

READING COMPREHENSION

TEXT B

NEW YORK'S OTHER CHINATOWN: FLUSHING, QUEENS

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For many visitors to New York, a trip to Chinatown means heading to Lower Manhattan. But the city has another Chinatown in Flushing, Queens, not as well-known, but just as vibrant. It's a fun place to spend a day exploring, shopping and, above all, eating.

Things to do and see

"If you come on a weekend, there's barely space to walk," said Shawn Choi, external affairs associate at Flushing Town Hall, a cultural centre that sponsors performances, exhibits and educational programs. Events at Flushing Town Hall in honor of Lunar New Year include "Tigers in the House", an exhibit of tiger-inspired arts and crafts.

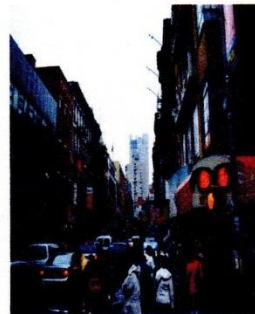
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Flushing's largest ethnic group is Chinese, with Koreans next. The first Asian-American elected to citywide office, John Liu, grew up in Flushing after coming from Taiwan as a child with his family. Liu represented the neighborhood as a city councilman before winning a race for city accountant in November.

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Flushing's contemporary diversity is an appropriate legacy for a neighborhood that has been preaching tolerance for more than 350 years. In 1657, a group of residents sent a letter called the Flushing Remonstrance to Peter Stuyvesant, the governor of what was then the Dutch colony of New Netherlands. The letter demanded freedom of religion, and today there are signs welcoming visitors in many languages marking the Flushing Freedom Mile. The trail includes historic landmarks like the Bowne House where, in 1662, John Bowne invited Quakers to meet in defiance of an order from Stuyvesant.

As you stroll Flushing's busy streets, the mix of East and West is striking. The Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel advertizes its "distinctly Asian flair" at 135-20 39th Avenue, where a pair of lion statues guards the hotel entrance. Around the corner, St George's Church, on Main Street between 38th and 39th avenues, offers services in English, Chinese and Spanish. Low-flying planes headed to LaGuardia Airport create a startling image as they roar over the spire of the church's mid-nineteenth century stone building.



Hair care for every pocket

Carpenter Tan is part of a global chain of 853 stores, based in mainland China, that sells combs and brushes. Manager David Ho says different types of hair require different types of combs; the combs range from \$6 to \$200, with the most expensive items handmade from sandalwood and mother-of-pearl. Traditionally, suitors offered the most elaborate combs to prospective brides. "If the lady accepts, that means yes," said Ho.

Traditional food

In the food court of Flushing Mall, wide, hand-pulled noodles are made on the premises at Xi'an Famous Foods. Celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain featured Xi'an on his show for good reason: the noodle dishes are delicious. Just be forewarned: order something a "little spicy" here and it may well be the hottest dish you've ever eaten. A mall ice cream vendor can cool your taste buds with flavors like mango and green tea.

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The sentences below are either true or false. Tick [✓] the correct answer. Justify your answer by quoting a relevant phrase from the text. Both answers are required for one mark. An example is included.

TRUE FALSE

Example: *Flushing's Chinatown is not as famous as Manhattan's.*

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Justification: *not as well-known*

8. People have plenty of room to move around in Flushing on Saturday and Sunday.

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Justification:

9. The city accountant, John Liu, was born and raised in Flushing.

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Justification:

10. John Bowne encouraged the Quakers to oppose Stuyvesant.

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Justification:

11. St George's Church is near the Sheraton LaGuardia East Hotel.

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Justification:

TRUE FALSE

12. The noodle dishes in Flushing Mall are not factory-made.

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Justification:

Answer the following questions.

13. What was Peter Stuyvesant's position in 1657?

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14. What did the Flushing Remonstrance call for?

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15. What do guests see when they are about to enter the Sheraton Hotel?

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16. From what materials is a comb costing \$200 most likely to be made?

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17. Why did Anthony Bourdain feature Xi'an on his show?

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Some of the paragraph headings in the text have been removed. From the list below, choose the heading that best suits each paragraph. Write the letter in the answer box provided. An example is included.

Example: [- X -] ☒ **B**

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19. [- 19 -] ☐

20. [- 20 -] ☐

- A. Lunar New Year
- B. *New York's alternative Chinatown*
- C. Elections in Flushing
- D. The inhabitants of Flushing's Chinatown
- E. Flushing through the ages
- F. Flushing's churches
- G. Contrasts
- H. Asians and Americans

Choose the most appropriate response from the options below. Write the letter in the answer box provided.

21. The Chinatown in this article is situated in ...

- A. Lower Manhattan.
- B. Queens.
- C. New Netherlands.
- D. LaGuardia.

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22. From the article, we understand that Carpenter Tan ...

- A. manages a chain of shops.
- B. sells only combs.
- C. offers combs to married women.
- D. has a head office in China.

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USE OF ENGLISH

I Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

10 marks

- 1) The teacher _____ (be) late this morning.
- 2) Why don't you come? Laura and I _____ (meet) outside the bank at five.
- 3) Why _____ (you / change) schools?
- 4) I think it _____ (be) a wonderful holiday. Have fun!
- 5) I _____ (see) the accident while I _____ (wait) for the bus.
- 6) When George _____ (die), he and Anne _____ (be) married for nearly fifty years.
- 7) What _____ (you / do) at the moment?
- 8) I'm sorry, I _____ (not understand) his jokes.

II Put the verbs in brackets in the correct passive form.

10 marks

- 1) How much money _____ (steal) from the bank last Friday?
- 2) His films _____ (not show) in the USA.
- 3) When I arrived, I saw a note _____ (leave) for me by one of the delegates.
- 4) A lot of meetings were held but nothing _____ (decide) yet.
- 5) Your drinks _____ (bring) to you in a minute. Please wait.

III Complete these sentences with an appropriate form of the verb in brackets to make conditional sentences.

10 marks

- 1) He _____ (play) tennis if the weather _____ (be) good.
- 2) If I _____ (know), I _____ (come) earlier. I'm sorry I wasn't there.
- 3) I _____ (not do) that if I _____ (be) you.
- 4) If you _____ (mix) red and green, you _____ (get) brown.
- 5) If you _____ (speak) louder, your classmates _____ (understand) you.

IV Complete the sentences with infinitive or gerund form of the verb in brackets. 10 marks

- 1) We've decided _____ (go) on holiday together.
- 2) Have you finished _____ (use) my dictionary?
- 3) He suggested _____ (go) to a club but I was too tired.
- 4) I didn't want _____ (go) to the football match because it was freezing.
- 5) I hope _____ (earn) enough money for a new computer.
- 6) Daniel quit _____ (smoke) a year ago.
- 7) Paul avoids _____ (use) chemicals on vegetables he grows.
- 8) He stopped _____ (drink) coffee due to his stomach issues.
- 9) He stopped _____ (drink) coffee before the meeting.
- 10) Alan can't stand _____ (ride) on trains.

V Put the following sentences into the reported speech.

10 marks

- 1) 'I am sure I saw you here last week.' She told me _____
- 2) 'Move your car out of the way!' He told me _____
- 3) 'What have you done with your hair?' She asked me _____
- 4) 'Is he staying with his family now?' He asked _____
- 5) 'Let's go to the park.' She suggested _____

VI Combine the following sentences by means of relative pronouns and make any necessary changes.

10 marks

- 1) The dog bit a burglar. The burglar was trying to break into the house.

- 2) I gave you a pen this morning. Can I have it?

- 3) She married a rich businessman. I don't like him.

- 4) Mr. Kemp teaches physics. He is going to retire next year.

- 5) Russell Crow starred in The Gladiator. He was born on New Zealand.

VII Complete the sentences with the appropriate prepositions.**5 marks**

- 1) My brother always worries _____ his school marks.
- 2) We're interested _____ working in England this summer.
- 3) My sister won an important competition. I am very proud _____ her.
- 4) Are you good _____ English grammar?
- 5) You can always depend _____ Michael in crisis.

VIII Complete the text with any appropriate word.**10 marks**

In April 2007, a 16-year-old boy named Charlie McDonell was studying for his exams. But he was bored, so he turned _____ his laptop computer. He watched _____ video of another teenager on YouTube. The teenager was sitting in his bedroom and talking about how bored he was. 'I can do better _____ that', thought Charlie. So he used his laptop and webcam to make his first video, and posted it on YouTube under the name Charlieissocoolike. YouTube started in 200 and is now the world's largest video website. More than 3 billion videos _____ watched every day on YouTube and a large number of _____ are video blogs. These are simply videos of people talking to a camera _____ their lives or things that interest them. Two days _____ when Charlie posted his first video, he had 150 subscribers, so he decided to make more. He soon became quite popular. _____ few months later, Oprah Winfrey, the famous American TV host, showed one of his videos called 'How to be English' _____ her programme. In this video, Charlie wears a suit and a tie and talks in a funny accent. He also shows viewers _____ to make a cup of tea. Charlie has suddenly become famous in the United States too.

IX Make nouns from the given adjectives and verbs.**10 marks**

Amuse	
Add	
Implicate	
Decorate	
Conclude	
Probable	
Conscious	
Defend	
Resist	
Safe	

Total: _____ / 85 marks