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Introduction to Exam Skills

1 Categorising

To find out something in the text/question which is a kind of a specific thing in the question/text.
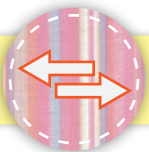
2 Making a reference

To find something in the text that belongs to the same group as one of the options.

3 Understanding connection between ideas

To find the relationship (e.g. cause and effect) between one thing in the question and another thing in the text.

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 Analysing the information

To gather information from different parts of the text and then check if each option is correct or not.

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A. Reading Trial

Read the text quickly and choose the best answer.

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Wonderful Kitchenware

G/F, Sham Shui Po Tower, 36 Castle Road, Sham Shui Po

Tel: 4344 2220

<u>Pizza scissors</u> **NEW**

5 Do the pizza **toppings** (e.g. tomatoes, corn) get **messy** when you cut your pizzas? If your answer is 'yes', you need these pizza scissors.

You can use the pizza scissors to cut your pizzas and pick the **slices** up. Your pizzas will look good and will not be **messy** any more!

Q: Read line 5. 'Toppings' means food that is _____.

○ A. on another food   ○ B. yummy

○ C. sour   ○ D. messy

B. Exam Skill Revealed

Read below and learn more about the exam skill.

The exam skill you use here is

Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words

How?

Near the unfamiliar words, find the following words. They will help you guess their meanings.

- adjectives (e.g. good)   • nouns (e.g. tomatoes)
- verbs (eg. pick, cut)   • prepositions (e.g. up)

Here, the keywords are '<u>toppings</u>' and '<u>means</u>'.

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

1.   What is the meaning of '**slices**' (line 7)?

Try the exam skill : Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words

(a) What are the keywords in this question?   m_____,

s_____

(b) What do you do before you pick the slices up?

_____

○ A. pieces

○ B. cups

○ C. bowls

○ D. bottles

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

Try the exam skill : Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words

(a) What are the keywords in this question?   W_____,

m_____,

m_____

(b) Read line 8. How does the pizza look?

_____

○ A. good

○ B. tidy

○ C. untidy

○ D. yummy

C. Reading with Exam Skill

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

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WONDERFUL KITCHENWARE

G/F, Sham Shui Po Tower, 36 Castle Road, Sham Shui Po
Tel: 4344 2220

Spring Mega Sale

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Pizza scissors

NEW

$43 only!

Do the pizza toppings (e.g. sausages, corn) get messy when you cut your pizzas? If your answer is 'yes', you need these pizza scissors.
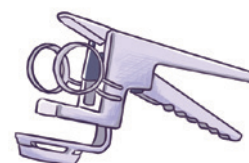
You can use the pizza scissors to cut your pizzas and pick the slices up.

10 Your pizzas will look good and will not be messy any more!

Egg cracker

$35 only!

Do you like eating omelettes? If yes, this egg cracker is for you! You can easily make **omelettes** with no egg shells inside!

15 This egg cracker is very easy to use. Put an egg in the egg cracker. Then, squeeze its handle and you have the egg without the shell! For the egg white and **egg yolk** in an egg, you can use the egg cracker to separate them from each other!

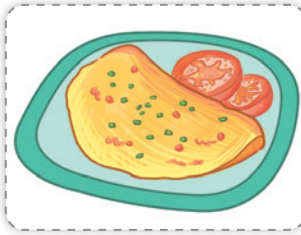### Come and **discover** other wonderful tools!

Check it up!
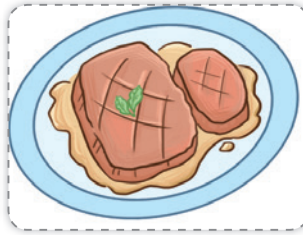Check the meanings of the words in blue in Vocabulary Index on p.54-55!
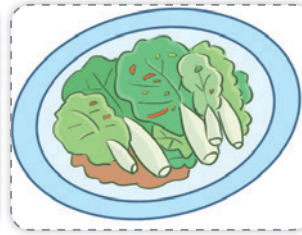
1. Which picture shows an '**omelette**' (line 13)?
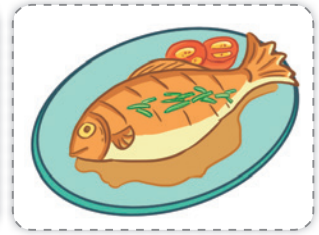
○ A.   ○ B.   ○ C.   ○ D.

2. What is an '**egg yolk**' (line 17)?
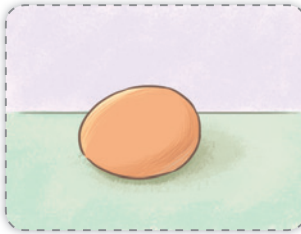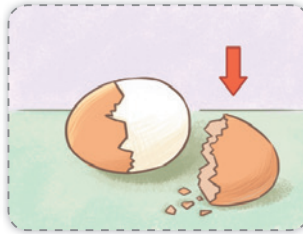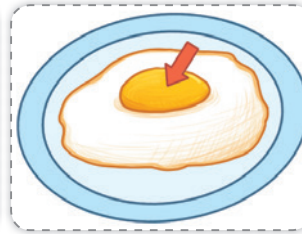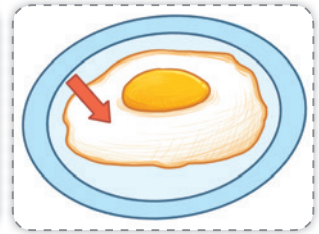
○ A.   ○ B.   ○ C.   ○ D.

3. Read line 19. '**Discover**' means to _____.

○ A. sell something   ○ B. find out something

○ C. borrow something   ○ D. decorate something

4. Where is Wonderful Kitchenware?

○ A. on Hong Kong Island   ○ B. in Kowloon

○ C. in the New Territories   ○ D. on Lantau Island

5. If you buy two egg crackers, how much do you pay in total?

_____.

6. Which of these two is a new item?

_____ is a new item.

Assessment 1

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

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1 To : thechans@starmail.com
From : winniechan@starmail.com
Date : 26th November 8:03 p.m.
Subject : Hi from South Korea

5 Dear Mum and Dad,

How are you? I'm having a good time with my classmates.

Yesterday, Miss Tse took **us** to a primary school. We met many Korean boys and girls. I talked to a Korean girl for a long time. It was not easy to talk to her because both of us were not very good at English! Today, we went to Lotte World. I
10 loved the **merry-go-round** the most because the horses were beautiful!

Every night, we eat kimchi but it's too spicy for me. I like Korean barbecue better. **It** is tasty!

15 I miss you so much. Some of the sweet food here is very yummy. I will buy some for you! See you next week!

Love,

Winnie

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: _____

1. In line 7, '**us**' refers to _____.

   ○ A. Winnie and a Korean girl   ○ B. Winnie and her classmates

   ○ C. Winnie and Mum   ○ D. Winnie and Miss Tse

2. Which one is a '**merry-go-round**' (line 11)?

   ○ A.   ○ B.   ○ C.   ○ D.

3. What will Winnie buy for her mum and dad?

   ○ A.   ○ B.   ○ C.   ○ D.

4. In line 14, what does '**It**' refer to?

   _____

5. Why was it difficult for Winnie to talk to the Korean girl?

   _____

6. Which is **TRUE** about Winnie?

   ○ A. She enjoyed the trip.

   ○ B. She learned English in Korea.

   ○ C. She ate kimchi for breakfast.

   ○ D. She will come back to Hong Kong tomorrow.

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

Categorising	Making a reference	Understanding connection between ideas	Guessing the meaning of unfamiliar words	Analysing the information

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