

**Paper 3: LISTENING AND INTEGRATED SKILLS**

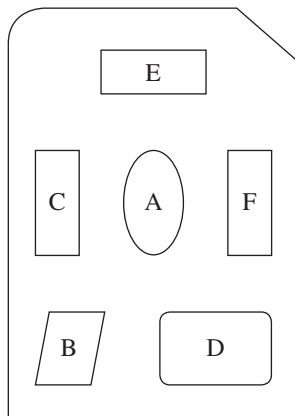
**Task 1**

1. 46 or above
2. daily
3. Exercise
4. Doing Tai Chi
5. Feeding the fish
6. Reading the newspaper
7. Grass
8. Gardens
9. Fish pond
10. Seating area
11. Toilets
12. Snack shop
13. worse than
14. Hong Kong Park is smaller
15. There is not much grass.

**Task 2**

16. Fish pond (2); Reflexology path (5); Snack hut (3); Japanese Garden (4); Toilets (1)
17. It is nice to see living things.
18. It is not necessary in a park.
19. You might run out of water.
20. This is Hong Kong. We should have a Chinese garden.
21. You always have to go to the toilet when you are out.

22–27



**Task 3**

28. ✓
29. ✗
30. ✓
31. ✗
32. ✓

33. ?
34. Everybody loves ice cream when it is hot.
35. People drink too much of it.
36. It is very unhealthy.
37. People have to have water when it is hot.
38. It is delicious.
39. It is easy to serve.
40. It is difficult to prepare.
41. It is harder to serve.

**Task 4**

42. 29
43. positive
44. 10
45. 45
46. Cold food such as sandwiches
47. Novelty food / candy floss and popcorn
48. Iced lemon tea
49. Curried fish ball
50. play areas
51. exercise areas
52. Japanese garden
53. fish pond
54. most
55. reflexology path
56. every day
57. happy

**DF1**

Listening note-taking sheet for radio phone-in programme

Terry Lau's ideas:

We need more land in the urban area.The population is growing.There are plenty of country parks where people can do what they want.The elderly can practise *tai chi* at the podium level of the new flats.

Alice Woo's ideas:

Public parks are a safe haven away from an overcrowded family flat.People want to enjoy a natural environment, not busy shopping malls with artificial light.Country parks are usually away from main residential areas.People, especially the elderly, like to visit the parks to practise *tai chi* or to sing karaoke and dance.Avery Wong agrees with Alice Woo.Ray Yip agrees with Terry Lau.

Part B1

Task 5

### Perks to Parks

I bet you didn't know these things about our local parks.

#### Number of visitors

The most visited local parks in Hong Kong last year were:

Hong Kong Park	—	3.4 million visitors
<u>Shatin Park</u>	—	3.2 million visitors
Tai Po Waterfront Park	—	<u>2.75 million visitors</u>
<u>Ma On Shan Park</u>	—	<u>2.5 million visitors</u>

Hong Kong's busiest park is:  
Hong Kong Park

It has 3.4 million visitors every year. During the Mid-Autumn Festival, it has around 0.4 millions visitors.

People like to visit local parks because they go there to:

- 1) relax.
- 2) hang out.
- 3) practise tai chi.
- 4) paint and draw.
- 5) play kites.
- 6) sing karaoke.

**Task 6**

Subject: Corrections to poster

Hi Lawrence,

I love your poster advertising the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations at Shatin Park. However, I've noticed one or two things that I think might need changing.

I can see from the map of the park that the grassy area is not near the fish pond as it says on the poster. It is between the children's play area and the flower garden. Can you change this please?

According to the Cultural and Leisure Services Department timetable, the celebration will be held on the 19th of Sept, not the 18th, and the lucky draw will be from 7–7.30 pm, with the lanterns from 7.30–8 pm.

I think there are also a couple of grammar mistakes. 'Occasional' should be 'occasion' and there should be capital letters for 'Mid-Autumn'.

Thanks for making those changes.

Frances

**Task 7****People's Park**

What do you like to do in your free time? With more and more studies showing people are leading increasingly unhealthy lives, staying indoors playing computer games, we thought we would head out to our local parks and see what people do there and why the parks need to stay.

The great thing about our parks is that there is so much to do, and of course, they are free. People go there to hang out with their friends, eat snacks and listen to local bands. Some people like to practise hobbies such as painting and drawing while they watch old people practising *tai chi*. There are even those who like to fly kites.

Our parks are very important to the people who use them from all walks of life and across the generations. It would be terrible for these millions of park users if we lost our parks.

**Part B2**

**Task 8**

**Priceless Parks**

Recently some lawmakers have suggested turning some of our public parks into more tower blocks to house our ever increasing population. We talked to some local people about why the parks are important for them and what would happen if the parks disappeared.

Cyrus Mok is 17 years old and plays in a band every Sunday afternoon. They are getting quite a big group of fans and many people think they are good. Cyrus doesn't know what they will do if they can't play together in the park.

Another frequent visitor is Abigail Lee. She lives in a small flat with her family and her in-laws. She comes to the park with her children every morning to enjoy some freedom and have some snacks. She has no idea what she will do if she loses this freedom.

Wilson Lam is an artist who sells his handicrafts at weekends. He feels part of the community here, and since his wife died two years ago, if he doesn't have the park then he will be at home alone all weekend.

Tiffany Kwok is a student who finds being near the fish helps her to concentrate on her studies away from the fights at home. If she loses this, what will happen to her studies?

There are so many people who depend on the park. Let's fight to keep it.

**Task 9**

Subject: Changes to article

Hi Nancy,

Thanks for your article. The editorial team has suggested some changes we think you should make.

First of all, we need you to submit around 20 images, including the source, so that we can choose the best five to include with the article.

Secondly, we need to know the title as you didn't include this. Please note that the article title should be a maximum of eighty letters.

Thirdly, the word count for this month is 900 words. Your article is currently 1200. Can you please edit it to bring it within the word limit?

Could you also check all names of people and dates of events, and confirm them before we publish?

I'm afraid this will be a rush as the deadline for submission is August 27<sup>th</sup>. Hope that's OK?

Thanks,

Frances

**Task 10****Goodbye Playtime?**

Recently, Secretary for Housing, Mr. Terry Lau announced plans to remove our public parks and replace them with public housing. Mr. Lau argues that we have an obligation to house our ever increasing population, and that there are plenty of other open spaces where local people can enjoy nature, such as country parks. Mr. Lau believes that shorter commutes to work are more important than saving the communities' parks.

People of all ages benefit from the public parks around the territory. They go there to exercise, practising *tai chi* or traditional ribbon dances. Parents take their children there to play in specially designed play areas. It is a great platform for local bands to get started and build up a group of fans. People also like to celebrate festivals there such as the Mid-Autumn Festival when there are lantern activities organized by the Cultural and Leisure Services Department.

The parks are places for people to do whatever helps them relax and enjoy life. We need these places more than ever in our busy city. Let's fight to keep our parks for the people. We all need playtime. Remember, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!

## Audio script

### Part A

Announcer: Part A. Situation.

The government is planning a construction project to improve a public park in your area. You are Chris Wong, a government employee / civil servant. You are preparing a report to help decide what improvements need to be made to the park.

You will have a total of four 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 in the recording. You now have two minutes to familiarize yourself with Tasks 1–4. (2-minute music)

The recording will begin now.

### Task 1

Announcer: Task 1.

The team leader, Shaman Chong, recorded an interview with a user of the park on a site visit last week. She has asked you to listen to the interview and complete the survey sheet below. Write the information in the spaces provided. One space has been completed for you as an example. You now have 30 seconds to study the task. At the end of the task, you will have one minute to tidy up your answers. (30-second music)

You will now listen to the recording of Shaman's interview with a park user.

Shaman: Good morning. My name is Shaman Chong and I am leading a team doing research into some planned improvements for this park. Would you mind if I asked you a few questions?

Park user: Not at all.

Shaman: Can I ask you your age?

Park user: I am 56 years old.

Shaman: 56 years old. (Q1) I'll put a tick in the 46 or above box. How often do you come to this park?

Park user: I come here to practise *tai chi* (Q2) every morning.

Shaman: You practise *tai chi* every morning? No wonder you look so fit and healthy.

Park user: Exercise is very important, especially as you get older. I come to the park every morning (Q3) to do some exercise.

Shaman: So that is the reason you come here? To exercise?

Park user: Yes. That is the main reason I come here.

Shaman: What do you usually do here?

Park user: Well, I (Q4) practise *tai chi* for about an hour, and then I (Q5) feed the fish in the fish pond. I usually find somewhere to sit and (Q6) read the newspaper before I go home.

Shaman: So you practise *tai chi*, feed the fish and read the newspaper.

Park user: Yes, that's right. As long as it isn't raining (*laughs*).

Shaman: What do you like about this park?

- Park user: (Q7) I like the grass. It is a good place to do *tai chi*. It is more relaxing to stand on the grass than on concrete. (Q8) I also like the gardens. They were planted a long time ago and have been well cared for, so they look very healthy. But my favourite thing about this park is the (Q9) fish pond. It is full of fish and turtles and it attracts all sorts of birds and insects. It is a great place to feel close to nature.
- Shaman: You like the grass, the gardens and the fish pond. Is there anything you don't like?
- Park user: Well, I have to say (Q10) I dislike the seating area. It is too far away from everything and there is no cover, so if it rains or if it is very sunny you can't sit there. I also think (Q11) the toilets could do with some improvements. They are old and always seem very dirty, even if they have just been cleaned. And (Q12) I hate the snack shop. It is full of chocolate and Western crisps. There is nothing to snack on.
- Shaman: You don't like the seating area, the toilets and the snack shop. Right. Which park do you prefer, Hong Kong Park or this park?
- Park user: (Q13) This park of course. Hong Kong Park is (Q14) too small and there is (Q15) not enough grass. I know the fish pond is bigger, but that is the only advantage Hong Kong Park has.
- Shaman: Thank you so much for your time. I really appreciate your help.
- Park user: You are very welcome. Goodbye.
- Announcer: That is the end of task one. You now have one minute to tidy up your answers.

**Task 2**

Announcer: Task 2.

Shaman is now interviewing another park user about what facilities or features would be important in a new leisure area that is being planned for the park. Listen to the park user's answers and rank the facilities in order of how important he thinks they are. Note down his reasons, and finally, write a letter for the facility/feature in the correct boxes 1–6 on page 5. You now have 30 seconds to study the task. At the end of the task, you will have one minute to tidy up your answers. (30-second music)

The recording will begin now.

- Shaman: Good morning, Sir. I am doing a survey about the park facilities for a proposed redevelopment. Can I ask you a few questions, please?
- Park user: Sure, no problem.
- Shaman: Thanks. I'd like to know which order you would put these facilities in, with 1 being the most important and 5 being the least important. Fish pond, reflexology path, snack hut, Japanese garden, toilets.
- Park user: Crumbs. That's a lot to remember. Can I have a look at your list?
- Shaman: Of course.
- Park user: Hmm. Let me think. I would say (Q16a) the toilets are the most important, because (Q21) if you are out for the afternoon you will have to use the bathroom at least once, so I would put a 1 there at the bottom. I also think (Q16b) the fish pond is important. (Q17) It is great to be able to see something living, especially when you don't have much room for pets at home, so that would be number 2.
- Shaman: So the toilets are number 1 because you always need to use them, and the fish pond is number 2 because you like to see living things.
- Park user: Yes, that's right. (Q16c) I don't think you need a reflexology path. I'd probably put that as number 5. If you want reflexology in Hong Kong you can visit a professional. (Q18) It is not necessary in



a park. (Q16d) I am also not sure about a Japanese garden. This is Hong Kong, (Q20) shouldn't we have a Chinese garden instead?

- Shaman: Good point. So would you put the Japanese garden as number 4?
- Park user: Yes, the Japanese garden as number 4.
- Shaman: Which just leaves the snack hut.
- Park user: You never know when (Q19) you might run out of water, so the snack hut is very useful to have.
- Shaman: Very true. But you don't think a reflexology path is necessary in a park, and you think we should have a Chinese garden, not a Japanese garden, in Hong Kong.
- Park user: That's it.
- Shaman: Can I ask you to have a look at this plan and suggest where you think these things should go, if we decide to include them all?
- Park user: Oooo. How exciting. Well, let me see. I think you should (Q22) put the toilet just there halfway between the entrance and the exit, so they are easy to find. And I would (Q24) put the pond right in the middle of the whole area. It's very good *feng shui* to have water in the centre like that.
- Shaman: Really? I didn't know that.
- Park user: Oh yes. So if the pond is in the middle I would (Q25) put a seating area on one side of it, probably over on the right hand side as there is more shade from the trees on that side.
- Shaman: We are going to cover the seating area anyway, but I agree, it would be better near the exit where there is more shade.
- Park user: So I'd (Q23) put the snack hut on the opposite side of the pond, over there on the left, just below the entrance. And (Q26) next to that, in the corner, I'd put the reflexology path.
- Shaman: Down here in the left hand corner, diagonally opposite the exit?
- Park user: Yes, that's right.
- Shaman: Which just leaves the Japanese garden.
- Park user: Or the Chinese garden, as we are in Hong Kong!
- Shaman: Yes, the Chinese garden, haha.
- Park user: Well, it might be quite nice to (Q27) sit there in the seating area looking at the fish pond in front of you and the Japanese garden in the corner to your left.
- Shaman: Great. Thank you.
- Announcer: You now have one minute to tidy up your answers.

### Task 3

Announcer: Task 3.

Shaman has now invited the park user to recommend some snack items that the snack hut should sell. Put a tick (✓) if the park user recommends the food and a cross (✗) if he does not recommend it, or a question mark (?) if he is not sure. The items may not be mentioned in the same order as they appear on this page. One space has been filled in for you as an example. You now have thirty seconds to study the task. At the end of the task, you will have one minute to tidy up your answers. (30-second music)

The recording will begin now.

- Shaman: Would you mind looking at some suggested snack items for the snack shop?
- Park user: Not at all.
- Shaman: Do you think we should sell ice creams and iced lollies?
- Park user: (Q28) Definitely. (Q34) Everybody loves ice cream when it is hot.
- Shaman: What about fizzy drinks like coke and lemonade?
- Park user: (Q29) No, I don't think so. (Q35) People drink too much of that stuff and (Q36) it is very unhealthy.
- Shaman: Yes, it is unhealthy, and people do drink it all the time. Do you think *siu mai* is a good idea?
- Park user: (Q32) Yes. (Q38) It is a delicious snack and (Q39) it is very easy to serve in a cup.
- Shaman: So yes to *siu mai*. What about chicken wings?
- Park user: (Q33) Yes and no. (Q40) They are more difficult to prepare and (Q41) harder to serve. You'll need plates.
- Shaman: Yes, I hadn't thought of that. We would need more kitchen space to cook them and we'd need to think about how to give them to the customers. How about bottled water?
- Park user: (Q30) Essential. (Q37) You have to have water when it is hot.
- Shaman: What about noodles?
- Park user: Do you mean cup noodles?
- Shaman: No, soup noodles.
- Park user: (Q31) No way! They are far too messy for the park.
- Shaman: (*laughs*) I suppose you are right. I'll put a cross. Thank you so much for your help.
- Park user: My pleasure. I look forward to seeing the improvements. Bye.
- Announcer: You now have one minute to tidy up your answers.

**Task 4**

Announcer: Task 4.

You are now attending a meeting of the team involved in researching the improvements necessary for the park with Shaman and two other researchers named Louis and Johnny, who are reporting on the survey results. Based on what you hear in the conversation between Shaman and the researchers, fill in the spaces in the report below with details of the recommendations for improvements. Remember to pay attention to spelling and grammar. One space has been filled in for you as an example. You now have one minute to study the task. At the end of the task, you will have two minutes to tidy up your answers. (*1-minute music*)

The recording will begin now.

- Shaman: Thanks for coming along to this meeting. I think we have a lot of useful information. Johnny, what do you have to tell us?
- Johnny: Well, looking at the information we collected, it seems that (Q42) 29 out of 35, so I would say that is 'most' of the park users we interviewed were (Q43) positive about the snacks we intend to provide.
- Louis: At least (Q44) ten of the people we interviewed were aged 45 or above and didn't think they would use the snack hut.

- Shaman: What about other suggestions?
- Johnny: Some suggested we should sell more (Q46) cold food, such as sandwiches.
- Shaman: Sandwiches? Could be an idea. Let's look into that.
- Louis: There were some suggestions for more (Q47) 'novelty' food such as candy floss and popcorn.
- Shaman: Candy floss? That needs a special machine. I always think of popcorn at the cinema. Not sure. Let's talk about that later.
- Johnny: A few people suggested we have a wider range of more common local drinks, such as (Q48) iced lemon tea.
- Shaman: Definitely. Iced lemon tea is always very popular.
- Louis: And of course a lot of people wanted to know if we would be offering (Q49) curried fish balls.
- Shaman: What is it about fish balls that people love so much? OK, I think we need more information about that before we can make a decision. Anything else?
- Johnny: Some people thought we could include more (Q50) play areas for children in the remodeling, and there were quite a few of the older people we interviewed who thought the park needed more (Q51) exercise areas for the elderly.
- Louis: Most of the people we spoke to really liked the idea of the (Q52) Japanese garden because it is not a common feature of a Hong Kong park.
- Shaman: What did people think about the fish pond?
- Johnny: Most people liked the idea of the fish pond, but they worried that (Q53) it might encourage mosquitoes.
- Louis: A big surprise for me was how many of the people we interviewed liked the (Q55) reflexology path.
- Johnny: Yes, (Q54) most of the people we spoke to said they (Q56) would use it every day.
- Shaman: So, on the whole, do you think (Q57) most people were happy with the proposed improvements to the park.
- Louis & Johnny: Yes, I think so.
- Shaman: Great. Let's get started, then.
- That is the end of Part A. You now have two minutes to tidy up your answers.

## Part B

Announcer: Part B. Situation.

You are Frances Fan, a reporter working for a local newspaper.

You are going to listen to a radio phone in programme about removing a local park to make way for more public housing.

Before the recording is played, you will have five minutes to study the Question–Answer Book and the Data File for Part B1 and the Question-Answer Book and the Data File for Part B2. Remember you must choose to do the tasks in either Part B1 or Part B2. Do NOT attempt both Parts B1 and B2.

Complete the tasks by following the instructions in the Question-Answer Book that you choose and on the recording. You will find all the information you need in the Question–Answer Book and the Data File that you choose and in the recording. As you listen you can make notes on page 3 of the

Data File. (5-minute music)

The recording will begin now.

- Peter: Hello everybody and welcome to this week's 'Speak Out', the radio phone in show where you, the listener, gets to talk about what makes Hong Kong sick. I am your host, Peter Wheeler. On today's show I am joined by Secretary for Housing, Mr. Terry Lau
- Terry: Thank you.
- Peter: and Secretary for Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms. Alice Woo. Welcome both of you.
- Alice: It is a pleasure to be here.
- Peter: Today we are talking about our local parks. Now, I know that you two are locked in a fight at the moment.
- Terry: I wouldn't call it a fight, exactly.
- Alice: We just don't agree.
- Peter: Because Mr. Lau, you want to take over one of Hong Kong's largest parks in order to make way for more housing, and you, Ms. Woo, are opposed to this idea. Is that true?
- Terry: Hong Kong is only a tiny place and we have a (DF1) growing population. We all know how overcrowded the city is becoming.
- Alice: It is precisely because Hong Kong is becoming so overcrowded that we need to save our parks. For many people, public parks are (DF1) a safe haven away from an overcrowded family flat.
- Terry: We need to use the space we have in the best possible way, and if that means giving up a bit of grass and a kids' play area so that more families have somewhere decent to live, then so be it.
- Alice: But people don't want to spend their time in busy shopping malls with artificial light. They want to sit somewhere peaceful where they can (DF1) enjoy a natural environment.
- Terry: Isn't that what country parks are for? We are blessed with acres of (DF1) country parks where people are free to do whatever they want.
- Alice: (DF1) Country parks are usually away from main residential areas. They are more difficult to get to, which makes them inconvenient for the elderly.
- Terry: Well, the elderly won't have anywhere to live before long. Let's see how much they like the parks then.
- Peter: On that note, let's take a call. This is Avery Wong in Shatin. What would you like to ask our guests today, Avery?
- Avery: I'd like to know why we have to use the parks for housing. Why can't we use land out in the New Territories instead?
- Peter: Good question, Avery. Terry, perhaps you can answer that one.
- Terry: It really is very simple, Avery. We simply do not have enough (DF1) land in the urban areas. Home prices are rising very quickly and there is not enough supply to meet the increasing demand.
- Alice: But we don't need to use the parks. We can extend existing towns and build suitable infrastructure to deal with the increased population.
- Peter: What do you think, Avery?
- Avery: I agree with Ms. Woo. I walk from my home through the park every day to get to school. I see so many people using the park. I wonder what will happen to them if the park is taken away.
- Alice: Exactly. We have carefully prepared reports showing how many people in any given area rely on

their local park. It would be a disaster if they were taken away.

Terry: And what if they have nowhere to live? Would that be a better situation for everyone?

Peter: Let's hear from another caller. This is Ray Yip from Aberdeen. What are your views on this subject, Ray?

Ray: Well, Peter, I have lived in Aberdeen for over fifty years and I have seen so many changes. I just don't really know where people are expected to live. People need flats, not fish ponds.

Alice: I disagree with you, Ray. Research conducted by my team clearly shows that people need their parks.

Terry: In what way do they NEED parks?

Alice: Well. To start with, parks in Hong Kong are a centre for a lot of old people, who congregate there (DF1) to practise tai chi or to sing karaoke and dance.

Terry: (DF1) The new flats will have a podium level. People can practise their tai chi there.

Alice: Besides that, many parks in Hong Kong have set up hawker stalls for local artists to sell handicrafts.

Terry: There are plenty of other places to sell handicrafts. Outside MTR stations is always popular (*laughs*).

Alice: Parents take their children to parks to play.

Terry: There will be play areas on podium levels. We don't need parks!

Alice: People naturally gravitate to parks for certain festivals, such as the Mid-Autumn festival.

Terry: One day a year. Are you really telling me we need parks to celebrate one festival?

Alice: The point is our parks are very busy places and are vital to the millions of people who use them every year. Turning them into yet more blocks of flats is a very backward move.

Ray: But what else can we do? People don't want to live miles away from where they work. They don't want to spend hours on a bus every day.

Terry: And that is why we need to transform our parks into places where people can live. It is not ideal but it is the best solution we have.

Peter: We will now take a short break while we listen to a word from our sponsors, but we'll be back shortly with more discussion on whether we need to save our parks. Stay tuned.

Announcer: That is the end of Part B. You now have one hour thirty minutes to tidy up your answers.