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English Language Paper 2: Reading Comprehension & Usage
Question Paper
(1 hour 15 minutes)

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Class: S3 _____ No.: _____


Total score: 100

Instructions to candidates:

1. Write your Name, Class and Class Number in the spaces provided on this cover **AND** on the cover of the Answer Sheets.
2. This paper consists of three parts: **Part I (Reading Comprehension)**, **Part II (Usage)** and **Part III (Bonus)**. Answer **ALL** questions.
3. Mark **ALL** answers on the Answer Sheets given.
4. Each question carries 1 mark unless otherwise specified.

Part I Reading Comprehension (40 marks + Bonus: 5 marks)**Text 1 (20 marks + Bonus: 3 marks)**

Read the following article and answer the questions that follow.

1	<p>Better Looks for Better Jobs?</p> <p><i>More and more local graduates are going under the knife for better job prospects.</i></p> <p>[1] Nose jobs, eye enlargements and other cosmetic surgeries are gaining</p>	 <p>© Can Stock Photo</p>
5	<p>popularity with local young job seekers as they believe such treatments can offer them better job prospects.</p> <p>[2] Janice, a 22-year-old university graduate, told a reporter how she spent HK\$40,000 on surgery to enlarge her eyes before starting her employment search. That was not the first time she had gone under the knife. When she was</p>	
10	<p>17, she had her nose reshaped by a cosmetic surgeon in Taiwan. Obviously, Janice sees such an enhancement as a way to boost her self-esteem.</p> <p>[3] “I didn’t think I was pretty enough when I was small. In fact, I thought I was rather ugly,” she said. “My classmates used to tease me about my appearance so I saved up my pocket money bit by bit and went to have my first plastic surgery</p>	
15	<p>operation in Taiwan.”</p> <p>[4] Doctor Daniel Lee, a plastic surgeon in Hong Kong, noted that the number of young clients has grown markedly in recent years, up by almost 20 per cent. One or two decades ago, most of his clients were middle-aged or older. According to him, young patients on his book now are primarily in their twenties</p>	
20	<p>and thirties. Surprisingly, some parents have brought their children to his clinic for cosmetic treatments, he remarked.</p> <p>[5] Many of his young clients believe that going for surgical procedures to improve their looks is a worthwhile investment in their career. Most of them do it during their school holidays or just after graduation before attending job</p>	
25	<p>interviews.</p> <p>[6] A highly competitive job market, along with a better economy and higher beauty standards, may explain why young people are eager to improve their looks through surgery. The support from the celebrities has made these treatments even more acceptable.</p>	
30	<p>[7] More and more people are now choosing treatments such as Botox and collagen stimulators to redefine their facial features. These treatments cause less discomfort and side effects. They can also be done in about an hour and cost less than traditional surgeries.</p>	
35	<p>[8] However, beyond appearance, cosmetic treatments do not always solve the core of the problem. On the contrary, they may lead to many complications in the</p>	

	future. For example, there are stories in the news of how cosmetic surgeons have made mistakes, leaving their patients disfigured.
40	[9] We need to ask whether our society is so image-driven that we would rather have people at jobs with fewer work skills but with better looks. If this is the mindset of the employers, then the push for unnaturally beautiful people to fill positions is going to hurt, rather than help the companies that employ them. Excessive emphasis on how people look is at odds with our city that thrives on professionalism.
45	[10] Our young adults should perhaps be made aware that investing HK\$40,000 in improving their professional skills will do far more wonders in their careers than getting a new facelift.

- Find a word in paragraph 1 which can be replaced by “opportunities”.
- Which verb in paragraph 2 means “make something bigger”?
- What does “such an enhancement” (line 11) refer to?
- What did Janice save her pocket money for? Why did she do so? (2 marks)
- How many years does the term “two decades” (line 18) refer to?
- What does “his” (line 18) refer to?
- Look at the word “book” in paragraph 4. What does it mean?
 - patients’ past history
 - reference book for doctors
 - appointment book
 - telephone directory
- From paragraphs 5 – 8, find a word which has the following definition. (4 marks)

a) useful	b) wanting very much to win
c) change the meaning of something	d) the basic and most important part
- Read the following statements carefully. Decide whether they are ‘True’, ‘False’ or ‘Not Given’ in the article. Write ‘T’, ‘F’ or ‘NG’ respectively. (4 marks)
 - Janice spent HK\$40,000 on reshaping her nose in Hong Kong.
 - Most of Doctor Lee’s young clients are aged between twenty and thirty years old now.
 - A number of celebrities in Hong Kong have undergone cosmetic/plastic surgeries.
 - Doing treatments such as Botox and collagen stimulators is less expensive than traditional surgeries.


10. Give two examples of the traditional cosmetic/plastic surgeries mentioned in the article. (1 mark)
11. Give **two reasons** from the article to explain why people undergo plastic/cosmetic surgery. (2 marks)
12. According to the article, what is the risk of undergoing plastic surgery or cosmetic treatments? (1 mark)

Bonus (3 marks)

13. What is the writer's message to the readers?
14. What does the phrase "at odds" (line 42) mean? According to the writer, what does our city's success depend on? (2 marks)

Text 2 (20 marks + Bonus: 2 marks)

Read the following essay and answer the questions that follow.

1	<p>Volunteering is fun!</p> <p><i>By Peter Fong (S3 student at Sunshine Secondary School)</i></p>  <p>[1] Volunteering has become an important part of my school life. Many schools organize volunteer clubs to get students involved.</p> <p>5 Some students join charity organizations directly. For me, I am a member of the school's volunteer club. I usually visit the elderly, help collect money on Flag Days, give performances and organize events, all for charity.</p> <p>[2] Honestly speaking, volunteering can be time-consuming. If you are a full-time student, the time you spend volunteering may result in the other areas</p> <p>10 of your life being neglected, like losing chances for ball games, hanging out with friends, etc. Also, while volunteer or pro bono work can be rewarding, you are not receiving any monetary compensation for your time. What's worse, volunteering in certain settings could put a strain on your emotion. Last week, I was very frustrated when I taught a teenager with learning difficulties how to</p> <p>15 use iPad unsuccessfully. He threw a tantrum and screamed loudly.</p> <p>[3] So, why do we do it? We all know we contribute a lot, but is it all one-way? Is there no reward for all this effort? The answer is, of course, that volunteers often get even more from their work than they put into it!</p> <p>[4] For a start, there are so many different organizations that need help. For</p> <p>20 example, many young people love working with animals so they can join a group which looks after abandoned pets. Some people are so concerned about</p>
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25	the pollution in Hong Kong that they are ready to spend their weekends cleaning up beaches and picking up litter in public places. Do you enjoy meeting other people, regardless of their age and background? You can spend time with the elderly, give a hand in classes for the disabled or help care for little children.
30	[5] Volunteering does require more than just interest. It is very important that you keep up your commitment and do not only show up when it suits you. Relying on your help, the group can more easily plan future events.
35	[6] It may be surprising for you to know that when volunteers are asked about why they participate, they usually say that it is not just because they are interested in doing it. They think they are doing something meaningful as they can help others. They also think volunteering is a way to make good use of their free time without spending any money. Although it may be hard, the benefits they get from it are very important. In a recent school survey, over 50% of the students said that volunteering helps them make many friends. Over 40% replied that it is very useful in building up their confidence.
40	[7] Let's serve the community. You may start by joining a volunteer club at your school, or choose an organization you are interested in. You will get more than you expect!

1. What does "my" (line 3) refer to?
2. Which of the following is NOT a reason for the writer to join the school's volunteer club?
 - A helping the people in need
 - B making good use of his free time
 - C building up his confidence
 - D getting a better job in the future
3. Name three types of volunteer work that students can join. (3 marks)
4. In line 15, a teenager "threw a tantrum and screamed loudly". Why did he do this?
5. Fill in each blank with ONE word from paragraph 2. Make sure your answer is grammatically correct. (4 marks)

Nowadays, many young people are not willing to do any volunteer work due to a number of reasons. First, they think it is very time- (a). They don't want to (b) their friends and hobbies. Second, in this era, young people are more practical. If the job cannot offer them any (c) reward, they will think it is a waste of their time. Also, they are already very stressed owing to lots of homework and parents' expectations, so they don't want to put a (d) on

their daily lives by getting involved in any other jobs.

6. According to paragraph 3, what does “one-way” mean? In your opinion, is doing volunteer work one-way? Explain your answer. (2 marks)
7. Based on the idea of the writer, name two types of people who need the help of volunteers. (2 marks)
8. In paragraph 6, what is so surprising about the reason why people join volunteer work? (1 mark)
9. According to the school survey, what can young people benefit the most when they join volunteer work? (1 mark)
10. Find a word / a phrase which has the following definition. Refer to the paragraph number for a hint. (4 marks)
 - (a) without asking for any payment: ____ (*paragraph 2*)
 - (b) worried about: ____ (*paragraph 4*)
 - (c) a willingness to give your time and energy to something: ____ (*paragraph 5*)
 - (d) establishing: ____ (*paragraph 6*)

Bonus (2 marks)

11. Where do you think Peter Fong’s article will be published? Why? (2 marks)

Part II Usage (60 marks)

Section A (12 marks)

Complete the diary entry with the correct form of the word given in brackets. Change the form of the verb and use the negative form where necessary.

18th February 2019

Today was Sally’s 15th birthday. We__ (1) __ (know) Sally adores singing karaoke so we decided to celebrate her birthday in a karaoke lounge. There were six of us: Sally, Patrick, Julia, Steven, Grace and me. I was successful in reserving a room in Blue Moon Karaoke Box online in the morning. I found that it__ (2) __ (have) a promotion this month and there is no service charge. This was what we exactly needed to cut down on birthday celebration cost.

Before__ (3) __ (meet) the others, Grace and I went to a shopping centre to select a birthday present for Sally. A big Hello Bear soft toy __ (4) __ (buy). Before we went to the venue__ (5) __ (hide) the present, we had to pick the birthday cake from

the bakery in Mong Kok. We had ordered a custom-designed birthday cake for Sally a few days ago. After we had settled the payment, we headed to the karaoke lounge. About 15 minutes later, the other people started showing up at the lounge.

As we were all starving to death, we first ordered lunch straightaway. While we (6) (eat), we played some great music videos on the TV. Sally said she was so hungry that she could eat a horse. After consuming her meal, she started (7) (sing) immediately. Some latest songs of popular singers (8) (choose) by her. She was so familiar with the songs that she (9) (have) to look at the lyrics on the screen at all! We all relished her lively performance.

After (10) (sing) a lot of songs, we decided to give Sally the surprise. Sally was so devoted to singing that she (11) (realize) that we had all left the room. When she did, Patrick quickly switched off the lights. Then we all sang 'Happy Birthday to you...' while carrying the personalized birthday cake and the soft toy into the room. Sally was over the moon! 'What a warm song! I (12) (love) it more than all other pop songs,' Sally whispered. We all had a great time today!

Section B (12 marks, 2 marks each)

Chris is calling the Pacific Health Sleep Centre to help his brother who is having sleep problems for a long time. Read the conversation between Chris and Ms Lau. Rewrite the numbered questions and statements in reported speech.

Ms Lau:	Pacific Health Sleep Centre, (1) <u>What can I do for you today?</u>
Chris:	This is Chris Wong calling. I'd like to enquire about the overnight sleep test in your centre.
Ms Lau:	<i>E.g. <u>It's one of our most famous clinical services for sleep disorder treatment.</u></i> (2) <u>Are you the patient?</u>
Chris:	No, it's my brother, but he's too busy to call. (3) <u>He's done a sleep cycle test and his situation is getting worse.</u> I think he needs further tests.
Ms Lau:	Well, you and your brother have made a smart choice by seeking help from us.
Chris:	I am glad that we found your centre.
Ms Lau:	Your brother needs to have an overnight observation at our centre.
Chris:	I see. (4) <u>What should we do before going to the centre?</u>
Ms Lau:	(5) <u>We must get information about the client's sleep problem.</u> So your brother needs to complete a sleep disorder questionnaire first.

Chris:	No problem, (6) <u>I'll tell my brother about the questionnaire.</u>
Ms Lau:	The next thing is to get ready for the test on the day of appointment.
Chris:	Ok, got it! Thank you!

Section C (13 marks)

Choose the best option to complete the sentences and write the letter on the answer sheet.

The Unluckiest Day of All

Are you a (1) person? Do you always feel uneasy or have bad luck on Friday the 13th? A Friday occurring on the 13th of any month is considered to be a day of (2) luck in many countries around the world.

What is the mystery (3) the unlucky Friday the 13th? The origin of the superstition can be separated into the fear of Fridays and the fear of the number 13. They (4) in Christian terms. According to the bible, there were 13 people at the last supper of Jesus, who was crucified on Good Friday. It is also said that it was a Friday when Adam and Eve (5) the forbidden fruit, and when the Great Flood happened.

The fear of the number 13 is also (6) to other origins. It has been suggested that a lunisolar calendar must have 13 months in some years. Another origin is a Norse myth about twelve gods having a feast in Valhalla. The wicked Loki appeared as an (7) 13th guest and threw a branch at Balder, the god of joy. Balder was killed (8) and Earth tumbled into darkness and mourning as a result. However, this is a myth without any (9) basis. One incident, though, may support people's fear of the number 13. The Apollo 13 spacecraft left the launching pad at 13:13 hours but failed its mission. It was aborted (10) April 13.

(11) accidents or something unlucky happening on Friday the 13th, people try to avoid doing particular activities on that day. Some people would not go to work or start a new job; some would not think of (12) a wedding on the date. Some even refuse to get (13) of bed on Friday the 13th!

1.	A. superstition B. superstitions C. superstitiously D. superstitious	2.	A. splendid B. the worst C. worse D. terrible	3.	A. beside B. besides C. behind D. beyond
4.	A. could be explained B. are explaining C. were explaining D. can explain	5.	A. eaten B. eats C. ate D. eat	6.	A. joined B. linked C. combined D. collaborated
7.	A. uninvited B. unexcited C. unanswered D. unbitted	8.	A. constant B. instantly C. instant D. constantly	9.	A. science B. scientist C. scientology D. scientific
10.	A. in B. on C. at D. with	11.	A. Fear B. Avoiding C. Fearing D. Fearful	12.	A. arranging B. doing C. making D. going
13.	A. in B. outside C. on D. out				

Section D (10 marks)

Read the restaurant review published in a magazine below and complete it with the vocabulary in *Longman Edge* Units 1 and 2. You may need to change the form of words.

Food, Food and More Food***Agata—great Italian food at a great price***

I love Italian food and was looking forward to the opening of Agata. I'm (1) _____ that it finally opened last week. There's a big (2) _____ outside the restaurant which (3) _____ its grand opening. It's so big that you can see it from far away. The picture of mouth-watering pizza in it is (4) _____. You can't stop looking at it and thinking about having a slice right away. You'll also find a (5) _____ on the board – '*You won't know you're not in Italy.*' It does not lie because it really makes you feel that you are entering Italy. Everything is genuinely Italian. Some Italian friends that I went with were full of praise, especially for the pasta dishes.

First, we tried *polpottee*, which looked like fishballs. Fishballs are one of Hong Kong's favourite street____ (6)____, so is *polpottee* in Italy. Then, we ordered the main course and drinks. The pasta in tomato sauce was____ (7)____delicious. Not only did it look scrumptious, the tantalizing aroma filled the surroundings. The only dish that didn't quite come up to their exact standards was the roast pork. It was less____ (8)____as it was overcooked and looked rather dry.

The service was of the same high standard and full marks to the waiters for the knowledge of the menu and of Italian food. Despite the restaurant being busy, the waiters were able to work calmly. They managed work____ (9)____at peak hours quite well. They smiled and served all the customers promptly.

What spoiled an otherwise wonderful experience was the noise level. Even casual restaurants should know that customers want to (10)_____by engaging in conversation rather than listening to some loud pop music.

If you are looking for an unforgettable dining experience, head out to Agata.

Section E (13 marks)

Refer to pp. 5-6 of the Answer Sheets.

Part III Bonus (10 marks)

Section A (3 marks)

Use the following phrases to make correct and meaningful sentences.

1. anxious about
2. bump into
3. close down

Section B (7 marks)

Fill in the blanks with words from *Vocabooster 3* to complete sentences below. Use ONE word for each blank. You may need to change the form of words.

1. If Jess _____ back, the teacher would punish her. She would be sent to see the discipline master as it is really impolite.
2. He always seemed to be very self-controlled, so I was _____ by his sudden outburst in the class when he was invited to talk about his family.
3. Most smokers are _____ of the dangers of smoking. However, they continue smoking as it is really difficult to kick the habit.

4. Recently, there has been a lot of discussion about bullying at school and online. Therefore, a survey was _____ to collect information about students' experiences and views about it in mid-October.
5. The teacher scolded Jeff for _____ faces at her from the back of class while she was teaching about photosynthesis.
6. Kitty failed to submit her application form in time, so she _____ a chance to study at The University of Hong Kong.
7. Leo always _____ on his mother to solve his homework related problems.

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