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Preface

This book is written for those who are in Secondary One. It covers the new syllabus English Language Papers 1 and 2. Components like Editing, Composition, Situational Writing, Visual Text, Comprehension and Summary Writing are included.

In order to achieve competence in the English Language, pupils must possess certain skills. They need to know how to deduce the meaning of unfamiliar words in order to fully comprehend the passage. Then, they must also be able to pick out relevant points to answer the summary questions.

Therefore, this book aims to give pupils practice to answer a wide range of questions in line with the new English Language examination format. This book also aims to expose pupils, through the comprehension passages, to new words, phrases and styles of writing which pupils can apply in their compositions.

The answers at the back of the book provide a guide to pupils on the kind of answers that are expected of them.

Besides practising, it is also important to read newspapers, books and short stories to acquire new ideas and widen one's vocabulary bank.

Happy practising!

Charmaine Foo-Wong



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Model Examination 1

Paper 1

Editing (10 marks)

Read the text below. The first and last lines are correct. For the rest of the eight lines, there is a grammatical error. There are two lines with no errors. If there is an error in a line, circle the error and write its correct answer on the blank provided. If there is no error, put a tick (✓) in the blank provided.

I arrived (to) my destination at 2 pm. at

My mother always wears sensible clothes. ✓

A shaft of sunlight found a way through the thick curtains, and managed to weave its way and cast its full brilliance on my face. I squirmed uncomfortable as the light turned the darkness in front of me into red and reluctantly opened my eye to a new day. I turned around in my stomach and hugged my pillow tightly as if I was prevented by a strong gust of wind from blowing me away. In this spot of my home, I find solace. When the sofa would not accommodate my long body and the chair would laugh at my futile attempts at sitting down comfortably, my bed would always be there for me. Its soft, fluffy bedding would mould around my body, fitted me snugly into a warm cocoon, sheltering me at the deathly chills of the air-conditioner. The springs would support me as I slept, cradling my back and ensured that I was in the best position for a rest. Even as I was sitting at the desk, trudging through a mountain of work, the bed would beckon to me.	**(1)** _____ **(2)** _____ **(3)** _____ **(4)** _____ **(5)** _____ **(6)** _____ **(7)** _____ **(8)** _____ **(9)** _____ **(10)** _____

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Composition (30 marks)

Write on one of the following questions, using between 250 and 300 words.

1. Describe a family outing that turned into a tragedy.

2. The good news

3. Continue the story: "I felt guilty at having disappointed them..."

4. Togetherness

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Situational Writing (30 marks)

Volunteers needed to clean up Kranji Beach on 28 Jun 2014 from 9 am to 4 pm



A: How you can help

Form your own group of friends, family members or relatives (at least 5 people) to

- Pick litter from the beach
- Wash the public toilets at the beach
- Sweep the jogging and cycling tracks to remove leaf litter
- Rake up the dead leaves from under the trees
- Scrub the barbecue pits

** Packet lunch and drinks will be provided

B: Benefits

- It is a good time for families, relatives and friends to bond
- It gives meaning to our lives
- We learn to co-operate and nurture teamwork
- We get to meet more people
- We learn to keep our environment clean
- It is an occasion to enjoy nature
- Most of all, all volunteers can have fun together

For more information on the community service, visit our website at cleanupkranji@yahoo.com
Interested parties, please call/sms Erica at 9123 4567 to register your group.

You came across this website inviting volunteers to help to clean up Kranji Beach. You are interested to take part in it but you need to encourage your friends to join you. So far, you have managed to persuade your elder sister and younger brother to volunteer.

Write a letter of about 200 words to a friend to persuade him/her to join you and your siblings in the event. Tell him/her what is expected of him/her during the session and how it will benefit him/her. Ask him/her to get his/her sibling to join all of you in the activity.

You should write your letter in a friendly and persuasive tone.

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Paper 2

Text 1: Visual Text (5 marks)

Study the flyer below and answer the following questions.

Attention Property Owners

Get rich with the flat you live in

FREE for first 20 registrations



Desmond Smith
Multi-million property investor and winner of the Young Entrepreneur Award 2009



Edward Long
Trainer and Business Consultant to 3000 businesses in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Taiwan

Come attend this seminar presented by Edward Long and learn some trade secrets:

- *5 amazing strategies how you can own 3 properties without any money*
- *We can help you find the CASH to buy a property*
- *The recent cooling measures by the government and how we can benefit from them*
- *The Golden Rules in investing in properties to avoid costly mistakes*

REGISTER NOW

Simply SMS <Name> <space> <email address> <no. of pax> to 91123456.
Or call Benson at 61123456 to book a seat.

Date and time of seminar : 11 April 2014 (9 am to 5 pm)
Venue : 3 Geylang Road, ABC Building, #05-06, Singapore 654321
Organised by : Four Moons Property Investment Group
1 Shenton Quay, #45–00, Singapore 112233

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1. (a) Who is the target audience of this advertisement? **(1 mark)**

_____

(b) What action do you think the advertiser wants the targeted audience to take after reading this advertisement? **(1 mark)**

_____

2. Why do you think the two men in the foreground of the picture show the thumbs-up sign? **(1 mark)**

_____

3. Refer to the words `Free For First 20 Registrations'. Give a reason why these words will attract the public's attention. **(1 mark)**

_____

4. Which sentence gives the main purpose of this advertisement? **(1 mark)**

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Text 2: Passage 1 (20 marks)

Read the following passages and answer the questions that follow.

In a new seven-year study on sharks, researchers from the University of Florida and the University of Hawaii used new techniques to analyse the **predators**' movements in the Hawaiian archipelago, where recent shark attacks have gained international attention, including a **fatal** attack in August 2013.

The study revealed different migration patterns between males and females – males were less likely to move between the Hawaiian islands, while about 25 percent of mature females moved from the **remote** French Frigate Shoals atoll to the main Hawaiian Islands during late summer and early autumn. Mature female tiger sharks moved during late summer and fall to the main Hawaiian Islands, to presumably give birth. In the study, sharks were recorded to have swum within the proximity of receivers placed at every island in the Hawaiian archipelago, which spans about 2400 kilometres.

"We previously analysed data to see the type of sharks that are hanging around shark tours with cage divers on Oahu, and one of the things we noticed was that you'd get a spike in the number of tiger sharks in October, which would match our prediction that you're having an influx of big, pregnant females coming from the north-western Hawaiian Islands," said Yannis Papastamatiou, a marine biologist in the division of ichthyology at the Florida Museum of Natural History in the University of Florida. "There even tends to be a spike in the number of shark bites that occur during that season."

Researchers used satellite information to track when the sharks reach the surface, thus confirming **horizontal movements**. They also investigated environmental circumstances, **resource** availability, first-hand observations and data collected from previous studies to better understand varying conditions and validate their results.

"We knew tiger sharks have fairly complicated movement patterns," said Papastamatiou, who studied sharks as part of his doctorate research at the University of Hawaii. "Once we looked at data for the full seven years and used the right analysis, everything started to fall into place. Now we have a much better understanding of the migration patterns of these sharks."

"Although we believe approximately a quarter of mature females swim from French Frigate Shoals atoll to the main Hawaiian Islands in the fall to give birth," Papastamatiou said, "other individual sharks will also swim to other islands, perhaps because they are trying to find a more suitable thermal environment, or because there may be more food at that island."

The current study focused on migration patterns and not on human-shark interactions. However, data extracted from the International Shark Attack File housed at the Florida Museum show Hawaii had 10 reported cases of shark attacks in 2012. In 2013, eight reported attacks have occurred, and in August 2013, it was the first fatality in Hawaii since 2004. From 1926, the highest numbers of reported attacks in Hawaii occurred in October, November and December.

"Tiger sharks are found worldwide in tropical and subtropical waters. As adults, they are one of the largest predatory fishes in the ocean, and mature females most likely give birth every three years. Since tiger sharks tend to be near the top of the food chain, they play a large role in other marine animals' behaviour. They also have one of the broadest, **most general diets among all sharks**," said Papastamatiou.

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This research was funded by a large number of agencies, including the Monterey Bay Aquarium and the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

5. When do you think the study on sharks' movement in the Hawaiian islands began? Pick out 2 phrases from paragraph 1 that tell you so. **(3 marks)**

_____

_____

6. To what does the word "predators" in line 2 refer? **(1 mark)**

_____

7. What does the word "fatal" in line 3 tell you about what happened to the victim of the shark attack? **(1 mark)**

_____

8. What does the word "remote" in line 5 tell us about the location of the French Frigate Shoals atoll? **(1 mark)**

_____

9. (a) Why do mature female sharks travel as much as 2400 kilometres? **(1 mark)**

_____

(b) Using your own words, give 2 other reasons why sharks migrate. **(2 marks)**

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_____

10. What do you think shark tours entail? **(1 mark)**

_____

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11. Without using the words from the passage, describe Yannis Papastamatiou's occupation. **(1 mark)**

_____

12. What are "horizontal movements" in line 17? **(1 mark)**

_____

13. Pick out another word from the passage that has the same meaning as the word "resource" in line 17. **(1 mark)**

_____

14. Do you think it would be more appropriate to address Yannis Papastamatiou as "Dr Yannis Papastamatiou"? Explain your answer. **(2 marks)**

_____

_____

15. How do tiger sharks affect the behaviour of other marine animals? **(2 marks)**

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16. Why did Papastamatiou say that tiger sharks have the "most general diets among all sharks" (line 36)? **(1 mark)**

_____

17. Pick out the phrases in the passage that has the following meanings: **(2 marks)**

	Phrase from the passage
(a) ideas make sense	
(b) paid attention to	

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Answers

Model Examination Paper 1

Paper 1: Editing

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Paper 2:

Text 1: Visual Text

1. **(a)** People who own property
   (b) Register for the seminar
2. They want to tell the audience that the seminar is good / helpful.
3. Those who are among the first 20 to register for the seminar do not need to pay anything to benefit from it.
4. "Get rich with the flat you live in"

Text 2:

5. 2006. "a new seven-year study on sharks" and "a fatal attack in August 2013".
6. sharks
7. The victim died.
8. The French Frigate Shoals atoll is far away from people.
9. **(a)** to give birth
   (b) to seek warmer waters and to find food
10. People who want to see sharks at close range will go into a cage that is lowered into the ocean where sharks are believed to be found in.
11. He is a scientist who studies fish in the ocean.

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