

Secondary 3 English Language

Reading

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Question Booklet

Instructions:

1. There are 7 pages in this Question Booklet.
2. Time allowed is 35 minutes.
3. Do not write anything in this Question Booklet.
4. **Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.**

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Part 1 Pre-DSE

You are reading a poem in the library.

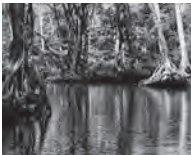
Read the poem and answer the questions.

Poem

My friend, Judy, arrived last week
And asked me to be her guide.
She said she was tired of shopping malls
And theme parks for 'exciting' rides.

So I took her to another park.
She hesitated, 'How is it different from the others?'
But she stopped murmuring once she saw the wildlife.
She liked blue and green, and would surely find it fun.

We walked straight to Pui Pui's Home.
The crocodile was swimming swiftly in the pool.
I snapped while Judy was knocking on the acrylic panels,
But it growled lazily and remained cool.



Starting a relaxing walk over the water,
Judy was busy looking at different plants,
Pure water lilies, rough reeds, amazing mangroves,
Where dragonflies happily buzzed and danced.

At the final stop we went into a shop.
I took a quick look, but Judy took a trolley*.
She thanked me for the eye-opening trip
And bought me a Pui Pui soft toy as a trophy.



* trolley—a small vehicle with four wheels for shopping

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1. 'Growled' is an example of onomatopoeia. Give one other example from the poem.

2. Which of the following is closest in meaning to 'blue and green'?
- nature
 - the sky and the hills
 - two colours
 - the ocean and the plants
3. In stanza 3, find one pair of rhyming words.
4. In stanza 3, 'swimming swiftly' is an example of alliteration. Find one other example from the poem.
5. According to the poem, Judy saw many things during her trip. Select the correct sequence of the things mentioned.



- 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 4
6. According to the poem, Judy _____.
- liked shopping in the trip
 - lived in Hong Kong
 - liked seeing new things
 - did not find rides at theme parks exciting
7. According to the last stanza, which of the following statements are TRUE about Judy?
- She did not enjoy the trip.
 - She bought a lot of souvenirs.
 - She finished the trip after shopping.
 - She bought the writer an animal.
- 1 and 2
 - 1 and 3
 - 2 and 3
 - 3 and 4

Part 2 Pre-DSE

Your English teacher has asked you to read two book reports.

Read the book reports and answer the questions.

Book Reports

Name: Hugo Leung **Class:** 3A



I came across a book called *Miserable Lives* by Charlie Thompson in the library last week. It consists of ten real-life stories in which animals were treated badly by people.

I am most impressed with the main chapter which describes a dog owner throwing his dog off a bridge. In an evening in a city in Europe, a young man named Adrian Wolf joked with his friends that ‘dogs can fly’, then he suddenly dropped his dog off. His friends filmed it and put it on YouTube. Hundreds of animal lovers on the Net were furious after seeing the clip, and reported it to animal organisations. They also set up Facebook groups to condemn the cruel act of the dog owner. The news was soon widely reported in the city. Wolf later admitted wrongdoing and was charged with animal cruelty. Sadly, the dog did not survive after a week.

Charlie Thompson criticises the irresponsible behaviour of pet owners and urges potential ones to think twice before action. This makes me think about how I should treat my puppy.

Name: Wendy Poon **Class:** 3C



My friends told me that *A Polar Bear’s Diary* was a very good book because the story was very exciting and funny. I have read it recently, but I do not think that what my friends said is true.

This book, written by Peter Jones, is about a polar bear, Sam, who writes his diary about his life in the Arctic, where there are too many polar bears but not enough food. In order to feed his family, Sam has to compete with his enemies for food. They have a swimming, running and hunting triathlon at Christmas. Many amusing things happen at the ice playground.

I had a hard time reading this book. I did not find the funny side at all. What the book describes is just not real. I am more interested in a book which tells us the real life of polar bears. I have heard of some cases that they were so hungry that they even ate their cubs—shouldn’t we make more effort in saving the poor species instead of making fun of them?

Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.

Book Reports		
Title	1.	<u><i>A Polar Bear's Diary</i></u>
Author	2.	3.
Main character	4.	5.
Setting—main event	6.	<u>ice playground</u>
Time—main event	<u>evening</u>	7.
The quotes (a-f) are from the two books. Put each letter (a-f) in the correct box. One (b) has been done for you as an example.	8. <input type="checkbox"/>	9. <input type="checkbox"/>
	10. <input type="checkbox"/>	11. <input type="checkbox"/> b 12. <input type="checkbox"/>
a. 'The police have successfully found the injured dog.' b. 'My dear friend, I have become the champion!' c. 'Oh my god! What was this cruel man doing?' d. 'Dad, we haven't had food for three days!' e. 'They lived happily ever after.' f. 'It hit the ground and yelped in pain.'		

13. The dog owner would probably _____.

- A. recover from serious injuries
- B. take good care of the dog
- C. face punishments
- D. be caught by the police

14. Which of the following would happen to Sam? He would _____.

- A. drown
- B. eat his cub
- C. die
- D. survive

Part 3 Pre-DSE

You want to organise a Green Day at school. You are reading short descriptions of some magazines and an article written by a student from a neighbouring school.

Read the short descriptions of the magazines and the article. Answer the questions.

Short descriptions of magazines

Best-selling Nature Magazines

WILDLife in Africa

This is a seasonal magazine. It aims to present fun facts about different wild animals through studying their behaviour. Visiting the website of the magazine, you can watch high-quality videos of preys and predators in the African savannah.



Earth Magazine

It now has more than a hundred journalists from Asia and Europe. With its positive messages about protecting the environment, it is circulated throughout 45 countries in 13 languages. In Hong Kong, it is distributed bimonthly at MTR stations for free.

The Aquatic World

The Aquatic World is a quarterly magazine reporting the current state of the ocean. Readers are welcome to submit beautiful photos to the magazine. A hundred dollars will be given to the owner of each published photo.



Forests Around the World

Forests Around the World has gained publicity in recent years. In the latest issue in July, the hottest features include a journal on a 5-day survival camp in the Amazon tropical rainforest, photos from the Wildlife Photograph Competition and the biggest floral species in the jungles.

Life & Nature

This is a weekly magazine on scenery and wild animals attached to the *Good Morning Post*. For easy reading, Chinese meanings are provided beside difficult words. Interesting games related to the news, like crosswords and word searches, are also available for each article.

Article

4. Who organised the Green Day?
- A. the Students' Union
B. Greenpeace
C. Green Power
D. Greeners Action
5. What do the words 'The others' refer to?
- A. the members of the Students' Union
B. Greenpeace and Green Power
C. the booths
D. the student helpers
6. According to paragraph 2, which of the following was NOT needed to win the games?
- A. physical strength
B. speed
C. creativity
D. basic knowledge of energy
7. Look at the word 'green'. Now look at the dictionary entry for 'green' below. Which meaning corresponds to the word?

green adj.

- A. of a colour between yellow and blue, e.g. *a green T-shirt*
B. related to environmental protection, e.g. *a green policy*
C. not experienced or trained, e.g. *a green staff member*
D. covered with plants, e.g. *a green area*

8. The outfit competition was to encourage participants to _____.
- A. dress more creatively
B. dress in green
C. reuse old materials
D. use fewer disposable products
9. According to the last paragraph, the writer thinks the event is _____.
- A. a lot of fun
B. inspiring
C. very effective
D. worth organising

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6. Write your Name, Class and Class Number in the boxes below.

Part	Marks
1	/ 7
2	/ 14
3	/ 9

Total: / 30

Score for achieving BC: 21

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Instructions:

MC Questions – Choose the best answer. Blacken the circle under / next to the corresponding letter with an **HB pencil**. For example:

Example 1

- A
- B
- C
- D

Example 2

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Short Questions – Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Part 1

1. _____

2. A B C D

3. _____ and _____

4. _____

5. A B C D

6. A B C D

7. A B C D

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13. A B C D

14. A B C D

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Part 3

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3. A B C D
4. A B C D
5. A B C D
6. A B C D
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8. A B C D
9. A B C D

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