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HKAT Overview

Latest Exam Format

Section	Testing Area	Marks	Time
A	Listening	32	15 min
B	Reading	38	20 min } 35 min 15 min }
C	Writing	30	

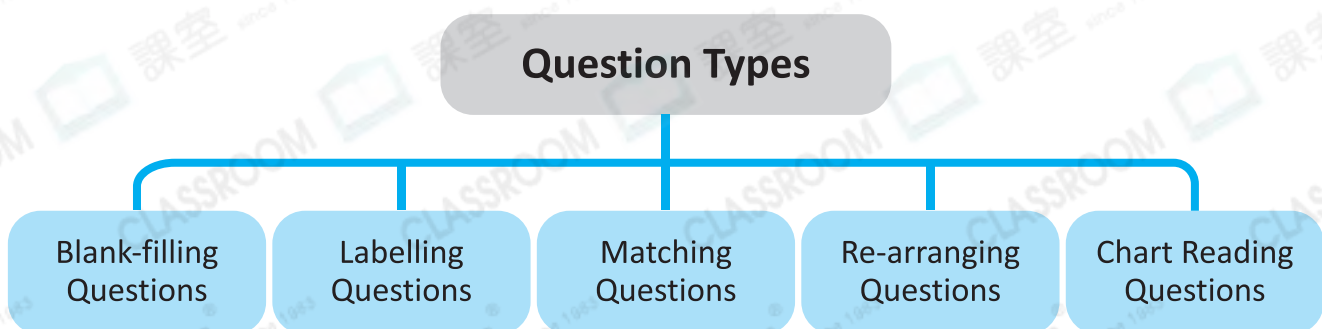
	A. Listening	B. Reading	C. Writing
No. of Tasks	3	3	1
No. of Questions	Part 1: 5 Part 2: 5 Part 3: 6	Part 1: 6 Part 2: 6 Part 3: 7	1 (At least 80 words)
Question Types	Part 1: Part 2: Part 3:	Part 1: + Part 2: + Part 3: +	Picture Composition

: Multiple Choice Question

: Special Question

: Form-filling Question

Special Questions in Section B - Reading



Text Types and Frequency

Section A – Listening

🍎 Chance of appearing in the exam

Parts 1 & 2		Part 3	
Conversation	🍎 🍎 🍎	Interview Form	🍎 🍎 🍎
Talk / Speech	🍎 🍎 🍎	Booking / Order Form	🍎 🍎 🍎
Interview	🍎 🍎 🍎	Application Form	🍎 🍎
Radio Programme	🍎 🍎 🍎	Evaluation Form	🍎
Advertisement	🍎 🍎	Product Return Form	🍎

Section B – Reading

Reading Passages		Special Questions	
Article	🍎 🍎 🍎	Discussion Group	🍎
Leaflet / Notice	🍎 🍎 🍎	Newspaper Report	🍎
Diary Entry	🍎 🍎 🍎	Introductions of Books	🍎
E-mail	🍎 🍎	Contents Page	🍎
Online Chat Room	🍎	Advertisement	🍎
Blog Entry	🍎	Letter	🍎
		Blank-filling	🍎 🍎 🍎
		Matching	🍎 🍎 🍎
		Re-arranging	🍎 🍎
		Chart Reading	🍎
		Labelling	🍎

Section C – Writing

Writing Questions	
Diary Entry	🍎 🍎 🍎
E-mail	🍎 🍎 🍎
Story	🍎 🍎



CLASSROOM Tips

1. For multiple choice questions, choose only ONE answer for each question. Two or more answers will score NO MARKS. Write your answers in the answer booklet.
2. For each part of Section A Listening, you will have 30 seconds to study the questions. The recordings will be played ONCE only.

Mock Paper 1

Section A Listening

(32 marks)

Part 1 5 min








(10 marks @2 marks)

Circle your answers (A, B, C or D) below.

Maggie is listening to a sharing given by Fiona. Listen carefully and answer Questions 1-5. You have 30 seconds to study the questions. You may start now.



CLASSROOM Tips

-  **Q1:**
You should listen for the main reason.
-  **Q2:**
Don't be distracted by other background information.
-  **Q3:**
Listen for words similar in meaning.
-  **Q4:**
You may use the elimination method. Cross out the wrong options first.
-  **Q5:**
The words used in the recording may be different from those in the options.

- Why did Fiona get scolded when she first started working?
 - She forgot to serve breakfast to one of the passengers.
 - She was careless when she served the meals.
 - She often made terrible mistakes when she was on duty.
 - One of the passengers got sick because of her.
- According to Fiona, which is the best way to make passengers happy?
 - To communicate with them
 - To serve them well
 - To satisfy their needs
 - To offer them help
- According to Fiona, what is most important?
 - To keep passengers safe
 - To stay calm during emergencies
 - To comfort nervous passengers
 - To talk to passengers politely
- Which of the following was **NOT** the reason for Fiona's success?
 - The vegetarian passenger was not angry with Fiona.
 - Fiona participated in the extra training courses.
 - Fiona asked passengers to give her comments.
 - Fiona knew how to stay calm and comfort passengers.
- Fiona asks passengers to fill in a survey form because she wants to _____.
 - do her job well
 - improve her services
 - make friends with them
 - make them feel comfortable

Part 2  5 min



(10 marks @2 marks)

Circle your answers (A, B, C or D) below.

Maggie is listening to an interview between Alan Kwok and Derek Chung on the radio.
Listen carefully and answer Questions 6-10. You have 30 seconds to study the questions.
You may start now.



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Q6:

Pay attention to the roles of the speakers.



Q7:

Pay attention to the tone of the speaker.



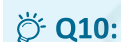
Q8:

You may use the elimination method. Cross out the true options first.



Q9:

Cross out the unmentioned options first.



Q10:

Listen for specific clues as the answer may not be mentioned directly.

6. Derek is the _____ of *Movie's Night*.
 - A. host
 - B. director
 - C. actor
 - D. guest

7. How did Derek feel about the success of *Dreamland*?
 - A. Nervous
 - B. Disappointed
 - C. Surprised
 - D. Excited

8. Which of the following is **NOT** true about the film *Dreamland*?
 - A. The main character of the film is a young man called Joseph.
 - B. Joseph has been an explorer since he was a kid.
 - C. Joseph finds a treasure map and goes on a journey.
 - D. Joseph wants to explore an island called Dreamland.

9. Alan and Derek think taking on challenges can help us _____.
 - A. achieve our goals
 - B. change our career
 - C. become a film director
 - D. improve ourselves

10. The radio programme takes place _____.
 - A. every month
 - B. every two weeks
 - C. every week
 - D. every day

Part 3



(12 marks @2 marks)

Maggie is doing a project on students' habits of reading zodiac signs. She is interviewing her classmate, Daisy. Listen carefully and help Maggie complete the survey form. You have 30 seconds to study the form. You may start now.



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Happy Life Primary School

Students' Habits of Reading Zodiac Signs Survey Form

Name: Daisy Cheng

Class: 6D

Put a '✓' in the appropriate . You may put a '✓' in more than one .

How much do you enjoy reading about zodiac signs?

Not at all

A little

Very much

Reason(s): _____

Where do you read about zodiac signs most often?

Newspapers

Online forums

Magazines

Blogs

What kind of information interests you most?

How often do you read about zodiac signs?

2 times a month

once a week

2-3 times a week

more than 3 times a week

Do you believe in zodiac signs?

Yes

Sometimes

No

Thank you!

You should pay attention to words similar to 'Not at all', 'A little' or 'Very much' in meaning.

You can write short answers when you fill in a survey form.

You must pay attention to the number of boxes you can tick.

Be prepared for the spelling of unfamiliar words.

Compare the options during the preparation time as simple calculations may be needed.

You should pay attention to words similar to 'Yes' or 'No' in meaning.

Section B Reading

(38 marks)

(B-1)  6 min


(12 marks)


Maggie is reading a leaflet which introduces some books. Read it carefully, choose the best answers for Questions 17-21 and complete Question 22.


Amazing Bookshop	
<u>Summer Sale</u>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ From 1st June to 14th June: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – enjoy a 20% discount for buying any kind of books – buy five or more books to get an additional 10% discount ➤ Spend over \$300 to become our member and get a \$20 cash coupon 	
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Spicy Four</i></p> <p>Angel, Crystal, Polly and Winnie are Spicy Four. They all have special powers and work for a secret organisation. One day, they set out to spy on Dr Kim, an evil scientist. The mission turns out to be difficult as they find out that Polly’s brother is under Dr Kim’s control and works for him. What do they do? Price: HKD\$66</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Marine the Mermaid</i></p> <p>Marine is a mermaid living in the eastern ocean. One night, she meets Prince Jarvis and falls in love with him. She wants to tell him that she loves him, so she wants to find a magic potion that can turn her into a human. She encounters many difficulties in her journey. Is she giving up? Price: HKD\$72</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>My Lovely Dog</i></p> <p>Danny has a dog called Kiki. She feels lonely because Danny always ignores her. She wants to play catch with him, but he is talking on his mobile phone in his room. Sometimes he even kicked her out of it. Later, he realises that she is not just a pet, but a friend. What changes him? Price: HKD\$75</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Get a Life</i></p> <p>Helen is lazy. She does not do her homework, wash her clothes or tidy her room. Her teacher asks her to work harder but Helen does not listen. She then joins a two-week summer camp to learn how to be more responsible. Can she become a better student? Price: HKD\$88</p>
<p>For more information, visit our website: http://www.amazingbookshop.com</p>	



CLASSROOM Tips

 Read the book titles to get the main idea of the books.

 Pay attention to the relationship between characters.

 Use your common sense to guess what is going to happen in the story.

(B-1)

17. From the leaflet, what do we know about the summer sale?
- A. The discounts are for members only.
 - B. All customers can receive a \$20 cash coupon.
 - C. It lasts for more than two weeks.
 - D. All customers can get 20% off for buying books.
18. Which is **TRUE** about *Spicy Four*?
- A. They force people to do bad things.
 - B. They work for an evil scientist.
 - C. They have powers that others do not have.
 - D. They run a secret organisation.
19. In *My Lovely Dog*, what does '**it**' refer to?
- A. Danny's mobile phone
 - B. Danny's bedroom
 - C. Danny's attention
 - D. Kiki's toy
20. In *My Lovely Dog*, what might probably happen to Danny?
- A. Kiki makes him smile again after he fails his exams.
 - B. Kiki eats his bread when he feels hungry.
 - C. Kiki talks to him like a human girl.
 - D. Kiki takes away his mobile phone.
21. In *Marine the Mermaid*, Marine needs to _____.
- A. leave the western ocean
 - B. find Prince Jarvis
 - C. make a magic potion
 - D. deal with challenges
22. Maggie is texting her cousin, Ben. Read the leaflet on p.8 and help her complete the message. Use only **ONE** word for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Today I bought a book at Amazing Bookshop because there is a (i) _____ for all books. However, I couldn't become its (ii) _____ as I spent \$75 only...



CLASSROOM Tips

Q17:
Pay attention to the part about the summer sale.

Q18:
You may use the elimination method. Cross out the false options first.

Q19:
Read the sentences before the pronoun.

Q20:
Use your common sense. How do your friends treat you?

Q21:
The words used in the options may be different from those in the text.

Q22:
You can guess the parts of speech of the answers by reading the words before and after the blanks.

(B-2)

 6 min

(12 marks)

Maggie is reading an article about kimchi in a magazine. Read it carefully, choose the best answers for Questions 23-28.

Kimchi

By James Chow

 (i)

Kimchi is a popular traditional Korean dish. Around 3000 years ago, Koreans started making kimchi because they found out that fermented vegetables could be preserved for years and eaten throughout the long, freezing winter.

 (ii)

Kimchi is rich in vitamins and dietary fibre. Koreans believe that eating kimchi can make their bodies stronger and help **prevent** serious illnesses. That's why they eat kimchi more than any other food. Besides, many Korean women believe that it is good for skin—the more kimchi they eat, the more beautiful **they** will be.

 (iii)




Although kimchi is tasty, it contains a lot of salt, garlic and spices. Therefore, you should eat no more than one serving of it every day. Eating too much kimchi may cause stomach ache and diarrhoea. It is important that you are aware of the health risks of eating too much kimchi.

 (iv)

Kimchi is eaten by many people around the world. However, it may not be suitable for everyone. People with high blood pressure, heart diseases and stomach problems should avoid eating kimchi. In fact, they should pay attention to their daily intake of salt and eat the right portion of it.



CLASSROOM Tips

-  Read the title to get the main idea of the article.
-  Pay attention to the first and last sentence of each paragraph to get the main idea.
-  Read the sentences before or after difficult words to guess the meanings of the words.

(B-2)

23. Which of the following is **TRUE** about kimchi?
- A. Kimchi is made with Korean vegetables.
 - B. Kimchi was eaten by poor people.
 - C. Kimchi can be kept for a long time.
 - D. It is a Korean tradition to eat kimchi in winter.
24. In paragraph 2, '**prevent**' is most similar to _____.
- A. avoid
 - B. heal
 - C. solve
 - D. damage
25. In paragraph 2, '**they**' refers to _____.
- A. vitamins
 - B. illnesses
 - C. Korean people
 - D. Korean women
26. According to paragraph 3, you need to _____ when eating kimchi.
- A. eat less salt, garlic and spices
 - B. understand the health benefits of eating kimchi
 - C. pay attention to the health risks of eating kimchi
 - D. consider your physical condition
27. To eat kimchi moderately, you should _____.
- A. change your daily diet
 - B. know the nutrition values of it
 - C. learn to make your own kimchi
 - D. eat the right portion of it
28. Match the following headings with paragraphs (i) to (iv) on p.10. Write A, B, C or D in the .
- Headings
- A. Reasons for Eating Kimchi
 - B. Effects of Overeating Kimchi
 - C. Kimchi is Not for Everyone
 - D. The History of Kimchi
- (i) (ii) (iii) (iv)



CLASSROOM Tips

Q23:
You may use the elimination method. Cross out the false options first.

Q24:
Put the options into the reading passage to see which one is correct.

Q25:
Read the sentences before the pronoun.

Q26:
Figure out the main idea of paragraph 3 to get the answer.

Q27:
You may use the elimination method. Cross out the irrelevant options first.

Q28:
Read the topic sentence of each paragraph carefully to guess the headings.

(B-3)  6 min

(14 marks)

Maggie is reading her diary entries. Read it carefully, choose the best answers for Questions 29-34 and complete Question 35.

8th June, 20XX (Saturday)

Sunny

This morning, I had a bad fight with my mum because I didn't want to eat the breakfast she cooked for me. It was fried eggs again! I've already eaten them for a few times this week. I **blew a fuse** and ran out of the door right away.

When I came back home from my tutorial class, I didn't say a word to my mum. I just went straight to my room and I stayed in it for the rest of the day. I even skipped dinner tonight.

9th June, 20XX (Sunday)

Sunny

Although today was a Sunday, I woke up early so I went out for a walk. I was actually quite hungry, but I didn't want to eat the food that Mum prepared. I stood outside a restaurant and looked at its menu alone.

The owner of the restaurant, Mama Cheng, saw my sad face. She kindly offered me a bowl of beef noodles for free. While I was eating, I told her what happened. I finished the noodles in a few minutes as I was very hungry. After that, I gave Mama Cheng a big hug.

Mama Cheng smiled at me and said, 'You thanked me for what I did for you because I'm a stranger. People are always moved when a stranger helps them. But I only cooked you a bowl of noodles. How about your mum? She makes meals for you every day. Shouldn't you thank **her**?' After talking to Mama Cheng, I started to realise how childish and ungrateful I was.


10th June, 20XX (Monday)


Sunny

When I woke up, I could smell grilled sausages in the kitchen. I couldn't believe that Mum was cooking my favourite food for me after I behaved so rudely. I apologised to her and promised her that I would not be picky and I would eat everything she cooks for me. She accepted my apology. From now on, I will learn to appreciate her cooking!



CLASSROOM Tips

 The date of a diary entry gives a clue for the dates of other activities.

 Read the sentences before and after the unfamiliar words or expressions.

(B-3)

29. From the first diary entry, we know that Maggie _____.
- A. argued with her dad B. was sick of fried eggs
C. made herself breakfast D. hated eating breakfast
30. In the first diary entry, what does '**blew a fuse**' mean?
- A. ate the fried eggs B. slammed the door
C. became upset D. became angry
31. Mama Cheng is _____.
- A. Maggie's aunt B. an owner of a restaurant
C. a waitress of a restaurant D. Maggie's mum
32. Why did Maggie give Mama Cheng a big hug?
- A. To thank Mama Cheng. B. She felt very cold.
C. She did not have money. D. She was still hungry.
33. How long did the fight between Maggie and her mum last?
- A. 1 day B. 2 days
C. 3 days D. 4 days
34. How did Maggie feel about Mum's cooking in the end?
- A. She wanted Mum to grill sausages more often.
B. She thought Mum shouldn't cook for her.
C. She wanted Mum to cook different kinds of food.
D. She started to like Mum's cooking more.
35. Maggie is writing a note to her mum. Read the diary entries on p.12 and fill in each blank with only **ONE** word. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Hi Mum, I want to (i) _____ to you. I'm sorry!
I'm really (ii) _____ as you always cook for me
and take good care of me. Please forgive me!



CLASSROOM Tips

Q29:
You may use the elimination method. Cross out the false options first.

Q30:
Read the sentences before and after the phrase to guess its meaning.

Q31:
You may use the elimination method. Cross out the true options first.

Q32:
Use your common sense. Why do people hug each other?

Q33:
The answer is not stated directly in the text. Look for relevant clues to get the answer.

Q34:
Pay attention to what Maggie learnt in the end.

Q35:
'I'm sorry' and 'forgive me' are the keywords.

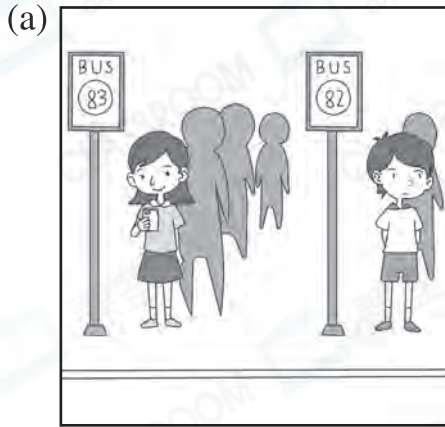
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Writing

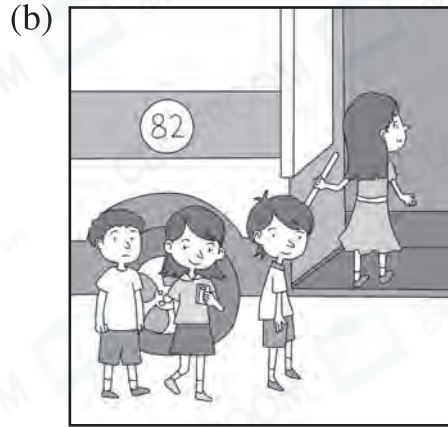
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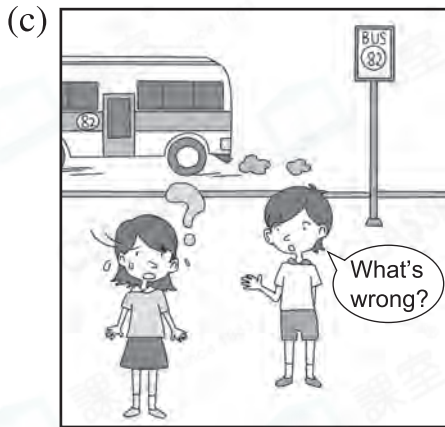
36. You are Maggie. You took a bus to visit Grandma yesterday. Based on the pictures below, write an e-mail to your friend, David, about what happened. Write at least 80 words.



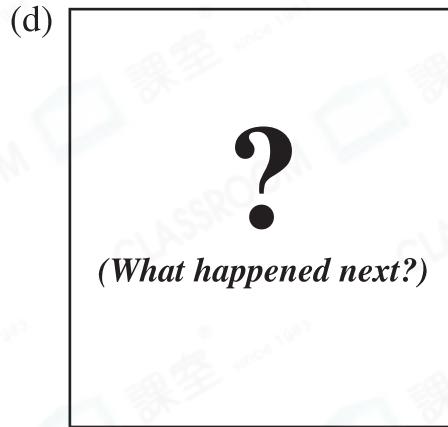
bus stop / queue up




mobile phone / get on





get off / passenger / worried





CLASSROOM Tips

 Read the question carefully. Make sure you understand the situation and know what text type you have to write.

 Who are you?

 Who are the other people in the pictures?

 What pronouns should you use?

 Which tenses should you use?

