

## USE OF ENGLISH AS-LEVEL SECTION E PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR WORK AND STUDY

**Question-Answer Book** 

1.30 pm - 3.15 pm (1¾ hours) (28% of the subject mark)

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. After the announcement of the start of the examination, you should first write your Candidate Number in the space provided on Page 1 and stick barcode labels in the spaces on Pages 1 and 3.
- 2. Write your answers in the spaces provided in this Question-Answer Book. Do not write in the margins. Answers written in the margins will not be marked.
- Supplementary answer sheets will be supplied on request.
   Write your Candidate Number, fill in the question number and stick a barcode label on each sheet, and fasten them with string INSIDE this book.
- 4. Answer ALL questions.
- The rough-work sheets provided are for you to take notes.
   They will be collected separately and will not be marked.
- 6. No extra time will be given to candidates for sticking the barcode labels or filling in the question number boxes after the 'Time is up' announcement.

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## INSTRUCTIONS

As you complete the following tasks, remember that all your comments must be based on information in the Data File. Your comments must be understood by readers who do not have copies of the Data File to refer to.

## Situation and Role

You are Jacky Lee, an employee at Xtreme Sports, which is a company specialising in organising outdoor sports courses and activities from beginner to advanced level including extreme sports such as adventure swimming.

Your boss, Eric Yeung, has received two emails. One email is an enquiry from Kim Wang, Summer Activities Coordinator at St. Bartholomew Secondary School, asking for information about your company's activities. The other email is from Mrs Edith Tardelli whose son recently participated in one of Xtreme Sports' hiking trips. Eric Yeung wants you to write a report to be sent to Kim Wang. You also need to write a reply to the second email.

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- Content
- Relevance
- Tone
- Appropriacy of text type
- Coherence and cohesion
- Grammatical range and accuracy

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Not to be taken away before the end of the examination session

## **Email from St. Bartholomew Secondary School**

From: Eric Yeung Sent: Fri 25/3/2011 9:23 AM

To: Jacky Lee

Ce:

Subject: FW: Summer trip for Form Four students

Dear Jacky

Please refer to the email below. Can you write a report for me to attach to my reply to Ms. Wang? Is it possible for you to send it to me next week?

Thanks

Eric

From: Kim Wang

Sent: Wednesday, March 23, 2011 1:28 PM

To: Eric Yeung

Subject: Summer trip for Form Four students

Dear Mr Yeung

Every year our school offers a weekend camp in July for outstanding Form Four pupils. Last year your company ran a hiking and camping weekend for our students. Although they enjoyed the weekend, some of the feedback showed that they would have liked an activity which was more exciting than hiking. The students have suggested coasteering, mountain biking and freerunning. Please could you tell us more about all of these activities including:

- How much it costs per person
- What the activity involves
- Whether any specific abilities are required for the activity
- What is included in the price
- Extras which are not included in the price
- Benefits of each

Please recommend a one-day activity which can challenge our students, can benefit them and which focuses on teamwork. Please could you explain why the two that you don't recommend aren't as suitable. The group we will be bringing has about 20 students. Can you handle this sort of number? Our budget is about \$1,000 per student.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Kim Wang Summer Activities Coordinator St. Bartholomew Secondary School

## **Email from Mrs Edith Tardelli**

From: edithtardelli@mailshot.com Sent: Mon 21	/3/2011 4:07 PM
To: eyeung@xtremesports.com Co: Subject:	

## Dear Mr Yeung

On the 20<sup>th</sup> March my son, Vincent Tardelli, was a member of the hiking group from the Christopherson Memorial International School which went hiking with your company in Wong Shek. The hike was led by Monica Lim, a member of your staff. In the afternoon I received a call from my son to say that he had hurt his ankle and was on his way to hospital in an ambulance. I have spoken to my son about what happened and would like you to answer the following questions:

- Why was there only one Xtreme Sports guide with the group? One leader does not seem to be enough.
- Is Monica Lim qualified to lead a hike?
- Why wasn't the guide carrying a mobile phone? I consider this to be dangerous.
- Why doesn't your company use qualified first-aiders as guides? Was adequate first aid given? What did the guide do when the accident happened?
- My son told me there was a dangerous snake which was on the path during the hike. Why didn't the guide see the snake?

This incident was very upsetting and I expect an activity company such as yours to have higher professional standards. This time no-one was seriously hurt, but next time someone could be.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Edith Tardelli

## Hong Kong's Outdoor Adventure Blog



February 2011

January 2011

December 2010

November 2010

October 2010

September 2010

<u>August 2010</u>

July 2010

June 2010

May 2010

**April 2010** 

March 2010



## First time coasteering...

Posted on March 1, 2011 @ 2:01 PM

Take a read of my little brother's blog entry below about his first time coasteering. If you read the whole thing, you get a real idea of how he's benefited and what he's had to overcome...

I stood on the top of the rock and tried not to look down. I was only about three metres above the water but it felt like 100 metres. I looked out at the horizon and the sun glinted off the blue water and I knew that I needed to jump. Jumping was my greatest challenge — what I'd been dreading. I was afraid.

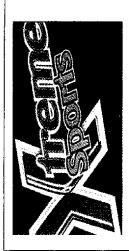
I could hear the excited laughter of the group behind me. Were they as nervous as I was? Why did I have to jump first? Monica, our group leader, had picked me to go first. Maybe she knew that I was scared! I can't do this, I thought to myself. Why am I even here? Why did I decide to do this?

Me and my best friend, Micky, had decided to do something different on our public holiday. Somebody mentioned coasteering at Xtreme Sports. "It's easy. The one thing you need to do – really the only thing – is to be able to swim. That's all," Eric Yeung told us when we enrolled. Sounded easy. Not so easy as I stood there about to jump, though.

Okay, it can't be that hard. I concentrated and tried to remember what Monica had told us and showed us. During the morning we had worked together as a team with the others in the group and learned things like checking each other's helmets and how important it was to encourage each other.

I could clearly remember the instruction not to hesitate. I needed to do it – now or never. Once I was in the water, the rest of the team would be relying on me to catch their bags as soon as they threw them into the water before they jumped. Plus I needed to help them if they were scared. I put one foot out and leaned back onto my other foot and then counted down quickly "5-4-3-2-1 ....aarrggh!" Suddenly I was in the air and dropping and then I hit the water...and surfaced smiling from ear to ear. I could hear the rest of the group cheering and clapping. I looked up to see Monica beaming down at me, "Okay?", she shouted. "Brilliant!", I yelled back. I couldn't stop smiling. It was unbelievable and I couldn't wait for the next jump. I felt great about myself. I couldn't wait to get home and tell my brothers. They'd never believe me!

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## Coasteering- the sport for you

Imagine a sport with all the thrills of adventure swimming. Throw in a bit of rock climbing. Then some jumping and diving for good measure. Then imagine doing all of these as you make your way from one part of the coast to the next. Always staying next to the sea as much as possible, of course. Imagine all that and you'll have an idea of what coasteering is.

'The best upper body and cardiovascular system workout out there,' according to eatselffitter.com. No wonder it was voted the best extreme sport of the year three years in a row in metabolic.com's annual polls.

Xtreme Sports organises group courses which can be half a day or whole day. In our Coasteering packages, we offer:

- minibus pick up and drop off for all participants
  - packed lunch provided for day courses
- maximum participant to instructor ratio of 12 people to one instructor
- larger group sizes available on request (with additional instructors if necessary)
- attention from qualified instructors (Adventure Swimming Certificate holders)
- courses for participants over 12 years of age
- basic equipment provided (buoyancy aid, waterproof bags, wetsuits and helmets)

Package <sup>@</sup>	Half Day	Full Day
	\$400	\$700
Extras	Safety boat	
	\$1,000	

\$35 per person

Helmet hire

Extras

© Insurance: \$50 per person

All bookings non-refundable. Bad weather will result in postponement of booking.

# Price Lists for Our Other Courses

## Mountain Biking

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Full Day

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Package

\$380

Freerunning\*

% Price may vary depending on route # Insurance: \$30 per person

Xtreme Sports Foresters Avenue Sai Kung

Telephone: 36288070

Email: eyeung@xtremesports.com Webpage: www.xtremesportshk.com

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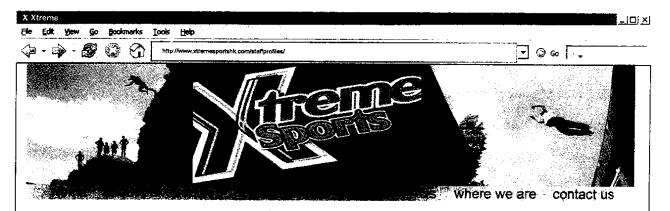
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## Staff Profiles from Xtreme Sports website



## **Staff Profiles**

Here at Xtreme Sports we pride ourselves in having the best instructors in Hong Kong. We also pride ourselves in being a small, professionally run company. It's the quality and not the quantity of our instructors which we think is important. That's why we have a small team of three instructors. We asked each of them to write a short introduction of themselves.

### Monica Lim

Hi, I'm the newest staff member here at Xtreme Sports and have been with the company for 6 months. I grew up in Hong Kong and went to school in Canada on a sports scholarship. I've worked as an extreme sports instructor and guide for over 10 years. I specialize in rock climbing, coasteering, adventure swimming, canoeing and hiking. If I were asked what my favourite extreme sport was, I'd probably tell you that it's coasteering. Strange as it seems, I love scrambling in and out of the water all afternoon. I find it's great for developing my stamina — both physical and mental. Tough it may be, but you soon realize how beneficial it actually is when you've done it. I'm currently training to join a group which intends to climb Everest in 2013.

Qualifications: Wilderness First Aid, Paddle Instructor (intermediate), Mountaineering and Hiking Instructor Award (UK), Adventure Swimming Certificate Advanced Level, Freerunning Instructor Intermediate Level

## Edward Lau

I've been a member of the Xtreme Sports team for over 8 years and am known by my colleagues as the 'bike king' due to my 'great knowledge' of mountain bikes and my love of the sport. Why do I love it so much? Well, this may sound funny but I find it's a really good opportunity to think things through on my own. I've ridden all over the world and enjoy searching out new routes for our mountain bikers to take. I'm a water sports fan and if I'm not out on my bike, you'll probably find me leading some of our coasteering activities.

Qualifications: Wilderness First Aid, Mountain-bikers Instructors Award Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced (UK), Mountain Bike Maintenance Course, Adventure Swimming Certificate Intermediate Level, Freerunning Instructor Intermediate Level.

## **Benny Carlos**

I'm first and foremost a freerunner. I became interested in freerunning when I was studying for my sports degree in London. I was a bit skeptical at first, but once I watched it in action, I saw how it helped even the shyest of people to come out of their shell and work in a group. That seemed to me to be something worth getting involved in. I also enjoy mountain biking and often join Edward to take out larger groups of participants on our mountain biking courses. What are my future plans? Find more freerunning routes and do some more mountain biking with Edward.

Qualifications: Freerunning Instructor Advanced Level, Emergency First Aid, Mountain-bikers Instructors Award Beginner + Intermediate Level (UK).

## An interview with Hong Kong freerunners, Dickson Wu and Princess Rivera

How long have you been freerunning?

DW: Well, I've been going since about 2005. I was studying in the US and tried it out with some friends who were into it. I was hooked after the first session.

PR: I'm more of a veteran. I've been doing it for over 10 years.

Some people haven't heard of this sport, can you tell us what it is exactly?

PR: I'm not sure where to start. Freerunning is a very athletic sport.

DW: OK, but maybe you should say what it involves!

PR: Yeah, I was coming to that - running, jumping.

DW: And some acrobatic movements like somersaults.

PR: But there's more to it than that. When you run, you need to try and get to your destination like in a different way.

Different from what?

DW: From how you normally get there. Like jumping over walls or down stairs or-

PR: Even sliding down handrails. I mean, it's a great sport 'cause you need to develop physical strength.

DW: Yeah, strength, but don't forget speed and agility.

PR: OK, Dickson's particularly fast and agile, so that's why he's keen to mention those!

DW: Princess is, lest we forget, quite famous in freerunning circles for her strength!

PR: Well, you know...I think the best way to describe it is what my old instructor John 'Balance' Carter used to say: It's like the outdoors is a big gym.

DW: Imagine you're trying to get from your school to the bus stop – but in an interesting way.

PR: Like trying to do three jumps on the way, but you're running at the same time.

What are the benefits?

PR: We often hear how teenagers should be doing more exercise, but the type of exercise recommended is often



Dickson and Princess in action in New York recently.

a bit boring. Well, freerunning certainly isn't. Teenagers love it. They can be cool at the same time as getting fit.

DW: Yeah, me and Princess here were even in a music video in New York last month.

Anything else you'd like to tell the readers?

PR: Well, it takes a lot of practice, but anyone can do it.

DW: Yeah, I agree. You don't need any special abilities to start off. But don't expect to be doing big jumps and other difficult movements like running up the wall overnight.

PR: Yeah, 'Balance' Carter always said, start small and build on it. And practise as often as you can. That way you'll make sure that even the simple movements are perfect. Plus there's less danger of hurting yourself like that.

DW: I'd go along with that. It all sounds like hard work. But it's important to remember why we do it. When you're faced with a higher jump to do or something you've never tried and you find the courage from somewhere. You feel great about yourself. That's the buzz of freerunning! And that's why we do it.

So there you have it, readers. Are you prepared to meet the challenges of freerunning?

## Hong Kong Advice Forums website



Home > Hong Kong Advice Forums > Sports and Entertainment

## Mountain biking in HK???

Posted by Byronsquare (17 days ago)

Just arrived in Hong Kong. Am mad keen on mountain biking. Am looking for a company that hires bikes and runs courses. That sort of thing. Any recommendations?

Posted by Walpurgis (11 days ago)

Me and a few of my mates tried out ACandCo last month. They're based in Tai Po. I was impressed with them actually. Instructor to group ratio was 1:10, which isn't bad. Courses are for all levels (some of my mates were almost complete beginners). Half and full day packages. The prices included the hire of the bike (bikes are for all ages).

Posted by COH (9 days ago)

Welcome to Hong Kong! I agree with Walpurgis. ACandCo are good, but in my experience the best is Xtreme Sports. They offer all that ACandCo do but they include a minibus to pick you up and drop you off if you need it. And a reasonable packed lunch. And the instructor to group ratio is the same as ACandCo's. All for the same price. You can find them online at <a href="https://www.xtremesportshk.com">www.xtremesportshk.com</a>

## Extracts from Malaysia Mountain Biking Race video diary

## Sun. 10th October 2010

Time: 07:30

I'm standing on the start line for the annual Malaysia Mountain Biking Race. I'm not sure what to expect because I mostly use my bike on the roads, but I know that true mountain biking is an off-road activity. I'll be going up hills and across streams and through woods today and there are certainly not going to be any roads, I can tell you. There are four stages so I hope I can do this.

Time: 08:22

Phew, I've just finished the first stage and I'm feeling a little bit tired. It's hard work and I've already gone up two big hills. Mind you, the views made it worth it. That's one of the great things about mountain biking – seeing all this just like really, really amazing scenery. Right, stage two has a big stream. Let's see how I go.

Time: 09:55

I'm really wet and muddy! I had to carry the bike across the stream because the rocks were slippery. The next stage has one big hill; I hope I can get to the top without stopping.

Time: 10:30

Well, I managed to get up the hill in the end. I never realised how lonely you can feel on a mountain bike. I mean, there's a group of us here and everything. But I don't get the sense that teamwork really plays much of a part in all this. We're all too busy focusing on getting up these hills. The next stage is the last one, but it's the longest one. Wish me luck!

Time: 11:58

Finished! I'm feeling very happy but tired. That last stage was really hard but I made it. Would I do it again? Absolutely! It might sound strange but I really think it's done me some good. Physically, I mean. I'm off to have a long shower and a big lunch. After burning all those calories doing all that exercise, I think I deserve it. See you next year.

## Xtreme Sports press release, 24th October 2009

## **Xtreme Sports extends services**

Xtreme Sports is pleased to announce the commencement of its freerunning courses.

The Sai Kung-based company is confident that the classes will prove popular with people looking for a different kind of activity. Eric Yeung, Managing Director of Xtreme Sports explains, 'It's a popular, fast-growing sport. We have classes for different levels, including beginner. We guarantee personal attention by restricting group size to 6 people per instructor.' Courses typically start by warming up carefully and then practising basic moves on flat ground with the instructor and then progressing onto doing runs in an urban area near Sai Kung. For the full-day course we include a packed lunch in the price. There is an age restriction in place, as Yeung explains, 'We always place our clients' health and safety first. Because this activity is quite physical, we have an age limit of 18 years upwards.'

The addition of freerunning to the company's range of extreme sports activities is sure to prove popular and builds on the company's reputation as Hong Kong's leading provider of extreme sports courses since its development of coasteering courses in 2007.

## Hong Kong Professional Hiking Association web page



## Code of Conduct for Hike Leaders

This Code of Conduct has been produced by the committee of the HKPHA to let members know the various operating policies which all registered hike leaders must adhere to.

- 1. The hike leader should be competent in navigation techniques and in basic first aid.
- 2. The hike leader should ensure that s/he has the following: first aid kit; survival bag(s); torch; emergency rations; compass; mobile phone; and maps of area to be walked in.
- 3. Where reasonably practicable the weather forecast for the day should be obtained from the Hong Kong Observatory.
- 4. Maximum recommended hike leader to group member ratio is 1:6.
- 5. All people intending to participate in the walk should be advised on the appropriate equipment required for the anticipated weather conditions and style of walk.
- 6. The hike leader should ensure that each member of the group has brought a suitable amount of food and water for the hike.
- 7. The hike leader should always fill in a log of the hike and submit it to the organisation where s/he is employed. The completed log should be subsequently submitted to the HKPHA.
- 8. In the event of an accident, the emergency services should be contacted by mobile phone immediately if the accident is judged to be serious. If the person is unconscious, s/he should not be moved. If the injured party is conscious the hike leader should check for concussion by asking some simple questions. S/he should have the following information ready before calling: number of casualties, nature of injuries, grid reference, locally identifiable points and time of accident.

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## **Xtreme Sports hiking log**



## XTREME SPORTS HIKING LOG

This part to be completed prior to hike:

Hike: Wong Shek circular route

Guide: Monica Lim

Group: Christopherson Memorial Int'l School

Average age: 14

Expected duration: 4.5 - 5 hours

Signature of Guide: Monica Lim

Date: 20th March 2011

Number of participants: 6

Experience: Novices
Expected weather: Fine

Comments ( to be completed after hiking)

Hike not completed - a group member hurt his ankle (Vincent Tardelli). Ambulance called. Met ambulance at Pak Sha O Youth Hostel on Hoi Ha Road as instructed by emergency services on phone. Hike abandoned.

Edward Lau interviewed the group the following day by phone as instructed by E. Yeung. Notes of the interviews are attached.

Recommendations for guides (if any):

Carry two mobile phones, just in case.

## Notes from interviews with hiking group members

Kit Li: "I didn't see what happened because I was at the back of the group. We were walking along and then suddenly someone shouted that there was a snake and then I heard someone else shout that Vincent had broken his ankle. Monica checked his leg carefully but started asking him some pretty strange questions, like what his name was and if he knew which day of the week it was. Anyways, she decided that it didn't look broken in the end. I never saw a snake."

Apple Tam: "I saw the snake, it was about 25cm long, just off the path, I thought it looked quite pretty. Monica had seen it and told us it wasn't an aggressive snake and to go past quietly and some of us did. Then I heard Vincent fall over and he was shouting that he'd broken his ankle. That scared the snake. It disappeared quickly anyway."

Freddy Man: "We didn't see the snake — Vincent wasn't looking where he was going 'cause he was trying to get his camera out of his bag. Monica was really good after he fell over. She decided to play it safe and get him to a hospital. But her phone wouldn't work so she borrowed mine to call for the ambulance."

Yoo Jae-yong: "Vincent's my friend and I was worried about him and maybe kind of overreacted. But Monica didn't panic. She did all the first aid – I mean she was carrying a first aid pack and everything – and she checked that he was ok, Vincent I mean. She used what was in the pack to bandage his ankle. We didn't see a snake. Vincent fell over a stone on the path. Typical Vincent!"

Stephie Callahan: "I was in the middle of the group walking with Apple so I didn't see everything that happened. Some boys were screaming 'cause they were like scared of the snake. And Vincent was shouting like he'd been shot. Monica calmed us all down."

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