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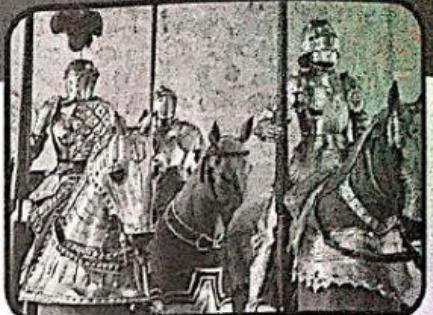
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Study this brochure carefully and then answer questions 1 to 8.

Kingston Community Centre presents

MAPY@KCC

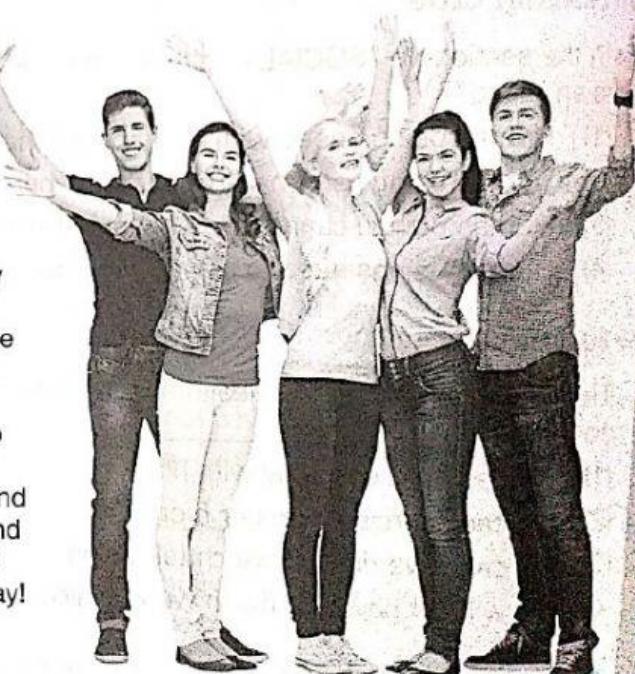
Martial Arts to Protect You



We should all be equipped with skills to protect ourselves and our loved ones. And what better way to do so than to learn a martial art? Come to MAPY@KCC and find out for yourself how martial arts can bring you other benefits besides making you feel safer!

The MAPY Tour

There are so many attractive choices for you and we don't want you to get knocked out simply from choosing. So we've made it easy for you! Our martial arts groups have their training sessions at the same time each week. Come to KCC on Mondays, Thursdays or Saturdays, 7.30 – 9.30 p.m., and enjoy a complimentary MAPY tour! We have a group of enthusiastic guides ready to take you on a tour of the different martial arts groups available. They will also give an engaging description of what each group does. Simply make your reservations at least 3 days before your intended visit, and be assured of a tour that will enlighten and enrich you! Send a message or call us at 9012 3456 to make your reservation today! Each tour will take about 30 minutes.



Here are some highlights of the choices available at KCC. Do read through what we have to offer before coming for our MAPY tour. You will benefit a lot if you come prepared with questions.

Taekwondo — Being one of the most popular martial arts in Singapore, Taekwondo has a long history. It was started more 2 000 years ago in Korea, and continues to grow from strength to strength all over the world. Build confidence and adopt an active lifestyle as you learn flying kicks with us!

All our instructors are from the famous *Taek It Away* Academy.

Classes and Fees:



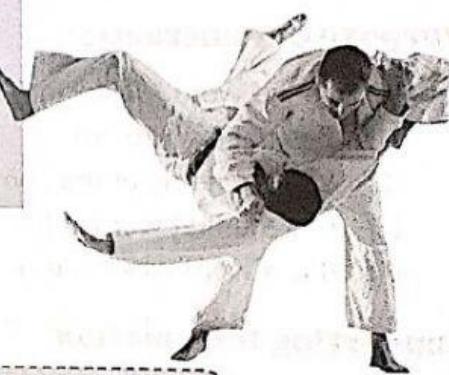
Class	Suitable for	Training Schedule	Fees
Taek Tots	3-5 years old	Mondays and Saturdays, 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.	\$180/month
Taek Kids	6-12 years old	Thursdays and Saturdays, 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.	\$200/month
Taek Teens	13-17 years old	Mondays and Thursdays, 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.	\$220/month

Other information: There will be graded tests every 3 months, and 2 major competitions in a year.

Judo – Known affectionately as “the gentle way”, Judo originated in Japan. Apart from balance and flexibility, this martial art trains its students to think ahead, in anticipation of what the opponent would do. This is very important in Judo, as one of its special characteristics is to use an opponent’s energy to take him/her down.

All our instructors are from the well-respected Japanese Judo Association (Singapore).

Classes and Fees:



Class	Suitable for	Training Schedule	Fees
Judo Juniors	5-10 years old	Mondays, 7.30-9.30 p.m.	\$120/month
Judo Seniors	11-19 years old	Thursdays, 7.30-9.30 p.m.	\$150/month
Judo Adults	>20 years old	Saturdays, 7.30-9.30 p.m.	\$180/month

Other information: There will be graded exams once a year, and 1 major competition every 6 months.

Capoiera – One of the fastest growing martial art forms in Singapore, Capoiera is an exciting blend of self-defence, dance and acrobatics. The upbeat and catchy music that accompanies Capoiera is the main attraction. Even onlookers swing to the beat of the music for this martial art form that comes to us all the way from Brazil!

All our instructors are from the trendy “Classy Capoiera Club”.

Classes and Fees:



Class	Suitable for	Training Schedule	Fees
Capoeira Kids	7-18 years old	Mondays and Saturdays, 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.	\$200/month
Capoeira Adults	>19 years old	Thursdays and Saturdays, 7.30 – 9.30 p.m.	\$240/month

Other information: There will be a joint kids-adults session every Saturday from 8.45 – 9.30 p.m.

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.



Identify Aim

1 What is the **main** aim of this brochure?

- (1) to persuade the reader to join a martial art competition
- (2) to encourage the reader to go for a martial art performance
- (3) to explain the differences between all the martial arts in Singapore
- (4) to provide information on martial arts courses available at Kingston Community Centre

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Purpose of Punctuation

2 Why is the word "Taek" in "Taek Tots/Kids/Teens" in italics?

- (1) It is not a real word.
- (2) It is the name of the company.
- (3) It is the first word in the names of the courses.
- (4) It is a word which has a very deep and special meaning.

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Supporting Information

3 How do we know that KCC wants to encourage people to learn martial arts for self-protection?

- (1) It has named its tour MAPY — Martial Arts to Protect You.
- (2) It is offering popular martial arts such as Taekwondo and Judo.
- (3) It has hired guides to bring visitors on a tour to learn more about martial arts.
- (4) It has organised all its martial arts training sessions to happen at the same time, so that participants can protect one another.

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Contextual Clues

4 In the paragraph on Judo, what is the Judo student trained to be "in anticipation of"?

- (1) expecting the opponent to appear
- (2) expecting the opponent to be gentle
- (3) expecting a future move from the opponent
- (4) expecting the opponent to be flexible and have balance

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True vs False

5 According to the brochure, which of the following statements is **false**?

- (1) Capoiera is a Brazilian martial art.
- (2) There are no Taekwondo classes for adults at KCC.
- (3) We can make a MAPY tour reservation for any day of the week.
- (4) Patsy, a school principal, signs up for Judo at KCC. She will have to pay \$180/month.

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Eye for Detail

6 Irene wants to learn a martial art, but she does not like tests or competitions. Which martial art should she sign up for?

- (1) Judo
- (2) Capoiera
- (3) MAPY tour
- (4) Taekwondo

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Opinion vs Fact

7 Which of the following is a fact and **not** an opinion?

- (1) ... be assured of a tour that will enlighten and enrich you!
- (2) Build confidence and adopt an active lifestyle as you learn flying kicks with us!
- (3) Our martial arts groups have their training sessions at the same time each week.
- (4) The upbeat and catchy music that accompanies Capoeira is the main attraction.

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Explanation Answer

8 As a parent, why might Suzanna find the Capoiera course to be the most appealing?

- (1) It has Brazilian instructors.
- (2) The course is conducted by the Classy Capoiera Club.
- (3) She can participate in the course together with her child.
- (4) There will be onlookers swinging to the beat of the music during classes.

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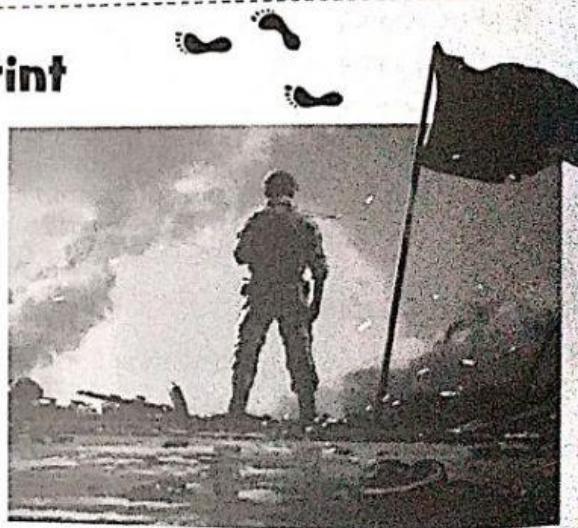
Study this article from a magazine carefully and then answer questions 1 to 8.

Beaming Bhutan —vs— Greenhouse Gases

In a faraway place lies a country that is small but "shining". While the rest of the world is waging war against greenhouse gases, this tiny kingdom tucked between the two huge nations of China and India can claim to have won this war. It is possibly the only country in the world that has a negative carbon footprint. Read on to find out what this means ...

Carbon Has a Footprint

When we walk along a stretch of sandy beach, we will leave a trail of footprints behind us. Did you know that each of us also leaves behind a carbon footprint? This is a measure of the amount of greenhouse gases (mostly carbon dioxide) that is emitted because of the activities that we engage in. For example, when we have a family barbecue, the charcoal that we burn emits carbon dioxide (CO_2). When cars are driven or aeroplanes are flown, CO_2 gets emitted too. How about playing with a toy such as a plastic doll? Well, CO_2 is emitted by the factory which produces the doll.



Tell Me Why?

What is wrong with the emission of CO_2 ? Firstly, CO_2 causes excessive heat to be trapped in our atmosphere, which leads to global warming. Other than making the world a much warmer place, it can lead to other problems such as the melting of glaciers and the starting of forest fires. For man, the danger comes from diseases associated with the nose, throat and lungs, which are often caused by increased levels of CO_2 .

Success Story

Each of us leaves behind a carbon footprint from the things we do. Countries also have a carbon footprint, which can be measured by the amount of CO₂ they emit. You may ask, is it possible to reverse this trend? Can we absorb CO₂ instead of emitting it?



The answer is yes!

When a country absorbs as much CO₂ as it releases, we say that it has a neutral carbon footprint. A country can even have a negative carbon footprint. This means that it absorbs more CO₂ than it releases. Bhutan is the only country that has achieved this! Let's see how they have done this.

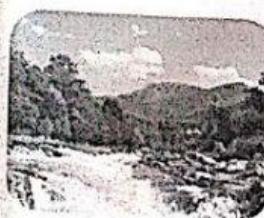
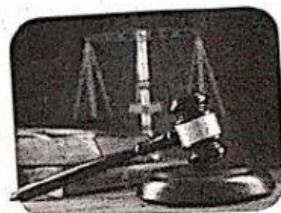


➤ Planting More Trees

You might have learnt in your Science textbook that trees take in CO₂ and release oxygen. That is absolutely right and it is the best weapon in this war against greenhouse gases. Bhutan is extremely active in planting trees. For example, in March 2016, they planted 108 000 trees to celebrate the birth of a new prince!

➤ Protecting Forests through Law

Bhutan is so serious about maintaining the amount of forestry in the country that they have written laws about this. One of its laws states that the country has to maintain at least 60 percent of its total land area as forests. According to a Climate Council website, about 80 percent of its land is covered by forests.



➤ Encouraging Natural Sources of Energy

One of the main producers of CO₂ is factories, especially those that generate electricity. Bhutan tries to reduce this by not relying on such factories. For example, they use the powerful Himalayan rivers in their country to generate electricity. In fact, they have produced so much electricity that they can even sell it to other countries!

Bhutan is certainly beaming in victory in this war against global warming. Indeed, many lessons can be learnt by looking at how they run their country. Perhaps their success comes from their attitude towards life. Their 4th ruler (King Jigme Singye Wangchuck) once declared in 1972 that the most important measure of a country's success is not economic progress but "Gross National Happiness", which is the level of happiness of the country's citizens.



For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write your answer in the brackets provided.



Identify Aim

1 What is the **main** aim of this article?

- (1) to explain the importance of carbon dioxide
- (2) to warn the reader about breathing in too much carbon dioxide
- (3) to describe how environmentally friendly the country of Bhutan is
- (4) to encourage the reader to visit the clean and beautiful country of Bhutan

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Explanation Answer

2 How can we measure the carbon footprint of a country?

- (1) by measuring the amount of carbon it owns
- (2) by measuring the amount of carbon dioxide it produces
- (3) by measuring the length of footprints that contain carbon dioxide
- (4) by measuring the amount of carbon found in a person's footprint in that country

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Contextual Clues

3 In the title of the article, Bhutan is described as "Beaming". This is because _____.

- (1) there are many beams of greenhouse gases in Bhutan
- (2) Bhutan is using laser beams in its war against greenhouse gases
- (3) Bhutan is beaming with joy at its success in the war against greenhouse gases
- (4) there is a lot of sunlight in Bhutan because it has low levels of greenhouse gases

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Opinion vs Fact

4 Which of the following statements from the article is an opinion and **not** a fact?

- (1) One of the main producers of CO₂ is factories ...
- (2) ... they planted 108 000 trees to celebrate the birth of a new prince!
- (3) When cars are driven or aeroplanes are flown, CO₂ gets emitted too.
- (4) ... the most important measure of a country's success is ... "Gross National Happiness" ...

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Purpose of Punctuation

5 In the 1st paragraph, why is the word "shining" in inverted commas?

- (1) It is used to describe a very bright Bhutan.
- (2) The focus of the whole sentence is on the word "shining".
- (3) It does not actually mean that the country is shining brightly.
- (4) It is intentionally spelt wrongly. The correct spelling should be shineing.

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Supporting Information

6 How do we know that Bhutan is serious about having forests in their country?

- (1) They use rivers to produce electricity for them.
- (2) They celebrate the birth of every new prince by planting 108 000 trees.
- (3) They have a law to ensure that at least 60% of the country is covered by forests.
- (4) They believe that the most important measure of a country's success is "Gross National Happiness".

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True vs False

7 According to the article, which of the following is **not** true?

- (1) Forest fires are started when glaciers melt.
- (2) Having less barbecued food will reduce our carbon footprint.
- (3) Bhutan is able to produce all the electricity that the country requires.
- (4) In Bhutan, the amount of carbon dioxide emitted is less than the amount absorbed.

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Eye for Detail

8 Bhutan has set a target for the amount of forests in its country. How is the country doing in this aspect?

- (1) It is almost meeting its target.
- (2) It is far from meeting its target.
- (3) It is doing better than the target set.
- (4) It will be changing its target every year.

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