

Yan Chai Hospital Law Chan Chor Si College
2009-10 Liberal Studies - 3th News Quiz

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1. The Hong Kong Baptist Hospital said that a 33-year-old mainland woman died while giving birth, may have been caused by _____.

- A. an amniotic fluid embolism**
- B. the negligence of the doctor
- C. an overdose of Syntocinon
- D. an overdose of painkiller

Supplementary Note: The hospital said that no human error was involved in the case, and the death was likely to have been caused by an amniotic fluid embolism (羊水栓塞).

Amniotic fluid is the liquid that surrounds the fetus during pregnancy (懷孕), and during an embolism it enters the mother's bloodstream and triggers an allergic reaction, resulting in heart and lung failure.

2. The school drug testing trial scheme in Tai Po will be carried out only with consent from _____.

- A. the principal
- B. the student
- C. the student's parent
- D. both the student and the student's parent**

Supplementary Note: The school drug testing trial scheme in Tai Po will be carried out only with consent from both the student and the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). Consent forms will be distributed to students next month. There is only one check box to indicate consent from both the parent and student instead of having separate boxes for each party. "It allows parents and students to discuss the topic in advance. Parent-student communication is essential in beating drugs," a government source said.

3. Chief Executive Donald Tsang Yam-kuen has announced a plan which every family will get a HK\$100 coupon to buy _____.

- A. liquid-crystal display televisions
- B. energy-saving light bulbs**
- C. incandescent light bulbs
- D. recycle bags

Supplementary Note: A non-refundable, HK\$100 cash coupon for buying energy-saving light bulbs will be available under a plan announced by the chief executive. The coupons will be mailed with electricity bills to two million households in December. They will be exchangeable for compact fluorescent bulbs valued at up to HK\$100 at registered retailers from February 1 until the end of 2011. The shops taking part in the scheme will be announced later.

As a result of the move, CLP Power, who supply to Kowloon and the New Territories, and Hongkong Electric will charge an additional 50 and 60 HK cents respectively for each kilowatt-hour (千瓦時, 一度電(電的能量單位)) of electricity.

4. _____ villagers took the stance of "no moving, no demolition" in the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link plan.

A. Lok Ma Chau

B. Sha Tau Kok

C. Choi Yuen Tsuen

D. Lam Tsuen

Supplementary Note: Most of the present Choi Yuen Tsuen residents are not indigenous (土生土長的) to the village. They are mostly people who came to Hong Kong from the mainland in the 1950s and 1960s, and rent land from the indigenous villagers to farm and to use as a home.

Indigenous villagers, meanwhile, are living mostly at Wang Toi Shan. Some of them have started to negotiate compensation with Executive Council member Lau Wong-fat, who is also Heung Yee Kuk chairman. These landowners are willing to hand over their land. Their only concern is the amount of compensation.

Those who are insisting on "no moving, no demolition (拆毀)" are mostly non-indigenous residents who have been living there for many years. Apart from compensation, their concerns also include sentimental and livelihood factors.

5. Hong Kong athlete _____ served as a torchbearer at the 11th National Games Opening Ceremony Torch Relay.

A. Lee Lai Shan

B. Wang Chen

C. Marco Fu Ka Chun

D. Wong Kam-po

Supplementary Note: Mr Wong Kam-po, the cycling team member of the HKSAR Delegation to the 11th National Games of the People's Republic of China, was invited to serve as one of the torchbearers at the 11th National Games Opening Ceremony Torch Relay held in Jinan Olympic Sports Centre, Shandong province on October 16. Mr Wong, together with other four torchbearers, relayed the final leg of the torch at the sports centre and jointly lighted the main torch erected inside the venue to signify the official opening of the 11th National Games.

6. United States President Barack Obama won the 2009 Nobel _____ Prize.

A. Physics

B. Chemistry

C. Literature

D. Peace

Supplementary Note: The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided that the Nobel Peace Prize (諾貝爾獎) for 2009 is to be awarded to US President Barack Obama "for his extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy (外交) and cooperation between peoples". The Committee has attached special importance to Obama's vision of and work for a world without nuclear weapons (核武器).

7. The Department of Health warned the public not to buy or use a(n) _____ called “Show Party”.
- A. box of chocolates
 - B. slimming product**
 - C. energy drink
 - D. canned food

Supplementary Note: The Department of Health warned the public not to use the slimming product Show Party after a 17-year-old girl developed symptoms of acute psychosis (精神病). It said the product contained undeclared Western drug ingredients, phenolphthalein and sibutramine, which could cause serious side effects (副作用). The girl was admitted to United Christian Hospital on October 4 with emotional disturbance, paranoid ideas, hallucinations, suicidal thoughts and self-harm behaviour after taking the product, which she had bought on the internet. Her mental state was still unstable.

8. The _____ council announced the appointment of Albert Chan Sun-chi as university president.
- A. Hong Kong Baptist University**
 - B. Chinese University of Hong Kong
 - C. University of Hong Kong
 - D. City University of Hong Kong

Supplementary Note: The Hong Kong Baptist University council announced the appointment of Albert Chan Sun-chi as university president to succeed retiring Ng Ching-fai for a term of five years with effect from 1 July, 2010. Chan attended three consultation sessions as the only candidate to meet the teaching staff, students and alumni. 59-year-old Chan Sun-chi is a Chinese medicine and organic chemistry expert. He was elected a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2001 and was invited to take part in the China National Space Administration's Lunar Exploration Project Center's Lunar Exploration Programme.

9. A capsized boat reportedly killed dozens of people from Fujian who were trying to reach _____ illegally.
- A. Hong Kong
 - B. the United States**
 - C. Japan
 - D. South Korea

Supplementary Note: FUZHOU: Local police in the country’s eastern Fujian province are investigating a report of a capsized boat that allegedly killed dozens of people from the province who were trying to reach the United States illegally. The accident happened when an illegal ship, carrying about 70 stowaways from Fujian, overturned at the Caribbean Sea near Haiti enroute to the US. Dozens of people on board died, including more than 10 from Fujian’s Langqi county and others from Changle, Lianjiang, Guantou and other counties in the province.

10. Henderson Land Development sold a 6,158-square-foot 2-storey apartment in West Mid-Levels for a staggering _____ per square foot, setting a new world record.
- A. HK\$51,280
 - B. HK\$61,280
 - C. HK\$71,280**
 - D. HK\$81,280

Supplementary Note: A five-bedroom luxury unit in a Henderson Land Development project in West Mid-Levels has fetched a stunning HK\$71,280 per square foot, setting a new world record. The 6,158 sq ft duplex (佔有上、下兩層樓的公寓) home on the 68th floor of the single building project 39 Conduit Road fetched a price of HK\$439 million. "The buyer is a Hong Kong-registered company. But I believe [the owner] is from the mainland," said Thomas Lam, the general manager of Henderson's sales department. "This is a record high among all types of property units in Hong Kong."

11. On October 21, a sellout crowd of 37,459 for _____ do-or-die match against Kuwait Sports Club at Hong Kong Stadium.
- A. Kitchee's
 - B. Wofoo Tai Po's
 - C. Happy Valley's
 - D. South China's**

Supplementary Note: Local football witnessed a rare sight - a sellout crowd of 37,459 for South China's do-or-die match against Kuwait Sports Club at Hong Kong Stadium. At stake was a place in the Asian Football Confederation Cup Final, and the chance of a spot in the top-tier Asian Champions League. Needing to win 1-0 to progress on the away-goals rule, the Caroliners were beaten 1-0 by visiting Kuwait Sports Club in the semi-final second leg - losing 3-1 on aggregate after last week's 2-1 defeat in the away leg.

12. Four _____ tourists died when a hot-air balloon caught fire and crashed near Yangshuo in Guangxi.
- A. African
 - B. American
 - C. Dutch**
 - D. Japanese

Supplementary Note: Four Dutch tourists - two men and two women in their fifties - were killed in the scenic town of Yangshuo in Guangxi when a hot-air balloon burst into flames and plummeted 150 metres to the ground. The victims were among a group of seven people including five Dutch nationals who had ascended in the balloon for an aerial view of Yangshuo's famed karst hills, Xinhua reported. The two Chinese pilots lost control of the balloon, the report said. It then burst into flames and crashed to the ground. The others aboard the balloon were taken to hospital.