

# Baby incentives unveiled



## Question Types

### Vocabulary / Underlining

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". '

Underline the word(s) in the above sentence that means "avert".

### Reference / Multiple choice

2. 'Priority will also be given to these families when they apply for public rental housing, with waiting time reduced by one year. The policy will take effect from April 2024.'

In the above sentences from the article, who do "these families" refer to?

- A. Families that have children
- B. Families with elderly members
- C. Families with a newborn
- D. Families with more than six members



**Vocabulary / Blackening circles**

**3. Which of the following does not have a similar meaning to the word “dire”?**

**Blacken the circle corresponding to the correct answer.**

A. inauspicious

B. bleak

C. encouraging

D. cheerless

A    B    C    D

       

**Specific factual / Extended response**

**4. What measures does Hungary have that encourage its people to have more children?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Mini Mock**

Read the article and answer the questions:

1. Are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)?

- (i) Hong Kong started to see low birth rates since 2023. \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) The government is introducing measures to boost local birth rates. \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) The SAR's birth rate dropped to a record low in 2022. \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) Hong Kong's life expectancy is lower than that of Japan. \_\_\_\_\_
- (v) Families with newborns will have a shorter wait for public rental housing. \_\_\_\_\_

2. What will happen to the proportion of people over 65 in Hong Kong's population by the end of the next 10 years?

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3. Among the birth-rate boosting measures, which ones will benefit working families?

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4. A sum of HK\$8 million is mentioned in the article. What is it for?

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5. Complete the sentences by filling the gaps. Use ONE WORD only from the article, in the form that is grammatically correct in the context of the sentence.

- (i) Chief Secretary Eric Chan noted some young couples would rather have \_\_\_\_\_ than children.
- (ii) The one-off cash payment of HK\$20,000 for each baby is called a New Baby \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) Applicants with a newborn will be given \_\_\_\_\_ status in selecting Subsidised Sale Flats.
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_ shifts and a parent-friendly working environment can help boost birth rates.