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Introduction to Exam Skills

1

Identifying specific information

To find details (e.g. the date, event, people, place, reason, number) in the text.

2

Understanding one's feelings

To find out one's feeling from their speech and actions or the related descriptions in the text.

3

Rephrasing

To find a word or phrase in the text that has the same or similar meaning to a specific word or phrase in the question.

4

Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words

To guess the meaning of unfamiliar words in the text by paying attention to words around them.

5

Understanding language features

To find language features (e.g. rhymes, onomatopoeia) of texts that are usually a literary work (e.g. poem, drama script).

3 Going hiking

Rephrasing

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A. Reading Trial

Read the text quickly and choose the best answer.

- 1 Jeff is talking to Chris on the phone.
Jeff : Hi Chris! My dad and I are going hiking this Saturday.
Would you like to join us?
Chris : Sure! I enjoy hiking too! Where are you going?
5 Jeff : We are going to Sai Kung Country Park. The view is great!

Q: When does Jeff go hiking?

- A. this weekend B. tomorrow
 C. next Saturday D. this Sunday

B. Exam Skill Revealed

Read below and learn more about the exam skill.

The exam skill you use here is

Rephrasing

How?

- Find a word in the text which can be the answer to the question (e.g. Saturday).
- Among the options, find the one which has the same or similar meaning to that word (e.g. weekend).

Here, the keywords are 'When' and 'go hiking'.



Date: _____

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Now, try to use the exam skill step by step and answer the questions below.

1. Read line 4. Chris _____ going hiking.

Try the exam skill : Rephrasing

- (a) What are the keywords in this question? C _____,
h _____
- (b) Does Chris enjoy hiking? _____

- A. does not like
- B. hates
- C. likes
- D. is tired about

2. How is the view of Sai Kung Country Park?

Try the exam skill : Rephrasing

- (a) What are the keywords in this question?
H _____,
v _____
S _____ K _____ C _____ P _____
- (b) Where is the keyword 'v _____' in the text? Line _____

- A. very poor
- B. very good
- C. bad
- D. not clear

C. Reading with Exam Skill



How much time do you need to finish this exercise?
Compare it with the suggested time on p.56!

Read the whole conversation. Answer the questions on the following page.

- 1 Jeff is talking to Chris on the phone.
- Jeff : Hi Chris! My dad and I are going **hiking** this Saturday. Would you like to join us?
- Chris : Sure! I enjoy hiking too! Where are you going?
- 5 Jeff : We are going to Sai Kung Country Park. The **view** is great! We can take a lot of **photos** there!
- Chris : Good! Shall we bring some food and drinks?
- Jeff : Yes! My dad and I will bring **sandwiches** and water. Can you bring some **chips**?
- 10 Chris : OK!
- Jeff : Let's meet at 9 a.m. in front of our school.
- Chris : OK! See you then!
- Jeff : See you!



Check it up!

Check the meanings of the words in **blue** in Vocabulary Index on p.54-55!

1. Jeff wants to take _____ pictures when hiking.

- A. ten
- B. not many
- C. twenty
- D. many

Use the exam skill!

How many photos does Jeff want to take?

2. Where will Chris meet Jeff?

- A. behind the school
- B. near the school
- C. in the school
- D. under the school

Use the exam skill!

Pay attention to the location of the meeting place.

3. When will the people meet on the hiking day?

- A. in the morning
- B. in the afternoon
- C. in the evening
- D. at night

Use the exam skill!

Which period of time does the meeting time belong to?

4. Where will Jeff go hiking?

He will go hiking in _____.

5. What does Chris bring for the hike?

He brings _____.

6. Who are going hiking?

_____ are going hiking.

Read the story. Answer the questions on the following page
(12 marks @2 marks)

The boy who forgets

1 Fred is a good boy, but he is not good at remembering. On Monday morning, his mum says, 'It's time to get out of bed, Fred!' Fred forgets to wake up for school.

5 On Tuesday morning, his teacher asks, 'Where's your homework?' Fred forgets to do his homework.

On Wednesday afternoon, Fred is very hungry. He forgets to take his lunchbox to school.

10 On Thursday afternoon, Fred cannot have his PE lesson. He forgets to bring his trainers. 'Fred!' his PE teacher says.

On Friday morning, his teacher asks, 'Where are your schoolbooks?' Fred forgets to bring his schoolbag.

15 On Saturday morning, he remembers to get up early and bring his schoolbag. He goes to school happily, but the school is closed. He forgets it is a holiday!



How much time do you need to finish this exercise?
Compare it with the suggested time on p.56!

Check it up!

Check the meanings of the words in blue in Vocabulary Index on p.54-55!

Marks: _____ /12
Date: _____

- Which word rhymes with 'Fred' (line 4)?
 A. bed B. up
 C. wake D. school
- Read lines 14–15. The school is _____.
 A. not open B. good
 C. bad D. near

3. On Thursday, what does Fred forget to bring?



A.



B.



C.



D.

4. How does the PE teacher feel?

5. When does Fred have no lunch?

6. What does Fred remember to do on Saturday?

He remembers to _____ and _____.



Which skill did you use for each question? Fill in the question numbers.

Identifying specific information	Understanding one's feelings	Rephrasing	Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words	Identifying rhymes



Quick Match

You can quickly link up with these exam skills when you see these question types. The highlighted words are indicators.

Which is **TRUE** about Zeus?

- A. He is the king of gods.
- B. He is the god of water.
- C. He looks young.
- D. He likes sheep.



Analysing the information

How many days does the book sale last?

- A. **8**
- B. **9**
- C. **10**
- D. **11**



Calculating

Where do the people meet on Day 1?


- A. in the New Territories
- B. on Hong Kong Island
- C. in Kowloon
- D. on Lantau Island



Categorising

Read line 5. What does 'messy' **mean**?

- A. good
- B. tidy
- C. untidy
- D. yummy



Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words