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S1 English Language Paper 2: Comprehension & Usage

Question Paper

(1 hour 15 minutes)

Date: 12th January 2021

Name: _____

Time: 8:30a.m.- 9:45a.m.

Class: S1_____ 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 (19 marks + bonus 2 marks)**

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

1	<p>Women in space</p>	
5	<p>[1] Everyone has heard of Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon, but what about the women who have ventured into space? You might be surprised to learn that more than 60 women have made the journey.</p>	
10	<p>[2] On 16th June 1963, Valentina Tereshkova from Russia became the first woman in space. During her 71-hour solo flight aboard <i>Vostok 6</i>, she circled the earth 48 times — a remarkable feat for a 26-year-old with no previous flying experience. She was chosen for the Soviet space programme for her parachuting skills: it had been her hobby since she was a teen.</p>	
15	<p>[3] In 1982, another Russian cosmonaut, Svetlana Savitskaya, was part of the three-person crew on <i>Soyuz T-7</i>. Two years later, she returned to the <i>Salyut 7</i> space station on <i>Soyuz T-12</i>. She spent over three hours repairing the space station, becoming the first female to perform a spacewalk. She became a pilot at eighteen and spent many years as a flight instructor before her first spaceflight.</p>	
20	<p>[4] <u>The United States eventually followed in the Soviets' footsteps.</u> In 1978, NASA started training female astronauts. It took another five years for <u>the agency</u> to send its first female to space: Sally Ride on board the space shuttle <i>Challenger</i>. In 1984, she had another mission on <i>Challenger</i>, and became the first American woman to complete a second journey to space.</p>	
25	<p>[5] The fourth woman in space was another American, Judith Resnik. She was part of the crew on the first-ever voyage of the space shuttle <i>Discovery</i> in 1984. Sadly, Resnik's life was cut short on 28th January 1986 when the space shuttle <i>Challenger</i> exploded just over a minute into its flight to space. Her death reminded the world of the dangers of being an astronaut.</p>	
30	<p>[6] On 16th June 2012 — decades after these brave, incredible women led the way — Liu Yang became China's first female space traveller. Liu was a crew member on <i>Shenzhou 9</i>, China's first manned spacecraft to dock with the</p>	

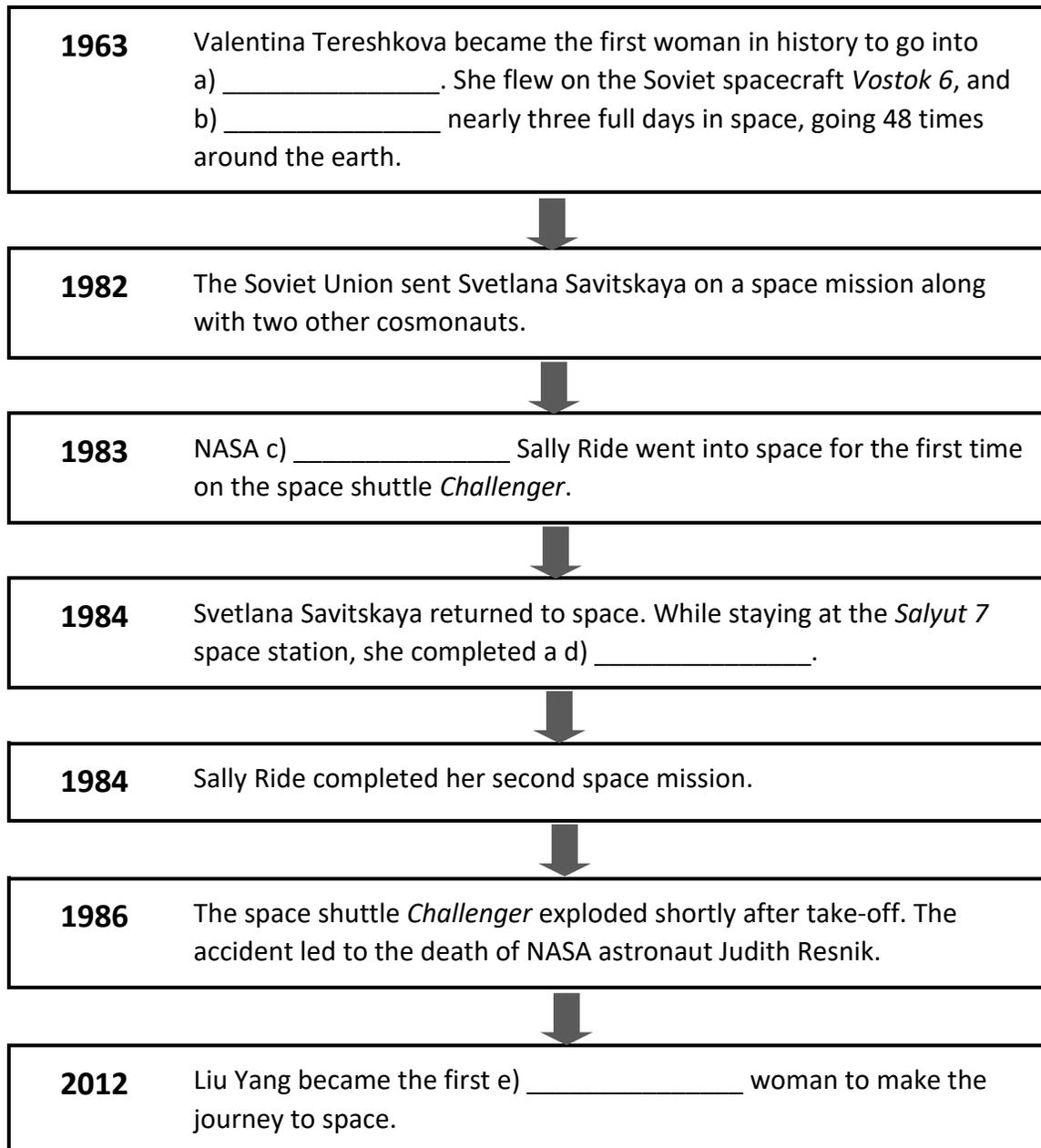
	<i>Tiangong 1</i> space station. Her history-making achievement is further proof that women have what it takes to reach for the stars.
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1. How many women have travelled to space?
2. How old was Valentina when she travelled to space?
3. Valentina Tereshkova was selected for the Vostok 6 mission because she _____.
 - A. had been on a space programme
 - B. was an experienced pilot
 - C. was not afraid of being alone
 - D. was good at parachuting
4. Number the following events from paragraph 3 in the correct order. Write 1-4 in the boxes provided. One has been done for you as an example. (3 marks)

	Svetlana became the second woman in space.
1	Svetlana earned her pilot's license.
	Svetlana flew to space on <i>Soyuz T-12</i> .
	Svetlana got a job teaching people how to fly.

5. What does the 'the agency' (lines 19 to 20) refer to?
6. What happened to the space shuttle *Challenger* in 1986?
7. Find two words in the passage which have a similar meaning to 'extraordinary'. (2 marks)
 - a) _____ (paragraph 2)
 - b) _____ (paragraph 6)
8. Which of the following is the best subtitle for the article?
 - A. Space missions by the US and Russia
 - B. The first person to travel to space
 - C. The history of female space travel
 - D. Valentina Tereshkova's spaceflight

9. Complete the following timeline using information from the text. Write ONE word to fill in each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct. (5 marks)



10. Which person mentioned in the article is most likely to have said the following? Write the name of each person in the blank. (3 marks)

a)

I feel so happy to be able to make history in the 21st century.

b)

I'm really proud to be the first person in history to set foot on the moon.

c)

I was alone in a tiny spacecraft, going round and round the earth.

Bonus questions (2 marks)

11. "The United States eventually followed in the Soviets' footsteps". (line 18) What does it mean? Explain in your own words.
12. Would you like to become an astronaut? Why or why not? Give a reason based on the information presented in the passage.

Text 2 (21 marks + bonus 3 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

1	<p>An act of deception</p> <p>[1] Something terrible took place in the quiet English village of Bedford Valley. Ryan McDonalds was attacked and his son, George, was arrested for the crime.</p>
5	<p>[2] On the day of the crime, two people had met Ryan on his way to Bedford Lake and later they saw George following him, holding a gun. A girl passing by had also seen George quarrelling with his father by the lake.</p>
10	<p>[3] Later, George came running to a nearby house where Jack Clay and his daughter Lisa lived. Ryan and Jack were friends from their gold mining days in Australia. Lisa was George’s fiancée. George told them that his father had been attacked. Ryan was found unconscious by the lake. The left-hand side of the back of his head had been hit by a heavy, blunt weapon such as the butt of a gun. George’s gun was found lying on the grass beside his father Ryan.</p>
15	<p>[4] George claimed that he had been away from home for three days and that when he returned, his father was not at home. George took his gun and went to Bedford Lake to hunt rabbits. When he was near the lake, George heard a cry of “Cooee!” which was a signal between him and his father. George therefore hurried to meet his father. There, they had an argument about something personal. As his father was exasperated, George left but ran back when he heard</p>
20	<p>a piercing scream behind him and found his father unconscious.</p>
25	<p>[5] Inspector Chris Wellington from London took over the case from the local police. After examining the crime scene, he returned to the police station. There he interviewed Jack and Lisa separately. Wellington asked Jack to write his address on a piece of paper so that Wellington could contact him if needed. After they had left, Wellington said to his assistant, “George didn’t do it.”</p>
30	<p>[6] “How do you know?” his assistant asked.</p> <p>[7] Wellington said, “I found out from Lisa that Jack and Ryan had a dispute over some treasure from Australia. ‘Cooee’ is a cry often used in Australia. Ryan didn’t know that his son was home so the cry was for someone else. The only other people Ryan knew from Australia were Jack and Lisa. Also, the injury on</p>

	Ryan's head was towards the left side. That means the attacker is left-handed. And guess who wrote down his address with his left hand!"
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1. Where did the crime take place?
 - A. In New Zealand
 - B. In America
 - C. In England
 - D. In Australia
2. What is the meaning of the word 'blunt' in line 12?
 - A. Dishonest
 - B. Sharp
 - C. Not having a sharp edge or point
 - D. Straightforward
3. In line 20, how did George feel when he heard a piercing scream?
4. Find words from the passage which could be replaced by the following. (2 marks)
 - a) arguing (paragraph 2)
 - b) angry (paragraph 4)
5. What do the following words refer to? (2 marks)
 - a) his (line 7)
 - b) they (line 25)
6. Why was George charged with the assault of his father? Give 3 reasons. (3 marks)
7. Complete the following summary based on Text 1. Fill in each blank with one word from the passage. (6 marks)

Ryan McDonalds and Jack Clay were a)_____. Ryan's son, George, was b)_____ from home. George was a suspect in the assault of Ryan because some c)_____ saw him following Ryan with a gun. George was in fact at Bedford Lake to d)_____ rabbits. To look for clues, inspector Chris Wellington e)_____ Jack

and Lisa, and Jack was asked to write down his f) _____ on a piece of paper afterwards.

8. Inspector Wellington deduced that _____ had assaulted Ryan McDonalds.
9. Decide whether the following statements are TRUE (**T**), FALSE (**F**) or the information is NOT GIVEN (**NG**). Write down **T, F or NG** only for the answers. (4 marks)
 - a) Ryan died near the lake.
 - b) The tool used to inflict injury was found at the crime scene.
 - c) Inspector Wellington interviewed Lisa in the presence of her father.
 - d) Ryan didn't expect his son to hear his cry when he called out 'Cooee.'

Bonus questions (3 marks)

10. How did the assistant feel when Inspector Wellington said, "George didn't do it"? (line 25)
11. In paragraph 5, why did Inspector Wellington ask Jack to write his address on a piece of paper?
12. What might be the motive for the crime?

Part II: Usage (60 marks)**Section A (12 marks)**

Complete the following article with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. You may need to add the word “not” to complete the meaning.

Sapporo, Japan’s Winter Wonderland

(1) _____ staycations _____ (bore) you?
 (2) _____ you _____ (plan) your next trip
 abroad? If yes, consider Sapporo.



Sapporo, the capital of Hokkaido, is one of Japan’s largest cities by population. It is also one of the newest: the city (3) _____ (establish) in 1866. Sapporo (4) _____ (become) known internationally until the Winter Olympics in 1972 and (5) _____ (be) famous today for its food, its beer, and an annual snow festival held every February.

Many regions in Japan (6) _____ (have) their own take on the iconic dish ramen, and Sapporo is no exception. It is the birthplace of miso ramen. It was created in Northern Hokkaido, and was a soup that could stave off the cold winters that people in the area (7) _____ (have) to endure. A haven for seafood lovers, Sapporo is also famous for its hairy crab, which (8) _____ (catch) fresh daily and can be found in many local markets and restaurants. If you (9) _____ (have) a sweet tooth, you should try the white chocolate sandwich cookies called Shiroi Koibito.

Of course, no trip to Sapporo would be complete without a visit to Odori Park, which (10) _____ (run) through the heart of the city. This beautiful space is used for many of Hokkaido’s most famous seasonal events, including the Sapporo Snow Festival.

Sounds tempting? Plan your trip early. Once the epidemic is over, (11) _____ (grab) your suitcase and fly! Sapporo (12) _____ surely _____ (steal) your heart!

Section B (12 marks)

Mom and Dad are discussing their Easter plans. Complete the conversation by using the words provided in the brackets to form questions. (2 marks each)

Dad	We should really start putting together our Easter plans.
Mom	(1)_____ (we/ have to/ start/ plan for it already)?
Dad	Of course! The sooner, the better.
Mom	Well, I definitely want to go somewhere abroad.
Dad	Me too. (2)_____ (feel like/ go somewhere warm and sunny)?
Mom	No, not really. We went on a beach holiday to Bali last year. (3)_____ (we/ go/ this year)?
Dad	Hey! (4)_____ (you/ think/ it/ a good idea/ if we go to Tokyo)? After all, you always said we wanted to go to Japan someday.
Mom	That's very tempting, but (5)_____ (it/ cold/ there)?
Dad	It will be cold, but not freezing cold. Also, it'll be off-season.
Mom	I'm sold. Should we book the tickets now? Let's do it now! I can't wait!
Dad	Now? COVID-19 is all the rage! Let's wait until the epidemic is over.
Mom	So (6)_____ (we/ talk about our plan) now?
Dad	It's always good to dream!
Mom	...

Section C (12 marks)

Decide which of the choices below would best complete the article. Write the letter only.

A Taste of Pancakes across the Planet

In many regions of the world, you'll be sure to find pancakes (1) _____ the menu. Pancakes are any kind of round, flat cake made from cooked batter. There are numerous varieties, (2) _____ can be sweet, savory or both. The ingredients in pancakes also differ from region to region.

Perhaps the best-known European pancakes are crepes. (3) _____ French treat, crepes are made by (4) _____ batter into a wide, flat pan and smothering it out into a thin disc. The resulting pancake can be folded and filled with any number of fillings like fruit, cheese, chocolate, or ice cream. Crepes are served as either (5) _____ afternoon snack or evening dessert.

For Canadians and Americans, pancakes are typically a breakfast dish. They are much thicker than crepes, served hot with butter and maple syrup on top. Also known as hotcakes, they (6) _____ with a side of eggs and bacon.

The Russian blin is a snack that (7) _____ popular throughout Eastern Europe. Traditionally, blini are made from buckwheat. (8) _____ crepes, blini are thin and can be folded and filled or topped with sour cream, smoked salmon, or caviar.

Taiwan and China are famous (9) _____ scallion pancakes, an oily, savory street food snack that can be served whole or cut into slices. For a little extra flavour, egg (10) _____ as well.

With so many varieties out there, a food lover could journey across (11) _____ entire world eating nothing but pancakes. Whether you're going (12) _____ the corner or to the other side of the planet, order up some pancakes and dig in!

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| 1 | A. in | 2 | A. what | 3 | A. A | 4 | A. pouring |
| | B. at | | B. where | | B. The | | B. to pour |
| | C. on | | C. who | | C. Any | | C. pour |
| | D. off | | D. which | | D. No | | D. poured |
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| | B. an | | B. are often eaten | | B. have become | | B. With |
| | C. the | | C. were often eaten | | C. will become | | C. Like |
| | D. X | | D. will often eat | | D. becomes | | D. Unlike |
| 9 | A. in | 10 | A. can add | 11 | A. a | 12 | A. in |
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| | C. over | | C. should add | | C. the | | C. over |
| | D. for | | D. should be added | | D. X | | D. around |

Section D (12 marks)

Read the story about Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson investigating a case. Fill in each blank with ONE suitable word from the vocabulary list for Units 3 and 4. You may need to change the word form.

Sherlock Holmes Solves a CaseAt Mr Smith's house

We arrived at the crime (1) _____, much earlier than the police did.

'Who do you think did it, Holmes? The flat was locked from the outside,' I asked, scratching my head, a (2) _____ look on my face.

'Yes, locked from the outside. No one broke in. No sign of any fighting. Very strange. Very strange indeed.'

'Who do you think did it, Holmes?' I asked again.

Holmes did not answer. He was pacing up and down between the dining table and the sofa, where the man's body lay, looking for (3) _____.

'We need to go and ask his neighbour some questions,' Holmes said.

At the neighbour's house

'Hi, your neighbour Mr Smith has just died. We're here to investigate. Did you hear anything at 2p.m.?' I asked.

'No,' the neighbour replied.

'Did you hear any cry? Like someone crying for (4) _____?'

'Why? No. Some... something happened?' she asked, shivering and looking (5) _____. We thanked her and left.

At Mr Smith's house

Holmes went back to the flat, pacing up and down between the dining table and the sofa again.

'There!' He pointed over my shoulder.

'What?'

'There is a security (6) _____ there in the corner of the room. It should have recorded what happened,' Holmes explained.

We checked the footage.

'The man slipped and lost his balance, killing himself by (7) _____. It wasn't murder,' I said.

'Very smart of you, Watson,' Holmes said, a smirk on his face.

'Should we (8) _____ it to the police?' I asked Holmes.

'I don't want to be charged.'

'For?' I asked, confused.

'(9) _____ into this flat,' Holmes said, putting on his coat and heading (10) _____ the door.

My friend Holmes indeed is the greatest (11) _____ I've ever seen. He solved a (12) _____ again, this time with the help of modern technology.



Section E (12 marks)

Refer to pages 5 and 6 of the Answer Sheets.

Part III: Bonus (10 marks)

Fill in each blank with ONE suitable word from Vocabooster. Pay attention to the word form.

	6 th October 2020 9.33pm
Jannie	So how's life, Chris?
Chris	I'm good.
Jannie	Good to hear that. So you are (1) _____ well with your new classmates?
Chris	Yes, they're all nice people, very (2) _____ towards me. I've made a couple of friends. The only downside of school is I have to (3) _____ very early.
Jannie	How early?
Chris	6am.
Jannie	☹ So you'd better go to bed early.
Chris	Yea. Almost time. Ttyl!
	5 th November 2020 5.03pm
Jannie	Long time no see. How're you doing?
Chris	I've (4) _____ a _____.
Jannie	Not COVID-19?
Chris	Noooo!!! Just a common cold.
Jannie	Have you seen the doctor?
Chris	Yes, I have and I've (5) _____ some _____.
Jannie	Take more rest.
Chris	Will do. I want to (6) _____ a _____ now. Very tired after taking the medicine.
Jannie	Alright. Take care!
	10 th January 2021 9.00pm
Jannie	Phew, the 1 st exam is finally over.
Chris	Yea, mine too. You did well, Jannie?
Jannie	Let me show you my report card. I'll just (7) _____ a _____.
	
Chris	Whoa, well done. Straight As! You must be very happy (8) _____ that! ☺
Jannie	Yeah. How about you, Chris?
Chris	I'm rubbish. You know I'm not (9) _____ studying, right? I'm always the bottom of the class.
Jannie	Come on! Stay positive! Life is (10) _____ hope.

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