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**Education Bureau**  
**Territory-wide System Assessment 2024**  
**Secondary 3 English Language**  
**Reading**  
**Question Booklet**

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Instructions:

1. There are 16 pages in this Question Booklet.
2. Time allowed is 35 minutes.
3. Do not write anything in this Question Booklet.
4. **Answer all questions in the Answer Booklet provided.**

## Part 1

*The Social Service Club is collecting money for different countries that have suffered from natural disasters. To help you decide which country to donate to, your form teacher has given you an extract from a newspaper article.*

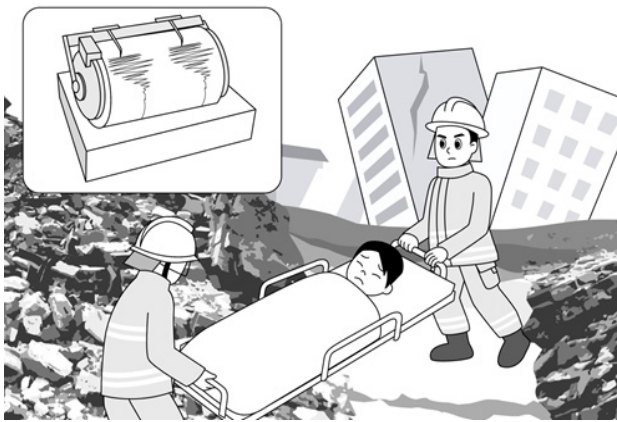
Read the newspaper article and answer the questions.

### Newspaper Article

## THE DAILY NEWS – KIDS BEAT

### NATURAL DISASTERS

#### EARTHQUAKE – Sichuan Province, China 2008



Ren Shang was 9 years old when his life changed. He was at primary school, in class, when the earthquake hit and destroyed his school. It measured 8 on the Richter Scale (a scale of numbers that tells the power of an earthquake).

He says he can't remember much, but he was in the remains and rubble for hours waiting to be rescued. He was one of the lucky ones with only a few broken bones. 5,300 other students died on that day and more than 7,000 school buildings collapsed.

Ren studied to be an architect. He now designs and builds earthquake-proof buildings, so that no one has to go through what he did.

#### VOLCANIC ERUPTION – Guatemala 2018

Maria Rodriguez, 11, lived near the Fuego volcano in a small hillside village. The volcano erupted on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, sending clouds of ash, lava (melted volcanic rock) and hot gas into the air and down onto the many villages and towns nearby.

She and her family were evacuated to a much safer, nearby town, but 425 people died that day. Her home is under metres of ash and rock. Her parents say they can't go back because it's too dangerous.

Maria wants to go to university and study volcanoes. She wants to learn how to predict eruptions more accurately to help save lives in future.



# THE DAILY NEWS – KIDS BEAT

## BUSHFIRES – Australia

2019 - 2020

Marty Smith, 13, was on a Christmas holiday with his family. They were camping in Mallacoota in Victoria, as they did every year, when bushfires started in the area. The fires cut off roads and with no way to get out, people had to be evacuated to safety.

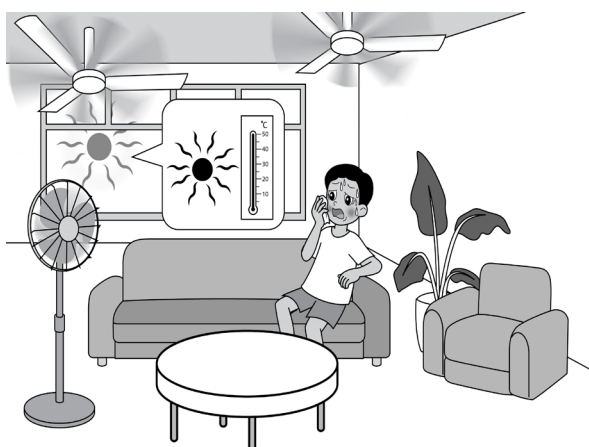
Marty and his family were among the 1,000 tourists taken away from the dangerous area by the navy.

The evacuation in the big ships was exciting, but sitting on the beach overnight in the smoke, watching the fire burn the bush and homes was not. Marty was very scared and worried about his family and friends.



## HEATWAVE – India

2019



Sanjit Raj, 14, had a longer summer holiday because of the heat. In his state of Rajasthan (home to around 80 million people), the temperature reached 50 degrees!

It was too hot to go to school so he stayed home. He was lucky because his house had fans. Many poor people didn't have fans, but they were able to go to shelters set up by the government and stay cool.

Sanjit wants to become a scientist so he can help work out how to stop these heat waves.

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

### **EARTHQUAKE**

1. The strength of an earthquake is measured by the \_\_\_\_\_ Scale.
  - A. Fuego
  - B. Mallacoota
  - C. Richter
  - D. Rajasthan
  
2. 'Rubble' here is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. what is left of buildings after an earthquake
  - B. the name of Ren's school
  - C. an earthquake-proof building
  - D. material made by designers
  
3. Ren \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. became a famous earthquake survivor
  - B. helped rebuild the 7,000 school buildings
  - C. used his experience to study and help people
  - D. now wants to study the Richter Scale

### **VOLCANIC ERUPTION**

4. The volcano erupted on \_\_\_\_\_ June.
  - A. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - B. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - C. 13<sup>th</sup>
  - D. 14<sup>th</sup>
  
5. Another word for melted rock is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. ash
  - B. lava
  - C. gas
  - D. rock
  
6. Maria's house \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. is still livable
  - B. will help predict eruptions
  - C. is on top of the rock and ash
  - D. is still buried on the hillside

## BUSHFIRES

7. Marty spent his Christmas holiday in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Sichuan Province
  - B. Guatemala
  - C. Maccacoota
  - D. Rajasthan
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ helped Marty and his family.
- A. navy
  - B. scientists
  - C. architects
  - D. tourists
9. Both Maria and Marty took part in an 'evacuation'. An 'evacuation' here is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. going away to university to learn how to save people
  - B. moving people from a dangerous place to safety
  - C. going to help people on big ships
  - D. being saved by scientists

## HEATWAVE

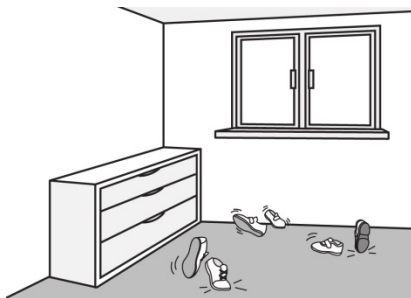
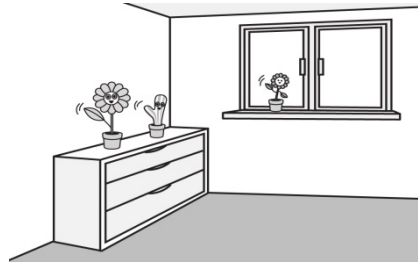
10. The temperature in Rajasthan was \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. normal
  - B. decreasing
  - C. too cold
  - D. hotter than normal
11. Sanjit wants to \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. join the navy
  - B. become a scientist
  - C. study volcanoes
  - D. become an architect
12. According to the article, the disaster that affected the most people occurred in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. China
  - B. Guatemala
  - C. Australia
  - D. India

## Part 2

*You are going to write a story about strange events. Your English teacher has given you a poem to help you get started.*

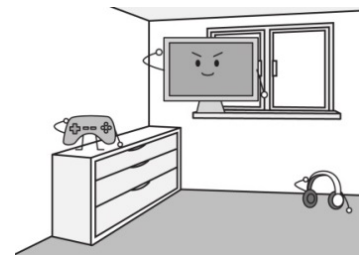
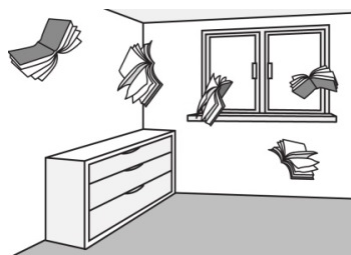
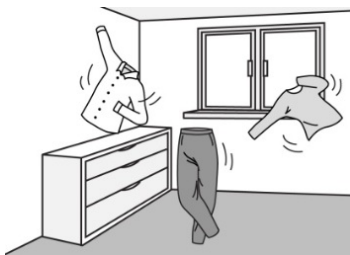
Read the poem and answer the questions.

I woke up this morning  
and what did I see?  
My houseplants were waving  
good morning to me.



I thought this was odd so  
I looked all around.  
My sneakers were tap-dancing  
down on the ground.

My clothing was strolling.  
My books flew like birds.  
My games were patrolling  
my bedroom in herds.



My toys and my backpack  
were having a fight.  
They looked like they must have  
been at it all night!

If anyone needs me  
just tell them I said  
it's too weird today so  
I've gone back to bed.

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

**Stanza One**

1. One of the rhyming pairs in this stanza is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. see and me
  - B. good and were
  - C. woke and houseplants
  - D. morning and me

**Stanza Two**

2. The word that rhymes with 'around' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. thought
  - B. ground
  - C. looked
  - D. sneakers

**Stanza Three**

3. A simile is used to compare one thing with another. The simile in this stanza is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. clothing moving in herds
  - B. birds patrolling the room
  - C. games that are flying
  - D. books flying like birds

**Stanza Four**

4. The toys and the \_\_\_\_\_ are fighting.
- A. night
  - B. games
  - C. backpack
  - D. books

**Stanza Five**

5. The word that rhymes with 'said' is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. needs
  - B. weird
  - C. today
  - D. bed

**Stanzas One to Five**

6. A lot happens in the poem. Put what happens into order.
- |                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. the child goes back to bed | 2. the houseplants are waving |
| 3. the child wakes up         | 4. the books are flying       |
- A. 1→2→3→4  
B. 2→4→1→3  
C. 3→2→4→1  
D. 4→1→3→2
7. The poem doesn't have a title. A suitable title could be \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. I Went Tap-Dancing  
B. I Woke up This Morning  
C. My Clothes and Games Are Dancing  
D. Fighting All Night in My Bedroom
8. The strange things happen in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. bedroom  
B. garden  
C. library  
D. playground



### Part 3

You are preparing to write an article about toys. Your English teacher has given you a promotional poster and an article to help you.

Read the promotional poster and article and answer the questions.

### Promotional Poster Page 1

# TOYS PAST AND PRESENT



**Where:** THE CULTURE AND HISTORY MUSEUM HONG KONG

**When:** 10 August – 8 September, 2024

See toys from the past and present.  
See displays of many rare, old toys and collector's items!

## EXHIBITION

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### Opening Hours

Monday to Wednesday 9 am – 4.30 pm  
Closed on Thursday  
Friday 10.30 am – 6.30 pm  
Saturday and Sunday 10 am – 7 pm

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### Tickets

Children aged 2 – 5	<b>\$10</b>
Children aged 6 – 12	<b>\$15</b>
Teens aged 13 – 19	<b>\$25</b>
Adults aged 20 – 60	<b>\$35</b>
Elderly aged 61 or above	<b>\$10</b>

**Family Pass:** For two adults and up to four children/teens **\$120**

**Entry on public holidays is free**

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### Toy Workshops for Young and Old

Join the workshops. Learn how to make toys that are still used today.



**Cost:** \$120

**Duration:** 2 hours

All materials provided

**Location:** Museum Hall 406B

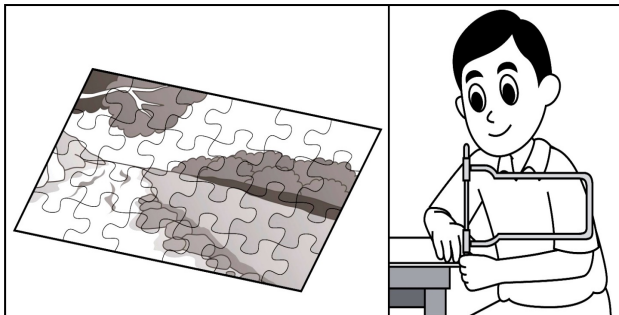
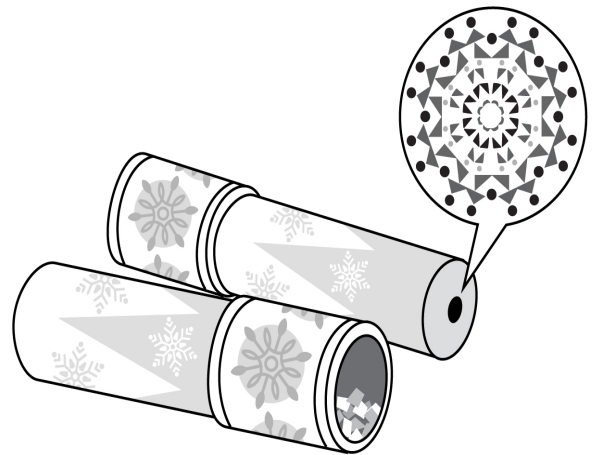
Sign up to avoid missing out – numbers are limited!

Visitors also have the chance to play with replicas of the rare toys and collector's items. These replicas are exact copies – right down to the colour and material used.

**Some of the toys on display that have replicas you can play with...**

### The Kaleidoscope...

was invented in 1814 by Sir David Brewster. It is a simple child's toy made up of a tube, two or more mirrors and coloured glass fixed at the end of a tube in a cell. Turning the tube causes the material to move and form different images.

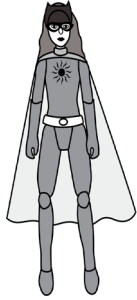


### Jigsaw Puzzles...

were first invented in 1760 by John Spilsbury. These puzzles were created by painting a picture on a flat piece of wood and then cutting it into smaller pieces. The tool used to cut the pieces was called a jigsaw, hence the name. Early jigsaw puzzles were used to teach Geography. Maps were glued onto wood and the pieces were cut according to the borders.

# TOYS

Toys are big business. They are made for babies, children and teens. There are many categories, but the main categories and the money made are listed below in Table 1.



TOY CATEGORY	REVENUE (\$)
Action Figures / Role Playing	1.39 billion
Arts and Crafts	1 billion
Building Sets	2 billion
Dolls	2.69 billion
Games/Puzzles	1.8 billion
Youth Electronics	431.3 million
Outdoor and Sports Toys	4.5 billion
Plush	1.26 billion

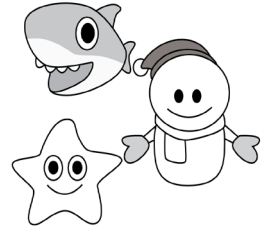


Table 1: Toy Category Revenue

How much do you spend on toys? The average amount spent per child might surprise you.

Region	Money spent per child (\$)
America	76
Europe	121
Asia/Oceania	13
Africa	1



Table 2: Average spent per region

Compare this to the total toy market. The percentage of the worldwide market is broken up into the following regions:

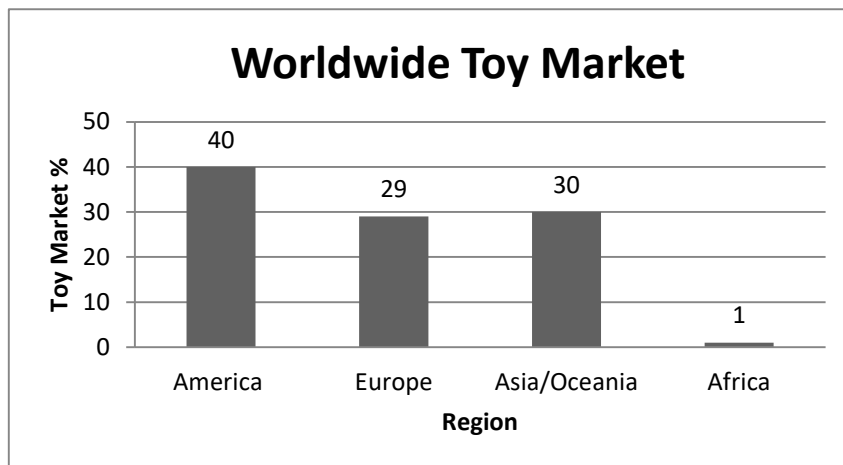


Table 3: Percentage of the worldwide market in toys

Choose the best answer and blacken the circle in the Answer Booklet.

**Promotional Poster**

1. The exhibition lasts for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. 8 days
  - B. 10 days
  - C. less than one month
  - D. more than one month
  
2. The museum opens earlier every \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Tuesday
  - B. Thursday
  - C. Friday
  - D. Saturday
  
3. The museum is closed every \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Monday
  - B. Wednesday
  - C. Thursday
  - D. Sunday
  
4. Tickets for teens are \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. cheaper than / adults
  - B. cheaper than / the elderly
  - C. the same as / children aged 6 – 12
  - D. more expensive than / adults
  
5. The maximum number of people who can enter the exhibition on a Family Pass is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. 2
  - B. 4
  - C. 5
  - D. 6

6. The day most people would probably want to go to the museum is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Monday
  - B. Wednesday
  - C. Thursday
  - D. on a public holiday
7. The *Toy Workshops for Young and Old* are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1. the same price as the Family Pass
  - 2. only for teens
  - 3. for people of all ages
  - 4. only held on Thursdays
- A. 1 and 2
  - B. 1 and 3
  - C. 2 and 3
  - D. 3 and 4
8. Copies of toys are called \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. rare toys
  - B. old toys
  - C. replicas
  - D. collector's items
9. The kaleidoscope was \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. invented by Sir David Brewster
  - B. made in the toy workshop
  - C. made out of wood pieces
  - D. not a simple toy
10. Jigsaw puzzles were originally used \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. as a children's toy
  - B. to teach Geography
  - C. only by John Spilsbury
  - D. to cut pictures into small pieces

**Article**

11. The second largest category of toys is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Dolls
  - B. Arts and Crafts
  - C. Action Figures / Role Playing
  - D. Plush

12. The smallest category of toys is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Outdoor and Sports Toys
  - B. Building Sets
  - C. Games/Puzzles
  - D. Youth Electronics
13. The category that would most likely include things like basketballs and bats would be \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Arts and Crafts
  - B. Building Sets
  - C. Outdoor and Sports Toys
  - D. Plush
14. The region which spends the most money on toys per child is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. America
  - B. Asia/Oceania
  - C. Europe
  - D. Africa
15. The children in \_\_\_\_\_ spend the least amount of money on toys.
- A. America
  - B. Europe
  - C. Asia/Oceania
  - D. Africa
16. The largest toy market in the world is in \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. America
  - B. Europe
  - C. Asia/Oceania
  - D. Africa

**END OF PAPER**

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