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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 3

PART A

Question-Answer Book

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) This paper is made up of two parts, A and B. Every candidate must complete ALL tasks in Part A. For Part B, choose either Part B1 (the easier section) OR Part B2 (the more difficult section). Attempting Parts A and B2 allows the full range of levels to be awarded, whereas Level 4 is the highest level available to those attempting Parts A and B1.
- (2) Enter your Candidate Number and attach barcode labels in the spaces provided on the relevant pages of the Part A Question-Answer Book and both Part B Question-Answer Books.
- (3) Answers must be written neatly in the spaces given in each Question-Answer Book. Anything written in the margins will not be marked. A pencil is recommended for Part A.
- (4) Every listening recording will be played ONCE only.
- (5) Extra answer sheets are available on request. On each sheet, enter your Candidate Number, mark the question number box, attach a barcode label, and tie the sheets with string INSIDE the Question-Answer Book.
- (6) The rough-work sheets supplied are for note-taking. They will be collected on their own and are not marked.
- (7) No additional time will be allowed for attaching barcode labels or completing the question number boxes once the 'Time is up' announcement has been made.
- (8) The two completed Question-Answer Books (one for Part A, one for Part B) will be collected together when the examination ends. Fasten them together using the green tag provided.
- (9) The unused Part B Question-Answer Book will also be collected at the end of the examination. It will not be marked, so do not write any answers in it.



Part A

Situation

You are taking the 2026 HKDSE English Language Paper 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills) Part A examination. You will hear a recording with 3 tasks. Each task contains a dialogue or monologue, followed by questions. You will answer questions based on what you hear. The recording will be played ONCE only.

In Part A, you will have a total of 3 tasks to do. Follow the instructions in the Question-Answer Book and in the recording to complete the tasks. You will find all the information you need in the Question-Answer Book and the recording.

You will have two minutes to familiarise yourself with Tasks 1 – 3.

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Part A Task 1 (13 marks)

You are listening to a radio programme about university open days. First, you will hear a presenter introduce the University of Hong Kong's Information Day. Then you will hear a conversation between two students, Amy and Ben, who are discussing their plans to attend the event. You will have 30 seconds to study the task. At the end of the task, you will have one minute to tidy up your answers.

1. What is the main topic of the radio programme today?

- ☐ A. University ranking systems in Asia
- ☐ B. University open days in Hong Kong
- ☐ C. Student life at HKU
- ☐ D. Scholarship opportunities worldwide

2. When is HKU Information Day?

- ☐ A. Saturday, 6th November
- ☐ B. Saturday, 16th November
- ☐ C. Sunday, 16th November
- ☐ D. Saturday, 6th December

3. HKU is ranked among the top _____ universities in the world.

4. Ben is most interested in the Faculty of _____.

- ☐ A. Arts
- ☐ B. Education
- ☐ C. Engineering
- ☐ D. Science

5. The robotics lab demonstration starts at _____.

6. Amy is choosing between two faculties. Which two?

- ☐ A. Arts and Engineering
- ☐ B. Arts and Education
- ☐ C. Education and Science
- ☐ D. Arts and Science

7. The Education workshop focuses on teaching with _____.

8. How long does the Education workshop last?

- ☐ A. 30 minutes
- ☐ B. 45 minutes
- ☐ C. 60 minutes
- ☐ D. 90 minutes

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9. The walk between the Education Building and the Main Building takes about _____ minutes.

10. The special scholarship covers up to what percentage of tuition fees?

- ☐ A. 25%
- ☐ B. 50%
- ☐ C. 75%
- ☐ D. 100%

11. Students must submit an expression of interest form before _____.

12. The accommodation information session is held at the _____ Theatre.

13. What should students bring to receive a free tote bag?

- ☐ A. A printed registration form
- ☐ B. Their student ID card
- ☐ C. Their parents
- ☐ D. A completed application

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Part A Task 2 (12 marks)

You are listening to a technology podcast. First, you will hear the host introduce a topic about artificial intelligence safety. Then you will hear an interview with a researcher who discusses the work of Anthropic, an AI company, and its approach to building safe AI systems. You will have 30 seconds to study the task. At the end of the task, you will have one minute to tidy up your answers.

1. What is the name of the podcast?

- ☐ A. AI Today
- ☐ B. Tech Frontiers
- ☐ C. The Future Show
- ☐ D. Digital World

2. Anthropic was founded in _____.

3. Anthropic was founded by researchers who left _____.

- ☐ A. Google DeepMind
- ☐ B. Meta AI
- ☐ C. OpenAI
- ☐ D. Microsoft Research

4. Anthropic's AI assistant family is called _____.

5. What does C-A-I stand for?

- ☐ A. Computer-Assisted Intelligence
- ☐ B. Constitutional AI
- ☐ C. Cognitive AI
- ☐ D. Collaborative AI

6. The Constitutional AI training process has _____ main stages.

7. In the first stage, the model critiques its own outputs against _____.

- ☐ A. user feedback
- ☐ B. a set of written principles
- ☐ C. internet data
- ☐ D. government regulations

8. Anthropic's risk evaluation policy is called the Responsible _____ Policy.

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9. What happens if a model exceeds risk thresholds?

- ☐ A. The model is released anyway
- ☐ B. Development is paused
- ☐ C. The model is deleted
- ☐ D. Users are warned

10. Anthropic's CEO, Dario Amodei, has testified before the US _____.

11. According to Dr Park, how long will be critical for AI safety?

- ☐ A. 1 to 2 years
- ☐ B. 2 to 3 years
- ☐ C. 3 to 5 years
- ☐ D. 5 to 10 years

12. Dr Park says AI safety standards need to be _____.

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Part A Task 3 (12 marks)

You are listening to a conversation between a transport officer and a group of commuters at a community meeting. The officer is explaining changes to the MTR East Rail Line following its extension to Admiralty station. You will have 30 seconds to study the task. At the end of the task, you will have one minute to tidy up your answers.

1. What is the purpose of the community meeting?

- ☐ A. To discuss bus route changes
- ☐ B. To explain MTR East Rail Line extension changes
- ☐ C. To announce new taxi regulations
- ☐ D. To present a highway construction plan

2. The East Rail Line has been extended to _____ station.

3. The commuter previously had to change at _____ station.

- ☐ A. Kowloon Tong
- ☐ B. Mong Kok East
- ☐ C. Hung Hom
- ☐ D. Tai Wai

4. The new journey from Sha Tin to Admiralty takes approximately _____ minutes.

5. How much time is saved compared to the old route?

- ☐ A. 5 minutes
- ☐ B. 10 minutes
- ☐ C. 15 minutes
- ☐ D. 20 minutes

6. During peak hours, trains run at intervals of _____ to four minutes.

7. The fare from Sha Tin to Admiralty by Octopus card is _____.

- ☐ A. \$24.50
- ☐ B. \$27.80
- ☐ C. \$30.00
- ☐ D. \$32.50

8. Exhibition Centre station has _____ exits.

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9. The new station connects directly to the Hong Kong _____ and Exhibition Centre.

- ☐ A. Cultural Centre
- ☐ B. Convention
- ☐ C. Stadium
- ☐ D. Airport

10. The station features platform _____ doors for safety.

11. When might service disruptions occur during the transition?

- ☐ A. Monday to Friday mornings
- ☐ B. Saturday nights and early Sunday mornings
- ☐ C. Weekday evenings
- ☐ D. Public holidays only

12. Disruption schedules will be published at least _____ weeks in advance.

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