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**HKDSE 2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 1 PART A
QUESTION-ANSWER BOOK**

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COMPULSORY

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Read Text 1 and answer questions 1-21. (41 marks)

1. Which of the following recyclables is NOT mentioned in paragraph 1? Put a tick (✓) in the box.



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GLASS



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METAL



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E-WASTE



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ORGANIC



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PAPER



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PLASTIC

2. According to paragraph 1, what benefits are supposedly gained from recycling?

3. i) What was the writer's view on recycling in 1996? (1 mark)

- ii) Why did his opponents disagree with him? (1 mark)

4. According to paragraphs 2-4, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)? (4 marks)

Statements	T	F	NG
i) The writer is more optimistic about the recycling industry than he was in 1996.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
ii) Supporters of recycling are disappointed that the industry hasn't matured.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iii) Sending household waste to landfills is typically more costly than recycling it.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
iv) The business of some recycling companies has suffered.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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5. According to paragraph 4, what is in less demand overseas?

6. Which definition of 'crisis' is closest to the meaning used in line 22?

- A. a time when a difficult or important decision must be made
 B. a sudden change in the course of a serious illness, for better or worse
 C. an emotionally stressful event or personal tragedy
 D. the point, as in a play, at which conflict reaches its highest tension

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7. According to paragraph 6, why are people ill-informed about recycling?

8. Complete the following summary using ideas given in paragraphs 7 and 8. Write ONE word for each blank. Answers must be grammatically correct. (5 marks)

Recycling does not always lead to a reduction in (i) _____.
 Although the E.P.A. encourages people to (ii) _____,
 it does not necessarily make much of a (iii) _____. The matter becomes
 worse if people rinse their recyclables using (iv) _____, and the electricity
 used to produce that heat comes from a (v) _____-burning power station.

9. The writer uses the example of flying to show that recycling...

- A. has some benefits.
 B. is not very effective.
 C. is as bad for the environment as flying.
 D. can be effective, depending on which class of airfare.

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10. According to paragraph 8, the statistics mentioned in paragraph 7 can be misleading because...

- A. some statistics have been overestimated.
 B. people are not actually doing what is reported.
 C. the statistics haven't taken into account other facts.
 D. there is not enough evidence to draw any conclusions.

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11. i) What does the writer think is the reason politicians support a “zero waste” policy (line 44)?

ii) To achieve a “zero waste” policy, the levels of recycling would need to be...

- A. reduced to zero.
B. modestly reduced.
C. slightly increased.
D. increased significantly.

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12. According to paragraph 10, who recycles more?

- A. the rich
B. the poor
C. people who live in cities
D. people who have more free time

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13. Using the information given in paragraph 11, complete the table with the missing percentages. (4 marks)

i) Current rate of recycling in the U.S. _____ %	iii) Recycling target set by some state officials _____ %
ii) Recycling target set by the E.P.A. _____ %	iv) Maximum percentage of trash useful to recycle _____ %

14. According to paragraph 12, what materials are practical to recycle? For each type of material, tick (✓) ‘All’, ‘Some’ or ‘None’. (3 marks)

	Material	All	Some	None
i)	metal			
ii)	food waste			
iii)	cardboard			

15. What are the two alternatives to recycling mentioned in paragraph 14? Give one advantage of using each. (4 marks)

Alternative 1 (i) _____

Advantage (ii) _____

Alternative 2 (iii) _____

Advantage (iv) _____

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16. What is ironic about the outcome described in paragraph 15? Use your own words to explain.

17. According to paragraph 16, why might some people be opposed to an increase in recycling?

18. According to paragraph 17, what is worth recycling?

19. Using information from paragraphs 5-12, match each person with one of the quotes below. Choose from A-F and write the letter in the box next to each person. Two of the quotes will NOT be used. (4 marks)

QUOTES		QUOTES	
A	"There is a limit to effective recycling."	D	"Recycling can cause more pollution."
B	"Cities need to recycle all waste to safeguard the planet's future."	E	"The recycling movement needs more subsidies."
C	"Recycling has a negative impact on the economy."	F	"It's more difficult to make money from recycling than people might think."

David Steiner	
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Chris Goodall	
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Bill de Blasio	
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Winston Porter	
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20. Do you think recycling is a waste of time? Provide evidence from the text to support your answer.

21. Choose the best alternative title for this article.

- A. In defence of recycling
- B. The pros and cons of recycling
- C. Recycling is more rubbish than you think
- D. Why cities are recycling less of their rubbish

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