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Question Paper
(1 hour 15 minutes)

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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).
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)**Passage A**

Read the review below and answer the questions. (22 marks)

1	Romeo and Juliet shines in the park!
5	The highlight of this year's <i>Shakespeare in the Park</i> festival is Shakespeare's most popular play of all time, <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> . The play is being performed twice a day during the festival with shows starting at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. in an amphitheatre in the Hong Kong Park.
10	If you are a fan of the play, you don't want to miss this 21st century version. The outdoor venue makes the play breathtaking to watch, especially the evening performance, which takes place with the sun going down in the background. It also has great acting, excellent sets and costumes, lovely folk music and even exciting acrobatics. All of this makes it the most entertaining play you could ever hope to see!
15	Some productions of <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> are dull in places but not this one. Even the scenes that are normally a bit slow moving contain new amusing versions of Shakespeare's original dialogue. The new conversations are hilarious. Some people think that <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> is confusing as it has so many different characters and they have difficult names, but this isn't the case with the <i>Shakespeare in the Park</i> production. The characters are described clearly and thanks to the new dialogue, the story is easy to follow.
20	After making quite a splash six years ago, Thomas Chan said that he wanted to show people that <i>Romeo and Juliet</i> could be made into a modern exciting play and that's exactly what he's done with this year's outstanding production.
25	Thomas Chan has been impressing us for the last few years with extravagant adaptations of the classics such as <i>Macbeth</i> and <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> . The way he gets the most out of his actors has been truly inspirational. His rise to fame has been dramatic, from a barely known director of TV advertisements, to one of Hong Kong's best directors of plays.
30	There has been talk recently of him crossing over to movies in the near future. Many of us wait with anticipation to see what he has to offer
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40	<p>when it comes to movies. Some in the industry say he has a love of action films, so that is a possible direction he could take. Personally, I would love him to follow in the footsteps of John Woo and become synonymous with action movies.</p> <p>For the time being though let's all enjoy and marvel at how he is putting a modern spin on such classics as Romeo and Juliet!</p>
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1. In paragraph 1, which word means 'the best part'?
2. When is the play performed?
3. In line 6 the word 'fan' means _____
 - A. a flat object which you wave to make the air cooler
 - B. a machine used to cool the air in the room
 - C. a person who admires something or someone very much
 - D. to make a feeling stronger
4. Besides great acting, what else makes Romeo and Juliet a great production according to the writer? (2 marks)
5. Why do people think that Romeo and Juliet is confusing? Fill in the blanks. (2 marks)


Because it has (a) _____ characters and the characters have
(b) _____ names.
6. Give two reasons why this modern version of Romeo and Juliet is NOT so difficult to understand from paragraph 3. (2 marks)
7. The *Shakespeare in the Park* production of Romeo and Juliet is....
 - A. liked by modern audiences
 - B. a traditional version of the play
 - C. being performed indoors
 - D. made worse by poor acting
8. What does 'us' (line 34) refer to?
9. Find words or phrases in paragraphs 2-6 which can replace the following descriptions. (3 marks)
 - A. spectacular (paragraph 2)
 - B. attracting a great deal of attention. (paragraph 4)

- C. changing from one activity or style to another (paragraph 6)
10. Decide whether the following statements about Romeo and Juliet are True **(T)**, False **(F)** or if the information is **Not Given (NG)**. (3 marks)
- A. The dialogue is the same as the original.
- B. At times the play is very funny.
- C. The writer has seen the play more than once.
11. In line 28, 'his rise to fame has been dramatic' means he has become famous....
- A. slowly and quietly.
- B. because he acted in his plays.
- C. quickly and impressively.
- D. because his plays are full of drama.
12. Read paragraph 3 and fill in each blank with **ONE** word from the paragraph.
(4 marks)

Thomas Chan's new (a) _____ of Romeo and Juliet is very entertaining. It's also (b) _____ as can be seen by the audience's non-stop laughing. Unlike the original, it's easy to understand and is not (c) _____. (d) _____, I don't like Shakespeare but I found this play very enjoyable.

Passage B

Read the article below and answer the questions. (18 marks)

1	Home green home
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	<p>Since the mid-1970s, Mike Reynolds, founder of Earthship Biotechnology has had one goal to build green environmentally friendly houses. His designs have become more advanced over the years but his new Earthships are still built with three aims: to be made from environmentally friendly materials, to be powered by clean energy sources and to be easy and inexpensive to build. Living in an Earthship sounds like something out of a science fiction film, doesn't it? However, for people who want to lead a green lifestyle, living in an Earthship has become a great green choice.</p>
15	<p>Although the walls of Earthships can also be made of concrete, stone, aluminium cans and plastic bottles, recycled rubber tyres have become the normal material to use because they are easy to find and change to 'bricks'. More than 2 million tyres have piled up in rubbish heaps in the United States. In addition, rubber tires filled with earth weigh up to 150 kg each so they can support heavy loads. They also keep the house cool in summer and warm in the winter, which means that residents don't have to keep air conditioners at 25.5 degrees and they don't have to use air conditioners at all as their houses remain as cold as ice!</p>
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25	<p>Earthships put a stop to wasting water and electricity. They have special roofs that catch and store rainwater. Once this clean water has come out of taps or showers, it becomes 'grey water', which is used again. Many people say 'Yuck!' when they hear about grey water. However, when they realise that it is used only in toilets and garden hoses, their disgust turns to amazement. By the time they learn that Earthships are powered entirely by the wind and sun, wind turbines and solar panels, their amazement has usually become one word: 'wow'!</p>
30	<p>Mike Reynolds hopes that in the future all houses will be built with sustainability in mind just like his Earthships are. As we all know time is running out to reverse climate change. Any innovative designs such as the Earthships are a welcome change to our climate destroying present designs. The world needs more like-minded people to address the world's problems.</p>

35	Let's hope Earth is not a sinking ship and ideas like Mike's can help to save our planet! Anything's possible!
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1. In paragraph 1, which word means 'creator'?
2. Mr. Reynolds' first Earthship homes were _____
 - A. simpler
 - B. difficult to build
 - C. only an option for wealthy people
 - D. powered by coal, oil and natural gas
3. How many discarded rubber tyres are there in the United States?
4. In paragraph 2 which word means 'dirt'?
5. Which of the following is **NOT** an advantage of building an Earthship out of recycled tyres?

Rubber tyres _____

 - A. are easy to find
 - B. keep the houses both cool and warm
 - C. turn into bricks
 - D. are very strong
6. Who does 'they' (line 26) refer to?
7. What is grey water?
8. In paragraph 3, the writer seems to think that Earthships are _____
 - A. amazing
 - B. disgusting
 - C. useful
 - D. wasteful
9. Find a phrase in paragraph 2 which suggests the writer thinks Earthships are very effective in remaining cool.
10. What does 'like-minded people' mean (lines 33-34)?
11. What is the purpose of the article?

12. Toby and Justin are talking about Earthships. Complete their conversation using information from the article. (4 marks)

I've just read an interesting article about Earthships .

What are Earthships?

They're (1) _____ friendly houses. They're made out of materials, like rubber tyres, concrete, stone, aluminium cans and (2) _____.

Actually, Mike Reynolds, the man who thought of the idea of Earthships, started designing them over

(3) _____ years ago.

They must be new. I've never heard of them before.

How can rubber tyres support a roof? Rubber is really bendy...

Not when it's supported by dirt. In fact , when a rubber tyre is filled with dirt, it weighs up to

(4) _____. So, you can imagine how strong a wall of tyres is!

13. What is the tone of the statement (line 36) 'Anything's possible!'?

- A. unsure
- B. certain
- C. optimistic
- D. happy

14. What is the metaphor in paragraph 5? Explain what it means. (2 marks)

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

Below is a story. Complete it using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets. You may need to use the **NEGATIVE** form of the verbs.

The Big Sad Wolf

My name is Gerald, and I am a wolf. I _(1)_ (write) this with a burnt tail and body, fractured legs and a broken heart.

One day as I traversed the grasslands, I _(2)_ (faint) because of extreme hunger. I _(3)_ (see) a straw hut so I went to ask for help. Politely I knocked on the door.

A pig, the owner of the hut, replied, 'No, you wolf! Not by the hair of my chinny chin chin.'

I respected his decision and began to walk away. However, while I _(4)_ (walk), I suddenly felt a rock strike my head. I was so angry that I turned around and blew down his house. The frightened pig reached for another pebble, but before he _(5)_ (can/do) so, I grabbed him and ate him whole to sate my appetite.

(6) (Walk) onwards, I felt a great sense of despair as I had taken the life of another being. Anyway, I continued to seek shelter, and came across a hut made of sticks.

I knocked on the door. Another pig, more brusque than the last one, replied, 'Get lost you big bad wolf! Never by the hair of my chinny chin chin!' Then, he opened the door to throw boiling water onto me. He kept yelling, '_(7)_ (come) back again!'

In my delirium, I destroyed his house and killed him....

I came to the final house, also owned by a pig. After I had knocked on the door, a warm voice emerged, 'Poor soul, do come in. However, you have to come down by the chimney as the door _(8)_ (work). I _(9)_ (put) out the fire for you. Give me a minute.'

At long last, I felt safe and relieved. After a few moments, I climbed down the chimney, but a pot of boiling water _(10)_ (await) me. I fell into the water. When I looked up, I could see that the pig _(11)_ (smile).

I _(12)_ (now/lie) on the ground, heartbroken, and waiting for the worst to come.

Section B (7 marks)

Rewrite the following sentences in the **PASSIVE VOICE**.

1. Alex cleans his car every week.
2. The school requires students to do a fire drill annually.
3. The Beatles wrote "A Hard Day's Night".
4. Someone built the bridge in 1884.
5. Liana will forget the list.
6. Daniel can replace the fridge for us this weekend.
7. Do you need permission to get into that area?

Section C (5 marks)

Below is a table comparing three football players in a football team. Fill in the blanks using **comparatives, superlatives, or '(not) as ... as'**.

	Chris	Paul	Daniel
Sprint speed (5 = very high)	4	3	5
Skill level (5 = very skillful)	5	5	4
Level of effort (5 = very high)	5	1	4

Let's compare the three Manchester Union midfielders who may play this Saturday against London United. Most of the fans expect to see Chris in the first team as he is (1) (hard-working) among the three players and he is (2) (skillful) too. Paul is (3) (skillful) Chris but he is very lazy. His effort on the pitch is always (4) (little) Chris' and Paul's. Daniel may not stand a chance to be in the first team, but if we need a fast break, he is our best choice as a substitute as he can run (5) (fast) among them.

Section D (10 marks)

Complete the blanks with **the words** from the word list given below. Change the word form if necessary.

Intense	Create	Predict	Hilarious	Dialogue
Dazzling	Entertain	Twist	Charming	Villain
Pollute	Reusable	Upcycle	Ban	Incinerator
Endanger	Publicise	Discard	Landfills	Scraps

Films

There are many genres of films and they are all excellent _(1)_. If a film is _(2)_, it can, of course, give you a good laugh and make your day. If you want to get a chill down your spine, thrillers are recommended as their plots are always _(3)_. Another important element to make a film successful is definitely the script. Witty _(4)_ between characters can always impress the audience and even be thought-provoking. Actors are crucial too as they can bring the characters alive. If they are good, the audience will fall in love with them, even the _(5)_ (the evil characters). Classic examples would be the Joker (in Joker) and Loki (in Marvel).

Household waste charging

We will be charged for the disposal of household waste soon. It is a milestone. Arguably, local citizens will not create so much rubbish as they will be charged based on the weight of their waste. Some of them may cook and eat more “carefully” as they do not want so many food _(6)_. Nonetheless, some environmentalists believe that it is not the best solution to stop _(7)_. They claim that the charge is nothing compared to how much we spend every day. They advocate that the Government should instead _(8)_ other environment-saving means. One of the suggestions is to bring _(9)_ straws, bags, cutlery... to lower the use of plastic. Another more advanced solution would be to _(10)_. That means if something seems useless, think twice. Maybe it can be made into something else even more useful than before.

Section E (11 marks)

Fill each blank with **ONE** suitable word from Vocabooster 2. Change the form of the words if necessary.

1. Look! Rob is _(1)_ his dart at the target.
2. Manita can't go out later as she needs to _(2)_ some shopping for her mum.
3. What are you waiting for? The deadline for the Street Dance Competition is tomorrow. If you don't _(3)_ for it as soon as possible, you will miss the chance.
4. The boss will be out of the country next week, so the meeting has been _(4)_ off.
5. _(5)_ down! There is no need to vent your anger at the kid. He is innocent.

Replace the underlined words with an adjective + preposition from Vocabooster 2. Do **NOT** change the meaning of the sentence.

6. Dad loves the team so much. Should we buy him tickets for the match?
7. The clients do not seem pleased with this product. Let's introduce another one to them.
8. Have you added more sugar? Its taste is not the same as what I had last time.

Complete the sentences by changing the parts of speech of the words given.

9. The talk is very _(9)_ (educate). I recommend it to every teenager.
10. The city is so _(10)_ (pollute) that it is not inhabitable.
11. We should thank the _(11)_ (donate) for his generosity.

Section F (5 marks)

Refer to the Answer Sheets.

Section G (10 marks)

Choose the best answer and write down the correct letter.

The Beginning of the Classic: Romeo and Juliet

In Verona, Italy, another fight breaks out (1) the Montague and Capulet families, causing the prince, the city's ruler, to make a law forbidding all fighting. The two families are sworn enemies, (2) they still obey the prince's decree.

A young man named Romeo (3) a party in disguise, hoping to see Rosaline, a woman who does not return his affections. But when he sees Juliet, it is love at first (4). Juliet also falls in love with Romeo, (5) they kiss without even knowing each other's names. The truth, (6), is soon laid bare: Romeo is a Montague, and Juliet is a Capulet. (7) this, the two of them declare their love for each other.

The following day, Friar Lawrence marries the young couple in secret. Later, Romeo runs into his friend Mercutio. They are interrupted by Juliet's hotheaded cousin, Tybalt, who wants to beat up Romeo. Romeo refuses (8), unknown to Tybalt, they are now related by marriage. Mercutio, however, accepts the challenge. Tybalt kills Mercutio, so Romeo kills Tybalt in revenge. The prince arrives at the scene and banishes Romeo from the city forever. Juliet (9) when she hears this, and Romeo flees Verona.

Juliet's father wants her to marry a man of noble birth named Paris despite his daughter's objection. (10) her heart still belongs to Romeo, Juliet decides to reunite with him and goes to Friar Lawrence for help. The two of them devise a plan in which Juliet must fake her own death.

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| 1. A. by
B. before
C. beside
D. between | 2. A. as
B. so
C. but
D. because | 3. A. attend
B. attends
C. attended
D. attending |
| 4. A. light
B. fight
C. right
D. sight | 5. A. as
B. and
C. but
D. while | 6. A. like
B. in short
C. however
D. therefore |
| 7. A. Due to
B. Despite
C. Besides
D. Because of | 8. A. such as
B. because
C. therefore
D. because of | 9. A. heartbreaks
B. heartbroke
C. heartbroken
D. is heartbroken |
| 10. A. As
B. Due to
C. Because
D. Therefore | | |

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