

FUKIEN SECONDARY SCHOOL
S5 Final Examination (2020-2021)
English Language Paper 1
Reading
Question-Answer Book

(1 hour 30 minutes)

Date: 7th June 2021

Name: _____

Time: 10:45a.m. – 12:15p.m.

Class: S 5 _____ No.: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your Name, Class and Class Number in the spaces provided on this page and on the cover page of the Reading Passages booklet.
2. There are two parts in this paper. Answer **ALL** questions in all parts.
3. The reading passages are in a separate booklet. Write your answers clearly and neatly in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book. You are advised to use a pencil to write your answers.
Answers written in the margins will not be marked.
4. For multiple-choice questions, you are advised to blacken the appropriate circle with a pencil so that wrong marks can be completely erased with a clean rubber. Mark only **ONE** answer to each question. Two or more answers will score **NO MARKS**.

Part	Marker's Use Only	
A	40	
B	45	
Total	85	

Each question carries ONE mark unless otherwise stated.

Part A (40 marks)

Read Text 1 and answer questions 1-21.

1. (i) What metaphor does the writer use to describe Jasmine when she received the letter? (1 mark)

- (ii) What does this suggest about her emotions? (1 mark)

2. Complete the summary of paragraph 1 by using ONE word taken from paragraph 1 for each gap. (4 marks)

After a (i) _____ with her boyfriend, Jasmine received a letter. Although the words he wrote were

(ii) _____, the appearance of the letter wasn't right, so Jasmine (iii) _____ him about it.

It turned out Jasmine's boyfriend had used an online robot letter-writing service. He was embarrassed about his

handwriting, which he described as (iv) _____. Jasmine was not impressed, however, and dumped him

the following day.

3. What does the writer suggest in paragraph 1 when he/she describes Jasmine's 'cheeks turning pink' (line 11)?

Jasmine is ...

A feeling confused.

B probably still suspicious.

C embarrassed.

D feeling quite unwell.

A B C D
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4. Find a word in paragraph 1 that means the same as 'copy'.

5. Based on the information in paragraph 2, robot letter-writing services have several advantages. Put a tick (✓) next to each advantage.

_____ They ensure birthdays and anniversaries are not forgotten.

_____ They cost less than sending cards yourself.

_____ They save time.

_____ They offer original romantic cards.

6. According to paragraphs 3 and 4, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (5 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
(i) The majority of people do not appreciate handwritten letters.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(ii) Younger people value handwritten notes more highly.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(iii) Most younger people do not regularly receive handwritten letters and notes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(iv) The most common form of handwritten communication is a birthday card.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(v) Writing a letter is easy because most people are well practised at it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. What is the 'dying skill' (line 29)?

8. Based on the information in paragraph 4, which of the following is NOT a reason why few people write old-fashioned letters?

A	It requires effort.				
B	You have to remember people's addresses.				
C	You need to find the right materials to use.	A	B	C	D
D	You have to go to a physical post box.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. Find a word in paragraph 5 that has the opposite meaning to 'decline'.

10. Fill in the blanks based on information given in paragraph 5. (3 marks)

Mr. Whittaker said (i) _____ people who are moving away from home for work or study find (ii) _____ letters a (iii) _____ way to help them stay in touch.

11. Why do people appreciate receiving a handwritten letter?

12. Complete the summary of paragraph 7 by selecting the best option from the choices below. (3 marks)

Writing a letter by hand is ___(i)___ for the letter writer because it involves spending some time in peaceful solitude. It gives you time to ___(ii)___ how you really feel and what you really think. Many letter writers find the experience relaxing, almost a form of ___(iii)___.

(i) A time-consuming

B disturbing

C beneficial

D difficult

A B C D

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(ii) A consider

B prepare for

C bottle up

D relive

A B C D

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(iii) A meditation

B yoga

C the mind

D remembering

A B C D

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13. Which of the following best describes Lori Whittaker's tone in paragraph 7?

A concerned

B daunted

C realistic

D enthusiastic

A B C D

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14. Which ONE of the following items is NOT mentioned in paragraph 7?

A

B

C

D



A B C D

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15. Below is a summary of paragraph 8. In three of the lines there is ONE mistake. If you find a mistake, underline it and replace the word with one that expresses the correct idea. Write the word in the box on the right. Both grammar and spelling must be correct. In one of the lines there is no mistake; put a tick (✓) in the box. One has been done for you as an example. (4 marks)

	Summary	Correction
(i)	When people write a letter, they share happier thoughts	
(ii)	and emotions than in other forms of communication.	
e.g.	People can put down on <u>email</u> things they would be too	paper
(iii)	excited to say out loud. We don't feel comfortable	
(iv)	sharing intimate details in visual communication.	

16. What does 'such heights' (line 54) refer to?

17. According to paragraph 9, other than monetary value, what other benefits do letters offer?

18. Lori Whittaker's opinion about handwritten love letters is that ...

A they don't last as long as electronic messages.

B they are a treasured gift.

C they are not as personal as electronic messages.

A B C D

D they are something that more people should admire.

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19. Match each person with one of the quotes below. Choose from A–F and write the letter in the box next to each person. Two of the quotes will NOT be used. (4 marks)

QUOTES		QUOTES	
A	‘Letter writing is a way of showing our true selves to others.’	D	‘I have started writing a letter to someone special in my life once a week.’
B	‘I didn’t want to be judged for my lack of skill.’	E	‘You should be brave enough to express your feelings to that special someone.’
C	‘Writing a letter can be a sensory experience.’	F	‘Letter writing takes up too much time and I am often too busy.’

Jasmine	
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Jasmine’s boyfriend	
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Lori Whittaker	
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Professor Kenny	
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20. Which of the following best describes the intention of the writer of Text 1?

A To suggest that letter writing is almost dead.

B To criticize those who never write letters.

C To explain why robot letter writers are the way forward.

D To argue in favour of letter writing.

A B C D

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21. Why is Text 1 entitled *Sealed with a Kiss*? (2 marks)

END OF PART A

Part B (45 marks)

Read Text 2 and answer questions 22-47.

22. What is the narrator's favourite part of the home? _____
23. How does the narrator describe a clean kitchen and a dirty kitchen? Give TWO examples of each kind of kitchen.
(4 marks)

Clean kitchen: i) _____

ii) _____

Dirty kitchen: iii) _____

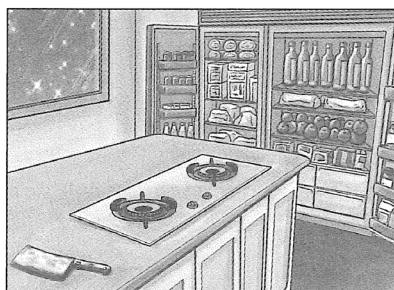
iv) _____

24. What does the narrator try to show when she says 'Strangely' (line 9)?

25. Which of the following pictures best represents the kitchen that is described in lines 7-14?

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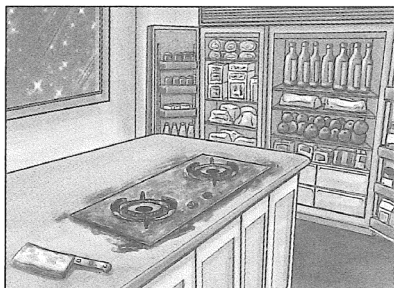
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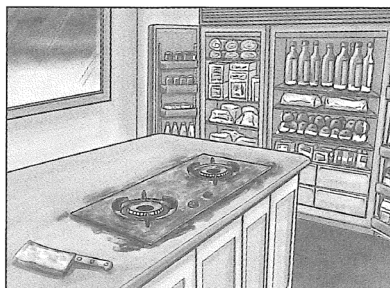
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C.



D.



26. What is the purpose of the first two paragraphs?

27. What is the meaning of the phrase 'breathe my last' (line 18)?

28. Why did the narrator sleep in the kitchen after her grandmother died?

The narrator slept there because _____

29. Order the following events in the narrator's life. Number the events (1-4). The first event is number 1.

Entered junior high school _____

Lived with grandparents _____

Moved to live with the Tanabe family _____

Lost her parents _____

30. i) How do you think the narrator felt when she wrote 'everything before my eyes seemed false' lines (35-36)?

(1 mark)

ii) Find ONE metaphor that the narrator used to describe her feelings. (1 mark)

31. Why did the narrator wrap herself 'in a blanket' (line 43)?

32. What does 'listless' (line 49) mean?

A. feeling extremely sad

B. feeling tired and not interested in things

C. feeling worried and stressed

D. without feelings

A B C D

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33. What does 'that' (line 50) refer to?

34. Complete the following sentence by writing 1-2 words in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (2 marks)

The narrator wanted to move to a place which is (i) _____ and (ii) _____
than the one she was living in then.

35. What difficulties did the narrator have about finding a new home? (2 marks)

i) _____

ii) _____

36. What does 'a godsend' (line 63) refer to?

37. How did the narrator likely feel when she asked, 'Huh?' (line 86)?

A. confused

B. embarrassed

C. frightened

D. relieved

A B C D

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38. Decide whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or the information is Not Given (NG) in lines 66-89. Blacken ONE circle only for each statement. (4 marks)

Statements

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NG

i) The narrator lived in an area with a high crime rate.

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ii) Yuichi attended the funeral of the narrator's grandmother.

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iii) Yuichi lived alone.

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iv) The narrator had never been to Yuichi's home.

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39. What is 'the black gloom' (line 98) a metaphor for?

40. Why do you think the narrator said that Yuichi 'seemed to glow with white light' (line 100)?

41. According to lines 90-101, complete the following summary by writing ONE word in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (3 marks)

When Yuichi appeared at the narrator's door, he looked (i) _____. The narrator thought he had a 'cool' attitude, and decided he was a (ii) _____ person. She was so attracted to him that she felt like she was (iii) _____ by a spirit.

42. Why did the narrator think that Yuichi could be her grandmother's lover?

43. What was the relationship between Yuichi and the narrator's grandmother?

44. Which of the following best completes what the narrator's grandmother said after '[T]oday, again...' (line 120)?

A. he offered to help carry a potted plant home for me.

B. I bought another potted plant from that shop.

C. I went to the flower shop round the corner.

A B C D

D. they offered me a discount.

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45. Complete the personal profile of the narrator with a word in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (8 marks)

My name is Mikage Sakurai. My parents died when I was very young. After that, I lived with my (i) _____ until my grandfather died when I was a (ii) _____. Sadly, my grandmother died recently. Now I am living (iii) _____. Luckily, I have the (iv) _____ to keep me company. I even sleep there at night. It sounds strange, but it's true. This is the only way that I could find (v) _____ for those first few days. Of course, it's not the best place to spend the night. When I get up every morning, my joints (vi) _____ all over.

I have only a few friends, one of whom is a boy named Yuichi Tanabe. He is a part-time (vii) _____, working at the flower shop that my grandmother used to visit every week. He is a very nice boy—no wonder my grandmother was so (viii) _____ of him.

46. What kind of person do you think Yuichi is? Give ONE reason to support your answer. (2 marks)

47. What is the main theme of the story?

A. family and food

B. food and friendship

C. love and death

A B C D

D. love and hope

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