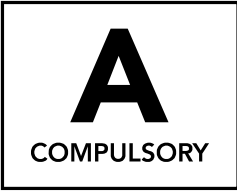


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ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 1 PART A  
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**



Show Answers 

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Read Text 1 and answer questions 1–23. (36 marks)

**Text 1**

1. Who is Angela?

A. the writer  
B. the writer’s friend  
C. the writer’s enemy  
D. the narrator

A    B    C    D  
        

2. What is the name of the writer?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Why is the writer angry with her friend?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

4. What does ‘ferocious’ (line 7) mean?

A. stunning  
B. strange  
C. funny  
D. fierce

A    B    C    D  
        

5. Why did the writer’s hairdresser give her a bad haircut?

\_\_\_\_\_

6. How does the writer feel about her haircut?

A. really annoyed  
B. extremely angry  
C. sufficiently satisfied  
D. completely satisfied

A    B    C    D  
        

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7. What does the writer plan to do when she gets to school the following day?

She plans to ...

- A. report Angela to the school authority.
- B. ignore Angela at school.
- C. confront Angela about what she said.
- D. make peace with Angela.

A	B	C	D
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Complete the sentence below using information from the text.

The writer was particularly angry with Angela's comment because \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Complete the speech bubble below. Use ONE word to complete each blank. (3 marks)

You (i) \_\_\_\_\_ me! Your comment was very (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ and you  
 (iii) \_\_\_\_\_ me!

10. How does the writer feel about her mother's advice?

- A. bored
- B. annoyed
- C. doubtful
- D. grateful

A	B	C	D
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11. According to paragraphs 2–4, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (3 marks)

**Statements**

**T      F      NG**

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|----------|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>C</b> | i) The writer's mother knows who Angela is.                        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>C</b> | ii) Both the writer and Angela go to the same school.              | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| <b>C</b> | iii) The writer does not have a good relationship with her mother. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

12. Who are the 'people' in line 33?

\_\_\_\_\_

13. What is the writer's reaction on hearing that Angela is absent?

- A. sadness
- B. anger
- C. fear
- D. pity

A	B	C	D
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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14. What are the three girls doing when the writer walks into the canteen at lunchtime?

- A. studying
- B. eating
- C. arguing
- D. gossiping

A	B	C	D
<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. Find a word in paragraph 7 that means ‘laughing quietly’.

\_\_\_\_\_

16. Number the events 1–7 in order. The event that happens first is number 1. The first event has been ordered for you.

- 16. Angela is speechless and feels hurt. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Cassie confronts Angela. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Cassie’s mother comforts her. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Cassie is upset by the comment. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Angela is absent from school. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Cassie has a bad haircut. **1** \_\_\_\_\_
- 16. Angela posts a comment on Facebook. \_\_\_\_\_

17. Who praises Cassie’s haircut?

\_\_\_\_\_

18. What does Angela really mean to say on Facebook?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. According to paragraphs 8–12, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (3 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Angela does not know that her Facebook comment has angered the writer.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Angela apologises to the writer.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) James is being sarcastic when he praises the writer’s new haircut.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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20. Fill in the missing word(s) for each of Cassie’s possible apologies to Angela. Choose an answer from the 10 options given below. Write the answer in the space provided. Only FOUR options can be used. (4 marks)

**laughed at / hurt / ignored / shouted / damaged /  
deleted / misinterpreted / understood / turned / called**

- i) I’m sorry that I \_\_\_\_\_ you a traitor.
- ii) I’m sorry that I \_\_\_\_\_ your feelings.
- iii) I’m sorry that I \_\_\_\_\_ at you.
- iv) I’m sorry that I \_\_\_\_\_ your words.

21. What is the message behind the story?

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22. Do Cassie and Angela remain friends at the end of the story? Cite one phrase or sentence from the text to support your view. (2 marks)

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23. Which character from the story is most likely to say each quote below? Write the name of the character next to the quote. Do not use any character more than once. The first one has been done for you. (4 marks)

Quote	Character
e.g., ‘Isn’t it the way you wanted me to cut it?’	<b>The writer’s hairdresser</b>

- i) ‘You have misunderstood me. It is not what you think.’
- ii) ‘Nice hair!’
- iii) ‘I can’t believe she said that!’
- iv) ‘Don’t respond on Facebook. Talk to her directly.’

**END OF PART A**

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PAPER 1 PART B1  
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**



Show Answers

Write your Candidate Number and stick a barcode label in the space provided on this page.  
Read Text 2 and answer questions 24–45. (34 marks)

**Text 2**

24. What is Leung Yuk-yin’s occupation?

\_\_\_\_\_

25. What does the TV commercial in paragraph 1 ask people to do?

\_\_\_\_\_

26. What makes Leung Yuk-yin want to become a foster parent?

A. She is an activist.  
B. She is thoroughly trained for the job.  
C. She loves children.  
D. She has no children.

A      B      C      D  
        

27. What does ‘the call’ (line 9) refer to?

\_\_\_\_\_

28. Why does the writer say ‘The recruitment drive rolled out at just the right time’ (lines 4–5)?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

29. How many foster children has Leung Yuk-yin taken care of in the past two decades?

\_\_\_\_\_

30. Complete the sentence below. Use ONE word to fill in the blank.  
According to paragraph 2, Leung finds being a foster parent fulfilling but she feels \_\_\_\_\_ when a foster child leaves her.

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31. According to paragraph 2, which one of the following statements is true?

A. Leung is currently living with her 14 foster children.  
 B. Leung still feels emotional when her foster child leaves her.  
 C. Leung has adopted some of her foster children.  
 D. Leung does not want to be a foster parent again.

A      B      C      D  
        

32. What does 'wrench' (line 12) mean?

A. a spanner  
 B. a metal tool  
 C. pain or unhappiness  
 D. a sudden and violent pull

A      B      C      D  
        

33. What does 'her nest' (line 13) refer to?

\_\_\_\_\_

34. How would you describe the attitude of the father in paragraph 3?

A. grateful  
 B. resentful  
 C. bitter  
 D. sceptical

A      B      C      D  
        

35. Which word in paragraph 3 has a similar meaning to 'suddenly'?

\_\_\_\_\_

36. According to paragraph 5, there are \_\_\_\_\_ foster families in Hong Kong.

A. many  
 B. no  
 C. enough  
 D. not enough

A      B      C      D  
        

37. According to paragraph 5, how long do the children normally have to wait before they can be placed in foster homes?

\_\_\_\_\_

38. Where will the children go while they are waiting for foster homes? (2 marks)

i) \_\_\_\_\_

ii) \_\_\_\_\_

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39. According to paragraph 6, why is getting recruits more difficult?

- A. Because there are more regulations
  - B. Because foster families are not respected in society
  - C. Because family problems are too complex nowadays
  - D. Because foster children are too difficult to handle
- A      B      C      D

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

Statements	T	F	NG
i) Only orphans awaiting adoption can go into foster care.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Hong Kong's welfare system is badly broken.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Not many people are willing to become foster parents.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

41. Complete the table below by identifying the reasons why families seek foster care services using information given in paragraph 7.  
 (5 marks)

	In the past	Present
Reasons for seeking foster care services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• _____</li> <li>• _____</li> <li>• A family member fell sick</li> <li>• Parents _____</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug-addicted _____</li> <li>• _____ teenage parents</li> </ul>

42. Which word in paragraph 8 can be replaced by 'admits'?

\_\_\_\_\_

43. According to paragraph 8, Leung thinks that some of the birth parents are ...

- A. arrogant.
  - B. responsible.
  - C. funny.
  - D. childish.
- A      B      C      D

44. According to paragraph 8, which two of the following questions could be asked by a young mother? Put ticks (✓) in the correct boxes.  
 (2 marks)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How can I become a gym member?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How do I keep my room clean?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> How much do you make a month?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Should I leave my boyfriend?	

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45.

Match the main ideas with the paragraphs by writing the letters A–F in the table below. The first one has been done for you. (5 marks)

Main ideas	
<b>A</b>	Sad to see her foster children leave
<b>B</b>	Handling foster children’s parents is not easy
<b>C</b>	Reasons why not many people are willing to become foster parents
<b>D</b>	Not enough foster parents in Hong Kong
<b>E</b>	<i>How it all began in the early 1990s (example)</i>
<b>F</b>	A father’s act of gratitude

Paragraph(s)	Main idea
1	E
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4–5	
6–7	
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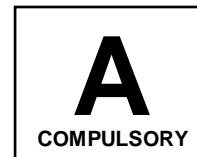
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PERFORMANCE FOR THE HKDSE 4  
MOCK EXAMINATION 2

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION



ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1  
PART A

Reading Passages

1 hour 30 minutes

(for both Parts A and B)

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- (1) There are two parts (A and B) in this paper. All candidates should attempt Part A. In Part B, you should attempt either Part B1 (easier section) OR Part B2 (more difficult section). Candidates attempting Parts A and B2 will be able to attain the full range of levels, while Level 4 will be the highest level attainable for candidates attempting Parts A and B1.
- (2) After the announcement of the start of the examination, you should first write your Candidate Number and stick barcode labels in the spaces provided on the appropriate pages of the Part A Question-Answer Book and the Part B Question-Answer Book which you are going to attempt.
- (3) Write your answers in the spaces provided in the Question-Answer Books. 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**.
- (5) Supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your Candidate Number, mark the question number box and stick a barcode label on each sheet and fasten them with string **INSIDE** the Question-Answer Book.
- (6) No extra time will be given to candidates for sticking on barcode labels or filling in the question number boxes after the 'Time is up' announcement.
- (7) The two Question-Answer Books you have attempted (one for Part A and one for Part B) will be collected together at the end of the examination. Fasten the two Question-Answer Books together with the green tag provided.
- (8) The unused Question-Answer Book for Part B will be collected separately at the end of the examination. This will not be marked. Do not write any answers in it.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART A**

- (1) Attempt ALL questions in Part A. Each question carries ONE mark unless otherwise stated.

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of the examination session



## PART A

Read Text 1 and answer questions 1–23 on pages 263–266 of the Question-Answer Book for Part A.

## Text 1



## Not Exactly My Intention

1 [1] How could my friend be so cruel as to say the things she said about me on Facebook? Angela has been my friend since we started playing basketball in primary school and now she has turned her back on me. I was stunned when I saw that she wrote: ‘Cassie’s new haircut is a little stark and makes her look ghostly and ferocious!’ All right, I agreed my new haircut was not exactly what I wanted but I have grown into liking it. My hairdresser didn’t fully understand what I requested but it doesn’t look that bad. Me ferocious; how can that be, I’m the most timid person around!

[2] Angela’s comment made me really angry especially as everyone else saw her comment once she posted it on Facebook. Determined, I was prepared to challenge Angela when I got to school the next day and practised my lines to say that she had let me down, that her words were very unkind and how much she hurt me.

20 [3] My mum could see that I was upset and asked me what was troubling me. When I told her, she offered some words of wisdom and told me not to get involved in an exchange on Facebook but rather to confront Angela at school; face to face. Mum said: ‘Maybe there is some misunderstanding, Cassie. Perhaps Angela didn’t mean what she said but the best way to find out is to ask her first thing tomorrow.’

[4] Interestingly, my mum knew exactly what to say to make me feel strong and I already felt better just through sharing my emotions with her.

[5] When I arrived at school the next day, I could just sense that people were looking at me differently. Despite having had my haircut a few days earlier, some people were looking at me as if something was wrong. I could see some giving me quizzical stares. What were they thinking? Were they thinking

about Angela’s unkind words and were they silently agreeing with her?

40 [6] But where was Angela, she was nowhere to be seen. My first class on Monday is maths and Angela is in my class. When Miss Wong called the roll, it was confirmed that Angela was absent today. This meant that my anger, which was bubbling to near boiling point, would have to simmer all day.

[7] When I walked into the canteen at lunchtime, I could see the three girls in my class who I least like huddled at one table and all looking at me and quietly chuckling to themselves. I could have just died and crawled under a rock, I was that embarrassed as I knew they were laughing at me.

[8] Just then, one of the boys in my art class walked past and said to me: ‘Cool haircut Cassie, I’m sure it will help when you’re on the basketball court.’ ‘Eh, thanks James eh, glad you like it,’ I hesitated in my reply. Then I asked myself; was James being sarcastic or did he really like it? I bet he was being sarcastic and then I started to feel worse and to channel all my anger to my former friend Angela.

60 [9] Mum could see I was still disappointed when I returned home and counselled me once again with some words of wisdom that only Mum seemed to be able to offer.

[10] Fired up once again the next day I stormed off to school determined to confront Angela and hoped that she would be present. She was and was all smiles when I saw her. ‘Hi Cassie, how are you? I’ve been sick but haven’t seen you post much on Facebook for the past few days. Is everything okay?’

70 [11] Well I let fly with all my anger and told Angela exactly what I thought of her. I can’t remember exactly what I said but betrayal, traitor and cheat were all included in my outburst. When I had

finished, poor Angela was speechless and looked  
 75 hurt. 'But Cassie, all I meant was that the next time  
 we play basketball you will look even fiercer on  
 the court. You know you play basketball with a lot  
 of aggression, so this new haircut will help you  
 intimidate the opposition,' she explained.

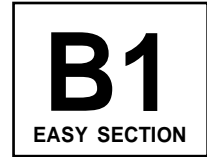
the opposite of what she had meant. We both agreed  
 that we needed to choose our words more carefully  
 before posting comments on Facebook. Smiling and  
 85 friends once again we headed off to our art class  
 where James complimented me on my haircut one  
 more time.

80 [12] Humbled by her explanation, I felt so stupid  
 that my interpretation of her words was completely

**END OF READING PASSAGE**

**PERFORMANCE FOR THE HKDSE 4  
MOCK EXAMINATION 2**

HONG KONG DIPLOMA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION EXAMINATION



**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1  
PART B1**

**Reading Passages**

1 hour 30 minutes  
(for both Parts A and B)

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- (1) Refer to the General Instructions on Page 46 of the Reading Passages Booklet for Part A.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART B1**

- (1) Candidates who choose Part B1 should attempt all questions in this part. Each question carries ONE mark unless otherwise stated.
- (2) Hand in only ONE Question-Answer Book for Part B, either B1 or B2, and fasten it with the Question-Answer Book for Part A using the green tag provided.

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of the examination session

**PART B1**

Read Text 2 and answer questions 24–45 on pages 267–270 of the Question-Answer Book for Part B2.

Text 2



**Make Yourself at Home**

1 [1] Leung Yuk-yin had enrolled her son in kindergarten in the early 1990s when she saw a television commercial calling for people to sign on as foster families. The recruitment drive rolled out  
5 at just the right time. Her boy was settling in nicely in the nursery, so the housewife from Tuen Mun suddenly found herself with time to spare. ‘I like babies, and I enjoy the feeling of being a mother, so I made the call and got started,’ she says.

10 [2] Leung, who has taken 14 children under her wing over the past two decades, finds the effort fulfilling even if it’s still something of a wrench when they have to leave her nest. ‘In the beginning I didn’t know how to handle that, and I missed the child  
15 badly. But now, I have learnt to adjust,’ says Leung. ‘When a child leaves, I give myself a week to feel sad and worry. I still cry, but after that I tell myself to move on and do something to cheer myself up.’

[3] Still, she stays in touch with many of her  
20 former charges. A visit to the home of a little girl she fostered for almost two years was especially memorable. The taciturn birth father left the flat abruptly and came back with a bouquet of roses to express his gratitude. ‘These experiences keep  
25 me going,’ says Leung. ‘I want to do something meaningful, and take care of children who are in need of help.’

[4] According to the Hong Kong Social Welfare Department, Leung’s family is among 966  
30 households in Hong Kong providing children with shelter and support while they await adoption or while their birth families are unable to care for them properly.

[5] But the city still faces a shortage of foster parents  
35 — government statistics show there are about 200

children at present awaiting foster homes. Non-profit group Mother’s Choice estimates that most face an average wait of about two months, during which the children are placed in children’s or emergency homes  
40 or remain with troubled birth families.

[6] Welfare groups are finding it difficult to sign up appropriate foster families, partly because of the increasingly complex nature of family problems. Providing a good home is not always enough.  
45 Recruits must not only care for the child, but also deal with problems that have their origins with their birth families.

[7] ‘In the past, the reasons [for families seeking foster care services] were relatively simple,’  
50 says Peggy Lee Pui-chun, a social worker with Mother’s Choice, a community association that provides support to children and women needing help because of unintended pregnancy or domestic conflict. ‘It was often because a family member  
55 fell sick or parents divorced, leaving the child with inadequate care. Nowadays, the problems are more diverse. For instance, some parents are drug abusers or teenage parents who are relatively immature and can’t handle their own problems.  
60 Their motivation as parents is also significantly lower.’

[8] Leung concedes that dealing with a foster child’s parents is sometimes the hardest part of the process. Young mothers often call her for  
65 advice on matters which range from romance to housekeeping. ‘Sometimes, I feel that I not only have to take care of the child, but also counsel the mother. It’s like taking care of the child’s whole family,’ says the foster parent.  
70 ‘Where possible, I treat birth parents as friends. But some foster parents may not be open to that.’

Source: Adapted from Lau Kit Wai, ‘Make Yourself at Home’, *South China Morning Post*

**END OF READING PASSAGE**