

Track 1

Narrator: Secondary 3 English Language

Mock Paper

Listening

Part 1

Marty and his dad are driving home in their car. They hear a news programme on the radio.

You now have 30 seconds to read this part. (30 seconds of music)

Listen to the news programme and answer the questions. When you hear a beep (beep), answer the question. The news programme will be played once only. The news programme will begin now.

Announcer: Good evening and welcome to News at Six (1). I'm Mike Peters. On tonight's news: Three people are hurt as thieves steal \$500,000 (2) from a major bank; meanwhile, a fire breaks out in an apartment building.

First, our top story. Three people were hurt when thieves stole \$500,000 from Gold Lion Bank in Tsim Sha Tsui. It happened at 4:30 pm (4). Four men wearing masks and carrying guns rushed into the bank. They told everyone to lie down on the floor and had a teller fill three pillowcases with cash. They got away in a van. The three people who were hurt are in hospital with bruises and minor cuts. Police are looking for four men of average height with dark hair and a dark green (3) van.

Meanwhile (4), a fire broke out in an apartment building in Tsing Yi Gardens. Firefighters arrived at the scene to find smoke coming out of several windows on the 13th floor. The building was evacuated and no one was hurt. The fire chief says the fire started in the kitchen. They are looking for the cause now.

I've just received an update from our traffic helicopter. There's been a three-vehicle accident eastbound on Tuen Mun Road (5). It happened when a car stopped too suddenly. If you're heading home on that road, you should take another route.

That's our news for this evening. Join us again at 11 pm for News at Night. Thanks for listening.

Narrator: Now, answer the questions.
Question 1.
When did the programme start? (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)
Question 2.
How much money did the robbers steal? (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)
Question 3.
What colour was the van? (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)
Question 4.
When did the fire happen? (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)
Question 5.
Where did the accident happen? (*beep*) (*5-second pause*)

Narrator: You now have 30 seconds to check your answers. (*30-second pause*)
This is the end of Part 1.

Track 2

Narrator: **Part 2**
Joseph is doing a project about Macau. He is talking to Aunt Magdalena, who comes from Macau.

Section A

You now have 30 seconds to read this section. (*30 seconds of music*)
Listen to the first part of the conversation and answer the questions. When you hear a beep (*beep*), answer the question. The conversation will be played **once** only. The conversation will begin now.

Joseph: Aunt Magdalena, how did you feel about your visit to Macau this year?
Aunt: It's very nice! Every time I return to my homeland, my family and friends
Magdalena: welcome me and treat me well. I enjoy spending time talking and having fun with them. Seeing them only once a year (1), I always miss them much!
Joseph: I can feel how much you love your family and friends. Why did you come to Hong Kong then?
Aunt: Oh, that's a long, long time ago, when I was a secondary school student.
Magdalena:
Joseph: Did you meet Uncle Tony at that time and then followed him to Hong Kong?
Aunt: No, I came to Hong Kong because I wanted to enter a better university (2). My
Magdalena: family was poor, but they still managed to send me to Hong Kong. I met your uncle in the university. Then we got married and I decided to stay here.

Joseph: I see. Can you tell me more about Macau? Where did its name come from?
Aunt Macau was a small fishing village and people earned a living by fishing. One day
Magdalena: some fishermen worked at the sea but suddenly a storm came (3.1). They were
frightened. At that time, a woman appeared, ordered the storm to stop (3.2) and
then left. The fishermen thought she was A-Ma, the goddess of the sea, so they
built the A-Ma temple to remember her (3.3). The people also called the place A-
Ma-Gao, which means the place of A-Ma. In the 16th century, Portuguese
controlled the place (3.4). The Portuguese adopted the name A-Ma-Gao, and
gradually changed it into ‘Macau’ (3.5).

Joseph: That’s really interesting (4). I didn’t know that the name Macau is closely related
to the goddess of the sea.
(telephone rings)

Aunt Oh, excuse me, Joseph, it’s a long-distance call. Let me answer it first and then

Magdalena: we can talk later.

Narrator: Now, answer the questions.

Question 1.

Aunt Magdalena returns to Macau _____. *(beep) (5-second pause)*

Question 2.

Why did Aunt Magdalena come to Hong Kong? *(beep) (5-second pause)*

Question 3.

Arrange the following events in the correct order. Write the number (2 to 5) in the
correct box. Number 1 has been done for you already. *(beep) (10-second pause)*

Question 4.

How does Joseph respond to Aunt Magdalena’s remark? He is _____. *(beep) (5-
second pause)*

This is the end of Section A. *(5-second pause)*

Narrator: **Section B**

You now have one minute to read this section. *(one minute of music)*

Listen to the last part of the conversation. As you listen, complete the notes for
Joseph’s project. The answers may **not** be in the same order in the notes as in the
conversation. Also, use the information below to complete the task. The
conversation will be played **once** only. The conversation will begin now.

Aunt Sorry to keep you waiting, Joseph. Now what do you want to know about Macau?

Magdalena:

Joseph: I’ve never been to Macau. Where is it?

Aunt Macau is located on the southeast coast of China (1). It’s about 60 km from Hong

Magdalena: Kong. We need to take a ferry to get there.

Joseph: I see. Is Macau as small as Hong Kong?

Aunt: It's much smaller! Macau is comprised of the Macau Peninsula (2) and the two islands of Taipa and Coloane. The total area is about 40 (3) times smaller than Hong Kong and 23 times smaller than Singapore!

Joseph: Wow, it's really small! But it can still stand out to be a well-known city. Are there a lot of people living in Macau?

Aunt: Well, there are currently about 500 thousand people living in Macau. Among them, about 95% are Chinese (4). The remaining population includes Portuguese and Filipinos.

Joseph: That means less than 5% of the population are Portuguese! Are you one of them, Aunt Magdalena?

Aunt: No, I'm Chinese.

Magdalena: But you can speak Portuguese fluently.

Aunt: It's because I learnt Portuguese (5) during my primary and secondary education.

Magdalena: It's one of the official languages in Macau, together with Chinese. However, few schools in Macau teach Portuguese since Macau was returned to China in 1999. Some people think English is more important so students nowadays mainly learn Chinese and English.

Joseph: I see. Oh, Aunt Magdalena, it's getting dark and I need to go home to have dinner. Thank you for telling me much about Macau today. You've been very helpful.

Aunt: You're welcome, Joseph. Maybe I can take you to Macau for a holiday next year!

Magdalena:

Narrator: *(beep)* You now have 30 seconds to check your answers.
(30-second pause) (beep)
This is the end of the listening paper.