

FUKIEN SECONDARY SCHOOL
S1 First Term Uniform Test (2021-2022)
English Language Paper 1: Reading Comprehension & Usage
Question Paper
(1 hour 15 minutes)

Date: 9th November 2021

Time: 9:45a.m. – 11:00a.m.

Name: _____

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 two parts: **Part I (Reading Comprehension)** and **Part II (Usage)**. 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.
5. Each question carries 1 mark unless otherwise specified.

Part I: Reading Comprehension (40 marks)

Read the two passages below and answer the questions that follow.

Passage A (16 marks)

	Who's the THIEF?
	by Doris Wong
1	[1] I rubbed my eyes, yawned and reached for my cup of coffee. Looking around my small and untidy office, my heart sank. It was going to be a long day. I had mountains of paperwork to do and that was not my idea of fun. Despite the effects of the coffee, I felt tired.
5	[2] 'Detective Digby,' shouted my boss from across the corridor. Of all the people in our office, he spoke the most loudly. 'A burglary has been reported. A woman has had some valuable items stolen. Get there as soon as you can.' I would rather be out solving crimes than staying in, so I did not argue. I drove to the crime scene, a grand house in the best part of the town.
10	[3] When Celia Wood came to the door, I could see that she was a very glamorous woman. Her clothes were simple but expensive. She was carrying a tiny dog under her arm. In spite of its size, the dog seemed fierce. It growled and went to snap at my fingers as I reached out to shake its owner's hand. 'Calm down, little dog,' I said gently. It growled louder. I thought to myself I preferred cats to dogs.
15	[4] 'It's an absolute disaster!' cried Celia Wood. 'My diamond necklace and earrings have been stolen!' I started to write down the details of the crime in my notebook. I can think more clearly if I write things down. Though she was upset, Celia Wood was very quick to point the finger of blame: 'Of course, I know exactly who has sticky fingers,' she breathed as she wiped her eyes. 'My housekeeper has an alibi – she was in hospital the week my necklace and earrings were stolen. So it's my gardener, Ralph. I know he doesn't have an alibi. Arrest him!'
20	[5] Ralph admitted taking the necklace straight away. 'It belonged to my mother,' he said. He pointed at Celia Wood, 'Ten years ago, this woman stole it from her. Although she looks innocent, she's a professional thief. Let me show you something.' Ralph led me to the garage and opened the door. The garage was full of stolen items. I recognized many of them from previous crime cases. I turned around to the lady of the house, 'Celia Wood, you are under arrest!'
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1. The expression 'my heart sank' in line 2 means that Detective Digby felt...

- A. discouraged
- B. tired

- C. sleepy
- D. shocked

2. Complete the sentence below according to paragraphs 1 and 2. Fill in each of the blanks with ONE word from the text. Your answers have to be grammatically correct. (3 marks)

Detective Digby did not like doing ____ (i.) ____, he preferred ____ (ii.) ____ crimes to being in the ____ (iii.) ____.

3. Find words in paragraph 3 which are the opposite in meaning to: (2 marks)

- i. gentle
- ii. enormous

4. Look at how 'snap' is used in line 12 and decide which of the definitions below is closest in meaning.

- A. to say something suddenly in an angry way
- B. to break something with a loud noise
- C. to try to bite someone
- D. to take a lot of photographs quickly

5. Why did Digby think he preferred cats to dogs (line 14)?

6. Which of the following things are mentioned in the story? Mark each picture on the answer sheet with a tick (✓) in the box if it is mentioned.

7. Find a phrase in paragraph 4 which means "to be likely to steal".

8. Why was Celia so sure that Ralph was the thief?

9. Read the story again and decide if the following statements are true (T), false (F) or not given (NG). Put the correct letters on the answer sheet. (4 marks)

- i. Celia Wood lived in a nice house.
- ii. Celia Wood's dog often barks at strangers.
- iii. The stolen necklace is worth more money than the earrings.
- iv. The gardener said that the necklace belonged to his sister.

10. Which of the following is the best alternative title for the story?

- A. Gardener saves detective
- B. The victim is the thief
- C. The frightening dog at Celia's house
- D. Gardener arrested by detective

Passage B (24 marks)**GMOs: What you need to know**

1 [1] In the debate over GMOs - genetically
5 modified organisms - it can be difficult to
separate facts from misinformation. Are these
crops unsafe? Or should we put our fears to rest
and head for a GMO buffet?



[2] GMOs are plants and animals that scientists alter in a laboratory by inserting genes from other organisms in order to make crops and livestock larger, stay fresh longer or more nutritious.

10 [3] GMOs first appeared in our food nearly two decades ago, yet the debate on their safety continues. How many times do we have to debate this? The vast majority of scientists now believe that GM foods are safe. In 2016, the National Academics of Science, Engineering and Medicine published a report claiming that **it** found no solid evidence that foods from GMOs were less safe than foods from non-GMOs.

15 [4] Some GM crops, such as golden rice, could solve health problems. Last year, nearly 700,000 young children in developing countries died from a lack of vitamin A. Was this preventable? Normal rice has no Vitamin A, but steamed golden rice contains enough to solve this problem.

20 [5] However, GMOs are restricted or banned in 38 countries worldwide, and a growing number of people are choosing to only eat organic produce, which is all-natural. Where does this fear come from? One issue is that GMOs have not been around for very long, so we cannot find any studies on the health effects over a full lifetime. There are also some concerns that there may be unexpected results of playing with nature.

[6] However, GMOs may become necessary in the future. As the world population increases, growing GM crops may be the only way to produce enough food for everyone.

25 [7] Two decades ago, the Hong Kong government decided to make labelling products with GMO ingredients optional. Labels allow people to have the choice of whether or not to eat these ingredients. Opponents argue this creates unnecessary fear, and could raise the cost of food if companies feel they have to use all organic ingredients.

Though the debate rages on, it is clear that rigorously testing GMOs should continue. Also, as the saying goes, 'you are what you eat'. It is our responsibility to educate ourselves about our food.

1. According to paragraphs 1 and 2, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (3 marks)
 - i. The writer thinks it is difficult to tell what is true or false when it comes to GMOs.
 - ii. The goal of all GMOs is to be larger and tastier.
 - iii. Most GMOs that scientists create in laboratories are successful.
2. What does 'it' refer to in line 12?
3. What is so good about 'golden rice' (line 14)?
4. According to paragraph 5, what are TWO results of people's fear of GMOs ? (2 marks)
5. Why does the writer say that in the future 'GMOs may become necessary' (line 22)?
6. What are the arguments *for* and *against* labelling GMO ingredients? (2 marks)
7. What does the expression 'you are what you eat' (line 29) mean?
8. Match the main points (A-D) with one of the corresponding paragraphs on the left. Write the correct letters on the answer sheet. (4 marks)

Paragraph no.	Main point
i.) Paragraph 4 _____	A. GMOs may eventually be unavoidable
ii.) Paragraph 5 _____	B. The right to know what you're eating
iii.) Paragraph 6 _____	C. Why people are nervous about GMOs
iv.) Paragraph 7 _____	D. GMOs could solve a health crisis

9. Complete the following summary using information from the article. Fill in each of the blanks with **ONE** word. The answers may not be found in the passage. Your answers have to be grammatically correct. (6 marks)

Scientists create GMOs in a ____ (i) ____ in order to produce better quality food. Though GMOs first appeared in our food nearly ____ (ii) ____ years ago, some people still feel ____ (iii) ____ that they may have a ____ (iv) ____ effect on our health. Currently, ____ (v) ____ for GMO ingredients do not appear on all food packaging in Hong Kong. Therefore, many of us may be eating these ingredients without knowing it. We should ____ (vi) ____ ourselves about the origin of our food.

10. Find words from the text with these meanings. The parts of speech of the answers have been given as hints. (3 marks)
 - i) to change (v., paragraph 2)
 - ii) strong and reliable (adj., paragraph 3)
 - iii) can be avoided (adj., paragraph 4)