



# English Language Department

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## 1. READING COMPREHENSION 6 MARKS

### 1. As access improves, online shopping takes off in Asia

**SINGAPORE:** From dresses to handbags, diamonds to music downloads, consumers in Asia are taking to Internet shopping as never before, making the region one of the world's fastest-growing e-commerce markets.

- "I like to shop for clothes online because no sales girls will disturb me," said Cecelia Wang, a 23-year-old university student in Taipei who said she spent about 1,500 Taiwan dollars, about \$43, each month on Internet shopping. What is really crucial is that ; "For online shopping, all I need to do is sit in my room ,just click on the button and shop, which is by no means eminent and great."
- Internet commerce is increasingly making its presence felt in Asia because telecommunication has improved and payment which is a major obstacle to online shopping, is becoming more and more secure, analysts say.
- The percentage of the population that has Internet access is about 17 percent in Asia versus 73 percent in North America and almost 50 percent in Europe, according to [www.internetworldstats.com](http://www.internetworldstats.com).
- As more people in countries like China and India get hooked up to the Internet, online sales are expected to rise by an average of 20 percent a year. In some markets, including Japan, they are expected to increase by as much as 40 percent annually.

International Herald Tribune

By Dhara Ranasinghe and Lee Chyen Yee Reuters | Feb 18, 2009





I. Comprehension Questions (6 Marks)

1. Tick (✓) the right alternative

(1mark)

The text is mainly about:

a) the risks of internet shopping in Asia

b) Internet is a vicious place in Asia

c) The quick development of internet shopping in Asia

2. Answer the following question with one (1)detail from the text

(1mark)

According to Cecelia what is the most important reason for which she likes shopping for clothes online?

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3. Fill each blank with one Expression From paragraphs 1 and 5

(1mark)

In Asia, E-commerce .....rapidly. Consequently, people are becoming more and more ..... to it .

4. Are the following statements True or False

(2marks)

a)	In Asia paying on time is still a major obstacle to E-commerce.	
b)	Online sales in Japan's markets are expected to rise by an average of 20 percent a year	

5. Give a personal and justified answer to the following question :

Will you get into the experience of E-commerce? Why? Why not? (1Mark)

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## II. Language 8Marks

### 1. Circle the right option

(0.5×6=3marks)

Peter Wilson is a happily married father of three. What sets Peter apart from many other fathers at his age is his career choice. (Although –whereas –so ) he was successful in his career, Peter chose to quit his job in order to become a househusband.

“It’s a very different lifestyle”, Peter admits.

With the birth of our (young –younger- youngest) son, my wife and I agreed that I had to give up my job to stay at home and assume all the burden of their (upbringing - bringing up – bring up ) the kids since my wife had(badly-paid / low-paid / well-paid) job and her salary was ( much -more-many) better than mine. Being a househusband is increasing in the United States. Nowadays, it is not unusual to see men performing duties which have traditionally been seen as the wife’s domain. “I don’t feel ashamed of my career choice”, Jack says. “I definitely don’t miss the old days, I’m happier than ever for my wife because she is the family (breadwinner-burden –problem). Having stay-at- home husbands is a new trend that is likely to spread all over the world.

### 2. Match the sentence parts in column A with those in column B to get coherent paragraph. There is one extra part in column B. Write your answers in the space provided.

(0.5×4=2 marks)

Column A	Column B
1-Some of my friends in the seventh grade started being cruel to me. Soon I	A- threw my backpack on bed, buried my face into his hands and started to sob.
2-She and her friends bullied me all the time.	b-up with a solution that worked for me. I transferred to another middle school.
3- Consequently all day long at school I would lock myself in the bathroom and cry my eyes out.	c- became the target of a group of bullies which Samantha was the leader.
4-With the headmaster’s support ,my parents helped me come	d- They would call me names and tell me to “go back to Africa. .” The insults made me feel terrible and miserable. .
	e- It was the only place I felt safe. But things got worse and didn’t like to go to school anymore.

Answers:	1+.....	2+.....	3+.....	4+.....
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### 3. Fill in the blanks with six (6) words from the list

(0.5×6=3marks)

over /overall / about/ however / within / risk / developing / quitting

It’s a matter of fact that most of the people who smoke wish they didn’t because they are well aware of the health problems they may..... They live with a fear of .....some kind of disease one day. In fact most of the time they know that smoking may cause cancer and serious heart diseases. ...., they feel powerless to quit. That’s what addiction does to a person. To these people I would like to say: Just think, ..... smoking reduces by half your risk of getting lung cancer, heart disease or stroke .....a few years! Quitting smoking will give you better .....health and a better quality of life.





**III. WRITING 6MARKS**

You received this letter from your best English penfriend LILLY

**Dear friend**

I feel miserable and I have nothing but problems. I don't get along with my parents .My father is tight-fisted and my mother is over-protective .Besides my school results are degrading because I was bullied and I hated school. That's why I am thinking of leaving school. I also intend to rent a house and live with my friends .I will not tell my parents about my plans .please help me .I am depressed.

**Yours sincerely miserable friend**

Write her a reply letter in which you advise her on how to overcome her problems with her parents and at school.

A large empty rectangular box provided for writing the reply letter.



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