

To prepare for the proposal, Ms Fok would like you to get some ideas about activities on heritage conservation and its importance. Listen to the interview with Dr Clare Wong, the Executive Secretary of the Antiquities and Monuments Office, in a radio programme and complete the following questions.

1. Tick the appropriate boxes below for the work of the Antiquities and Monuments Office:

- ☐ identifying and recording items with historic interest
- ☐ organising exhibitions and video shows related to heritage conservation
- ☐ producing videos on cultural performances
- ☐ holding cultural performances
- ☐ conducting architectural workshops
- ☐ conducting archaeological workshops
- ☐ publishing leaflets and booklets to promote the importance of heritage conservation
- ☐ organising tours to heritage sites overseas
- ☐ organising tours to heritage sites in Hong Kong

2. The following statements explain why activities related to heritage conservation are organised. Put 'T' in the blank if the statement is true and put 'F' if it is not.

- _____ To raise money for organising education programmes on heritage conservation
- _____ To raise people's awareness of the importance of heritage conservation
- _____ To educate young people to value the heritage of their motherland
- _____ To preserve collective memories for some old buildings and monuments

3. Why does Dr Wong think that local heritage is an important part of a culture? Give two reasons.

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 - *It links up the past with the present. / It forms part of our collective memories.*
 - *It is a symbol of cultural identity. / It provides a sense of belonging.*

Transcript for Audio Clip 2.1

Jack (Host) :	Welcome back to 'Teen Time'. Time to talk to Dr Clare Wong, the Executive Secretary of the Antiquities and Monuments Office. For those who have just tuned in, today's programme is to <u>get you familiar with</u> some heritage conservation issues. Dr Wong will <u>talk about</u> the importance of heritage conservation in Hong Kong.	5
Dr Wong :	Hong Kong is our home. We need to protect and preserve it. As part of the Leisure and Cultural Services, the Antiquities and Monuments Office is responsible for heritage conservation and education in Hong Kong. Our job involves not only the work of identifying and recording a wide range of items with historic interest, but also the promotion of the message of heritage conservation by organising different programmes and activities.	10
Jack :	Great! Your work seems interesting. Can you tell us more about it?	
Dr Wong :	Well, we organise different kinds of activities, such as exhibitions, lectures, archaeological workshops, cultural performances and video shows. We also conduct projects to <u>look into</u> the possible ways to revitalise historic sites. You know what, one of our projects will <u>start</u> today! In this project, we will keep the existing structure of the Central Market while we will <u>try</u> to liven up the surrounding environment by injecting new and creative elements into it. Moreover, we also publish pamphlets and booklets to introduce the heritage sites in Hong Kong. I understand that people in Hong Kong love to travel to historic sites overseas, such as those in Europe. However, I hope that more and more people here, especially teenagers, would become more interested in the heritage sites in Hong Kong. With our <u>help</u> and support, schools can organise tours to these sites. All these educational and promotional activities are to raise the public's awareness of the importance of Hong Kong's heritage, and to educate the younger generations to cherish our heritage by <u>taking part in</u> these meaningful activities.	15 20 25
Jack :	What is special and interesting about the heritage sites set up by the Antiquities and Monuments Office?	
Dr Wong :	What's special and interesting about these heritage sites? Well, local heritage is very important in our culture. First, it <u>links up</u> the past and the present, and it forms part of our collective memories. We can understand how the lives of people in the past were different from ours through it. Second, heritage is a symbol of our cultural identity and gives us a sense of belonging. You can explore why some buildings or monuments are still here after so many years.	30 35

Jack	: I can't agree more that heritage conservation means preserving our collective memories and cultural identity. All these heritage attractions give us amazing insights into the territory's past. Many people are worried about the disappearance of heritage sites. It's never too late to preserve what remains. Heritage conservation <u>needs</u> the joint effort of all members in society. Are you ready to give a hand and join us? Dr Wong, can you tell us the website for the Antiquities and Monuments Office so that our audience can find out more information about heritage conservation?	40
Dr Wong	: Sure, click on www.amo.gov.hk and you can find out more about what the Antiquities and Monuments Office has been doing.	45

- A. Different vocabulary items will be used according to the formality of a situation. As the interview in the radio programme targets at the general public, the language used is close to the everyday language. However, when the same topic is discussed in a research study, where the target readers are the specialists of the subject, the language will become formal. In general, formal English is usually found in notices, business letters, proposals and legal documents, while informal/less formal language is more common in spoken English.

The words in the left-hand column below are used by the speakers in the radio programme. Match the words with their formal counterparts on the right by putting the appropriate letters in the spaces provided.

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a. get you familiar with (line 3)	___ participating in
b. talk about (line 4)	___ examine/investigate
c. look into (line 15)	___ familiarise you with
d. start (v) (line 16)	___ attempt
e. try (line 17)	___ assistance
f. help (n) (line 23)	___ discuss
g. taking part in (line 27)	___ connects
h. links up (line 31)	___ requires
i. needs (v) (line 40)	___ commence

Think about other pairs of words or expressions which have similar meanings but different degrees of formality. Record the words and list them in your vocabulary notebook.

- B. Below is part of a proposal for a conference on heritage conservation. Replace the underlined words with more formal vocabulary.

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