**Reading Task: Tips for Travellers to Stay Away from Novel Coronavirus**

**Suggested Level: S1-2**

**Task Description**

You will read an article on *Tips for travellers to stay away from novel coronavirus* and answer the related questions.

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| **Tips for Travellers to Stay Away from Novel Coronavirus**  Before your trip:   * Check whether there are reported cases at your travel destination. If there are, postpone or delay your trip. * Make sure you have prepared sufficient surgical masks and bottles of 70% to 80% alcohol-based handrubs. * If you feel unwell or have respiratory symptoms, such as cough, sore throat and difficulty breathing, consult a doctor and postpone your trip.   During your trip:   * Comply with all immigration and quarantine procedures, and health checks at destinations. * Do not go to the wet markets, live poultry markets or farms. * Avoid touching any animals (including game), poultry/birds or their droppings. * Keep your hands clean at all times. Wash your hands, especially after coughing, sneezing and touching escalator handrails, elevator control panels or door knobs, with soap and water. * When you cough or sneeze, cover your mouth and nose with tissue paper. Put your used tissue in a rubbish bin. If you don’t have any tissue paper, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve. * Observe the changes in health condition. If feeling unwell, e.g. coughing, having a fever or difficulty breathing, put on a surgical mask, inform the hotel staff or tour guide and seek medical advice immediately.   After returning home:   * If you return from Hubei Province, approach staff of Department of Health’s Port Health Division upon your arrival in Hong Kong. * If you return from other parts of the Mainland, self-isolate for 14 days and avoid having close contact with other members of the community, including your own family. If there are respiratory symptoms, consult a doctor promptly and inform the doctor of recent travel history and any exposure to animals. | 5  10  15  20  25 |

(Adapted from an article on the website of the Centre for Health Protection, Department of Health:

<https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/pdf/novel_infectious_agent_participants_for_travellers_en.pdf>)

**Refer to the text and answer the following questions.**

1. What is the main purpose of this article?

1. to entertain
2. to compare
3. to advise
4. to argue

2. Decide whether the following statements are True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG) according to the article. Put a tick (✓) in the correct boxes:

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|  | T | F | NG |
| a) Postpone your trip if you feel unwell before it. |  |  |  |
| b) Touching poultry outside the wet markets is safe. |  |  |  |
| c) Touching the cat at your friend’s home is safe. |  |  |  |
| d) Put on a surgical mask when you have respiratory symptoms. |  |  |  |
| e) During the self-isolation period after returning from the Mainland, you may go out and visit your friends. |  |  |  |

3. According to the article, on which of the following objects may the novel coronavirus be found?

Choose the best answer.

(a) door handles

(b) lift buttons

(c) escalator handrails

(d) all of the above

4. Between lines 9 and 13, find a phrase which means ‘always’.

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5. According to the article, it is suggested that if you don’t have any tissue paper, cough or sneeze into

your upper sleeve (line 15). Why?

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6. What does ‘promptly’ mean in line 24? Choose the best answer.

(a) appropriately

(b) personally

(c) quickly

(d) secretly

7. Your cousin lives in New Zealand. He/She asked if he/she could visit Hong Kong during the Easter

Holiday. Would you advise him/her to come or not? Why or why not?

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**Writing Task**

Your best friend, Mary, is going to return from the Mainland after the holiday. Write a letter to advise her on what she should do to avoid the novel coronavirus and explain the reasons for your suggestions.

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| Dear Mary  How are you … |

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**Answer Key**

1. (c)

2. (a) T

(b) F

(c) NG

(d) T

(e) F

3. (d)

4. at all times

5. If you cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, you can reduce the spread of the virus into the surroundings. (Or any other sensible answers.)

6. (c)

7. Any sensible answers.