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SPECIMEN PAPER

Year 5

ENGLISH
Reading and Writing
ANSWERS BOOKLET

Time: 1h 30min

Name: _____

Class: _____

Total: 60 marks

Marks				
Reading Task 1	Reading Task 2	Short Writing Task 1	Long Writing Task 2	Total
/10	/20	/10	/20	/60

Reading Task 1 (10 marks)

Read Reading Task 1 in the Extracts Booklet carefully. Answer ALL questions.

1. Tick (✓) to show whether these sentences are True or False. (3 marks)

	True	False
a. Sessions are against payment.		
b. <i>Bookshelves Scavenger Hunt</i> is led by the chief librarian.		
c. The sessions for adults are held in the afternoon.		
d. <i>Happily Ever After</i> is an exhibition about Jane Austen.		
e. James Fraser is a Scottish novelist.		
f. The quiz is one hour long.		

2. Underline the correct answer. (4 marks)

- All nine activities happen in one (day, week, month).
- This advert is to (inform, persuade, remind).
- Bruno Jenkins is a (journalist, presenter, reporter).
- Library Bingo includes (experiments, refreshments, awards).

3. Fill in the table with the session numbers. (3 marks)

Which activity would be popular with people who...	Number
Example: enjoy listening to stories?	1
a. are keen on rhyme and rhythm?	
b. enjoy solving clues?	
c. are into sci-fi?	
d. are curious about past civilizations?	
e. enjoy answering questions?	
f. like to be surprised?	

Reading Task 2

(20 marks)

Read Reading Task 2 in the Extracts Booklet carefully. Answer ALL questions.

1. Match by putting the letter near the city. The first one is done for you.

(3 marks)

	Letter	City
a. The largest celebrations in England were held here.		Liverpool
b. Europe's oldest Chinatown is found here.	a	London
c. The dragon in this city's parade was 53m long.		Birmingham
d. 30,000 people attended the celebrations here.		Manchester

2. Tick (✓) to show whether these sentences are True or False.

(2 marks)

	True	False
a. The Chinese New Year is determined by the lunar cycle.		
b. The Chinese New Year may fall on 1 st January.		
c. The Spring Festival is another name for the Chinese New Year.		
d. Each zodiac animal's year comes around every twelve years.		

3. **Circle** TWO creatures which are not part of the Chinese zodiac. (1 mark)

- tiger unicorn dragon horse
- goat rooster rabbit mermaid

4. Find ONE word from paragraph 5 that shows that the Emperor's story is based on tradition. (1 mark)

5. Tick (✓) FOUR sentences which describe how people celebrate the Chinese New Year. (2 marks)

a. People throw away their brooms on New Year's Day.	
b. Schools and businesses close for some time.	
c. People only eat noodle soup.	
d. There are several street celebrations.	
e. Children receive a monetary gift.	
f. People light fireworks.	
g. Festivities start with a lantern festival.	

6. People do **two things** to ensure good fortune in the New Year. Which are they? (2 marks)

a. _____

b. _____

7. Tick (✓) THREE sentences which you might find in a text like this. The first one is done for you. (3 marks)

a. The preparations start half a month before Chinese New Year's Eve.	✓
b. The population in China is about 1.4 billion people.	
c. Children make paper cuttings that represent the animal of that year.	
d. The most important part of this festival is a reunion dinner with relatives.	
e. Every year, more than 10 million tourists flock to The Great Wall of China.	
f. Traditionally, this was a time when people prayed to the harvest gods to ensure that their next year's harvest would be fruitful.	

8. Match the captions in the table with the photos in the text. The first one is done for you. (2 marks)

Caption	Photo
a. Giant pig marks Chinese New Year.	2
b. Dragons in all shapes and sizes.	
c. The thrill of receiving lucky money.	
d. Dancers in colourful costumes fill our streets.	
e. New coin to mark the year of the Rat.	

9. a. This is an online article. How can you tell? Give one reason. (1 mark)

b. This article would go down well with readers who enjoy (historical fiction, action and adventure, cultural facts). (1 mark)

c. If a reader wants to know more about Chinese traditions, which one of these links would he or she click on? Circle one. (1 mark)

Top tourist attractions in China

Popular Chinese Customs

Extraordinary Chinese people

10. Do you think the writer of this article thinks that the Chinese New Year is worth celebrating? Tick (✓) yes or no.

Yes

No

Give a reason from the text to support your answer. (1 mark)

END OF READING COMPREHENSION PAPER

Writing Task 1

(10 marks)

Your school is organising the Annual Talent Show. You have decided to participate. Write a message to invite your Aunt Lisa to come to the show and watch you perform. Remember to include details such as, date, time and place, as well as some information about your part in the show. Write between 40 and 50 words.



Writing Task 2

(20 marks)

Choose either 1 or 2. Write between 100 and 140 words.

1. In your opinion what is the best means of transport and why? Write an article for your school magazine to express your opinion. Give reasons to support your point of view.

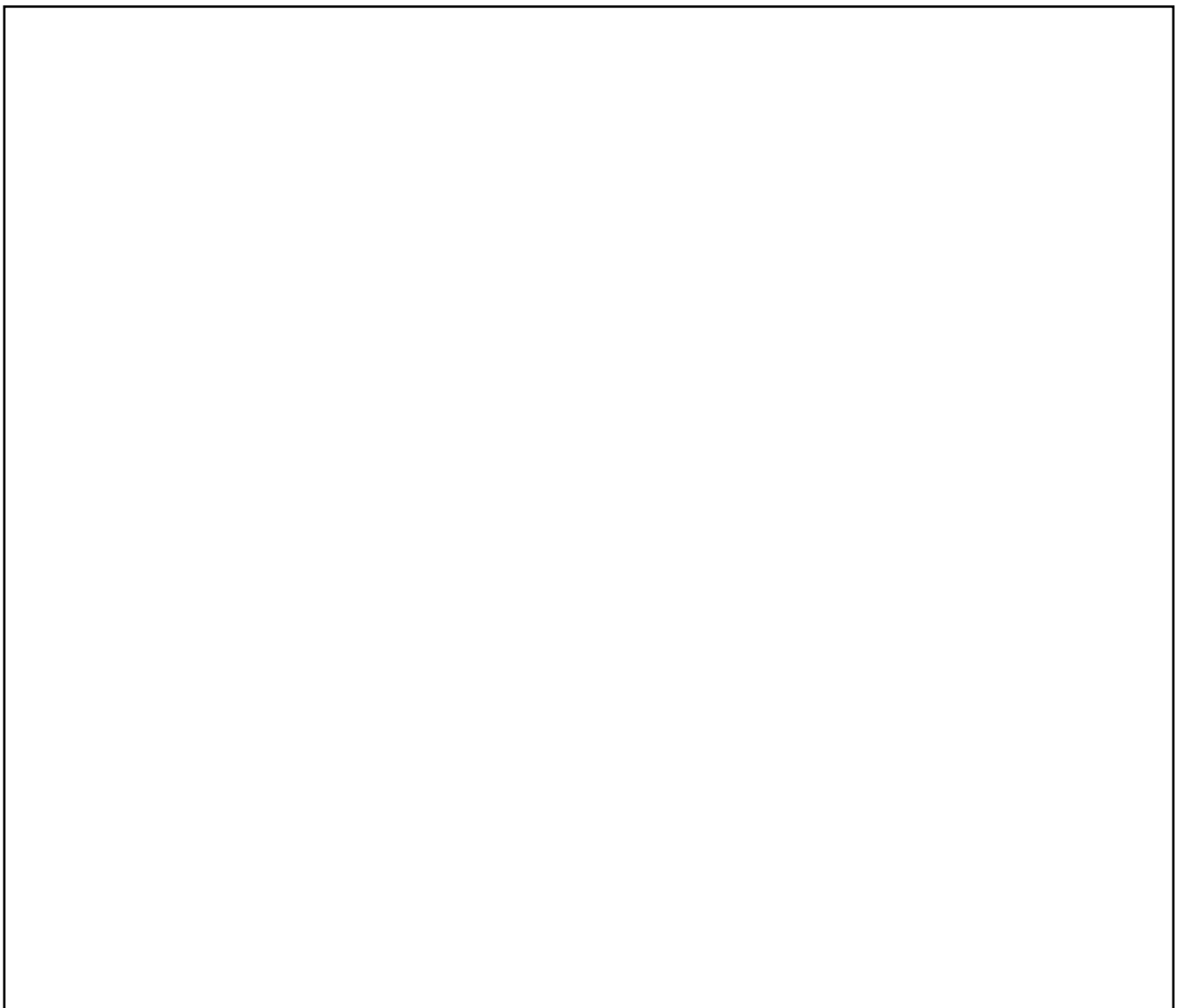
OR

2. In your opinion what is the best means of communication and why? Write an article for your school magazine to express your opinion. Give reasons to support your point of view.

Title number: _____

Use this space to plan your writing.

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