

FUKIEN SECONDARY SCHOOL
S5 First Term Examination (2020-2021)
English Language
Paper 1: Reading
(1 hour 30 minutes)

Question-Answer Book

Date: 5th January 2021

Time: 8:30a.m. - 10:00a.m.

Name: _____

Class: S5 _____ No.: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Write your Name, Class and Class Number in the spaces provided on this page and on the cover page of the Reading Passages booklet.
2. There are two parts in this paper. Answer **ALL** questions in all parts.
3. The reading passages are in a separate booklet. Write your answers clearly and neatly in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book. You are advised to use a pencil to write your answers.
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**.

Part	Marker's Use Only	
A	43	
B	41	
Total	84	

Each question carries ONE mark unless otherwise stated.

Part A (43 marks)

Read Text 1 and answer questions 1-24.

1. Who wrote this article?

2. Which word in paragraph 1 means 'praised'?

3. According to paragraph 1, what are TWO possible disadvantages of running? (2 marks)

(i)

(ii)

4. What does a 'cardio bunny' (line 7) mean? Someone who...

A is a vegetarian.

B hates doing cardio exercise.

C enjoys doing bunny-hops.

D does a lot of cardio exercise.

A

B

C

D

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5. From the information given in paragraphs 1-2, give THREE pieces of evidence to prove the writer does not like exercise. (3 marks)

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

6. What does the simile 'look more like instruments of torture' (lines 14-15) suggest about the weight training equipment?

7. According to paragraph 3, which of the following pieces of equipment are not found in the weightlifting area of a gym?

A bars

B discs

C metal cages

D dinky hand weights

A

B

C

D

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8. Where does 'here' (line 16) refer to?

9. Complete the summary of paragraphs 3-4 by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. Each word can only be used once. You should make sure your answers are grammatically correct. (4 marks)

The weights area of a gym can be an (i) _____ place for women because the sport is (ii) _____ by men and the (iii) _____ looks scary. This may explain why it is (iv) _____ to see a female lifter.

10. What is Christa Stevenson's tone in paragraph 4?

A enthusiastic

B indifferent

C reproachful

D contemptuous

A

B

C

D

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11. What does 'these distractions' in line 25 refer to?

12. What does the expression 'whatever floats your boat' mean in line 29?

13. Why is Rob Werner an avid runner? Give three reasons. (3 marks)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

14. What does 'it' refer to in line 37?

15. According to Jenna Cheng, how has lifting changed the 56-year-old lady?

16. In paragraph 9, what does the writer compare gyms to and why? (2 marks)

17. Why does the writer say, 'I wish I could take back my 20s' (lines 51-52)?

18. According to paragraph 11, what is a common misconception about weight training among women?

19. How does Marta Torres feel when she says, 'Maybe they don't realize I don't have male hormones!' (lines 57-58)?

A pessimistic

B ashamed

C amused

D doubtful

A

B

C

D

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20. Which person from the text is most likely to say each quote below? Write the name of the person next to the quote. The first one has been done for you. (3 marks)

Quotes	Person
e.g. 'It's the only part of the day I get to myself.'	Shereen Lupe
(i) 'I wanted to create a community where women could discuss lifting and share their experiences.'	
(ii) 'I'm tired of explaining to my friends that lifting won't make you "manly".'	
(iii) 'Finishing a long run is the best feeling in the world.'	

21. Based on the information given in paragraphs 11-12, decide whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG). (4 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
(i) Weight training helps women lose weight.	☐	☐	☐
(ii) Women who weight train will bulk up.	☐	☐	☐
(iii) All film stars lift weights to stay in shape.	☐	☐	☐
(iv) Fat takes up more space than muscle.	☐	☐	☐

22. Which phrase in paragraph 12 means 'has a very good effect'?

23. Match the correct subheadings (A-F) to the paragraphs in the text. Write the letter in the space next to the paragraph numbers. (6 marks)

Subheadings
A. Gaining a fit figure
B. Reaching out
C. A guy's world
D. Overcoming stereotypes
E. My aversion to cardio
F. Follow your heart

Paragraph Nos.	(A-F)
1-2	
3-4	
6	
8	
10-11	
12	

24. Which of the following best describes the writer's intention in writing this article?

A to advise the reader how to choose between running and weightlifting	A	B	C	D
B to show the pros and cons of weight training				
C to persuade female readers to try weight training	☐	☐	☐	☐
D to amuse the reader using her personal experience				

END OF PART A

Part B (41 marks)

Read Text 2 and answer questions 25-45.

25. In the title, the writer does NOT ask...

- (i) Is it better to be a vegetarian or an omnivore?
- (ii) What are the environmental implications of the food we eat?
- (iii) What are vegetarians and omnivores?

A ii only

B iii only

C i and ii

D i and iii

A	B	C	D
☐	☐	☐	☐

26. Complete the following table by filling in each box with ONE adjective. The first one has been done for you. (2 marks)

Definition	Adjective
e.g. having a diet of only meat	carnivorous
(i) having a diet of only plants	
(ii) having a diet of both meat and plants	

27. (i) What phrase in paragraph 2 could be replaced with 'No matter how you look at it'?

(ii) Why is the answer to the previous question a play on words?

28. Why is methane a more harmful gas than carbon dioxide?

29. In the last sentence of paragraph 2, why does the writer compare cows with cars?

30. Use the information in paragraph 3 to complete the following table comparing cows and pigs.

One has been done for you as an example. (5 marks)

	Cows	Pigs
No. of babies per year	(i) _____	(ii) _____
Amount of food	six pounds of feed to make one pound of beef	(iii) _____ _____
Methane produced	(iv) _____	(v) _____

31. What does 'compatriots' (line 19) refer to?

32. What does 'a favor' (lines 23-24) refer to?

33. According to the writer, why does doing the flavor in question 32 help the planet?

34. What does 'specimens' (line 27) refer to?

35. Based on the information in paragraph 5, complete the following paragraph by writing ONE word to fill in each blank. You should make sure your answers are grammatically correct. (4 marks)

You may believe that buying fruit from a (i) _____ farmer rather than from a producer far away means that you are saving the planet. However, while this may seem intuitive, this may not be so. For example, a large farm in a place that has an ideal climate for growing fruit is going to be a far more (ii) _____ producer than a small neighbourhood (iii) _____ and therefore have a (iv) _____ environmental footprint.

36. Which word best describes how the writer feels when he writes 'It's maddening' (line 34)?

A amused

B fearful

C frustrated

D mad

A

B

C

D

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37. What criticisms do animal welfare activists make about modern conventional livestock farming? (2 marks)

38. Why does the writer mention Rich Pirog's research in paragraph 7? (2 marks)

39. Based on the information given in paragraph 7, decide whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG). (3 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
(i) Rich Pirog studied at Michigan State University.	☐	☐	☐
(ii) For beef, grass-fed farming is better for the environment.	☐	☐	☐
(iii) Raising free-range chickens uses more resources.	☐	☐	☐

40. Why is the 'debate' said to be 'irrelevant to the committed vegetarian' (line 61)?

41. How can animals 'contribute constructively' (line 63) on a farm? (3 marks)

(i)

(ii)

(iii)

42. Match the main ideas with the paragraphs by writing the letters (A-G) in the table below. The first one has been done for you. (6 marks)

Main ideas

- A. The climatic impact of the food we eat may not always be easy to predict.
- B. A carnivorous diet can be better for the environment than a vegetarian one. (*example*)
- C. Cattle are not planet-friendly because of their digestive system.
- D. Apart from producing a lot of methane, cows are also not planet-friendly because of their low fertility and inefficient food conversion.
- E. Consuming destructive animals such as deer can be a hidden benefit of eating meat.
- F. There are other points that can be used to support different sides of the argument.
- G. Being environmentally friendly and treating livestock humanely are not always compatible with each other.

Paragraphs	Main idea
1	B
2	
3	
4	
5	
6-8	
9-10	

43. What does the writer try to illustrate by saying 'it's the childless, not the vegetarians, who are more likely to save the planet' (lines 72-73)?

44. What does the writer think about animal welfare?

45. What is the main purpose of this text?

A to condemn modern farming practices

B to make readers think about their dietary choices

C to persuade readers to become vegetarians

D to warn about the danger of keeping cattle

A B C D
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END OF PART B

END OF PAPER