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**HKDSE 2018
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 PART B2
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**

B2
DIFFICULT SECTION

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Read Texts 5-6 and answer questions 46-71. (42 marks)

Text 5

46. Which word in paragraph 1 does the writer use to suggest how bees move around flowers?

47. What is the meaning of the phrase 'hit blossom-time' (line 8)?

48. What is the 'moral of this story' (line 11)?

We should...

- A. look after bees.
- B. pay more money to replace bees.
- C. listen to economists' opinions on bees.
- D. stop bees from changing their behaviour.

A B C D

49. Why does 'the work' (line 10) become more expensive than before?

50. Find a word in paragraph 3 that can be replaced by 'affected negatively'.

51. Why did the writer use the word 'Woah!' (line 21)?

The writer wants to...

- A. argue that a statement is incorrect.
- B. express happiness for a new discovery.
- C. make an important argument more persuasive.
- D. get the reader to stop and think about a surprising statement.

A B C D

52. Suggest ONE word to replace 'critters' (line 22).

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53. Based on the information in paragraphs 3-5, complete the summary by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (5 marks)

After a decade of study, economists released a (i) _____ report about a hike in crop yields. This was in spite of the (ii) _____ bees. It turns out that, for the farmers of Maoxian County, bees are superfluous as their human replacements can be depended upon far more. This is because they are able to access each (iii) _____, boosting productivity. Bees, it appears, are fussy workers preferring warm and (iv) _____ weather. The message economists took from this was that we should spend less time and energy worrying about the (v) _____ of life on Earth.

54. What is 'the logic of the market' that the writer refers to in line 28?

Text 6

55. Why does Willie keep beehives on the heather moor?

56. According to paragraph 1, how is heather honey different from other honey?

57. What does the writer mean when he writes, 'Honey bees left alone do not sting' (line 6)?
A. Bees leave intruders alone.
B. Bees might not die when left alone.
C. Bees don't sting without good reason.
D. Bees only sting when they want to die.
A B C D

58. 'Instead, the sting rips the centre from the bee's abdomen' (lines 8-9). The writer used the word 'instead', but instead of what?
Instead of ...
A. stinging an intruder.
B. digging into the skin.
C. pumping poison into human flesh.
D. withdrawing the sting from the skin.
A B C D

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59. Why does the writer compare Willie to 'a spaceman' (line 14)?

60. Based on the information in paragraph 3, complete the summary by writing ONE word in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (4 marks)

In order to avoid any trouble when dealing with bees, beekeepers should protect their
(i) _____ like a warrior wearing a suit of armour. Instead of a helmet, they
wear a (ii) _____ along with something like a flying suit. The result of all
this gear is that beekeepers are somewhat (iii) _____ in what they can do.
However, this is not such a bad thing as they must not move too (iv) _____.

61. According to paragraph 4, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (3 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
(i) Smoke makes bees more likely to sting.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(ii) As soon as Willie lifts the first box he knows how successful the harvest is.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(iii) Willie and his family have always been successful with their honey harvest.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

62. What does 'heaves' (line 22) suggest about the top box?

63. The writer believes 'skill and luck' (line 25) contributed to Willie's success with his bees this year. What 'skill' and 'luck' is the writer referring to? (2 marks)

Skill: _____

Luck: _____

64. Why does the writer describe the harvesting of honey from beehives as a 'drama' (line 30)?

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65. What does 'it' (line 34) refer to? _____

66. What is the writer referring to when he says 'the beekeeper's second skin' (lines 34-35)?

67. Find ONE thing the writer compares 'beekeepers' to in paragraph 5.

68. Find ONE metaphor for 'bees' the writer uses in paragraph 5.

69. Why is 'a stray stitch' (line 35) a problem for a beekeeper?

70. According to paragraph 6, complete the following summary by writing ONE word in each blank. You should make sure that your answers are grammatically correct. (2 marks)

Some beekeepers are (i) _____ when handling bees. Unlike these beekeepers, Willie feels that bees are more (ii) _____ than the honey itself.

71. Below are comments made by some of the people mentioned in Texts 5 and 6. Match each person with one comment. Use each letter ONCE only. One comment is not used and you should select 'Not Applicable'. (6 marks)

A. Apple farm owner	B. Hand pollinator	C. Economist
D. Willie Robson	E. Conservationist	F. Not Applicable

Comments:	Person
(i) Stings are just an occupational hazard.	
(ii) The bees always arrive in time to pollinate our apple farms.	
(iii) The bees themselves are irreplaceable and they are part of a bigger picture.	
(iv) It's exhausting and the pay is not really that good. Some days I get home soaked to the skin.	
(v) Hand pollination in Maoxian county is all about the numbers. Perhaps the world doesn't need bees any more.	
(vi) Our window is so short that there are only five days before the blossoms drop, so we need all our available hands on deck.	

END OF PART B2

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