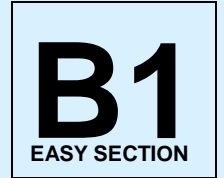




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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 1

### PART B1

### Reading Passages

2.15 pm - 3.45 pm (1½ hours)  
(for both Parts A and B)

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) Refer to the General Instructions on Page 1 of the Reading Passages booklet for Part A.

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART B1

- (1) The Question-Answer Book for Part B1 is inserted in this Reading Passages booklet.
- (2) Candidates who choose Part B1 should attempt all questions in this part. Each question carries ONE mark unless otherwise stated.
- (3) Hand in only ONE Question-Answer Book for Part B, either B1 or B2, and fasten it with the Question-Answer Book for Part A using the green tag provided.

## PART B1

Read Text 2 and answer questions 29-40 of the Question-Answer Book for Part B1.

### Text 2

## Juvenile Delinquency

1 [1] Juvenile delinquency refers to the crimes committed by youths in their teens. Crime doesn't pay. Though they are usually minor crimes, they still badly affect our society. Below are some of the common problems:

[2] Vandalism

5 There are always cases when teenagers want to draw their parents', teachers' as well as the police's attention. They do this in different ways. One of the most popular is to damage public properties. Making graffiti on walls, stepping on grass in parks, destroying fences, and burning road signs are fun from their point of view. They do not give this over until they suffer from some serious consequences. This is of course against the law and they may pay the price such as being sent to a rehabilitation centre or even  
10 being put into the jail.

[3] Shop-lifting

In many new towns such as Tuen Mun, Tin Shui Wai and Tseung Kwan O, there are many families with financial problems. The environment of a new town invites and provides more opportunities for juveniles to commit delinquency than other areas. There are single-parent families, low-income and  
15 uneducated parents as well as a complicated neighbourhood. In order to show off and make themselves look superior to the others, many adolescents cannot help but steal. Though the items stolen are not worth much, they are more than enough to ruin their lives. The value of the goods does not count, the act does.

[4] Bullying

It is becoming a trend, a fashion in teens' eyes, to be the 'Big Brother' in their social groups. They  
20 enjoy gathering together and exploring excitement. They often pick their targets at school and seize every chance to hurt the weak. They do this physically, verbally or in whatever ways are available as long as they feel they have the utmost power like a king. There are examples like locking their victims up in the toilet, taking off their clothes, nicknaming them and making jokes of them. Sometimes, bullies may even drop out of school, and meet people from other schools, probably triad members, and get back at people  
25 they do not like. Both bullying and truancy are the last things a 'normal' teenager does. These people usually have a leader, a plan and a target. In this age, some even put them on the Net and 'share' the video with the rest of the world. In some extreme cases, it involves death, either the victims are killed or they cannot take it anymore and commit suicide. It is violent, but in youths' eyes, it is just like a game. They show no pity and sympathy for their peers at all.

30 [5] To tackle all these crimes, different parties have their roles to play. It is argued that parents need to play a more prominent role such as be a role model while others argue that it is the schools' responsibility. No doubt, collective effort is more ideal. Parents, teachers, social workers, the public, the media and the teenagers themselves should really reflect on the problem of juvenile delinquency.

Text 3

### **Jewellery show attracts robbers**

1 [1] A jeweler had his travel bag containing \$3.9 million worth of gems stolen yesterday while he was surfing the internet at a Wan Chai hotel. It was one of four robberies on the first day of Asia's biggest jewelry fair, police said. The bag was stolen minutes after the 70-year-old man sat in front of the computer and placed it on the floor beside his chair in the ground floor business center of the Wharney Hotel in  
5 Lockhart Road, just before 9am. He said the 11,000 gems were to be exhibited at the fair, which opened at 10.30am yesterday. Police suspect an Asian man, aged between 30 and 40, and about 1.77 meters tall. He was wearing a yellow shirt and sunglasses.

[2] In another case, a box with about US\$100,000 worth of jewelry was stolen when it was being delivered from the headquarters of the Brink's security firm in Kwai Chung to Wan Chai venue. Last  
10 night, police officers were still interviewing at least 10 security guards, although no one had been arrested. A police spokeswoman said the other two thefts took place at the venue during the opening. Two pearl necklaces worth a total of US\$80,000 were stolen from one booth and 13 diamonds worth US\$75,000 from another.

[3] On Monday morning, burglars prised open a room in the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Tsim Sha Tsui and  
15 escaped with luggage containing \$2 million worth of jewelry while its owner – a South Korean jeweler – was eating in the coffee shop. A hotel worker went to investigate after he found the room's door prised open and no one inside. He called police and hotel staff alerted the two Korean guests at the coffee shop. Police said, "Initial investigations showed a hard object, probably a screwdriver, was used to prise open the door shortly after the two occupants left the room." The hotel's closed-circuit footage had been  
20 checked but it did not reveal anything suspicious. Police suspect the burglars fled via a rear staircase.

[4] A police source said it was known that international jewel thieves travelled to Hong Kong every year to take advantage of the opportunities presented during the gems show.

### **END OF READING PASSAGE**

Sources of materials used in this paper will be acknowledged in the *Question Papers and Examination Report* published by Hok Yau Club at a later stage.