

CCC Yenching College
English Language Paper 1
Question-Answer Book

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Secondary 6

Mock Exam (2020 - 2021)

Name : _____

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. There are two parts (A and B) in this paper. All candidates should attempt Part A. In Part B, you should attempt either Part B1 (easier section) OR Part B2 (more difficult section). Candidates attempting Parts A and B2 will be able to attain the full range of levels, while Level 4 will be the highest level attainable for candidates attempting Parts A and B1.
2. Write your name, class and class number in the spaces provided in the Question-Answer Book.
3. Write your answers clearly and neatly in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book. Answers written in the margins will not be marked.
4. For multiple-choice questions, you are advised to blacken the appropriate circle with a pencil so that wrong marks can be completely erased with a clean rubber. Mark only **ONE** answer to each question. Two or more answers will score **NO MARKS**.
5. Supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request. Write your name, class and class number on each sheet.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART A

1. Attempt ALL questions in Part A. Each question carries ONE mark unless otherwise stated.

Teacher's Use Only

Part	Marks
A	44
B1	42
B2	42
Total	

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 PART A
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK

A
COMPULSORY

PART A

Read Text 1 and answer questions 1-20. (44 marks)

1. What is technology compared to in paragraph 1?

Wealth / money

2. What economic impact of new technology is mentioned in paragraph 1?

job losses

3. According to paragraph 1, the effects of new technology in recent years have been ...

- A. negligible.
- B. enormous.
- C. problematic. ~~X~~
- D. strictly positive. ~~X~~

A B C D

4. i) Read paragraph 2 and answer by completing the sentence below. Use ONE word only for each blank.
Make sure your answers are grammatically correct. Pay attention to word forms, plurals, etc.

(2 marks)

According to Maria Leung, experiencing the world through Internet-connected devices is new, which means its risks are (i) unknown, so we should feel (ii) concerned / Worried.

ii) What is the writer's take on this opinion, based on paragraph 2? (1 mark)

- A. The writer agrees that there are threats.
- B. The writer thinks people know the risks. *unknown risks*
- C. The writer agrees completely with Leung's opinion.
- D. The writer disagrees completely with Leung's opinion.

A B C D

5. Find a word that means 'arises' in paragraph 4.

simmers

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6. What are the pros and cons of TV and video games, according to Mok? Complete the table below. Use ONE word only for each blank. (Hyphenated words count as one word). (5 marks)

	Pros (+ve)	Cons (-ve)
TV	enriching people's lives with (i) <u>artistic</u> and informative content	(ii) <u>lowering</u> the quality of content with meaningless visual stimulation
Video games	- helping people build (iii) <u>problem-solving</u> and motor skills - allowing people to (iv) <u>relax</u> , socialize and bond	making people more (v) <u>sedentary</u> and isolated

(2 marks)

7. i) Why does spending a lot of time on TV or video games make people feel bored, according to Leung?

Because the more stimulation people get, the more they want, so they always feel dissatisfied.

- ii) What counter-argument does the writer offer to Leung's concern in paragraph 6?

The same research shows that people who spend an hour / two a day on entertainment feel better than those who do not.

(2 marks)

8. i) According to the writer, what kind of technology is at least as distracting as TV and video games?

modern communication / texts, emails and other messages / smartphones and laptops

- ii) What attitude do people have towards this technology?

- A. dissatisfaction
B. enthusiasm
C. acceptance
D. anxiety

A B C D

9. What do the following refer to in paragraph 7?

(2 marks)

- i) them (line 28)

texts and emails

- ii) my company's product (line 30)

video conferencing software

10. Which of the following locations does Leah Wong mention as possibilities for remote work? Tick TWO of the boxes. (2 marks)

- one's own home (apartment) a public library a shared workspace
 a coffee shop an inexpensive city a vacation destination

11. Besides working remotely, how else can workers take advantage of communication technology?

working irregular hours

12. What are the 'downsides' (line 33) described in paragraph 8? (2 marks)

- i) ^{disadvantages} pointless communications / dealing with unnecessary meetings and emails
ii) work creeping into free time / people are always on the clock

13. i) Explain in your own words how videoconferencing software could make it ... (2 marks)

- 'easier ... to take vacations' (line 39).

People can leave the country and still attend meetings / work

- 'harder ... to enjoy them' (line 39).

Instead of being free while on vacation, people may still attend meetings

ii) What is the writer's opinion on these two possible outcomes? (Para. 9) (2 marks)

(1 mark) The technology in itself has potential for both outcomes,
(1 mark) people can choose the option in which technology is liberating.

14. Complete the summary below using information given in paragraph 10. Use ONE word only for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct. (6 marks)

Social media can have a negative influence on people's (i) mental well-being, and because it can affect (ii) many people at once, it has an impact on (iii) society as a whole. In the worst cases, it may cause widespread (iv) problems when people become increasingly (v) divided, as begin to (vi) hate and distrust each other.

15. Answer the following questions based on paragraph 11. (2 marks)

i) What change must be made to social media to spread 'useful knowledge instead of fake news' (line 48)?

changing the algorithm (that decides what to show you)

ii) What is one advantage mentioned of spreading useful knowledge online?

It allows people to become better informed about important issues

16. i) What kinds of services can a healthcare provider offer online? (2 marks)

therapy and medical consultations

ii) Why might someone go online for such a service even if it is available locally?

The local service is too expensive / online service might be cheaper

17. What drawback of technology is mentioned in paragraph 13?

- A. identity theft
- B. Internet scams
- C. emotional detachment
- D. lower quality of service

A B C D

18. Determine whether the following statements are True, False, or if the information is Not Given in paragraphs 13 and 14. (3 marks)

14.

- i) Online competition is likely to lower the number of teaching jobs overall.
- ii) The writer thinks people should not depend on phones to do maths.
- iii) People have replaced old writing skills with new ones.

T F NG

19. i) According to the writer, what does our reliance on technology demonstrate about technology? (2 marks)

We are dependent on it because it is useful.

ii) How does the writer show that reliance on technology is not new or frightening?

the examples of vehicles and indoor plumbing

20. What is the writer's overall view of modern technology?

- A. While it has many drawbacks, we simply cannot avoid it in life.
- B. The problems are real but they will resolve themselves naturally.
- C. It has dangers, but we can choose to embrace its more useful aspects.
- D. Though it has drawbacks, its critics are ultimately being unreasonable.

A B C D

END OF PART A

B1
EASY
SECTION

PART B1

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Refer to the General Instructions on Page 1 of the Question-Answer Book.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART B1

1. Candidates who choose Part B1 should attempt all questions in this part. Each question carries ONE mark unless otherwise stated.

B1

EASY SECTION

Part B1

Read Text 2 and answer questions 21-39. (37 marks)

21. What is the writer's purpose of writing Text 2?

to explain to readers what 5G is

22. What is the primary purpose of 5G? Answer by completing the sentence below.

5G is for using the internet on cellular / cell phones

23. What does the 'G' in '5G' stand for?

generation

24. According to paragraph 2, what is the fastest speed of 4G?

1 gigabites per second / Gbps

25. According to paragraph 2, 5G technology ...

- A. will never reach its expected maximum speed.
- B. has already reached its expected maximum speed.
- C. will be used all over the world within the next 10 years.
- D. had not been completely developed at the time of writing.

A B C D

26. Which of the following is NOT correct, according to paragraph 3?

- A. All radio frequencies have the same wave length but different energy levels.
- B. Mobile phones use different frequencies to send and receive data.
- C. Messages sent using the exact same frequency will be jumbled up.
- D. Mobile phones connect to the Internet using radio waves.

A B C D

27. According to paragraph 4, what is a 'band' (line 16)?

a group of frequencies with specific properties and uses //
higher and lower frequencies ~~have~~ ^{with} different properties and different uses

28. According to paragraph 4, what is the advantage of ...

(2 marks)

i) low-frequency radio waves?

excellent coverage

* ii) high-frequency radio waves?

faster speeds

29. Find words in paragraphs 4 and 5 that have a similar meaning to the following:

(3 marks)

- i) range spectrum
- ii) go through penetrate
- iii) obtains achieves

30. Complete the sentence below by choosing the best option for each blank.

(2 marks)

The mid-band spectrum is 4G's (i) band and 5G's (ii) band.

- Para. 5
- i) A. fastest B. slowest C. least common D. most common
 - ii) A. fastest B. slowest C. least common D. most common

31. Determine whether the following statements are **True**, **False**, or if the information is **Not Given** in paragraphs 5 and 6. Blacken ONE circle only for each statement.

(4 marks)

- | | T | F | NG |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| i) 5G's advantage over 4G is entirely due to its use of <u>higher frequencies</u> . | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| ii) The reason high-band waves do not travel far is because of walls in the way. | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| iii) Implementing 5G requires a lot of cellular stations to be built. | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| iv) High-band cellular stations in Hong Kong are cheaper because they are smaller. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

32. Where will 5G not make use of each of the following? Answer by completing the table below.

(4 marks)

	Location not being used	Reason
Low-band frequencies	(i) <u>some cities</u>	(ii) <u>too slow</u>
High-band frequencies	(iii) <u>rural areas</u>	being sparsely populated means they are not (iv) <u>cost-effective</u>

worth doing

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33. Paragraph 7 contains an example of ...

- A. irony.
- B. simile.
- C. metaphor.
- D. a rhetorical question.

A B C D

34. Complete the summary below by selecting the best options, based on the information in paragraphs 7. (4 marks)

Some ___(i)___ broadband plans advertise Internet speeds at 100 Mbps, or lower through ___(ii)___, which is the same as the fastest speed of low-band frequencies. Compared to this, ___(iii)___ Internet seems very fast. Add in the fact that it is available ___(iv)___, and it starts to look like a very attractive alternative.

- i) A. free
B. domestic (local) / (home)
C. corporate
D. government

A B C D

- ii) A. Wi-Fi
B. broadband
C. copper wires (copper internet cables)
D. fibre-optic cables

A B C D

- iii) A. 5G
B. Wi-Fi
C. broadband
D. fibre-optic cables

A B C D

- vi) A. more reliably
B. for less money
C. throughout the city
D. at the highest speeds

A B C D

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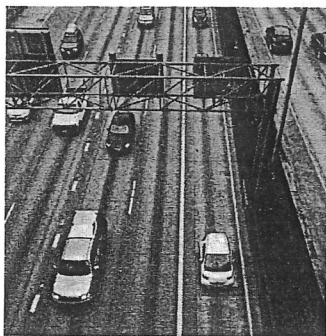
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35. According to paragraph 8, 5G will be used in smartphones _____ it will be used in other applications.

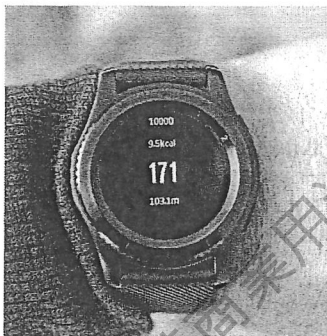
- A. after
- B. before
- C. because
- D. at the same time

A B C D

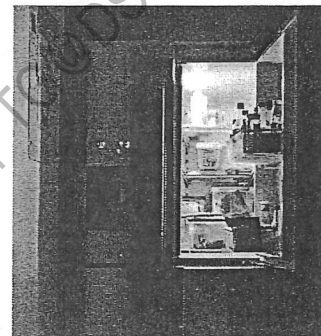
36. i) What kind of 'Internet-connected devices' (line 41) could the following represent in the future? Write a type of device mentioned in paragraph 8 below each picture. (3 marks)



self-driving cars



wearable health monitor



smart home appliances

ii) Which of the above would not be possible without 5G? (1 mark)

self-driving cars

iii) How does 5G make it possible? (1 mark)

It handles large volume of data required to safely fill a city / large volume of data regarding position, velocity and pedestrians

37. Which of the following is NOT a use of Internet-connected devices mentioned in paragraph 9?

- A. providing healthcare services ✓ sick patients
- B. facilitating manufacturing ✓ factory robots
- C. monitoring air quality ✓ atmospheric stations
- D. designing robots

A B C D

38. What is the writer not sure about in paragraph 9?

- A. what 5G's uses will be
- B. how well 5G will work
- C. whether 5G will have many uses
- D. whether 5G's uses will be positive

A B C D

39. What are the two things on which people must 'spend extra' (line 48) to experience 5G? Answer by using information give in paragraph 1. (2 marks)

- i) phones
ii) service plans

Read Text 3 and answer questions 40-44. (5 marks)

40. The Ultra 4's target customers are likely to be people who ...

- A. play games a lot on their phones.
B. live somewhere outside of Hong Kong.
C. use their phone primarily for phone calls.
D. rely on their phones to run their businesses.

A B C D

41. How many Ultra phone models do NOT have 5G?

three

42. In what way is the Ultra 4 better than other 5G-phones in Hong Kong?

It has the fastest processor

43. What does Text 3 compare the speed of 5G to?

lightning (speed)

44. What kind of text is Text 3?

- A. forum discussion
B. advertisement
C. news report
D. proposal

A B C D

B2
DIFFICULT
SECTION

PART B2

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Refer to the General Instructions on Page 1 of the Question-Answer Book.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PART B2

1. Candidates who choose Part B2 should attempt all questions in this part. Each question carries ONE mark unless otherwise stated.

B2
DIFFICULT
SECTION

Read Text 4 and answer questions 45-65. (42 marks)

45. What is the basis of Law's ... (2 marks)

- i) career? writing novels
- ii) fame? criticizing the tech industry

46. By what process was Text 4 produced?

- A. writing based on the writer's research A B C D
- B. interviewing Law and transcribing her words
- C. writing based on a public statement from Law
- D. collecting and arranging public statements from Law

47. According to paragraphs 2 and 3, Law's and the public's opinion on social media companies have ...

- A. diverged. A B C D
- B. converged.
- C. always differed.
- D. always been the same.

48. According to Law, social media promotes opinions that are ...

- A. intense. A B C D
- B. incorrect.
- C. dishonest.
- D. unconvincing.

49. What causes people's opinions on social media to change?

concrete consequences

50. Complete the table below about the alternatives that already exist to perform the functions of social media using information from paragraph 5. You may use more than one word for some blanks. (4 marks)

Personal uses of social media	Alternatives to social media
(i) <u>keeping in touch</u> with friends	(ii) <u>phones</u>
making (iii) <u>new</u> friends	(iv) <u>hobbyist clubs</u>

51. Answer the following questions based on information given in paragraph 7.

(3 marks)

i) What is social media replacing?

- an industry: professional journalism
- a personal activity: hanging out

ii) Regarding the personal change, what is the activity being replaced with?

sitting at home sharing memes and videos online

52. i) What is the meaning of an 'art form' (line 27), according to Law?

(3 marks)

a fertile medium of expression

ii) Does Law agree that memes are an art form? Why or why not?

No, she thinks they are too simplistic and dumb down debates

iii) Is Law absolutely certain of her opinion? Why or why not?

No, she isn't. Some of her smartest friends think memes are an art form

53. Complete the summary below of Law's opinion. Use ONE word only for each blank. All of the words can be found in paragraph 9. (4 marks)

Using memes is not the same as coming up with something (i) original to express, and a quick look at any social media (ii) timeline is proof enough, as conversations there are always highly (iii) repetitive. Past intellectuals have warned us about the danger of (vi) cliches.

54. In which paragraph does Law actually answer the question in paragraph 4?

paragraph 10

55. Answer the following questions based on paragraphs 3, 5 and 10.

i) In what way does social media radicalize people?

(1 mark)

Angry posts get more interaction including likes, shares and comments, so these messages get spread around more.

ii) Which function of social media gets affected by radicalization? How does it get affected?

(2 marks)

- ① Social media's ability to keep people informed by spreading news and letting people discuss and organize around political issues
- ① get affected as electoral candidates run on/exploit the hatred generated online.

iii) As implied by Law, why do social media companies not put a stop to the radicalization? (1 mark)

They make money by having more interaction online, which is generated most efficiently by anger.

56. What do the following phrases refer to? (2 marks)

i) 'the little ones in our pockets' (line 43)

smartphones / cell phones / mobile phones

ii) 'a global network that lets people send each other texts and images and other media' (lines 43-44)

the Internet

57. What is a 'Luddite' (line 45)?

someone who rejects / does not use technology at all

58. i) What does Law think of the 'basic technology' (line 43)? (1 mark)

It can be used productively for communication and creativity.

ii) What examples does she give to support her argument? (2 marks)

She uses it to send emails and to see her friends who use it to share their art.

59. i) In what paragraph does Law answer the first question in paragraph 11? (1 mark)

paragraph 13

ii) Law grounds her answer in ... (1 mark)

A. observable evidence

B. logical reasoning

C. expert opinion

D. gut instinct

A B C D

60. What is the meaning of 'virtually' in line 51?

A. completely

B. almost

C. fairly

D. not

A B C D

61. i) What is Law's answer to the second question in paragraph 11? (1 mark)

It is also built around superficial happiness

ii) Why does she consider this a bad thing for social media ... (2 marks)

- creators? It puts pressure on them to be perfect
- consumers It does not challenge them / numbs their minds

62. What does 'gets under my skin' (line 62) mean?

- A. hurts me
- B. bothers me
- C. interests me
- D. motivates me

A B C D

63. Why does Law emphasize the inability of tech companies to solve major social issues in paragraph 16?

to stress that people's faith in tech companies as brilliant problem-solvers is misplaced

64. Find a word in paragraph 17 that has a similar meaning to 'insidious' in line 50.

sinister

65. How do Law's feelings about tech companies differ from her feelings about fans of these companies? Explain why she feels this way. (2 marks)

① Law is highly critical of / feels angry towards tech companies because they exploit people who believe in them for profit

② However, she understands the believers themselves because everyone needs something to believe in it.

END OF PART B2