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English B – Higher level – Paper 2 – Reading comprehension
Anglais B – Niveau supérieur – Épreuve 2 – Compréhension écrite
Inglés B – Nivel Superior – Prueba 2 – Comprensión de lectura

Thursday 12 May 2022 (afternoon)

Jeudi 12 mai 2022 (après-midi)

Jueves 12 de mayo de 2022 (tarde)

1 h

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Text A

Useful diet tips on the road to recovery



In a healthy-eating workshop session at a patient support centre in Hong Kong, about 20 people listen attentively as a dietitian explains the benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle. The participants, many of whom have recovered from cancer, are also given tips on how to get all the nutrients they need if they adopt a meat-free approach.

5 The gathering is one of the highlights of a wellness programme set up by Maggie's Cancer Caring Centre. Helen Lui, who runs the charity, said it was important to make sure patients got enough nutrients during and after their treatment. Under the theme "Eating Well", an array of activities have been staged at the organisation's
10 specially-designed centre, all aimed at helping patients better equip themselves for the challenges of their illnesses. "As well as talks on nutrition, since body conditions among patients vary, we also carry out diet assessment for individuals and make specific recommendations to them," Lui said.

15 Dietitian Sally Poon, who hosted the healthy-eating workshop, said demand for one-on-one diet assessment was huge. When designing personal diet plans for patients, Poon sometimes had to address their concerns about widely-believed food myths, which prompted many to avoid certain ingredients. "I explain to them whether these food myths are substantiated by scientific evidence," she said. "It's important for patients to eat enough calories. We don't normally encourage them to quit any particular type of food."

20 Mok Chun-keung, 66, sought advice from the diet expert to deal with his digestive problems. The retiree stopped eating meat after being diagnosed with cancer about two years ago. "I just ate vegetables," Mok said. He is thankful that Poon has helped him to balance his diet.

25 The centre was founded by Maggie Jencks, who had first-hand experience of living with cancer. She used this to create a blueprint for a new type of care. The philanthropist saw the need for a welcoming place away from a hospital, where patients, their families and friends could go for support.

The first Maggie's Centre opened in Edinburgh in 1996, a year after her death. In 2008, the charity opened a temporary centre in Hong Kong, which was relocated five years later to its present address, in a building designed by architect Frank Gehry.

Text B

How to Help Students Avoid Heritage Language* Loss

- ① For students who have immigrated to the United States or who come from families who do not speak English as the primary language at home, learning to speak English fluently is one way to ensure proper communication and education in the classroom. Over time, however, as children assimilate more into the English-dominated world, both in the classroom and with their peers, they may begin to lose some of their heritage language due to lack of practice outside the home. This may even result in English becoming the primary language at home, at least among the children in the family, and cause potential communication issues and barriers if students do experience this language loss.
- ② Since strong student-parent communication is vital for a student’s success in school, we’ve compiled a few ways your school can aid students and parents with limited English proficiency when it comes to language loss.
 1. [- 21 -] If the school system has the ability to offer dual-language courses for these students, it will help encourage the use of their primary language outside of the home. Where older students are able to choose elective type classes, guide them in their choice of language class. It would be beneficial for them to focus on preserving the language skills they already have rather than learning a new language from scratch.
 2. [- 22 -] Inform them about the potential of language loss and ways they can encourage the use of the primary language both at home and in the community. Parents may assume that using English in the home will benefit the child by speeding up the process of learning English in general. However, this can increase the loss of their heritage language, as the child will no longer have an outlet for using this language if it is not spoken on a regular basis at home.
 3. [- 23 -] Research language groups and activities in the community that may afford the child an opportunity to use his/her heritage language outside of school or the home and compile a list of these options in the parents’ language on a professionally-translated handout.
 4. [- 24 -] This can make a big difference in helping parents feel comfortable discussing any issues, or celebrating their child’s accomplishments, with you. It also allows students to see their heritage language being used in a setting outside the home.
- ⑦ If these students see that your school places a level of importance on their heritage language, it increases the likelihood that they will want to continue speaking it both inside and outside the home. This not only allows students to see the value of their heritage language in a range of settings, but such extra measures also showcase its importance to the school.

* Heritage Language: a non-dominant language in a society (for example in the US context, Spanish, Korean or Hawaiian), which may be spoken in the home or community

Text C

An extract from *Journey On A Perfect Little Train*

For seven hours on the way to the small north Punjabi town of Palumpur we wiggled our way across ancient bridges and one very new one on a steep gradient towards the great snowy ridge.

5 After three hours, that ridge began to tower into the middle distance like a foam-crested tidal wave.

In the trough below, our little train fussed through an amazingly English-looking landscape, through groves of English-looking trees and English-

10 looking grasses and ferns. Oranges and pale blue flowers brushed our carriage door and small moths flew in and out of it. There were frequent stops. Mr Gosain, the driver, yanked on the steam brake and we clattered lightly into a minute station, with a minute platform and a minute old-fashioned waiting-room and ticket-office combined. At each stop, as railwaymen used to do in Britain, Mr Gosain handed the token pouch on its football-size ring to a station porter.

15 Mr Mehta and his assistant threw open the guard's van doors and porters languidly off-loaded bundles, sacks, bicycles and other cargo.



At Jawalamukhi Road station a notice said: “No roof riding is permitted due to fixed structure ahead” – anyone on the roof would have been swept off and deposited into the thick, deep grass over which the butterflies danced at the trackside. But we had no one on the roof. The passengers were content to open the carriage doors and stand laughing on the running board outside the stately moving train or hang out of the windows waving to people in the fields, or bullock cart drivers at small level crossings, or at each other as we negotiated one of the many sweeping bends.

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“Please join me on the footplate,” said Mr Gosain at one station. “Interesting curves ahead, sir, you would like to see them.”

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So I clambered up into the little engine cabin. Mr Gosain carefully put on his glasses, turned the driving lever to “High” and we slowly gathered speed. There was a red mark – probably for danger – on the speed gauge where it said 30 kilometres per hour. The needle sailed past the red mark. The little engine shook and rattled and headed at what seemed like enormous speed towards a viaduct over an abyss.

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Mr Gosain, ecstatically baring his twin tusks, shouted: “How do you like my driving? I am the speed champion!” We were approaching 45 kilometres an hour – not, you may say, something to break any records, but on this track it seemed enough for Mr Gosain, had he so wished, to have retracted the undercarriage, pulled back on the lever, and lifted gently off the ground.

35 But, of course, all was well. Mr Gosain's elderly co-driver, a small silent man in a corner of the cabin, motioned deferentially to the speed gauge. Mr Gosain casually flicked on the brake lever, and we ricketed across the viaduct safely and in fine style.

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