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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 3

PART B1

DATA FILE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Refer to the General Instructions on Page 1 of the Question-Answer Book for Part A.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART B1

- (1) The Question-Answer Book for Part B1 is inserted into this Data File.
- (2) For Part B, attempt **EITHER** those tasks in Part B1 (Tasks 5 – 7) **OR** those in Part B2 (Tasks 8 – 10).
- (3) You are advised to use a pen for Part B.
- (4) The Data Files will **NOT** be collected at the end of the examination. Do **NOT** write your answers in the Data Files.
- (5) Hand in only **ONE** Question-Answer Book for Part B, either B1 or B2, and tie it with the Question-Answer Book for Part A.

Part B

Situation

You are Joey Wong. You are an assistant at the Kowloon Exotic Pets Hospital, which takes care of people's unusual pets. Your boss, Kerry Lam, has asked you to help with the development of the Hospital's website and other tasks.

You will listen to a recording of a podcast. In the podcast you will hear an interview with Neelay Shah and Wendy Yee.

Before the recording is played, you will have five minutes to study the Question-Answer Book and the Data File for Part B1 and the Question-Answer Book and the Data File for Part B2. Remember you must choose to do the tasks in either Part B1 or Part B2. Do **NOT** attempt both Parts B1 and B2.

Complete the tasks by following the instructions in the Question-Answer Book that you choose and on the recording. You will find all the information you need in the Question-Answer Book and Data File that you choose and on the recording. As you listen you can make notes on page 3 of the Data File.

You now have five minutes to familiarize yourself with the Part B Question-Answer Book and the Data File.

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Listening note-taking sheet for the *Pet Club* podcast

Exotic pets

Definition:

Reasons to have an exotic pet:

Examples of exotic pets in Hong Kong:

Email 1

Email 2

Advice for exotic pet owners

Email from Kerry Lam to Joey Wong

To: Joey Wong
From: Kerry Lam
Sent: 12 April, 2014
Subject: Work to be done

Dear Joey,

I'd like your help with a few things.

We're updating our website. Could you complete the introductory page on keeping an exotic pet? You can check the HK Exotic Pets Forum webpage and the Foreword from the Exotic Pet Owner's Guide and remember to check your notes from the Pet Club podcast.

We've had a complaint letter from Mrs. Cheung about the advice we gave to her son. Please can you write a reply letter to apologise, explain the disadvantages of sugar gliders and suggest that she consider a snake instead (non-poisonous, of course!). You should start by looking at Mrs. Cheung's letter. You might also want to take a look at the webpage from the Hong Kong Sugar Glider Association, the HK Exotic Pets Forum webpage, and the Foreword from the Exotic Pet Owner's Guide. Remember to use your notes from the Pet Club podcast too.

We're considering including a page on our website where kids can keep a virtual pet. Can you do some research into this and send me a report? In your report, you should give background information about virtual pets, describe what virtual pet owners do with their virtual pets and describe the advantages of keeping a virtual pet. You might want to look at the extract from the interview with Vicky Wong and Kit Poon, any available statistics and the page from the Cincinnati Pet Owners' Newsletter.

Thanks for your help.

Kerry

Complaint letter from Mrs. Cheung to Kerry Lam

6 Prospect Terrace Gardens
Tenth Street
Kowloon

April 3, 2014

Dear Ms. Lam,

I recently visited your hospital with my 9 year-old son. My son wants a sugar glider so he asked the doctor on duty to give him some advice. The doctor was very rude and told him not to get a sugar glider as a pet, but he did not explain why not. My son is very upset as he was looking forward to getting a pet for his birthday.

Please could you explain why a sugar glider is not a good choice for a pet and suggest something else?

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

E. Cheung


Eunice Cheung

Webpage from the Hong Kong Sugar Glider Association

Thinking of buying a sugar glider? Read on!

Lucky

This is Fanny Lo's sugar glider, Lucky. We asked Fanny what she thinks you need to know if you want a sugar glider.



“My sugar glider is three years old. I got him in a pet shop in Hong Kong. He's soooooo cute, he's like my best friend. But one problem is if you only have one they get lonely. So I'm saving up for another sugar glider. I hope that I can find him a good friend. ;-)”

(Fanny Lo)

Sparky

Sparky belongs to proud owner Kim Tse. Kim tells us he's really glad he got Sparky. But there is a bit of a problem. Kim explains, “My Dad moans because they can be really smelly pets, you need to clean the cage pretty often.” Don't worry, though, Kim says he wouldn't swap Sparky for anything!

Ella

Daniel Blay bought his sugar glider, Ella last year. He tells us, “Ella's great, I get home and I take her out of her cage and play with her – I can do this, but Ella has bitten my sister and my mum. So you have to be careful when you handle them.”

HK Exotic Pets Forum webpage

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http://www.exotics.com/forum

Corn snakes: the coolest exotic pet in HK?

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Kidpaul Quote
Posted: March 18 2014, 03:43 AM
Hey everyone! If you want to impress your friends, get an exotic pet. I just bought a corn snake.

Spidergirl Quote
Posted: March 22 2014, 09:20 AM
Yuk, why have a snake? That's gross! Get a spider instead. I've got a tarantula called Peter!

Snakeman Quote
Posted: March 22 2014, 09:22 AM
No way, Spidergirl, I've got a python. They are great snakes. Just ask anyone who has a python and they'll say the same thing.

Blackstar Quote
Posted: March 24 2014, 09:35 AM
Hey spiders are way cooler than snakes! My brother just got a wolf spider.

Python121 Quote
Posted: March 25 2014, 09:18 PM
Exotic pets are great! If you have a cat or dog, you have to give them a lot of attention – my sister's cat just follows her all over the house. You usually don't have to worry about that with any exotic pets.

Cobra10 Quote
Posted: March 25 2014, 09:47 PM
I think you're all right. Snakes and spiders are great but my sister has got a sugar glider. Now that was a big mistake, man. It's so noisy. I mean really noisy!

Kidpaul Quote
Posted: March 27 2014, 07:01 AM
I like my snake because he's quiet. No noise at all. That's a good thing for me and my family. We used to have a dog and it was really noisy. And it made a load of noise at night. It kept everyone awake.

Cobra10 Quote
Posted: March 27 2014, 07:02 AM
Tell me about it – sugar gliders are nocturnal so we have the same problem as you did with your sister's dog!

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Foreword from the *Exotic Pet Owner's Guide*

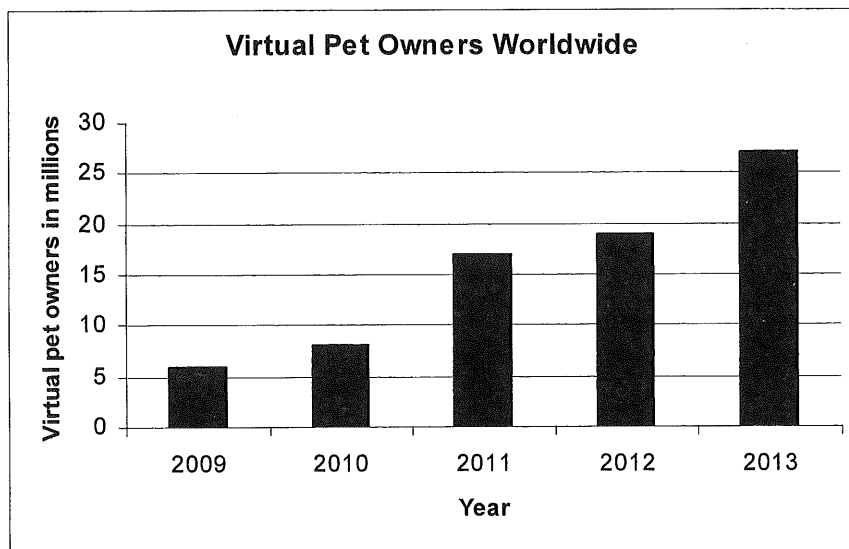
Foreword

Hello there! Thanks for buying my book. So what is an exotic pet then? Well, it's any animal which is wild but is looked after by a person. I am often asked which exotic pet is the best to get. From my personal experience, I would say non-poisonous snakes. You can get them for your kids – a small snake is usually perfectly safe. My son got his first snake when he was six years old. He loved it. Another popular exotic pet is the tree frog. These can come in all the colours of the rainbow. Tree frogs are my particular passion as you will see!

Read on!

Scott 'Rats' Fink, 2012

Statistics from *Online Today* magazine



Extract from an interview with Vicky Wong and Kit Poon

Interviewer: Vicky, you are the CEO of HKComputerPets.com. What is it exactly?

Vicky: Well, basically we run a website for virtual pets.

Interviewer: So, first things first, what is a virtual pet?

Vicky: Well, essentially it's a pet that isn't real.

Interviewer: Okay, and how can I get a virtual pet?

Vicky: Oh, that's a simple thing to do – you just go online to a virtual pet website and create an account.

Interviewer: Right. So what are the advantages of a virtual pet compared to a real one?

Vicky: Well, probably the most important is that it's free. You don't have to buy food or toys like you do for a real animal.

Interviewer: Now, Kit, you have a virtual pet, which is a tree frog. Is that right?

Kit: Yes, I've had it for ten months.

Interviewer: And why do you have a virtual pet?

Kit: My Dad said it was good for me to take responsibility. And I already have – like I need to remember to feed him and how to look after him. And my Dad said as well it was a good idea for me to have a virtual one before a real one.

Interviewer: And?

Kit: Well, he says he'll buy me a real one if I can look after my virtual tree frog for a year.

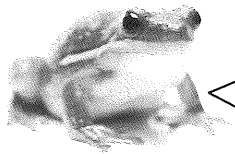
Vicky: That's great! We think of this as practice for having a real pet.

Interviewer: And Kit, what's your favourite thing you can do on the website?

Kit: Well, I don't know if it's my favourite thing but I can send my pet or other pets on the site a birthday card! It's really funny.

Virtual Pets: what they do with their owners

A virtual pet! 15 years ago, it didn't seem possible, did it? We sent our reporter out and about to find some of the virtual pets at Cincinnati Elementary School and ask what they have been up to with their owners!

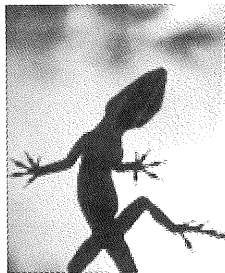
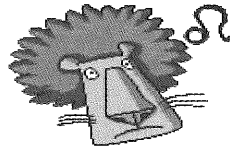


Owner: Jessie, age 8

I'm called Rio, I was entered into a virtual pet beauty contest. And guess what? I came second!

Owner: Michael, age 7

I'm called Scooter. Michael adopted me 6 months ago – his Dad said it's okay and everything. Michael got me some toys to play with – like yesterday I got a new football.



Owner: Hamish, age 6.5

I'm called Rocky. I play a game with Hamish. It's cool. I can hide in my cage and Hamish has to find me.

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