

Answers

HK's quest for carbon neutrality

Question Types

1. A
2. But in setting out the net-zero power generation targets, the Climate Action Plan noted the importance of affordability but also stated that "decarbonisation comes at a price".

Mini Mock

1. (i) T ; (ii) T ; (iii) T ; (iv) T ; (v) T
2. Because it was the first time that the world united around such a clear text on the need to transition away from fossil fuels.
3. These are systems that absorb more carbon than they emit, with the main natural ones being soil, forests and oceans.
4. The targets are to eliminate coal from the fuel mix, and to increase the share of renewable energy to between 7.5 and 10 percent by 2035 and to 15 percent subsequently.
5. (i) priority ; (ii) infrastructures ; (iii) reservoirs ; (iv) decarbonisation

Baby incentives unveiled

Question Types

1. The measures are designed to head off the consequences of this worrying demographic trend by helping to "promote fertility and create a child bearing environment".
2. C
3. A. B. C. D.
4. 1. A low-interest loan for women under 40 who have married for the first time and are ready to have babies
2. Lifelong personal tax exemption for women with four children
3. Subsidies for families with more children to buy larger cars

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1. (i) F ; (ii) T ; (iii) T ; (iv) NG ; (v) T
2. The proportion will increase from 20 percent of the local population to nearly one-third.
3. These include an increase in Working Family Allowance, childcare places and allowances, and the extending of an after-school care programme in all districts.
4. The sum is for a five-year Fund Scheme on the Promotion of Family Education.
5. (i) pets ; (ii) Bonus ; (iii) priority ; (iv) Flexible

Elevating your writing, Pt 2

1. "McDonald's does not dictate to abroad cultures on what they should and should not eat and will indeed change their branches' own strategies to accommodate." (Contains grammatical errors from original text.)
2. McDonald's branches in India focus on selling chicken and fish items, from Chicken McNuggets to Filet-o'-Fish burgers, instead of convincing locals to start eating beef, which most do not eat because they think cows are holy.
3. "Thus, McDonald's was able to expand across the globe, when many other burger chains have failed and exited Hong Kong." (Contains grammatical errors from the original text.)
4. Level 3, because of many reasons. For example, the paragraph is badly structured, ie, the topic sentence is placed in the middle. Next, the writer has a limited vocabulary, eg, the word "beef" should have been used, instead of "cow meat". Then, the punctuation and the grammar can be improved, ie, some sentences became run-on due to a lack of full-stops.
5. McDonald's does not dictate what its customers abroad should and should not eat, and will instead change the strategies of its overseas branches to accommodate local taste. The majority group in India are Hindus, who do not eat beef because they think cows are sacred. So McDonald's branches there focus on selling chicken and fish items, from Chicken McNuggets to Filet-O'-Fish burgers, instead of convincing locals to start eating beef. Thus, McDonald's was able to expand across the globe, whereas other burger chains have failed to gain worldwide popularity, in places such as Hong Kong.

Listening comprehension

1. 2022
2. The Census and Statistics Department
3. two to one
4. A measurement of the birth trend
5. ageing
6. He said a dwindling labour force will likely impede the potential of economic growth.