

FUKIEN SECONDARY SCHOOL  
S2 First Term Examination (2020-2021)  
English Language Paper 2: Reading Comprehension & Usage  
Question Paper  
(1 hour 15 minutes)

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Time: 1:30p.m. – 2:45p.m.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: S2\_\_\_\_\_ 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)
  - Part III (Bonus)Answer **ALL** questions.
3. Mark **ALL** answers on the Answer Sheets given.
4. For **Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)**, write the correct letter in the space provided on the Answer Sheets.
5. Each question carries 1 mark unless otherwise specified.

**Part I: Reading Comprehension (40 marks + bonus 5 marks)**

Read Text 1 and answer the questions that follow.

Text 1 (20 marks + bonus 2 marks)**We All Need Exercise**

[1] The body eventually needs exercise. Exercise burns calories and keeps the body strong. It works your muscles and increases the activity of your heart. The heart works hard in order to send blood to your muscles. So, exercise makes your heart and muscles stronger to cope with daily movement, growth and to fight against illness.

5 [2] Food is a source of fuel we insert into our bodies to be burnt as we walk, talk, take part in sports and even breathe. Sometimes we eat far more than we can burn off, which causes problems with the body storing too many of these fuels, that is fats, causing obesity.

10 [3] Exercise should be done to make you feel happier. During exercise, the body feels some stress and pain. Then, it releases what we call endorphins which create good feelings in your body. That's why you often feel really good after playing sports or going for a jog. You should exercise often to enhance your health, happiness and, of course, also to prevent or control stress.

15 [4] Some countries have problems with exercise. A typical example is the United States. Many people there do not get enough exercise. It is hard to exercise for some people as they work too much, and, as a result, they don't have time. They work in office buildings sitting in a chair all day in front of a computer. You cannot get much exercise from this kind of work environment.

20 [5] Some people get exercise walking from their homes to work or school. However, many people don't even get this kind of exercise as they live too far away or they lack time in their hectic schedules. First, people do not have a chance to exercise because they are sitting in their cars or on buses for 2 to 4 hours of inactivity each day. Second, people are exhausted when they get home late at night. Then people are not willing to exercise after a long day at work; they do not have this habit. This can cause problems.

25 [6] Today, many countries have problems with obesity. This causes a lot of health problems like heart disease and diabetes, and also costs various governments a lot of tax money. Doctors say that exercise is vital in order to help people both lose weight and improve their overall health. So many people are trying to increase the daily exercise rates. It takes time to change though and when people see slow results, they

30 *lose interest* almost immediately. Habits should be made to change lifestyles and improve overall health immediately. After all, can we really postpone our health?

1. What is the purpose of this article?
  - A. To inform readers of the health problems among Hong Kong people
  - B. To inform readers of ways to lose weight
  - C. To inform readers about how to live a long life
  - D. To inform readers about the importance of getting more exercise
2. What do you think endorphins (line 10) are? Explain what they do to our bodies. (2 marks)
3. What are the advantages of exercising? (3 marks)
4. Read paragraphs 3-4 carefully and decide if the following are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG). Write down **T**, **F**, or **NG**. (3 marks)
  - i.) After exercise, people often feel heavy-hearted.
  - ii.) People working in office buildings get more exercise than students.
  - iii.) Countries such as America have problems with obesity.
5. Give THREE reasons why people do not get enough exercise. (3 marks)
6. What cost various governments a lot of tax money?
7. What does the phrase “lose interest” (line 30) mean?
  - A. Become bored with it
  - B. Do not find something
  - C. Lose weight
  - D. Can’t continue something due to financial problems
8. Find one word from each of the given paragraphs which can be replaced by the following words or phrases: (4 marks)
  - i.) monitor (paragraph 3)
  - ii.) surroundings (paragraph 4)
  - iii.) extremely tired (paragraph 5)
  - iv.) important (paragraph 6)

9. According to paragraph 6, which of the following is NOT true?
- A. Being overweight leads to health issues such as heart disease and diabetes.
  - B. Exercise has immediate effects in improving health.
  - C. Health can be improved by building up the habit of exercising.
  - D. People take a step back from exercising when they see slow results.
10. Which of the following would be another suitable title for the passage?
- A. Different kinds of exercise
  - B. Americans don't exercise anymore
  - C. Getting more exercise
  - D. A healthy diet

**Bonus question (2 marks):**

11. Besides the people working in office buildings, what type of people is also likely to have obesity? Support your answer with evidence from the passage.

Read Text 2 and answer the questions that follow.

Text 2 (20 marks + bonus 3 marks)

**Choose-your-own-adventure is back!**

[1] Have you ever wanted to tell a film or TV character what to do? Now, thanks to the latest film-making technologies, you can. Netflix and other streaming services have started offering choose-your-own-adventure films and TV shows. At various points in the story, you can use your remote control to choose between two options — like choosing left or right at a fork in a road. Each choice decides how the story will unfold.



[2] This format got its start in 2017, with Netflix's release of the kids' shows *Puss in Book* and *Buddy Thunderstruck*. American video game developer Telltale Games followed Netflix's lead by releasing *Minecraft: Story Mode*, an online series that allows viewers to create their own story by pointing and clicking their mouse. In 2019, Netflix released *You vs. Wild*, a reality series starring survival expert Bear Grylls. Viewers decide what Grylls does to survive in the wild.

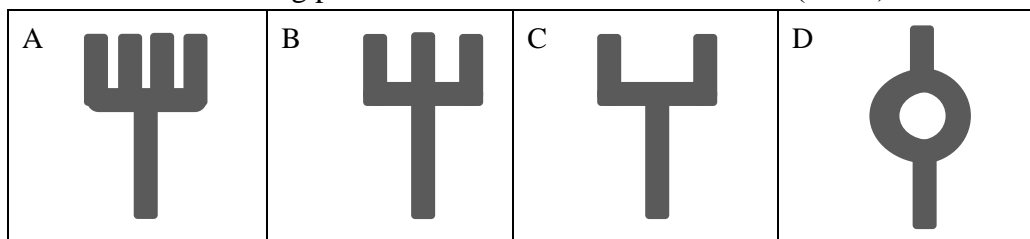
[3] Choose-your-own-adventure storytelling can be traced back to *Sugarcane Island*, an interactive children's book written by American author Edward Packard. Published in 1976, the book was the first story in the *Adventures of You* series. Packard got the idea for choose-your-own-adventure while telling a bedtime story to his two daughters. Running out of ideas for the story, he asked them to decide what the main character did next. They were very excited to be able to add to the story. Packard realised that he had come up with a new way of storytelling.

[4] In 1979, Bantam Books published its *Choose Your Own Adventure* book series. Like the *Adventures of You* books, *Choose Your Own Adventure* stories are told using the pronoun *you*. This puts the reader in the position of the main character. At every 'branch' of the story, readers have to choose between two options. Each one takes them to a different page. *Choose Your Own Adventure* went on to become one of the most popular children's series of the 1980s and 90s.

[5] Fans of choose-your-own-adventure storytelling have waited several decades for film and TV technology to become advanced enough for interactive stories. Their wait is finally over, and the story is — once again — in their own hands. The question is — what will they do next?

1. In line 2, the writer states, 'you can'. What can you do?

2. Which of the following pictures best shows 'a fork in a road' (line 6)?



3. Find a word in paragraph 1 that means 'develop'.

4. What is Bear Grylls an expert at?

5. Paragraph 3 is about the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. history of choose-your-own-adventure stories
- B. interactive book *Sugarcane Island*
- C. story Edward Packard told his daughters
- D. success of the *Adventure of You* series

6. Who does 'They' (line 19) refer to?

7. Arrange the following books and shows in correct order. (2 marks)

1. *Buddy Thunderstruck* was released.
2. *Choose Your Own Adventure* came out.
3. Netflix released *You vs. Wild*.
4. *Sugarcane Island* was published.

8. Read paragraphs 1-3 carefully and decide if the following are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG). Write down **T**, **F**, or **NG**. (3 marks)

- i.) Netflix is a publisher of interactive books.
- ii.) *Minecraft: Story Mode* is played on the Internet.
- iii.) After *Sugarcane Island* was published, it was loved by readers worldwide.

9. In paragraph 4, the writer compares choose-your-own-adventure stories to a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. book
- B. house
- C. road
- D. tree

10. Complete the following note sheet using information from paragraph 4. (3 marks)

<b><i>Choose Your Own Adventure</i></b>	
Publisher:	(i) _____
Year of publication:	(ii) _____
Period of popularity:	(iii) _____

11. The text is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a new choose-your-own-adventure show
- B. a new way to tell stories on film and TV
- C. a popular children's book series
- D. the latest film-making technologies

12. Complete the following summary of the passage with words from the text. Write **ONE** word for each blank. (4 marks)

The first choose-your-own-adventure book was (i) \_\_\_\_\_ in 1976.

Thanks to Packard's two daughters, the storytelling format next appeared in the (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ children's series — *Choose Your Own Adventure*. Decades later, interactive storytelling finally made the move to (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ and television through streaming services such as (iv) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Bonus question (3 marks):**

13. What does it mean by “in their own hands” (line 29)? What should the audience do to have stories ‘in their own hands’? Give a specific example.

**Part II Usage (60 marks)****Section A (10 marks)**

*Complete the following movie review using the correct form of the verbs given. You may need to change the verbs into the **negative form**. You may also need to use **gerunds** and **to-infinitives**.*

### Black Panther Breaks Box Office Records

The movie Black Panther \_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_ (break) records at the moment. It \_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_ (produce) by Marvel studios last summer. Black Panther is the highest money-making debut for a February film. It \_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_ (make) over \$361 million this week alone. The movie also \_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_ (get) great reviews from critics. One website gave it a very high 97 per cent score. The LA Times said "Black Panther fever" is all over Los Angeles and people are eager \_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_ (see) this movie. It added: "The film opened to the kind of interest typically reserved for the latest Star Wars movie."

Black Panther \_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_ (be) the first superhero movie with an African-American in the title role. It has a mostly black cast, a black director and \_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_ (have) many white characters, only two. African-Americans enjoy \_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_ (show) their pride by wearing traditional African clothes to cinemas to see the movie. CNN have said that for years to come this film \_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_ (give) confidence to black children around the world. A student who watched the film said, "This film \_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_ (love) by everyone from the African-American community."

**Section B (8 marks)**

*Complete the following conditionals using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.*

1) Science teacher: That's correct David, water \_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_ (freeze) if the temperature \_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_ (be) 0 degrees or below. Now please put our class experiment in the freezer.

2) Timothy has a test next week. If he \_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_ (study), he \_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_ (fail).

3) Jane: Did Issac buy a lottery ticket?

Alex: Yes, he did. If Issac \_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_ (win) the lottery, he \_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_ (buy) a house with a swimming pool for his mum.

4) John: Does Michael like being a sales assistant?

Kelly: No. If he \_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_ taller, he \_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_ (love) to be an NBA basketball player.



**Section C (9 marks)**

*Choose the best answer to complete the advertisement below.*

**Delivery of COVID vaccine needs 8,000 jumbo jets**

When a vaccine for COVID-19 \_\_ (1) \_\_, governments will need many aircraft \_\_ (2) \_\_ the vaccine which will be a huge operation. Experts say transporting 7.8 billion doses of a vaccine, one dose for everyone on Earth, will need 8,000 747 cargo planes. Governments must start \_\_ (3) \_\_ for the "mission of the century". \_\_ (4) \_\_ if half the vaccines can be transported by land, the air cargo industry will still face its \_\_ (5) \_\_ single transport challenge ever.

The governments \_\_ (6) \_\_ to overcome many obstacles recently. One key element is that it is important \_\_ (7) \_\_ temperature-controlled cargo storage places to keep the vaccine at the same temperature. Staff must \_\_ (8) \_\_ become experts at safely handling the vaccine. Another challenge will be security and cross-border controls. The experts also say that vaccines will be highly valuable commodities \_\_ (9) \_\_ arrangements must be made to ensure that shipments remain secure from tampering and theft.

1. A arrives B will arrive C is arriving D arrived	2. A distribute B distributed C is distribute D distributing	3. A plan B planned C plans D to plan
4. A Therefore B Even C However D Because	5. A the largest B larger C largest D large	6. A tried B had been trying C have been trying D is trying
7. A creating B has created C creates	8. A incredibly B fast C quick	9. A such as B because C so

D to create	D quickly	D in order to
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**Section D (12 marks)**

Combine the following sentences with **relative pronouns**. An example is given.

*e.g. Do you know the girl? The girl joined our school last week.*

1. Stephen Hawking used a theory to explain time. It was created by himself.
2. Elizabeth is a health worker. Elizabeth lives in the New Territories.
3. I tried to talk to the student. The student had forgotten to do his homework.
4. The Covid-19 vaccine is effective. It took six months to make.
5. Chimpanzees hunt in groups. They are a kind of ape.
6. Did Tim remind you about the exam? You forgot about it.

**Section E (11 marks)**

Complete the blanks with suitable vocabulary from the list of words provided by your teacher from the textbook.

**The ‘Donald’**

The democrats \_\_ (1) \_\_ held their breath as they waited for the final result of America’s election. Donald Trump had already said he had won the election before all the votes had been counted. He appeared to enjoy \_\_ (2) \_\_ the media and calling them fake news. He also \_\_ (3) \_\_ many alarming comments on Twitter saying that he believed ‘the horrible democrats were trying to steal the election’ from him. Some left-wing newspapers always said that Trump was \_\_ (4) \_\_, and as a result of his mental state, not fit to run the country. However, his 60 million \_\_ (5) \_\_ wanted him to be president for another four years. They loved the way he said \_\_ (6) \_\_ things like, the election was a ‘fraud’ and some people were ‘trying to cheat him.’ Some onlookers believed Trump was clever in his ability to get a reaction out of people. He also regularly \_\_ (7) \_\_ at reporters when answering their questions. He used to look straight at them and stare at them in a very scary way.

It must be said for an old man he seemed to have had a lot of energy when he campaigned for the presidency. He stood up straight and never \_\_ (8) \_\_. However, he was still beaten by Joe Biden which Democrats thought was \_\_ (9) \_\_ and made many of his supporters very happy. Even some Republicans \_\_ (10) \_\_ their heads in agreement when Joe Biden eventually won. Joe Biden’s followers have a lot of \_\_ (11) \_\_ that their candidate will do a better job in the next four years than the previous president.

**Section F (10 marks)**

*Please refer to the answer sheets.*

**Part III: Bonus (10 marks)****Section A**

*Complete the following sentences with suitable collocations from the Vocabooster.*

1. The soldier \_\_\_\_\_ a prize for bravery by his commander after he killed over 20 enemy troops.
2. After you \_\_\_\_\_ your nose, you should put the dirty tissue in the bin.
3. David set a new swimming \_\_\_\_\_ in the 400-metre butterfly this year at the World Championship. He was unbelievably fast.
4. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my parents a visit as I have not seen them for a long time because of Covid-19.

**Section B**

*Replace the underlined words with a suitable phrasal verb from the Vocabooster.*

1. Charlie had Covid-19 for 3 weeks but he finally recovered from it.
2. Make sure you review your composition carefully for errors before handing it in.
3. Last night Joanne got locked out of her apartment. She finally managed to enter through a window.
4. Emily stopped doing French lessons because she was so busy studying for her Master's in Business.

**Section C**

*Make sentences with the following phrases. Make sure the meaning is clear.*

1. delighted about
2. disappointed with

**End of Paper**