal clothing items such as scarves, then seal them inside vacuum bags. Suck all of the air out with a vacuum cleaner to flatten the bags, then put them away. This is also a great time to undertake any repairs such as replacing missing buttons or sewing up rips. This will also save you so much money in new clothing!

Part 1

17. In 'Everything in Its Place', what does 'it' refer to?
- A. rarely-seen items B. heavily-used items
C. important items D. every single item
18. According to 'Pencilling It In', which is **NOT** necessarily a use of a calendar?
- A. keep track of life B. mark down information
C. mark down important dates D. replace a diary
19. What is **TRUE** about a 'Win-win situation'?
- A. Everyone is satisfied.
B. One side must sacrifice something to the other.
C. One side will get nothing.
D. Both sides have to decide who gets what.

20. According to the article, what must one do with unwanted toys?



- A. 4→1→3→2 B. 4→1→3→2
C. 2→1→3→4 D. 3→4→1→2
21. What do we need to store unseasonable clothing items?
- A. a vacuum cleaner and vacuum bags
B. a vacuum cleaner and a tidy wardrobe
C. our clothes and a sewing kit
D. buttons and ripped clothing items
22. Match the following descriptions with the appropriate methods. Read the information on P.2 and write A, B, C or D in the boxes in the answer booklet.
- (i) Kate has trouble in organising her wardrobe.
(ii) Mary always struggles to find her passport before traveling.
(iii) Tina has lots of old toys to deal with.
(iv) Mike is so busy that he always forgets some important dates.
- A. Everything in Its Place B. Pencilling It In
C. Charity Begins at Home D. Seasonal Clothing

Part 2

(12 marks)

Nelly is reading an article on the power of perseverance. Read it carefully. Choose the best answers for Questions 23–27 and complete Question 28.

The Incredible Strength of Perseverance

(i)

Have you ever heard of perseverance? It means that although we may have a lot of obstacles ahead, we should never give up. Let us think carefully why this is so important and also discuss different challenges.

(ii)

Let's take an example of learning to cycle. At first, it feels like **an uphill battle**, and you might fall down a few times. With perseverance, however, you keep getting back on, until you can finally pedal confidently and safely. What is that powerful sense of achievement that makes you stand just a bit taller? That's the result of perseverance!

(iii)

Yet, while **it** is a valuable quality, sometimes not persevering can be equally important. Understanding when to walk away from a situation that is not worthwhile can prevent waste of resources. Giving up on something that will not succeed is wise, enabling us to shift our focus to challenges that align with our goals. By recognising the difference between perseverance and pointlessness, we can make smart decisions that contribute to our final success. For example, an army may give up a battle when too many soldiers have died on the battleground and they can't risk losing any more. They make a carefully thought-out decision to retreat from a specific battle to treat injured soldiers and think of a new plan of attack.

(iv)

So, embrace the power of perseverance. Keep trying, keep learning and keep growing. Learn to consider problems carefully so that you spend your time and efforts wisely and productively. It's time to show the world what you are capable of!

Part 2

23. According to paragraph 1, what is **TRUE** about obstacles?
- A. You can decide to ignore them.
 - B. They are unavoidable.
 - C. They are always your fault.
 - D. Perseverance can remove them all.
24. According to paragraph 2, what does '**an uphill battle**' mean?
- A. a never-ending, impossible task
 - B. never give up
 - C. a fierce and tough army fight
 - D. something you need to learn
25. According to paragraph 2, what can you get from persevering?
- A. to reduce damage when falling
 - B. to climb up a hill
 - C. to stay safe on a journey
 - D. to gain satisfaction by achieving a goal
26. According to paragraph 3, what does '**it**' refer to?
- A. giving up
 - B. walking away
 - C. a valuable quality
 - D. persevering
27. In paragraph 3, walking away and refocusing are examples of _____.
- A. the pointlessness of perseverance
 - B. knowing when something is pointless
 - C. wasting time
 - D. knowing that we have succeeded
28. Match the following headings with paragraphs (i) to (iv) on P.4. Write A, B, C or D in the boxes in the answer booklet.

Headings

- A. Perseverance may not always be the right approach
- B. Perseverance is a key to growth and success
- C. Perseverance boosts confidence and self-esteem
- D. Perseverance is an essential skill

Part 3

(14 marks)

Nelly has written a blog entry about an awards ceremony. Read it carefully.

Choose the best answers for Questions 29–34 and complete Question 35.

A Prizewinning Moment

Posted by Nelly, 13:00 22nd July

I am so excited to share some good news. It's been exactly a week since the end-of-year Chinese Studies prizegiving ceremony. Only the most outstanding students have the chance to be invited, so you must have shown proof of hardwork and achieved top scores in skills like composition, reading and calligraphy.

I am extremely pleased that I pulled up my grades from an F- to an A+ this year, especially in Chinese which I always found difficult. I had **given it my best shot**, attended tuition and practised as if my life depended on it. Though these efforts may not seem significant to others, they were incredibly challenging and meaningful to me.

Hearing the principal announcing the awardees of each category, from Best in Year to Best Composition, I was inspired to aim higher and push harder. These students **brought their A-game** every year, I can't afford to let myself trail behind them.

The last prize was for the Most Improved Student. I heard my name from the nominations list. I don't mind if I didn't get the prize, since getting this far was victory enough.

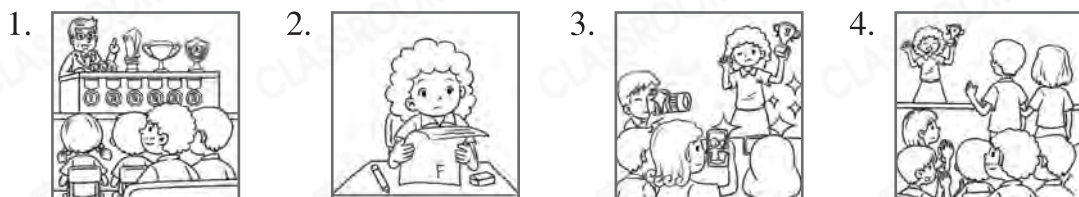
'The student who has made the most remarkable progress this year is Nelly Chan!' Everyone applauded and congratulated me, and I was so excited that my legs trembled as I made my way to the stage. I tightly held onto the trophy tightly and tears of joy streamed down my face. **It** symbolises the effort and dedication I have put into my studies. My parents stood up to cheer for me, and the principal shook my hand to express how proud he felt. I couldn't keep my eyes open because of the countless camera flashes, and I wasn't sure if I was dreaming.

I'm so thankful to myself for not giving up on my abilities and potential. However, it is not the time to become lazy. I still have to catch up with the other high-scorers. I must keep on improving myself until I reach my fullest potential in all subjects.

Part 3

29. When was the prize giving ceremony held?
A. 30th June B. 1st July C. 15th July D. 19th July
30. In paragraph 2, Nelly said she had 'given it her best shot' because she had _____.
A. the best luck
B. tried her hardest to pull her grades up
C. been content with F- grades
D. eventually found Chinese to be easy
31. In paragraph 3, the other students in attendance 'brought their A-game' by _____.
A. having been failed students B. having all been Best in Year
C. having improved their grades D. being the best performing students
32. How did Nelly feel about possibly losing to other students?
A. bitter B. regretful C. jealous D. content
33. In paragraph 5, what does 'It' refer to?
A. the applause B. the trembled leg
C. the trophy D. the dedication

34. Based on the ideas in the article, put the following pictures in the correct order.



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

35. Nelly's Dad wrote a card to congratulate Nelly on her award. Read the article on P.5 and help him to complete the sentences. Use only **ONE** word for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

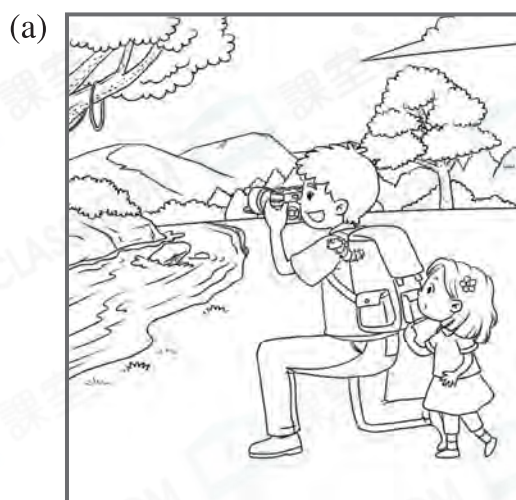
Dear Nelly,
Congratulations, I always knew that you were capable of great things!
What a sweet (i) _____ for you after all of your hard work! You should
be so very (ii) _____ of yourself!

Section C Writing

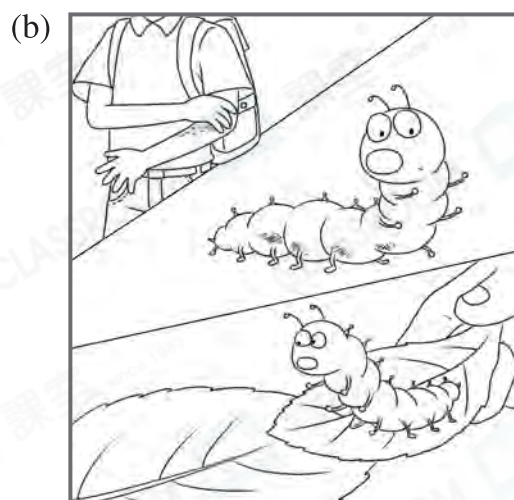
(30 marks)

36. You are Nelly. You went on a hiking trip with your dad last Friday. Based on the pictures below, write a diary entry about what happened. Write at least 80 words.

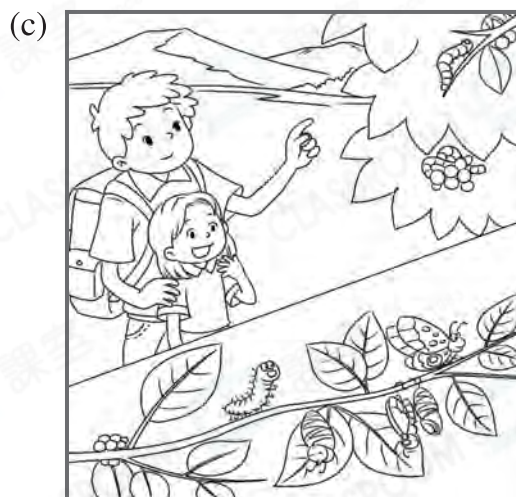
- You may use the words under the pictures to help you.



joyful / caterpillar / scenic



gently / leaf / rash



cocoon / silk moth / split

