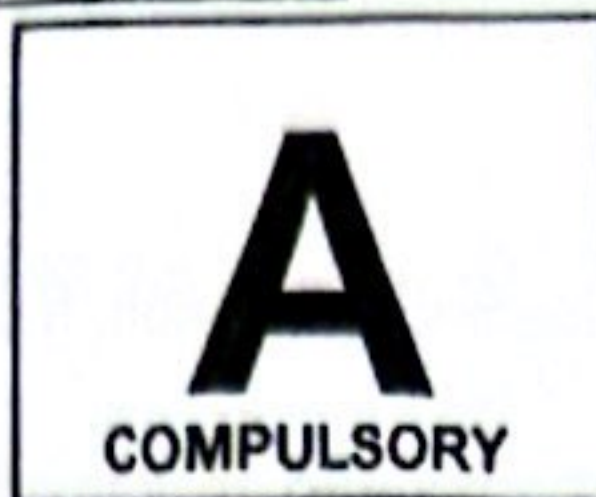


HKDSE 2023
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 PART A
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK



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Read Text 1 and answer questions 1-22. (42 marks)

Text 1

1. Complete the summary of paragraph 1 by selecting the best option from the choices below. (3 marks)

Stories are (i) _____ the human race and have been enjoyed throughout history. Yet some find it (ii) _____ to even get through the first few paragraphs of a story so flash fiction is (iii) _____ for many of today's readers.

- (i) A. as big as
 B. as old as
 C. as long as
 D. as difficult as

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- (ii) A. boring
 B. difficult
 C. essential
 D. meaningless

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- (iii) A. a big challenge
 B. a confusing idea
 C. an ideal solution
 D. an excellent puzzle

A B C D
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2. What word in paragraph 1 is used to indicate that the writer feels disappointed or unhappy with people's reading habits?

3. According to paragraph 1, what has changed so that writers have to look for different ways to tell stories?

4. Find a word in paragraph 1 which means things that are brief and concise.

5. Find a word in paragraphs 2, 3 or 4 which has a similar meaning to each word or phrase given below. (3 marks)

- (i) restrict _____
 (ii) strong _____
 (iii) too much of something _____

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