

Section A Listening

(32 marks)

There are three parts in this section. In Part 1, you will hear an advertisement. In Part 2, you will hear an interview. In Part 3, you will hear a conversation. **Write all your answers in the answer booklet.** For each part, you will have 30 seconds to study the questions in the answer booklet. The recordings will be played only ONCE.

Section B Reading

(B-1)

(12 marks)

Bonnie is reading a leaflet. Read it carefully, choose the best answers for Questions 17-21 and complete Question 22.

Vegetables 101

Potatoes

Countries all over the world, even those in cold climates, grow potatoes. A potato is also called a spud and it grows at the roots of a certain plant. The spud usually becomes the largest and most nutritious after growing for three months.

Potatoes grow easily on farms. To say that potatoes cannot grow anymore after being picked is incorrect. Potatoes are still living after harvesting and they can grow into more potatoes.

Tomatoes

Tomatoes are well-known for their shiny red skin and juicy flesh. Farmers from nearly every country grow tomatoes, except countries in polar regions. Tomatoes also come in other colours, like yellow, brown, and green.

In the past, tomatoes were once known as the 'Love Apple' because of their appearance. In recent years, tomatoes are considered as one of the healthiest vegetables.

Corn

Corn grows on tall plants and some of these plants can be over four metres tall! Despite the height of the plants, corn is an easy vegetable to grow, preferably in warm weather.

There are five major types of corn and they are used in different ways. For example, we use sweet corn in all kinds of dishes, while we use dent corn for making fuel for machines. Farmers pick corn during summer. In winter and spring, farmers **sow** the corn seeds again.

Chili peppers

Chili peppers grow well from spring to autumn. Since they are small in size, people even grow them at homes or in their own gardens. Therefore, you can easily find chili pepper seeds in gardening shops.

People use chili peppers in many ways, not just for cooking spicy dishes.

To protect crops on farms, farmers make use of chili peppers' smell. It can help keep insects away.