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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1A

Question-Answer Book

8.30 am – 9.30 am (1 hour)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your Candidate Number in the space provided on this page.
2. Stick your barcode labels in the spaces provided on this page and on pages 3 and 5.
3. Answer **ALL** questions.
4. The reading passages are in a separate booklet. Write your answers clearly and neatly in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book. Use a pencil to write your answers. **Answers written in the margins will not be marked.**
5. For multiple-choice questions, blacken the appropriate circle with a pencil. Wrong marks must be completely erased with a clean rubber. Mark only **ONE** answer to each question. Two or more answers will score **NO MARKS**.
6. **DO NOT** take away the Reading Passages booklet. It will be collected separately at the end of the examination.
7. Supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your Candidate Number, fill in the question number and stick a barcode label on each sheet and fasten them with string **INSIDE** this Question-Answer Book.

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Candidate Number

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There are 37 questions in this paper.

Each question carries ONE mark unless otherwise stated.

Part 1 (23 marks)

Answer the following questions using the information from the web postings on page 2 of the Reading Passages booklet. Write your answers in the spaces provided. For multiple-choice and true/false questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

1. Who was the first person to post a message?

2. Three of the postings have ONE word missing. Write the missing words on the lines below. (3 marks)

(a) Peter Yuen _____

(b) Mr. Unknown _____

(c) Hazel Lok _____

3. What was the former name of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Forces Hong Kong Building?

4. Choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle for each of the postings in the following table. The first one has been done for you as an example. (3 marks)

Posting	Likes the plans for Tamar	Dislikes the plans for Tamar
a) Hazel Lok	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Peter Yuen	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Mr. Unknown	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Pedestrian88	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

5. Write down the phrase in Hazel Lok's posting which suggests that she agrees with Peter Yuen.

_____ (6 words)

6. Which phrase in Pedestrian88's posting means 'blocked'?

_____ (2 words)

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7. Choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only for each statement. The first one has been done for you as an example. (5 marks)

	True	False	Not stated
a) Mr. Unknown believes that the government will not change its mind about its plans for the Tamar site.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b) Peter Yuen works for the government.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c) Mr. Unknown believes that having more trees would make the air quality better.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d) Hazel Lok enjoys riding on the ferry.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e) Pedestrian88 believes that Sydney Harbour is better than Victoria Harbour.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f) Pedestrian88 feels that there are enough recreational places in Hong Kong.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. You have a friend who is planning to visit you in Hong Kong in a couple of years. You are thinking of taking him to Tamar. Refer to Peter Yuen's posting and write a list of things that he may be able to do there when he comes. (6 marks)

Things to do at Tamar:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

f. _____

9. Which two places outside Hong Kong are mentioned in the postings? (2 marks)

- a) _____
- b) _____

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Part 2 (18 marks)

Answer the following questions using the information from the poem on page 3 of the Reading Passages booklet. Write your answers in the spaces provided. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

10. How old was the poet when he first lived in the house?

11. Which one of the following words best fills the blank in line 2?

- A. live
- B. living
- C. lives
- D. lived

A B C D

12. Which word in verse 1 rhymes with 'new' in line 3?

13. According to verse 3, which two activities did the family engage in when the weather was bad? (2 marks)

a) _____

b) _____

14. In line 11, there is ONE word missing. What is it?

15. In line 17, there is ONE word missing. What is it?

16. According to verse 5, how did the poet feel about being told to leave his house?

17. In line 21, the poet says that 'My mum wept...'. What is another word for 'wept'?

18. In line 22, the poet writes that he 'had to bring more'. What did the poet bring 'more' of?

19. Explain the meaning of the dad's words in line 23. (3 marks)

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20. In line 34, what does the poet mean when he writes that 'we've since flown from the family nest'? (3 marks)

21. Which of the choices best describes the sequence of changing moods in the poem?

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|------------|---|-------|---|-------|---|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. Happy | → | Angry | → | Sad | → | Hopeful | | | |
| B. Sad | → | Happy | → | Angry | → | Hopeful | | | |
| C. Hopeful | → | Happy | → | Sad | → | Happy | A | B | C |
| D. Hopeful | → | Angry | → | Happy | → | Sad | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

22. In the final verse, the poet writes 'A tree which bends with the wind will survive'. What this suggests is that:

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|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| A. we should bend like trees when it is windy. | | | | |
| B. we should be trees. | | | | |
| C. we should adapt to life in the way that trees adapt to the wind. | A | B | C | D |
| D. we can survive even if we don't bend with the wind. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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Part 3 (40 marks)

Answer the following questions using the information from the article 'The Kowloon Walled City' on page 4 of your Reading Passages booklet. Write your answers in the spaces provided. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

23. THREE words are missing from the text. Write the missing words on the lines below. (3 marks)

paragraph 2, line 6 (a) _____

paragraph 8, line 30 (b) _____

paragraph 9, line 35 (c) _____

24. In paragraph 3, "a taste of the 'old China'" refers to the experience of ...

- A. seeing what life was like in mainland China.
- B. visiting a tourist attraction.
- C. eating Chinese food in the Walled City.
- D. colonials governing Hong Kong.

A B C D

25. Look at the word 'crooks' in line 13. Now read the dictionary entry for 'crook' below. Which is the best definition of the word as used in the passage?

crook [n] (A) an implement having a bent or hooked form; (B) a shepherd's staff; (C) a part of something that is hook-shaped, curved, or bent; (D) a person who engages in fraudulent or criminal practices.

A B C D

26. The passage suggests that between 1949 and 1974, the triads ruled the Walled City ...

- A. but most of the residents were not criminals themselves.
- B. and most of the residents were triads themselves.
- C. and took money from the charities.
- D. and set up the schools that were located there.

A B C D

27. In line 23, the writer's use of the word 'Somehow' suggests ...

- A. disappointment
- B. surprise
- C. happiness
- D. anger

A B C D

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28. In line 25, 'notorious' means ...

- A. not well-known.
- B. well-known in a good way.
- C. well-known in a bad way.
- D. well-known for many years.

A B C D

29. What does the word 'its' in line 29 refer to?

30. Which of the following statements are TRUE?

- i. During WWII, the Japanese moved the people out of the Walled City.
- ii. After WWII, the British authorities wanted to move the people in the Walled City out.
- iii. After WWII, the Chinese authorities did not want to look after the Walled City.
- iv. Before 1973, the Hong Kong Police raided the Walled City 3,000 times.
- v. The triads took control of the Walled City in 1973-74.

- A. i, ii and iii
- B. i, ii and iv
- C. i, iii and v
- D. ii, iii and v

A B C D

31. According to paragraph 8, the decision to destroy the Walled City was made by ...

- A. the British authorities and the Chinese government.
- B. the British authorities.
- C. the inhabitants and the Chinese government.
- D. the Chinese government and the triads.

A B C D

32. Which one of the following words could NOT replace 'fabled' in line 37?

- A. amazing
- B. legendary
- C. famous
- D. dangerous

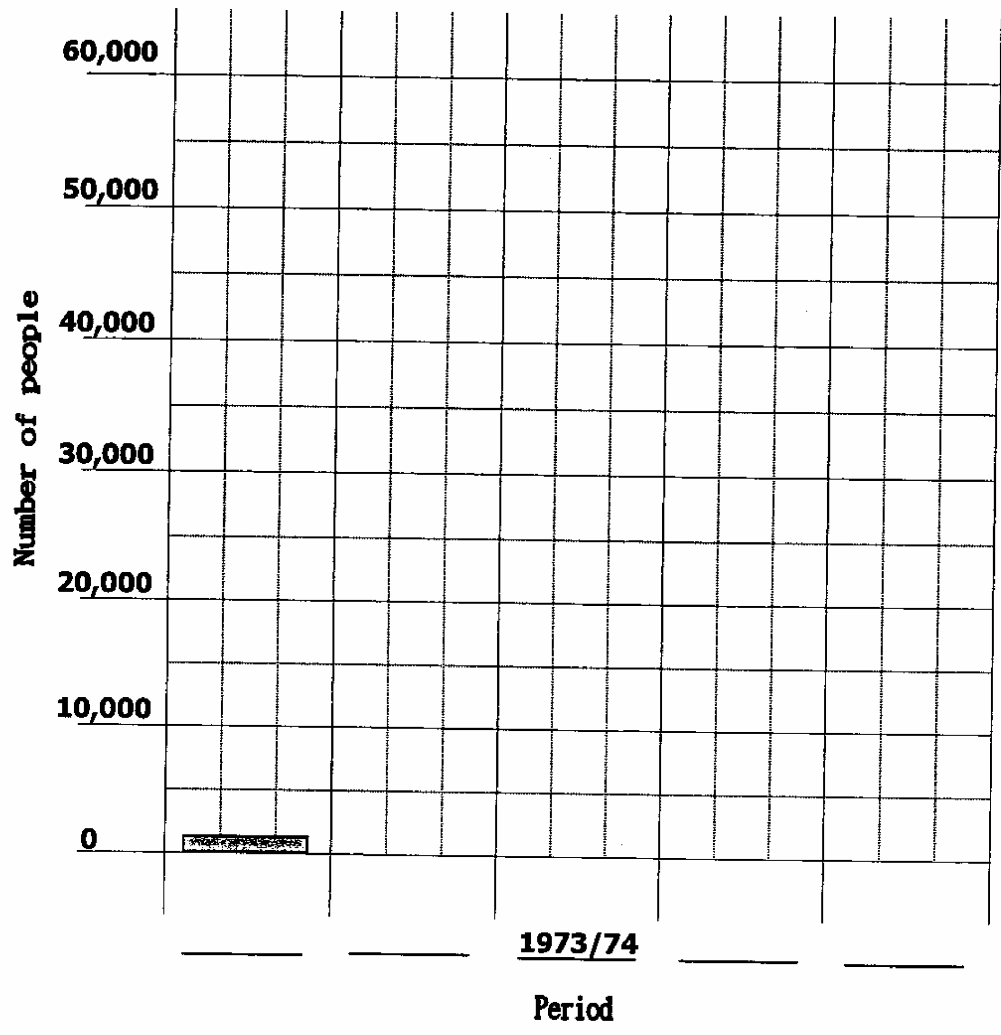
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33. Complete the following population chart of the Walled City to show how it changed over the years. Some parts have been provided for you as examples. (8 marks)



34. Write a title for the chart on the line below.

35. Based on the information in paragraphs 7 and 8, suggest two reasons why Kowloon Walled City was demolished? (3 marks)

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36. Complete the following timeline. Write ONE word in each space. Note that the most suitable word may or may not appear in the article. The first one has been provided for you as an example. (10 marks)

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1898	Parts of Hong Kong leased to Britain for (a) _____ years.	(a) 99
(b) _____	The British try to drive out the (c) _____.	(b) _____
1973/4	Last two years in (d) _____ the triads rule the city.	(c) _____
1984	The Chinese and British authorities agree to (e) _____ the city.	(d) _____
1987	The authorities decide to (f) _____ down the city.	(e) _____
1991	People start (g) _____ the city.	(f) _____
(h) _____	(i) _____ of the city are completed.	(g) _____
1994	Construction of a (j) _____ starts.	(h) _____
1995	Construction is (k) _____.	(i) _____
		(j) _____
		(k) _____

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37. The following passage is a summary of paragraphs 4 – 6. There is one mistake on each line. The mistake may be either in language or content. Underline the mistake and write the correct answer above the underlined word. The first one has been done for you as an example. (6 marks)

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When the Japanese left Hong Kong, fewer residents moved into the Walled City, and managed to avoid being kicking out by the British authorities. As the police could not enter and the mainland authorities were reluctance to look after it, the triads controlled the Walled City until the early 1970s. However, most people who lived there were law-abiding residents and they made a peaceful life.

When the triads' power was reduced in the seventies, the Walled City declined quickly. However, the City developed with planning. As a result, the Walled City looked like a giant maze. Lights had to be lit on the streets all the times because the City was always so dark inside.

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