



Pre-reading

S When a question requires putting **events or topics** in the **correct order**, it is important to:

1. **identify the main event or topic** in the passage quickly
2. pay attention to any **time markers mentioned**
3. be aware of **signpost words**
4. **study any given pictures** carefully
5. arrange the events or topics according to the **time they happen**

e.g.

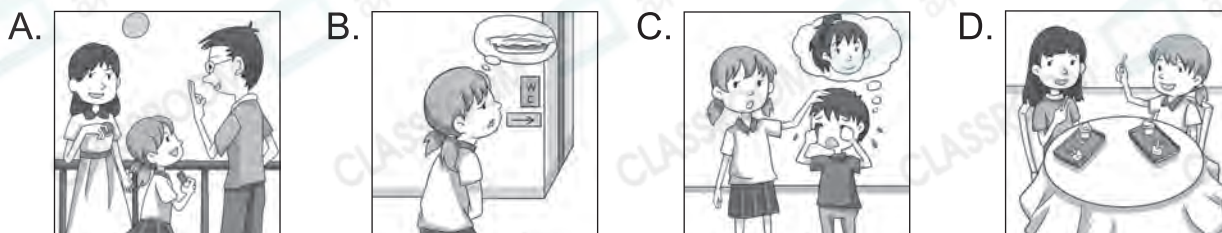
Examples of time markers	
<i>yesterday / today / tomorrow</i>	<i>in the morning / afternoon / evening</i>
<i>last week / year</i>	<i>next week / year</i>
<i>three / five days before</i>	<i>three / five years ago</i>
<i>after three / five days</i>	<i>three / five years later</i>
<i>at the age of seven / ten</i>	<i>now / at present</i>

Warm Up

Read the text carefully and arrange the events in the correct order for Questions 1-3. Write **A, B, C or D** in each circle. (6 marks @ 2 marks)

24/9	Maggie asked me to go to McWonder's for lunch. We had French fries and sundaes. They are yummy!
25/9	In the evening, my family and I went out to watch the full moon. I ate the whole mooncake.
26/9	I saw a little boy crying in the street. He was looking for his mum. I took him to a police station.
27/9	I saw an apple pie on the table when I was home. After I ate it, my stomach was very painful.

Arrange what Helen did in the correct order.



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Pay attention to the dates Helen wrote her diary entries.

2.

Mary's Diary

12th March, 20XX (Sun)

Rainy ☁️🌧️

Yesterday was my birthday. Mum and Dad planned to hold a birthday party for me but something terrible happened. In the afternoon, it started to rain heavily. The rain flooded our home because we live on the first floor. We needed to use buckets to clean it up. All of us were tired after that. We didn't have a party but Mum bought me a doll at night.

Arrange what Mary did in the correct order.

A.



B.



C.



D.



3.

Prince of Piano

Yundi Li became popular after he won first prize in a famous piano competition. He was only eighteen at the time and was the youngest winner in history. He started to have piano lessons at the age of seven. Five years later, he went to one of the best music schools to learn to play the piano. Now, he enjoys making CD albums to share his music with his fans.

Arrange Yundi Li's life experiences in the correct order.

A.



B.



C.



D.





Terry is reading a newspaper report about a fire incident. Read it carefully and choose the best answers for Questions 1-4. (8 marks @ 2 marks)

Western Daily

6th April, 20XX

Justin Jones

Boy's Hair Nearly Gets Burnt

As it was Ching Ming Festival yesterday, crowds of people went to graveyards to sweep their ancestors' graves. A little boy, Tommy Chan, burnt his arm and almost got his hair burnt when he tried to light paper offerings.

'Mum told Tommy several times not to play with the paper offerings but he didn't listen. He was too naughty,' said Kitty Chan, Tommy's sister. Mr Peter Chan, Tommy's dad, said, 'I didn't notice that he took out the lighter from my bag. **It was entirely my fault.** I must keep it properly next time.'

Tommy was then sent to hospital. Luckily, the injury was not serious, so he went home with his family after the nurse cleaned and bandaged his wound. 'When I was lighting the paper offerings, the strong wind blew them in the direction of my head. I was so afraid my hair would catch fire,' said Tommy. 'Luckily, Dad put out the fire with a bottle of water.'

'I know it's dangerous to play with fire. I won't do that again,' said Tommy.

1. Who warned Tommy not to play with the paper offerings?

- A. Tommy's mum
- B. Tommy's dad
- C. Tommy's sister
- D. A nurse



2. In paragraph 2, why did Tommy's dad say '**It was entirely my fault**'?

- A. The wind was strong that day.
- B. He brought Tommy to the graveyard.
- C. He did not keep the lighter away from Tommy.
- D. He played with the paper offerings.

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fault: the responsibility for something wrong



3. Why did Tommy nearly get his hair burnt?

- A. The lighter had a problem.
- B. Tommy did not have a bottle of water.
- C. Tommy had an injury on his arm.
- D. The wind blew away the paper offerings.



S 4. According to the newspaper report, arrange the events in the correct order.

Write A, B, C or D in each circle.

A.



B.



C.



D.

