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Your friend John has written a blog entry about his thoughts on an amazing person.
Read the blog entry about personal thoughts.

Text 2 Blog entry about personal thoughts

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Nothing is
impossible



① Surprise, surprise. Here we go again! I failed the Maths test last week and I'll have to go through it again next week... I was on the brink of giving up studying for it until I read about Tsang Tsz-kwan.

② Tsang faces multiple challenges that make going to school every day an uphill battle. First of all, she is blind. Secondly, she is hearing impaired. To make matters worse, her fingertips are insensitive. Even individually, overcoming these obstacles seems impossible, however Tsang has to face all three at once. Her numb fingertips, for example, make it very hard for her to read Braille. Yet, Tsang didn't let her disabilities hold her back.

③ In Primary 1, Tsang found out that she could read Braille with her lips. When she grew up, she used this incredible skill to take her HKDSE exams. Tsang had the option of being exempted from her listening exams, but she's never been one to take the easy road. She passed her exams with flying colours and was admitted into Chinese University with top grades in Chinese, English and Liberal Studies. She will study translation at the prestigious institution.

④ Tsang's story is very inspiring. If I can emulate Tsang's dedication, and overcome my comparatively minor obstacles, I'm sure to ace to my next test!

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Challenging reading and comprehension

Unit 5

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Comprehension 2 Your elder brother wants to know more about the blog entry. Answer his questions using information from the blog entry. For multiple-choice questions, choose the best answer and blacken ONE circle only.

1 The expression 'Here we go again' (line 1) implies that John _____.

A often writes blog entries

B failed a Maths test before

C wants to give up studying

D frequently has Maths tests

A B C D

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2 According to the blog entry, how do people usually read Braille?

3 What are THREE obstacles Tsang faces?

i) _____

ii) _____

iii) _____

4 Based on the information in paragraph 2, complete the summary by writing ONE word to fill each blank. You should make sure that you answers are grammatically correct, paying attention to word forms, plurals, etc.

When going to school, Tsang faced (i) _____ challenges. Having even one (ii) _____ is difficult, but Tsang had to overcome three. However, she always knew that achieving her goals was not (iii) _____, as long as she worked hard and stayed focused.

5 According to the personal description, are the following statements True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG)?

Statements

i) Tsang uses her lips in order to read Braille.

ii) Tsang best HKDSE score was in Chinese.

iii) Tsang did not take the HKDSE listening exams because she was exempt.

T F NG

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6 Find an expression in paragraph 3 that means ‘the simplest way of doing things.’

7 i) Where does Tsang plan to go for university?

ii) What will she study there?

8 Find a word in paragraph 3 that means ‘highly respected’.

9 Use ONE word to complete each blank.

John thinks that the obstacles he faces are _____ when you
_____ them to Tsang Tsz-kwan’s.

10 Order the following events. Number the events (1–4).

John does poorly on his maths test.

Tsang takes her HKDSE exams.

John thought about giving up on studying.

Tsang learns how to read Braille.

John reads about Tsang.



11 What is the purpose of the blog entry?

12 Which of the following is the best alternative title for the blog entry?

A ‘Another Maths test’

B ‘A selfless teenager’

C ‘All we need is luck’

D ‘Not giving up’

A B C D

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