

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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Write one capital letter in this box.

Part 1 Pre-DSE

You are reading an article for a project on the use of mobile phones among teenagers.

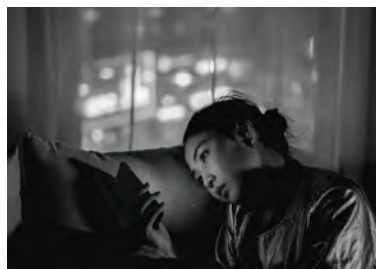
Read the article and answer the questions.

Article

According to statistics, each citizen in Hong Kong owns more than 1.5 mobile phones on average, showing the popularity of the gadget. Many teenagers are obsessive about using mobile phones and some of them even replace face-to-face communication with text messages.

Jason Lai is among these teenagers. ‘I never turn off my mobile phone,’ said the 14-year-old, who calls himself a ‘mobile phone junkie’. ‘When I go to bed, I put my mobile phone at my bedside. Every day I spend most of my time sending text messages and playing the installed games. I can send text messages while having lessons. It’s really convenient without the bother of using the keypad. With the big screen, it’s easy to watch YouTube clips. Even when I’m watching a film, I can’t help checking my Facebook pages every few minutes using my mobile phone,’ Jason said as his finger slid on the touch screen of his phone and took a photo of himself.

The addiction to mobile phones is a worrying problem. According to psychologists, if you find that you feel uncomfortable when not using the mobile phone or if you are using it more and more, it might mean that you are becoming addicted to your mobile phone. Some social workers also advise people not to overuse mobile phones because it may affect their interpersonal relationship.



Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

1. The word ‘gadget’ refers to _____.
 - A. statistics
 - B. citizens
 - C. mobile phones
 - D. teenagers

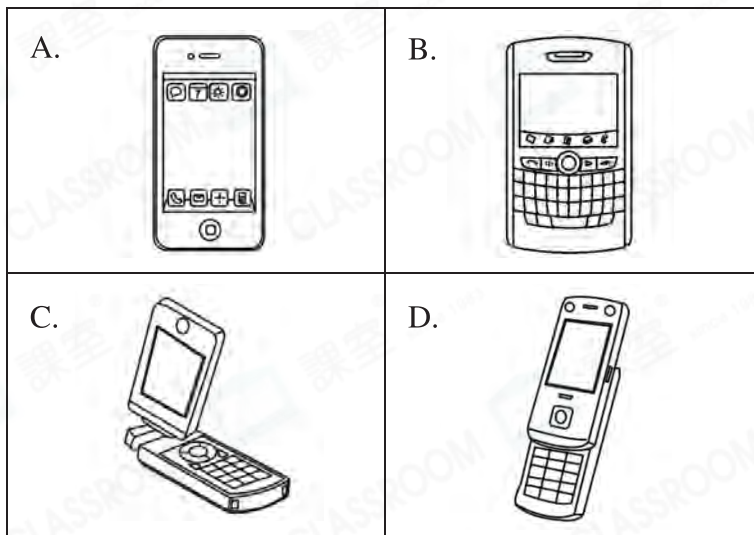
2. Jason calls himself a 'mobile phone junkie'. This means he _____.

- A. collects different models of mobile phones
- B. uses his mobile phone all the time
- C. throws away his mobile phones constantly
- D. likes to change his mobile phone

3. Which of the following does Jason do with his mobile phone?

- A. sends text messages to his friends
- B. checks his Facebook pages
- C. plays the games installed in the phone
- D. all of the above

4. What does Jason's mobile phone look like?



5. What does the writer think about Jason?

- A. He should not talk on the phone too often.
- B. He should meet his friends instead of sending text messages.
- C. He should not overuse his mobile phone.
- D. He should turn off his mobile phone at night.

6. Which of the following is NOT a sign of addiction to mobile phones?

- A. an uncontrollable desire to use mobile phones
- B. increasing time of using mobile phones
- C. uneasiness due to the absence of mobile phones
- D. a habit of changing mobile phones frequently

Part 2 Pre-DSE

You are reading two travel journal entries about Nepal.

Read the travel journal entries and answer the questions.

Travel Journal

10 Oct 20XX (Swayambhunath)



On our second day in Kathmandu, we took a taxi to Swayambhunath, the Monkey Temple. As we got closer, we could see the white dome and golden steeple glittering atop a hill against a clear blue sky. It was beautiful!

The taxi dropped us off at the base of the longest set of stairs I'd ever seen. The guidebooks said there were 365 stairs, but I hadn't imagined that they could be so steep. My thighs are still stinging as I write this. At the base of the stairs there was a sitting Buddha, surrounded by a few monkeys, including one sitting on his head and biting into a nut.

It took me 10 minutes to climb the stairs, but it was worth it. There were two stone lions guarding the entrance of the temple and protecting the Varja, something that looked like a cross between a lightning bolt and a sword. The sign said it represented pure knowledge and had the power to clear all ignorance. My wife joked that I should use a Varja.

11 Oct 20XX (Bhaktapur)

Today we spent the day in Bhaktapur, once the capital of Nepal. It's a World Heritage Site, a preserved historic city. It was like walking into a place where time forgets to pass.

There were loads of temples and shrines, more than you could imagine. After spending some time exploring Durbar Square, we wandered the narrow side streets for a couple of hours. It was really hard to pull ourselves away, but before we left we wanted to see the Palace of 55 Windows. It was amazing. The Golden Gate, the entrance to the Palace courtyard, is considered as the most important piece of art in the Kathmandu Valley, or so said the guidebooks. Whatever the case, a person could easily spend two days wandering around Bhaktapur.

Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet.

1. 'My thighs are still stinging' means that the writer _____.
 - A. was attacked by bees
 - B. hurt his legs with needles
 - C. had sore legs
 - D. fell down the stairs and hurt himself

Part 3 Pre-DSE

You are reading an article about Valentine's Day.

Read the article and answer the questions.

Article

Saying 'I love you' around the globe



Most people think that Valentine's Day is a day for lovers to express their love or give presents to each other. Why is this day named Valentine? Do people all over the world celebrate this day in the same way?

Valentine's Day could be traced back to the 3rd century, when the Roman emperor forbade all men to marry and forced them to join the war. However, Saint Valentine, the bishop of Italy, kept on holding secret wedding ceremonies for couples in love. The Roman emperor was angry about this and eventually Saint Valentine was killed on 14 February. People started to commemorate Saint Valentine on this day in the 14th century.

Celebrations around the world

- **America:** Americans love sending cards on Valentine's Day. The cards at early times were mostly handmade with shapes of hearts and flowers. Many lovers even wrote love poems on the cards to express their love to each other. However, since the 19th century, the handmade cards have given way to mass-produced greeting cards.
- **Japan:** Lovers' day is celebrated twice a year, 14 February and 14 March. On Valentine's Day, Japanese women give presents to their loved ones. A month later, Japanese men do the same in return. This day is called 'White Day'. Chocolate is the most popular gift among Japanese lovers.
- **Korea:** In addition to Valentine's Day, there is 'Pepero Day', which falls on 11 November. Young lovers exchange romantic gifts on this day, usually the long, thin chocolate cookie sticks called Pepero. There is also 'Black Day', which falls on 14 April, for people who are not in a relationship to get together to celebrate being single.

Writer's choices for your loved ones

<p>A.</p> 	<p>B.</p> 
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Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.

Valentine's Day

Reason for the Roman emperor to forbid marriage:

1. _____

Country in which Saint Valentine lived:

2. _____

Way in which Americans celebrate the day:

3. _____

Country which celebrates lovers' day more than once a year:

4. _____

5. Which of the following about celebrations of Valentine's Day in America is NOT true?

- A. In the past, people often wrote love poems.
- B. People still prefer making cards themselves nowadays.
- C. Mass-produced greeting cards are popular nowadays.
- D. Shapes of hearts and flowers were often seen on handmade cards.

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Answer Booklet

Instructions:

1. There are 4 pages in this Answer Booklet.
2. Time allowed is 35 minutes.
3. Answer all questions according to instructions provided.
4. Answer all questions in this Answer Booklet.
5. Do not write in the margins.
6. Write your Name, Class and Class Number in the boxes below.

Part	Marks
1	/ 6
2	/ 12
3	/ 11

Total: / 29

Score for achieving BC: 20

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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

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- B
- C
- D

Example 2

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Short Questions – Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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2. A B C D
3. A B C D
4. A B C D
5. A B C D
6. A B C D

Subtotal: / 6

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Part 2

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

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	Swayambhunath	Bhaktapur
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What attraction(s) can you see there? Give <u>one</u> example only.	<u>Monkey Temple</u>	7.
The quotes (a-f) are the writer's remarks on each place.	8. <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> 9. <input type="checkbox"/>	10. <input type="checkbox"/> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> 12. <input type="checkbox"/>
Put each letter (a-f) in the correct box. One (c) has been done for you as an example.	a. 'I didn't think it was funny.' b. 'I wish we could come back again.' c. 'Walking down the stairs was even worse.' d. 'I was stunned when I saw the task ahead.' e. 'Everything was kept in their original condition.' f. 'I really liked the architecture in the Kathmandu Valley.'	

Subtotal: / 12

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Part 3

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3. _____

4. _____

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6. A B C D
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7. _____

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10. _____

11. _____

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Subtotal: / 11

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