

Education Bureau
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Secondary 3 English Language

9EL1/2

Tapescript Part 3 (9EL1) & Part 2 (9EL2)

Narrator *Your class is doing a project about the wonders of the world. To help you think about what to include in your project, your teacher has prepared an interview for you to listen to.*

Listen to the interview and answer the questions. The interview will be played twice. Do as much as you can the first time and answer all questions the second time. You now have 30 seconds to read the questions. (*music 30 secs.*)

The listening will begin now.

[Narrator *Radio TeensHK*

**Radio TeensHK
Host – Sandra** Welcome to *Radio TeensHK*. Today the focus is on the ancient and modern wonders of the world. Let's welcome Professor Pang from the International University of Hong Kong (IUHK) and IUHK History student, Tony Wong. Welcome, Professor Pang and Tony.

**Professor Pang
and Tony Wong** Thanks, Sandra.

**Radio TeensHK
Host – Sandra** So, Professor, your area of study is Ancient Chinese History. Is that right?

Professor Pang Yes. My area of study is Ancient Chinese History but my speciality is the Great Wall of China. It's considered to be one of the great wonders of the world.

**Radio TeensHK
Host – Sandra** I think it's the only man-made structure that can be seen from the moon.

**Tony – History
student** Actually, Sandra, you're wrong. That claim is false. It can't be seen from the moon at all.

**Radio TeensHK
Host – Sandra** Oh, I see. Anyway, Tony, when and why was the Great Wall built?

**Tony – History
student** It was started in the 7th century BC, with several walls being built. These walls were later joined together and made bigger and stronger.

The wall was built to protect the borders of China from enemies and attacks. It was also used for transportation. Defences, to help prevent against attacks, were also added.

**Radio TeensHK
Host – Sandra** Oh really? Like what, Tony?

Tony – History student	They built watch towers, troop barracks, garrison stations and ways to signal using smoke or fire.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandra	Really! Now for those of us who don't understand, please explain what watch towers, troop barracks and garrison stations are.
Tony – History student	I think I'll let the professor explain.
Professor Pang	Thanks, Tony. Watch towers were built so that the people on the wall could see into the distance and warn about an attack. The wall was built for defence purposes so soldiers would have been stationed there, living in the barracks, ready to protect and fight. The barracks were just buildings built to house the soldiers. Garrison stations were where big groups of soldiers protected the area.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandra	Wow, how interesting! What was the wall made of?
Tony – History student	It was made of stones, bricks, earth, wood and other materials like tiles and lime. Using bricks made building easier and faster.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandra	Wow, and it's still standing today. That's impressive!
Tony – History student	<i>(sigh)</i> Well, some parts are still standing today. Sadly, some parts have not been preserved and have been damaged. Thieves have stolen bricks and sold them. Graffiti artists have painted on the wall. Some people have even destroyed parts of the wall to make a road.
Radio TeensHK Host – Sandra	That's a shame. Let's take a break. After the break, we'll talk about... <i>(fade out)</i>
Narrator	Now listen to the recording again. <i>{Repeat []}</i>
Narrator	You have 30 seconds to check your answers. <i>(music 30 secs.)</i> This is the end of Part 2 / 3. This is the end of the listening paper.