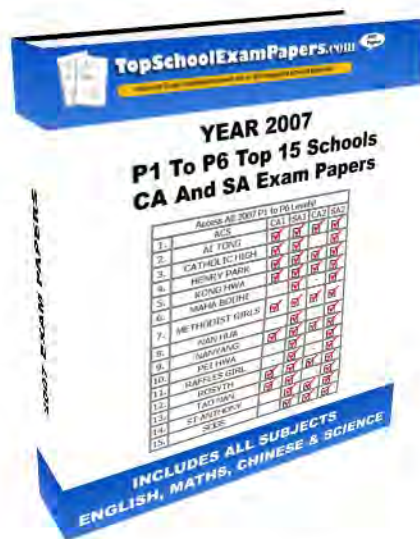




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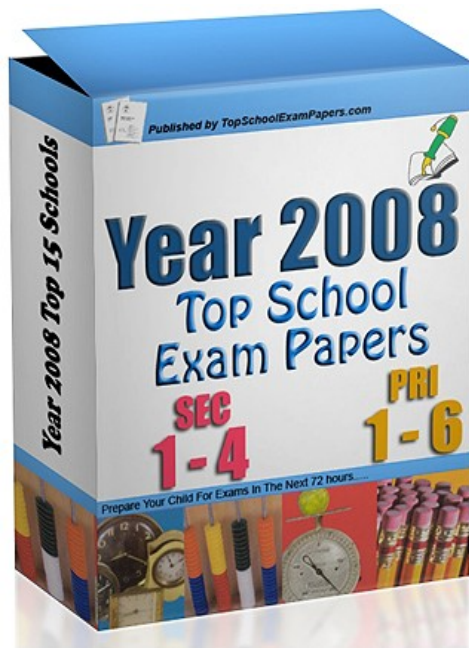
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Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

P6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2007

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 - BOOKLET A

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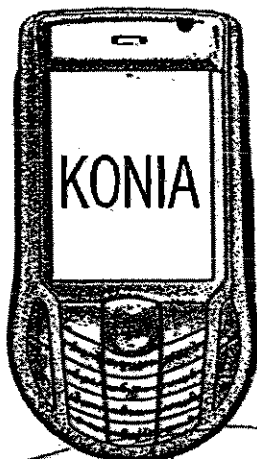
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Study the advertisement below and then answer the questions that follow it.

BarkerTelecoms

Enjoy more with our weekend roadshow offers!

STAR BUY!



KONIA 888
2-year mobile plan

\$600

ValueTalk 100 / ValueTalk 300 / UltimateTalk

Visit our roadshow at Barker Mall
(Basement 1, in front of DBS Bank)
2nd to 3rd June 2007, 11am-9pm



KONIA 808
2-year mobile plan

\$400

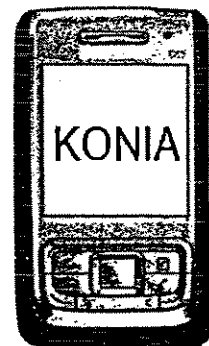
ValueTalk 300 / UltimateTalk



KONIA 800
2-year mobile plan

\$200

ValueTalk 100 / ValueTalk 300



KONIA 880
2-year mobile plan

\$300

ValueTalk 300

Mobile Plans

ValueTalk 100

\$25.50 per month
100 free SMS
Free Incoming calls

ValueTalk 300

\$35.50 per month
300 free SMS
Free Incoming calls

UltimateTalk

\$50.50 per month
500 free SMS
Free Incoming calls

BarkerTelecoms

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singahub

FREE Inkjet Printer

when you sign up
for any plan
at the roadshow!



Students!

If you are between
12 and 16 years old,
join the SingaHub Club
by 30 June and
enjoy a 50% discount on
all mobile plans!

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

1. The advertisement was put up by _____
 - (1) Konia
 - (2) SingaHub
 - (3) Barker Mall
 - (4) Barker Telecoms

2. Which of the following information is not given in the advertisement?
 - (1) The date of the roadshow
 - (2) The venue of the roadshow
 - (3) The details of each mobile plan
 - (4) The address of Barker Telecoms

3. Alex wants to enjoy the use of more than 300 free SMSes per month. Which mobile phone model could he purchase?
 - (1) Konia 880 only
 - (2) Konia 888 only
 - (3) Konia 888 and Konia 808
 - (4) Any of the models

4. Juliet receives a lot of telephone calls from her classmates and sends an average of 70 to 100 SMSes per month. Which mobile phone could she purchase and which mobile plan should she subscribe to in order to keep her monthly mobile phone bill down?
 - (1) Konia 888; UltimateTalk
 - (2) Konia 800; ValueTalk 100
 - (3) Konia 800; ValueTalk 300
 - (4) Konia 880; ValueTalk 300

5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (1) The road show will be held on a Thursday and a Friday.
 - (2) The inkjet printer is given away free to SingaHub members only.
 - (3) A student who purchases any of the mobile phones will enjoy a 50% discount.
 - (4) Someone who buys the Konia 888 mobile phone can choose any of the subscription plans.

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(7 marks)

6. We shall start the game now since every player in each team _____.

- ☒ (1) is coming
- ☐ (2) has come
- ☐ (3) have come
- ☐ (4) will be coming

7. I wonder who the culprit is. Neither you nor your brother _____ to tell me the truth.

- ☐ (1) want
- ☐ (2) want's
- ☐ (3) wanted
- ☐ (4) had wanted

8. "James, you do understand what I have just told you, _____ you?" asked Peter.

- ☐ (1) do
- ☐ (2) don't
- ☐ (3) have
- ☐ (4) haven't

9. The platoon commander reminded his men not to go into the jungle _____ he had given them instructions to do so.

- ☐ (1) until
- ☐ (2) after
- ☐ (3) since
- ☐ (4) when

10. Although Jane was not feeling well, she and John enjoyed _____ building sandcastles on the beach.

- ☐ (1) herself
- ☐ (2) himself
- ☐ (3) ourselves
- ☐ (4) themselves

11. _____ having a long weekend, many pupils did not complete their homework.

- (1) While
- (2) Without
- (3) Besides
- (4) In spite of

12. Uncle Samad _____ (as) a caretaker for 20 years and he still enjoys his job.

- (1) has worked
- (2) had worked
- (3) have worked
- (4) has been working

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Daniel's solitude was broken by the sound of running feet. He looked up and saw the returning patrol.

"Hi there (13) a boy called out to him. He waved back and watched as three boys ran towards him.

"Hey, what's this (14) one of them asked.

"Enemy carrier. Captured it just now," the boy in the pick-up truck said proudly.

"That's great! Let's get in," said Gary, the biggest and oldest boy in the group. The three boys climbed in.

"Oh wow!" Keith said (15) Our own truck!"

Adapted from "The Stolen Child" from Colin Cheong

13. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop and inverted commas
 (3) [?] question mark and inverted commas
 (4) [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [?] question mark and inverted commas
 (4) [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

16. Seeing that he had already been severely punished for his misdeeds, I decided not to _____ the matter to him.
- ✓(1) bring up
 - (2) bring on
 - (3) bring forth
 - (4) bring along
17. The passers-by along Orchard Road did not suspect that the 'sculpture' was a street performer until he suddenly moved from his _____ position.
- (1) statue
 - (2) statuette
 - (3) stationary
 - (4) stationery
18. Aisha feels that examinations should be _____ to reduce stress in young people.
- (1) refined
 - (2) remade
 - (3) reiterated
 - (4) revamped
19. Do not exercise if you are carrying an injury as you may _____ your injury. It may lead to more complications later.
- (1) elevate
 - (2) alleviate
 - (3) aggravate
 - (4) exaggerate
20. The much-anticipated performance at the Grand Theatre was delayed due to _____ circumstances.
- (1) uninviting
 - (2) unfamiliar
 - (3) uncommon
 - (4) unforeseen

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The old woman was gratified to be back at the block of flats where she lived. In (21)
the lift, her thoughts were on dinner and a good rest. However, when she got out at
her own floor, both were forgotten as she saw that her front door was wide open.

She made a mental note to tick off her domestic helper for such a (22)
monstrous piece of negligence. However, she soon realised that she had gone (23)
shopping after her domestic helper had left and she remembered that she herself
had locked her door completely. She walked gingerly into the living room and (24)
immediately noticed that all the bedroom doors were opened.

Looking into her study room, she saw a scene of confusion over her writing (25)
desk. It was as clear as daylight then that her home had been burgled.

21. (1) glad
(2) jubilant
(3) ecstatic
(4) exhilarated
22. (1) rebut
(2) coach
(3) criticise
(4) reprimand
23. (1) ignorance
(2) unfamiliarity
(3) inexperience
(4) carelessness
24. (1) haltingly
(2) stealthily
(3) hesitantly
(4) cautiously
25. (1) chaos
(2) commotion
(3) uneasiness
(4) lawlessness

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- Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

Wings' mother was overjoyed. His father was amused. His sister was disgusted. It was written all over her sulky face as Wings suddenly found himself the centre of attention of family and friends. The kid sister found that hard to swallow as she had been the family star up till then. She could not understand why Wings was being given so much attention 5 just because he had joined a pack of dirty, rowdy, backwoods boys. She saw him being whisked to Sand's House, home of the Singapore Scouts, to be outfitted. She saw him return with all the paraphernalia that made up the exterior of a Scout. She heard the interested and excited voices of friends and relatives who dropped by and talked scouting with her 10 brother. "It will not last," she told herself. "It had better not."

She looked at her own white ballet tunic with the baby pink belt. "Now, wasn't that a lot sweeter than that grubby khaki thing my brother had just bought? I can dance," she reassured herself, "but all he will do is sing some stupid campfire songs and act out stupid things." She looked 15 at her piano books. "They say I'm talented. I can play the piano and I passed Grade 1 with distinction. He hasn't even taken his first exam although we started playing the piano at the same time."

"I'll be a famous pianist and dancer when I grow up," she told herself. "He's only going to be a '*kacang putih*' (peanut) seller." It was a 20 comforting thought and it helped her to forget Wings' sudden and short-lived popularity as she thumped the ivory scales to stardom.

Meanwhile, Wings became overwhelmed by all the attention and did not know what to do with it. "Why does everybody suddenly want to talk to me?" he wondered. 25

He became a passive participant whenever he heard words of praise. "Yes, joining the Scouts is really a good idea," they said. "You must try your best to be the Commissioner's Scout, maybe even a President's Scout, Wings. Try your very best."

Adapted from "The Stolen Child" from Colin Cheong

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

26. Wings' sister was jealous because _____.
- (1) Wings had joined the Scouts
 - (2) she was forced to take up ballet
 - (3) no one was fussing over her anymore
 - (4) her relatives had bought Wings the Scouts uniform
27. Wings was 'whisked to Sand's House' to _____.
- (1) get information on scouting
 - (2) purchase the Scout's uniform
 - (3) take part in Scouting activities
 - (4) get more attention from his relatives and friends
28. Wings' sister kept her mind off Wings' popularity by _____.
- (1) playing the piano
 - (2) destroying her piano
 - (3) putting on her ballet costume
 - (4) practising for her Grade 1 piano exam
29. Which of the following statements is correct?
- (1) Wings liked to play the piano.
 - (2) Wings was upset by all the attention that he received.
 - (3) Wings was confused by all the attention that he received.
 - (4) Wings had anticipated his family's response to his Scouts involvement.
30. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'inactive'?
- (1) rowdy
 - (2) grubby
 - (3) passive
 - (4) overwhelmed



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

P6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2007

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 - BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ____

Date: 7 May 2007

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

Paper	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1. Composition	55	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	95	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	10	
2.3 Editing (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
2.6 Comprehension	20	
3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write each letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

~~(A)~~ for	~~(D)~~ in	~~(G)~~ into	~~(K)~~ were	~~(N)~~ on
~~(B)~~ throughout	~~(E)~~ up	~~(H)~~ is	~~(L)~~ was	~~(P)~~ over
~~(C)~~ to	~~(F)~~ from	~~(J)~~ are	~~(M)~~ with	~~(Q)~~ through

In the dark of night, thieves armed (31) _____ wire cutters and cages have been stealing endangered species from zoos and private collections (32) _____ the world. Last month, about fifty exotic birds were stolen (33) _____ a private collection in the United Kingdom. (34) _____ recent months, a pair of prized African grey parrots (35) _____ snatched from Australia's Adelaide Zoo. A rare chuckwalla lizard was also taken from the Oklahoma City Zoo in the United States.

John Hayward, a former police officer who runs Britain's National Theft Register, said thefts of exotic and endangered species are (36) _____ the rise. "If anybody wants an exotic animal, chances (37) _____ they are not going to go into the tropical rainforest to try and find one," he said. "It's far easier to break (38) _____ somebody's private collection or zoo and steal one."

Hayward said the stolen animals end (39) _____ in the pet trade, roadside zoos or private collections. Others are used in breeding programmes. Money is usually the motive (40) _____ such thefts. The more rare or endangered the species, the higher the price the animal can fetch on the black market.

(Adapted from 'Animals Thefts on the Rise' from National Geographic)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Onkel Otto was furious with the girls. They rarely saw him so angry. "Stop that nonsense," he **said**. "You must not

(41)

(42)

said horrible things like that about people who are not as **fortunert** as we are.

(43)

That man out there at the front probably has nowhere to go. There are people

(44)

out there who have **lost** their homes and families and don't know where to turn to.

They have to sleep in bams, on the streets or wherever they can find a place to

(45)

rest. How can you expect them to be **metikulésly** tidy? We've got to help people like him, not send him away like a dirty, mangy dog."

(46)

(47)

They all go upstairs to the kitchen to see what was **aveilleble** to offer the

(48)

man. Tante Edith **instruckted** me to take him some sausage and bread. The stranger looked forlorn and he was wearing an enormous, grey overcoat in spite

(49)

of the warm May sunshine. There was a grey stubble on his chin when he had

(50)

not shave for some time. He stared sadly at the house with sunken eyes which looked enormous in his bony face. (Adapted from 'No Shelter' by Elizabeth Lutzeier)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

"Come, Shylock," persuaded the lawyer. "(51) _____ merciful. Take three times the sum and (52) _____ me tear up the promise note."

Still, Shylock (53) _____ and the lawyer could not do anything to prevent Shylock (54) _____ taking a pound of Antonio's flesh. The claim was right (55) _____ to the law of Venice. Antonio must give Shylock a pound (56) _____ flesh for failing to return the money on time.

"You must (57) _____ the consequences bravely," the lawyer said to Antonio.

"Oh, wise young judge, (58) _____ I admire you!" cried Shylock, turning to the judge and (59) _____ out his knife. "Yes, yes, nearest the heart, noble judge!" said Shylock, feeling the sharp (60) _____ of his knife.

"Come, Antonio, bare your chest!"

Antonio (61) _____ his friends' goodbye and bared his chest. As Shylock prepared to cut Antonio's flesh, the judge then said, "Wait a little. There is (62) _____ else. This note does not promise you (63) _____ drop of blood. Take your pound of flesh but (64) _____ you spill one drop of blood, you must (65) _____ all your money and possessions to the government."

(Adapted from 'The Merchant of Venice' – Shakespeare)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

- 66 Joe attended all band practices. He could not play his parts well.

Despite _____

- 67 You will break the eggs if you do not handle them carefully.

unless _____

- 68 "Do you have anything else to tell me about yesterday's incident?" Mrs Tay asked Ali.

Mrs Tay asked _____

- 69 The man managed to rescue the boy who had slipped off the ledge of the balcony as he was strong.

Due to _____

- 70 I was horrified to find the kitchen in a complete mess.

Much _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Sam did not usually find himself in trouble with the authorities but his luck ran out on the day he has to produce his subway pass for the ruthlessly efficient Officer Cruz.

Rushing from the rain, a cheerful group of Burr Academy students invaded the subway station. Sprinting to catch the train roaring in, they barely stopped long enough to hold up their subway passes for the wooden-faced woman in the change booth. If she had actually taken the time to examine the legitimacy of each pass, it would greatly inconvenience the adult citizens who were waiting behind the gaggle of youngsters to buy tokens.

However, Transit Officer Cruz, standing to the side of the booth, was under orders to make spot checks of the swift students in order to catch stray thieves in the act and also to deter those planning to defraud the Transit Authority.

At the top of the stairs, Sam had set his knapsack down, noting angrily that the books were soaking wet because he had forgotten to close it and began searching through his pockets for the subway pass. Finally, he found it in his shoe where he had put it that morning in case he might get robbed at this subway stop which was still new to him. Picking up his knapsack, bottom side up, Sam watched, in acute disgust, as his books slithered down the stairs. By the time he had collected them all, the other students were long gone and Officer Cruz had ample time to examine the straggler.

"Your pass?" he hissed at Sam. Sam took it from between his teeth and handed it to the officer who took it gingerly. "How do I know what else you got in your mouth?" he said sourly as he looked at the pass. "Your name is Benjamin Bloom?"

"Oh dear!" Sam hit himself on the head. "Listen. Benjy Bloom is a friend of mine and he borrowed my subway pass and he lost it, so when he found his, he gave it to me."

"This pass expired last June. You are using a pass which is not yours. You have broken two regulations. You are a double delinquent," bellowed the officer. He took out a long black notebook from his pocket. "I am issuing you a summons. You will have to appear in court, nine in the morning, two weeks from today, to answer the charge of subway trespass, which means you were not entitled to use this pass which wasn't usable in the first place."

Sam looked at the ground and shook his head. "Terrific. I am going to have to ask for time off from school to appear in court as a criminal. You might as well put the cuffs on," Sam muttered bitterly.

(Adapted from 'Does This School Have Capital Punishment' by Nat Hentoff)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

- 71** Give two reasons why the Burr Academy students were rushing.

- 72** What does the phrase 'wooden-faced' (line 5) tell us about how the woman felt about her job? Give a reason to explain your answer.

- 73** Explain clearly how it would inconvenience the adult passengers if the woman checked each pass carefully.

- 74** From paragraph 4, give two reasons to explain why Sam was distracted and picked his knapsack bottom side up.

- 75** What word in the passage has the same meaning as 'sufficient'?

- 76** Explain clearly how Sam's carelessness with his knapsack led to his encounter with Officer Cruz.

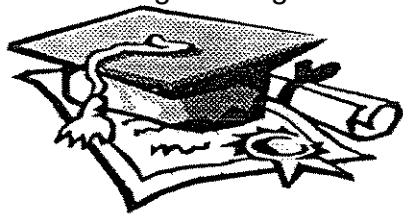
77 Why did the officer take Sam's pass 'gingerly' (line 20) from him?

78 What does 'it' in 'he gave it to me' (line 23) refer to?

79 Give two reasons to explain why Officer Cruz issued Sam a summons.

80 How did Sam feel when he made the remark 'You might as well put the cuffs on.' in line 31?

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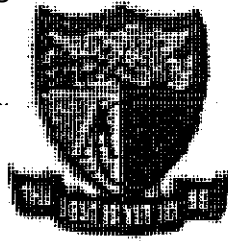
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28. 1	60) blade
29. 3	61) bade
30. 3	62) something
31. M	63) a
32. B	64) if
	65) surrender

- 66) Despite attending all band practices, Joe could not play his parts well.
- 67) You will break the eggs unless you handle them carefully.
- 68) Mrs Tay asked Ali if he had anything else to tell him about the incident the day before.
- 69) Due to the man's strength, he managed to rescue the boy who had slipped off the ledge of the balcony.
- 70) Much to my horror, I found the kitchen in a complete mess.
- 71) The Burr academy students were rushing from the rain and rushing to catch the train.
- 72) The women probably felt bored. For the entire day she got to examine the legitimacy of each pass.
- 73) There would be a delay due to a bottleneck form in the queue.
- 74) Sam was worried that he might be robbed and had difficulty locating his pass at first.
- 75) The word is "ample".
- 76) Sam collected his books and by that time, the other students were gone which therefore led him to his encounter with officer Cruz.
- 77) Sam put the pass in his mouth and the officer was squeamish about holding it.
- 78) 'It' refers to Benjamin Bloom's subway pass.
- 79) Firstly, that card expired in June and secondly for using a pass which was not Sam's.
- 80) Sam felt bitter.

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Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

P6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2007

END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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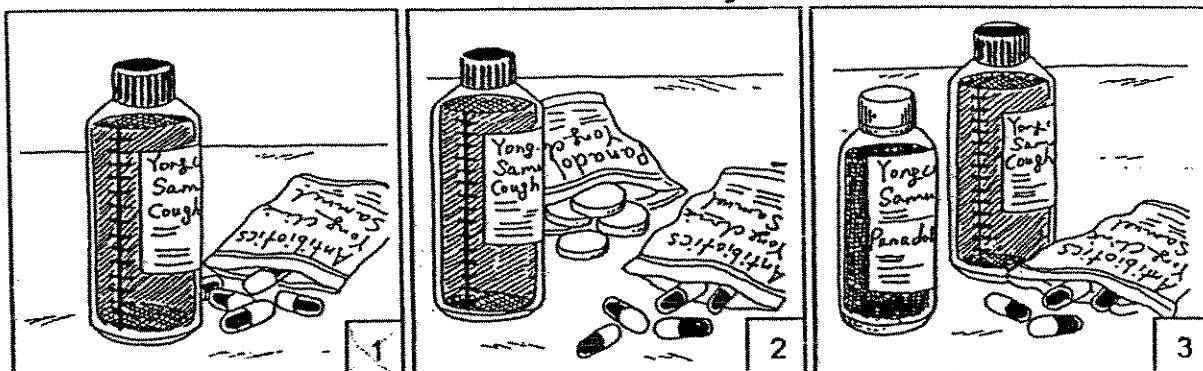
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Text 1

Q1. Which picture shows the medicine the doctor prescribed for Sam? ① ② ③

**Text 2**

Q2. Which picture shows Tim with the people he went to Hong Kong with? ① ② ③

**Text 3**

Q3. Which of the following shows the route that Mandy will take to the bank? ① ② ③

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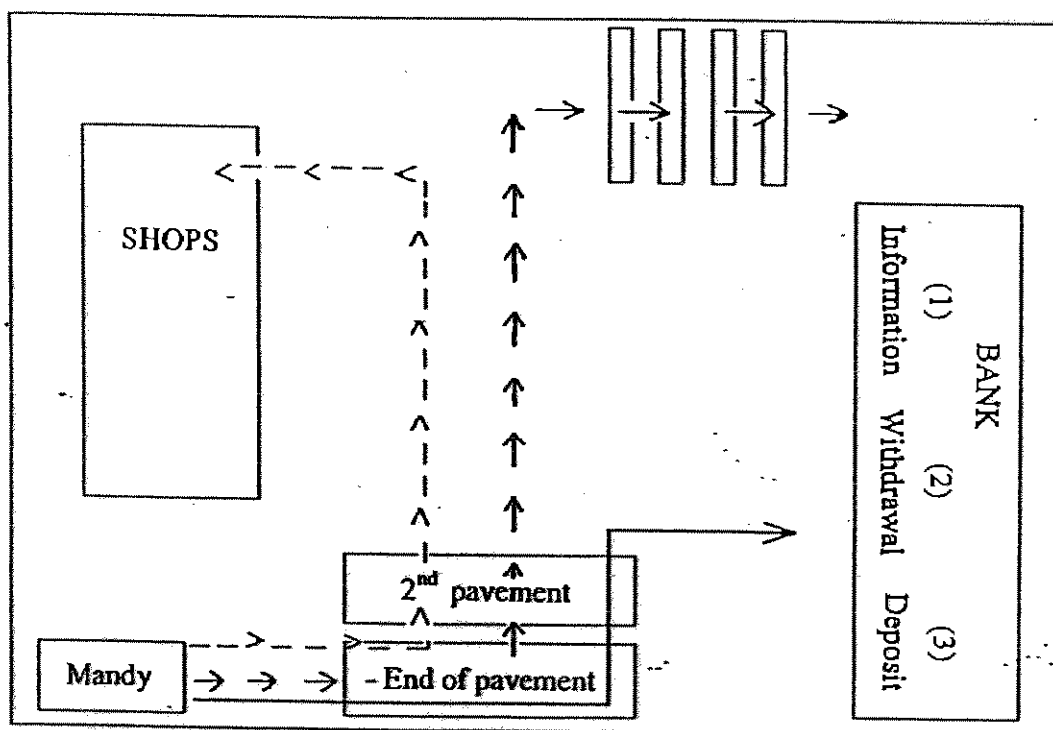
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Text 3

Q4. Which counter will Mandy go to at the bank? ① ② ③

1. Information
2. Withdrawal
3. Deposit

**Text 4**

Q5. What was Stella carrying? ① ② ③

1. Two bags.
2. Ten bottles of water.
3. Bags containing ten bottles of water.

Q6. Where did Stella come from? ① ② ③

1. Singapore
2. Malaysia
3. Indonesia

Q7. Which word best describes Stella? ① ② ③

1. Honest
2. Hardworking
3. Carefree

Text 5

- Q8. What did Alex find out at the airport in France? ① ② ③
1. His flight had been cancelled.
 2. His flight had been delayed.
 3. His baggage was missing.
- Q9. Where did Alex spend the additional night in France?..... ① ② ③
1. At the airport.
 2. In a hotel.
 3. At the accommodation provided for by the airline
- Q10. What bad news did Alex receive at the airport in London? ① ② ③
1. There were no taxis.
 2. His baggage was damaged by airline staff.
 3. His baggage was still in France.
- Q11. Why will Alex never forget that vacation? ① ② ③
1. He found France and London beautiful.
 2. He had experienced frustrating moments at both airports.
 3. It was the most exhausting vacation he ever had.

Text 6

- Q12. What is a sign of an oncoming storm? ① ② ③
1. The sky is blue.
 2. The fish are active.
 3. The fishermen are pulling in their catch.
- Q13. How many fishing lines were cast?..... ① ② ③
1. Eight
 2. Thirty
 3. Fifty
- Q14. What had caused their boat to tip over? ① ② ③
1. The heavy catch that was in their boat.
 2. The water that had filled up the boat.
 3. The strong sea currents.

Text 6

Q15. Why did the fishermen cling on to the capsized boat?..... ① ② ③

1. To keep afloat.
2. To save their fish.
3. To alert the crew of the rescue boat.

Q16. What was the new danger facing the fishermen? ① ② ③

1. Sharp rocks
2. Sharks
3. Crocodiles

Text 7

Q17. How did Roger feel when he heard that Tom had also received a scholarship? ① ② ③

1. Shattered.
2. Surprised.
3. Happy and excited.

Q18. How did the boys spend their day? ① ② ③

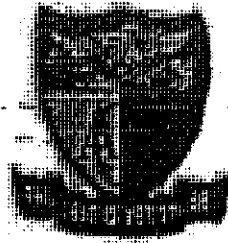
1. Shopping and watching a movie.
2. Eating and shopping.
3. Eating, shopping and watching a movie

Q19. Where did the boys have lunch? ① ② ③

1. Clementi
2. Orchard Road
3. Bishan Point

Q20. Why could Roger not go to England? ① ② ③

1. His father had lost his job.
2. His family was poor.
3. He could not get an air ticket.



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)/Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

P6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2007

COMBINED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 - BOOKLET A

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Date: 21 August 2007

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

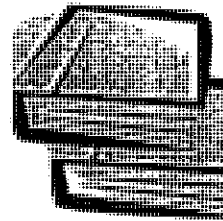
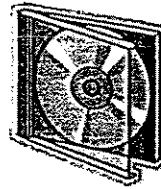
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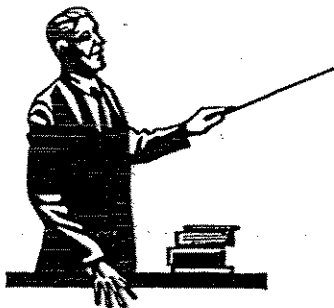
Study the advertisement below and then answer the questions that follow it.

lesson in savings

20 %
*off**



all full-priced books, movies,
music and Paperchase



for *teachers*
& *students*

Free Compact Disc
pouch for the first 50
students below
12 years old

Limited period only - 14 to 16 Sept 07

This offer is also available to Education Account holders.

HORDERS®

BIGGEST CHOICE OF BOOKS, MUSIC, MOVIES AND MAGAZINES

Spend above
\$200 and get
a \$10
voucher

***Terms and conditions apply:-**

- display valid student/teacher identification during purchase.
- discount is only applicable to full-priced items
- not to be used together with other promotional coupons or discount cards.
- excludes newspapers, magazines, gift vouchers, electronic gift cards and special orders

Main

111 STANDFORD ROAD,
15 Ziplock Place,
Singapore 200007
Tel: 60000009

Branch

201 ORCHID ROAD
#01-00 Havelock Mall,
Singapore 222880
Tel: 61234567

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

1. This is an advertisement on a _____.
 - (1) lesson in savings
 - (2) sales promotion by a company
 - (3) range of teacher resources only
 - (4) suitable way to select books and movies

2. The 20% discount is not for _____.
 - (1) tertiary students
 - (2) financial planners
 - (3) Physical Fitness teachers
 - (4) Educational Account holders

3. Jenny will not qualify for a 20% discount off her purchases if she _____.
 - (1) verifies that she is a teacher
 - (2) buys items that are on offer
 - (3) spends less than \$200 for the total bill
 - (4) goes to Ziplock Place instead of Havelock Mall

4. A polytechnic student intends to spend \$236 on Compact Discs (CD) and magazines during the offer period. He will get _____.
 - (1) a \$10 gift voucher
 - (2) an electronic gift card
 - (3) a Compact Disc pouch
 - (4) 20% discount for both items

5. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) There will be no discount on special orders.
 - (2) Every student who comes will get a free gift.
 - (3) This offer is only available to Educational Account holders.
 - (4) The offer will not be valid from 16 Sept 07 onwards.

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. For the whole of yesterday, Mathew simply _____ on his bed and did nothing.

- (1) lie
- (2) lay
- (3) laid
- (4) lain

7. The school attendant picked up a bunch of keys and said he had no idea _____ it was.

- (1) who
- (2) who's
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

8. Mr Wong holds two jobs as his family of eight _____ him for financial support.

- (1) looks to
- (2) looks at
- (3) looks for
- (4) looks after

9. I have just _____ a robber telling his accomplice to meet him outside a bank.

- (1) hear
- (2) hears
- (3) heard
- (4) hearing

10. The bicycle _____ him \$500 and up till today he still regrets buying it.

- (1) cost
- (2) costs
- (3) costing
- (4) has cost

11. The hamster, together with the golden cage, _____ stolen by a group of students last night.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

12. Gopal loves skateboarding with his friends at the park, _____?

- (1) has he
- (2) does he
- (3) hasn't he
- (4) doesn't he

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

She kissed him, gave him a dismissive push towards the car and then followed him to it. As Tom went in, Mrs Long looked past him to the driver.

"Give my love to Gwen," she said (13) "and tell her, Alan, how grateful we are to you both for taking Tom off at such short notice. It's very kind of you, isn't it, Tom (14)

"Very kind (15)" Tom repeated bitterly.

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full-stop
(4) ["] inverted commas
14. (1) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(2) ["?"] inverted commas and question mark
(3) ["!] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full-stop
(4) [?] question mark

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. The occasional _____ the patient experienced indicated a possible malfunction of the brain.
- (1) spasm
 - (2) jingling
 - (3) tremors
 - (4) vibrations
17. Simon was given a heavy sentence for drink-driving as he showed little _____ over the offence.
- (1) guilt
 - (2) shame
 - (3) remorse
 - (4) ignorance
18. The lawmakers could not ignore the _____ against an increase in tax.
- (1) chaos
 - (2) outrage
 - (3) rebellion
 - (4) defiance
19. The soldiers _____ Bakseen's attempt to overthrow the government.
- (1) spoiled
 - (2) thwarted
 - (3) destroyed
 - (4) exacerbated
20. Due to the _____ lack of crude oil, the price of petrol has soared to unimaginable heights.
- (1) acute
 - (2) ample
 - (3) extreme
 - (4) excessive

- For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
- (5 marks)

It sits on a shelf at the top of my closet. Once it was a shoe-box, decorated for Valentine's Day and given to me by my oldest child. This shoe-box valentine is wrinkled and mouldy where the jellybeans and gumdrops have run together. It is (21) sticky in places but it is a repository of objects from their childhood given to me (22) by my children. They have scrawled their names on little slips of papers – (23) a product of love in its most uncomplicated and authentic state. (24)

The children are grown now. They still love me though it is harder sometimes to get any information to prove it. Once in a while I take it down and open it. It is (25) something I can touch and hold and believe in, now that there are no small arms around my neck.

Adapted from *All I Really Need To Know I Learned In Kindergarten* by Robert Fulghum

21. (1) crisp
(2) coarse
(3) crinkled
(4) crumpled
22. (1) relics
(2) remains
(3) antiques
(4) artefacts
23. (1) signed
(2) shaded
(3) scribbled
(4) scratched

24. (1) creative
(2) genuine
(3) traditional
(4) trustworthy

25. (1) data
(2) evidence
(3) testimony
(4) confession

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

It was 7 a.m. in Kyoto, Japan and the taxi company had just called a second time to say they could not find my house. Once again I spelled out directions, glanced impatiently at my watch and waited. Only two hours remained until my flight would leave and it was an hour-and-a-half trip to the Osaka airport.

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Outside, torrential rains were threatening to sweep my little house off the mountain slope on which it teetered, so far north in Kyoto that city buses lurched past only three times a day.

The telephone rang again. "Terribly sorry," began the despatcher. Then I realised what had happened. Flooded with calls, the company was maximising profits by handling only in-city runs. I had heard this would happen when the weather got bad. I shouted into the phone that I had a plane to catch – I must be in Seoul by noon – and I would meet the taxi a few hundred metres away on a bridge over the Kamo River.

10

Standing above the gale-swelled torrent, horizontal wind-driven rain drenching my overcoat, I gazed up and down the road. No taxi. Finally, struggling with my umbrella and suitcase, I began to hitchhike. A sedan went by, driver and passenger staring at the lunatic, well-dressed foreigner walking backward and holding his thumb out in the downpour.

15

From the other direction a white Nissan approached, then jammed on its brakes. A young man threw open the door, gesturing for me to get in. Shaking with cold and anger, I climbed inside.

20

despatcher
In the most humble Japanese, the man identified himself as the ~~despatcher~~ with whom I had spoken three times that morning. To get me to my plane, he had abandoned his post and raced from the company in his personal car. He gave a deep bow but did not explain why a taxi could not pick me up, except to say they were 'very, very busy' that morning. Delivering me straight to the boarding stop for the airport bus, he refused the 2000 yen I pressed into his hand and with more apologies implored me to patronise his company in the future.

25

30

A few hours later, settling back into my seat as the storm-delayed 727 took off, I opened the newspaper. On the second page my eyes wandered to the headline of a short article – 'Taxi Strike Begins This Morning In Kyoto.'

Adapted from *Good Business* by Paul Wadden in Reader's Digest, February 1991

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. In line 7, the word 'it' refers to the _____.
- (1) city buses
 - (2) little house
 - (3) torrential rain
 - (4) mountain slope
27. 'Then I realised what had happened' (line 9). The writer realised _____.
- (1) how apologetic the despatcher was
 - (2) the weather had turned for the worse
 - (3) why there was no taxi available to pick him up
 - (4) the taxi company was flooded with phone calls
28. The writer was 'holding his thumb out' (line 19) as he was trying to _____.
- (1) get help
 - (2) hail a taxi
 - (3) get a lift from other people
 - (4) catch the attention of other passers-by
29. The fact that the despatcher refused to accept the writer's money tells us that he was _____.
- (1) humble
 - (2) stubborn
 - (3) apologetic
 - (4) unrepentant
30. According to the passage, which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) The despatcher regretted picking the writer up in his own personal car.
 - (2) The writer realised the despatcher had gone out of his way to pick him up.
 - (3) The writer left his house to try to get a taxi on his own after the third phone call.
 - (4) The despatcher had no chance to explain why his company did not send a taxi.



Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)/ Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

P6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2007

COMBINED PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 - BOOKLET B

Name: _____ () Class: Primary 6 ____

Date: 21 August 2007

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

Part	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1. Composition	55	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	95	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	10	
2.3 Editing (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
2.6 Comprehension	20	
3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) at	(G) off	(K) through	(N) where
(B) an	(E) from	(H) out	(L) to	(P) which
(C) any	(F) of	(J) some	(M) under	(Q) with

We all hate ants, cockroaches and bugs. However, there is no need to kill them _____ strong chemicals that may also harm you in the long run. One
(31) simple substitute is to have _____ soapy water in a spray bottle and
(32) spray this at ants and cockroaches. To discourage ants, set out cucumber peels or slices in the kitchen. Ants have a natural aversion _____
(33) cucumber and bitter cucumbers seem to work best. Alternatively, dry, crushed mint leaves or cloves also work as _____ ant deterrent.
(34)

Pandan leaves can keep cockroaches _____ bay. A single pandan
(35) leaf tied up in a knot will do. If you do have one of those cockroach-killing sprays, make sure you store it _____ of harm's way and try not to use it in
(36) the kitchen _____ it can settle on surfaces and leach into your food.
(37)

As for garden bugs, hold _____ on pesticide and make a garlic
(38) spray instead. The recipe: Puree 15 garlic cloves and one pint _____ water in a blender, strain the mixture _____ a
(39) cheesecloth into a clean spray bottle and apply to all leaves. Repeat every few
(40) days until the problem goes away.

Adapted from *Mind Your Body*, The Straits Times, 21 February 2007

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.
Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

A 52-year-old resident of Yishun Avenue 4 died last Friday, two days after being diagnosed with dengue fever. Although the cause of his death has (41) (42) not been confirm, he is the second person suspected to have sucumbbed to the disease this year.

(43)

The victim worked with a clerk at a car agency. He first visited a clinic (44) near his home on Monday last week. He was experiencing body aiks and (45) giddiness. When his syntoms continued to worsen on Wednesday, his family (46) decided to take him to the hospital. Blood tests showed that he was suffered from (47) dengue fever. His condition later detereorated and he died on Friday evening.

(48)

Yishun was one of the hotspots identify early last month. In fact, some (49) residents claimed to have found some mosquito larvae breed in the drains of a (50) car park and a bin centre in the nayburhood. Officers from the National Environment Agency will continue with house-to-house as well as outdoor checks in the area.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Philip was sitting on a wooden bench in almost total darkness, smoking a cigarette, when he heard the snake. He heard it as a faint rustling noise and immediately _____ his breath. When the sound
(51)

_____ clearer, he knew the snake was crawling along the
(52)

_____ he was sitting on.
(53)

He _____ the hairs on his neck stiffening as a cold
(54)

sweat broke _____ on his forehead. He resisted the
(55)

temptation to draw hard on his cigarette and used its _____ to see
(56)

the snake. As he listened, he realized that the snake was sliding slowly towards

him. A fresh rustle told him it was a _____ fifty centimetres
(57)

away. Then he felt a slight tickling on his bare _____ . The snake
(58)

was exploring his leg with its forked tongue. From its weight and the

_____ of its belly, Philip guessed that it was quite slender.
(59)

It felt like eternity though it was probably just about a minute _____
(60)

he felt the last centimetre of its tail slide off his skin.

He dared not move an _____. He still had another
(61)

_____ to solve – his cigarette.
(62)

It had burnt down almost to the tip. How was he to get _____ of
(63)

it? He could not _____ it out without moving. If he did, the
(64)

_____ would probably be equally aroused by the shower of
(65)

sparks. Given its length, the reptile was not out of striking distance yet.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

(10 marks)

66. The bag was heavy. I could not carry it.

_____ too

67. If you do not try your best, you will never win the game.

Unless _____

68. "Do not leave your bags here," the prefect advised us.

The prefect _____

69. The boys have not seen him. The girl has not seen him either.

Neither _____

70. May is kind and diligent.

_____ not only

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

The sounds of the train apparently drew the boys' attention to the track. After making their way through the trees, they clambered with difficulty to the top of the steep roadbed, knelt down along the railroad tracks and began to play.

To the west, a freight train rolled slowly towards the children. Overhead lights signalled to engineer Rich Campana that the passenger train ahead was out of the way and they could resume their normal speed of 40 miles per hour. The engineer pulled the throttle, then turned to conductor Anthony Falzo who was sitting at the locomotive's left observation window. Rich and Anthony spotted something ahead at the same instant. "What's that up there?" asked the engineer. Anthony did not answer and was staring intently. A crumpled cardboard box? Discarded rags? Suddenly both men realised what it was. 5 10

Rich threw on the emergency brake and jerked the air-horn handle with all his strength. The horn's blast and Anthony's words exploded at the same time, "Kids on the track!"

Anthony had dealt with emergencies for many years, especially in his police service. Now all his experience took over. He felt his body 'go on automatic'. He sprang through the door and raced to the front of the swaying train. Scrambling down a steel ladder, he paused on the bottom rung, two feet above the roadbed flashing by. 15

Now he could clearly see the two little children. They were sitting alongside the rail. Anthony waved frantically and shouted, "Get away!" He mentally calculated the train's deceleration rate and groaned. Engrossed in play, Todd and Scott did not hear the train. 20

Finally as the sound became thunderous, Scott looked up and froze. Though the train was slowing down, Anthony knew he could not outrun it. Instead he forced himself to wait until he would be close enough to leap off and grab the boys. With perhaps ten feet between them and the sharp-edged snowplough blade at the front of the train, Anthony sprang forward from the ladder. Landing on the loose, fist-size ballast stones alongside the track, he had to struggle to keep his balance. In two giant strides, he almost reached the children. They stared up at him in wide-eyed shock. Anthony, flinging his body into space, flew towards them. 25 30

As his body hurtled downward, Anthony covered Todd while reaching out with one arm to grab Scott and pull him clear of the track. But the train had caught up to them. Anthony saw the black steel edge of the snow blade clip the young child on the chin. Part of the train then punched into the back of Anthony's work vest. Still, Anthony managed to pull Scott completely beneath him. Burying his face in the stones, he pushed downward on the two boys with all his strength as the overhang of the train passed inches above them. 35

Adapted from *Kids On The Track* by Jack Murphy in Reader's Digest, July 1990

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as 'seemingly'?

72. Explain clearly Anthony's purpose in 'staring intently' (line 10).

73. What does 'it' in line 11 refer to?

74. Give two reasons to explain why Rich 'threw on the emergency brake and jerked the air-horn handle' (line 12)?

75. Explain clearly what the expression 'felt his body go on automatic' (lines 16 - 17) means.



76. Explain clearly why Anthony groaned (line 22) upon mentally calculating the train's deceleration rate.

77. What did Scott realise when the 'sound became thunderous' (line 24)?

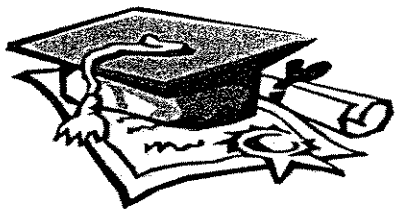
78. What caused Anthony to land unsteadily on the track?

79. From paragraph 6, quote the sentence that describes how Anthony finally closed the gap between the children and him.

80. In the last paragraph, which part of Scott was hit by the train?

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ANSWER SHEET

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1. 2	31) Q	41) confirmed	51) help
2. 2	32) J	42) succumbed	52) became
3. 2	33) L	43) as	53) bunch
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5. 1	35) D	45) symptoms	55) out
6. 2	36) H	46) suffering	56) light
7. 4	37) N	47) deteriorate	57) mere
8. 1	38) G	48) identified	58) leg
9. 3	39) F	49) breeding	59) part
10. 1	40) K	50) neighbourhood	60) before
11. 3			
12. 4	61) inch		
13. 2	62) problem		
14. 1	63) rid		
15. 2	64) put		
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18. 2	66) The bag was too heavy for me to carry.		
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20. 1	67) Unless you try your best, you will never win the game.		
21. 4			
22. 4			
23. 3	68) The prefect advised us not to leave our bags there.		
24. 2			
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26. 2	69) Neither the boys nor the girl has seen him.		
27. 3			
28. 3			
29. 3	70) May is not only kind, she is also diligent.		
30. 2			
	71) It is 'apparently'.		

72) Anthony was thinking hard what the object on the track was.

73) It refers to the two boys playing along the railroad track.

74) He wanted to stop the train and to tell the kids to go off tracks.

75) It means he acted instinctively during emergencies and did what was necessary to save the two boys.

76) He knew the train would not stop in time and the children would be injured.

77) He realized that the train was approaching and he had to act quickly to save and himself.

78) Anthony landed on fist-size ballast stones caused Anthony to land unsteadily.

79) It is "Anthony flinging his body into space, flew towards them".

80) Scott's back was hit by the train.

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2007 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

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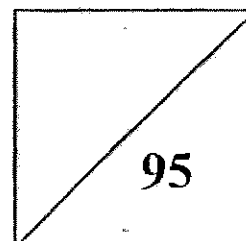
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Booklet A

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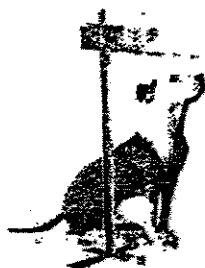
Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Graphic Stimulus



Cats Classified Fun Sports Day!
 Sunday 27 May 2007
 10am to 5pm • Stadium Green
 Free Admission

Participate in exciting contests for a chance to win attractive prizes!

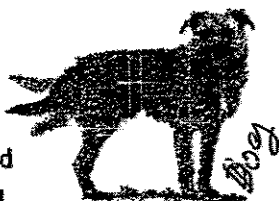


Jump Challenge

Think you and your dog can jump the furthest or highest? Compete in a challenge that will test your skills, one where the pair with the highest combined distance jumped wins! To register, email your name, I/C number and contact number to cats1@sph.com.sg (subject: Jump Challenge) by 19 May 2007

Tail-Wagging Marathon

Think your dog has the stamina and endurance to wag its tail for a long time? The dog that keeps on wagging for the longest time wins. To register, email your name, I/C number and contact number to cats1@sph.com.sg (subject: Tail-Wagging Marathon) by 19 May 2007



Speed-Swatting Meet

Show off your chemistry with your cat. Owners will coax their cats to swat at hanging objects, and the cat that responds the fastest will win. To register, email your name, I/C number and contact number to cats1@sph.com.sg (subject: Speed-Swatting Meet) by 19 May 2007



Pole-Weaving Race

Pit your agile dog against others in a pole-weaving race! The pooch that weaves through a series of poles in the fastest time wins. To register, email your name, I/C number and contact number to cats1@sph.com.sg (subject: Pole-Weaving Race) by 19 May 2007.



Hamster 1-Metre Dash

Cheer your hamsters on as they dash down a mini-race track in exercise balls. The fastest hamster wins. To register, email your name, I/C number and contact number to cats1@sph.com.sg (subject: Hamster 1-Metre Dash) by 19 May 2007



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- 2nd Prize: \$100 Pet Voucher + Silver Medal + Goodie Bag
- 3rd Prize: \$50 Pet Voucher + Bronze Medal + Goodie Bag

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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Chelsea has an Alsatian. Which activities can she take part in?

- ☒ (1) Jump challenge, Tail-Wagging Marathon
- ☐ (2) Pole-Weaving Race and Hamster 1-Metre Dash
- ☐ (3) Jump challenge, Tail-Wagging Marathon and Speed-Swatting Meet
- ☐ (4) Jump challenge, Tail-Wagging Marathon and Pole-Weaving Race

2. The top prize for each contest is _____.

- ☐ (1) \$50 Pet Voucher + Bronze Medal + Goodie Bag
- ☐ (2) \$100 Pet Voucher + Silver Medal + Goodie Bag
- ☐ (3) \$150 Pet Voucher + Gold Medal + Goodie Bag
- ☐ (4) \$150 Cash + Gold Medal + Goodie Bag

3. Chelsea's dog has the agility of a monkey. To stand a high chance of winning, she should register it for _____.

- ☒ (1) Jump challenge
- ☐ (2) Pole-Weaving Race
- ☐ (3) Speed-Swatting Meet
- ☐ (4) Tail-Wagging Marathon

4. What must your hamster be able to do in order to participate in the 1-Metre Dash?

- ☒ (1) Jump very well
- ☐ (2) Swat hanging objects
- ☐ (3) Weave through a series of poles
- ☐ (4) Dash down a mini-race track in exercise balls

5. Who is the main sponsor of this event?

- ☐ (1) Pets Corner
- ☐ (2) Royal Canin
- ☐ (3) Cats Classified
- ☐ (4) CATS

Section B : Grammar MCQ (7 x 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. He went to the party last Sunday, _____ he?
- (1) has
 - (2) did
 - (3) hasn't
 - (4) didn't
7. He managed to climb up Mt. Fuji _____ his injured leg.
- (1) for
 - (2) since
 - (3) because
 - (4) in spite of
8. All but Winston _____ a souvenir each at the exhibition last night.
- (1) is given
 - (2) are given
 - (3) was given
 - (4) were given
9. The football match between the two schools was called _____ because of bad weather.
- (1) on
 - (2) off
 - (3) out
 - (4) upon
10. Hilary is a very gullible girl. She is easily _____ by what other people say.
- (1) taken in
 - (2) taken out
 - (3) taken off
 - (4) taken away

11. The woman _____ Wei Chuen is talking to is my teacher.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

12. The eye-witness commented, "I saw him _____ into the river."

- (1) jump
- (2) jumped
- (3) is jumping
- (4) was jumping

Section C : Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

On the teacher(13)s birthday, the students brought gifts for her. The florist's daughter brought a bouquet of roses and the candy store owner's son gave the teacher a box of candies. The liquor store owner's son brought a big and heavy box. The teacher lifted it up and noticed that it was leaking. She touched a drop of the liquid and tasted it.

"Is it wine (14) she asked.

"No," the boy replied.

"Champagne?"

"No."

"I give up (15) the teacher said. "What is it?"

"It's a puppy!" the boy answered happily.

13. (1) [.] comma
(2) [.] full-stop
(3) ['] apostrophe
(4) [:] semi-colon
14. (1) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
(2) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(4) [.""] full-stop and inverted commas
15. (1) [.] full-stop
(2) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(4) [.""] full-stop and inverted commas

Section D : Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20 four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The alleged murderer was _____ after the real culprit turned himself in to the police.
- (1) convicted
 - (2) acquitted
 - (3) sentenced
 - (4) discredited
17. Derrick could not concentrate on his work as his neighbours were creating a _____.
- (1) din
 - (2) blast
 - (3) rampage
 - (4) symphony
18. If industrial factories do not _____ of their chemical waste properly, the environment will be adversely affected.
- (1) oppose
 - (2) repose
 - (3) dispose
 - (4) compose
19. His driving licence was _____ for five years after the fatal accident.
- (1) seized
 - (2) cancelled
 - (3) suspended
 - (4) confiscated
20. After his _____ was exposed, he was no longer trusted by anyone and was asked to leave the company.
- (1) deception
 - (2) reception
 - (3) conception
 - (4) perception

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5x1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

My wife prepared breakfast as I stood at the dining room window (21) gazing beyond a row of palm trees. The early morning sun was forcing its rays through wisps of fog. Our three-year-old daughter, Becky, was in the backyard. Her attention was (22) riveted to the antics of a pair of quarrelling sparrows.

Suddenly I snapped to attention for (23) an awesome creature, ugly and (24) misshapened, was moving up the alley. In the (25) hazy light of the early morning, it appeared like a monster out of the past. It was a huge thing, armed with long curving tusks; down its high, arched back ran a great ridge, crowned with stiff bristles. I realised suddenly what it was: the fierce, wild hog of the Southwest plains country.

Adapted from Henry N. Ferguson's Innocence Abroad

21. ~~(1) peering~~
(2) looking
~~(3) gawking~~
~~(4) inspecting~~
22. (1) addicted to
(2) focused on
(3) distracted by
(4) captivated by
23. (1) an amazing
(2) a splendid
(3) a remarkable
(4) a frightening
24. (1) twisted
(2) hideous
(3) distorted
(4) malformed
25. (1) dim
(2) pale
(3) translucent
(4) indistinct

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5x1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Garbriel Rossetti, the famous 19th-century poet and artist, was once approached by an elderly man. The old man had some sketches and drawings that he wanted Rossetti to look at and tell him if they were any good, or if they at least showed potential talent.

Rossetti looked them over carefully. After the first few pieces, he knew that they were worthless, showing not the least sign of artistic talent. But Rossetti was a kind man, and he told the elderly man as gently as possible that the pictures were without much value and showed little talent. He was sorry, but he could not lie to the man. 5

The visitor was disappointed, but seemed to expect Rossetti's judgment. He apologised for taking up Rossetti's time. Following that, he requested Rossetti to look at a few more drawings - this time done by a young art student. 10

Rossetti looked over the second batch of sketches and immediately became enthusiastic over the talent they revealed. "These," he said, "oh, these are good. The young student has great talent. He should be given every help and encouragement in his career as an artist. He has a great future if he continues with his work." 15

Rossetti could see that the old man was deeply moved. "Who is this fine young artist?" he asked. "Your son?"

"No," said the old man sadly. "It is me - 40 years ago. If only I had heard your praise then! For you see, I got discouraged and gave up too soon." 20

Adapted from Brian Cavanaugh's The Sower's Seeds

26. The elderly man showed Rossetti some drawings in the first paragraph because he wanted to _____.
- (1) learn from Rossetti
 - (2) sell Rossetti the drawings
 - (3) find out if Rossetti was talented
 - (4) find out if the paintings were good
27. Why did Rossetti feel "sorry" in line 8?
- ~~(1)~~ He did not intend to buy the paintings.
 - ~~(2)~~ He did not want to hurt the elderly man.
 - ~~(3)~~ He did not have time to look at the paintings.
 - ~~(4)~~ He did not think the paintings were well drawn.
28. The elderly man was "deeply moved" in line 18 as _____.
- ~~(1)~~ Rossetti praised him
 - ~~(2)~~ his son showed great potential
 - ~~(3)~~ he indeed possessed artistic talent
 - ~~(4)~~ he knew he had a great future ahead
29. What do you think was the elderly man's greatest regret?
- (1) He discontinued painting.
 - (2) He was easily discouraged.
 - (3) He should have drawn more sketches.
 - (4) He had not shown Rossetti his paintings earlier.
30. The young artist was _____.
- (1) the old man's son
 - (2) Rossetti's son
 - (3) Rossetti when he was young
 - (4) the old man when he was young

BOOKLET B

Name : _____ ()

Class : Pr 6 _____

Section G : Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) can	(G) have	(K) over	(N) out
(B) an	(E) but	(H) has	(L) for	(P) to
(C) may	(F) and	(J) of	(M) by	(Q) also

In Singapore, one in four people has myopia, one of the highest rates in the world! Some schools are taking steps to address this at (31) _____ young age.

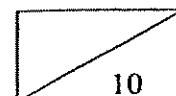
The newly installed green boards (32) _____ look like chalkboards seen in schools back in the 1990s but look closely, and you'll find that there is a green film applied over the white boards. The words on the boards also seem to be written by chalk (33) _____ it is actually a liquid solvent.

Tests have shown that typical white boards like these (34) _____ a reflection index (35) _____ over 51. As for the new green boards, its reflection index is over 10 times less at 4.1 and many believe this is better (36) _____ the eyes.

Seventy percent of students in Singapore have myopia (37) _____ the time they are 18. And though there are no scientific studies linking myopia to the glare from white boards, the Education Ministry has taken steps (38) _____ address this concern. For example, some schools now use non-glossy white boards, while others install light diffusers in classrooms. New school buildings are (39) _____ designed to have windows facing north or south.

The green board is an innovation from Korea. Two schools in Singapore have been trying it (40) _____ since the beginning of the year. Each set up costs \$350.

Adapted from CNA "News In Class"



Section H : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1mark)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.
Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(41)

On the day of the race, Roger looked at the sky. ~~The wedder~~ was right. Roger and

(42)

the other runners lined up for the start. The gun went off. Roger ran almost effortless and

(43)

breezed through the first quarter. He continued to run ridemikaly, hardly giving any

(44)

konsious thought to what he was doing. Roger ran the last lap of the race like he had

(45) (46) (47)

never ran before. He leaped at the tape and kolapsed from sheer exhaust.

On 6 May 1954, Roger Gilbert Bannister made history. He became the first man to

(48)

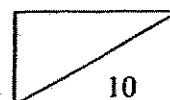
run a mile in less than four minutes. People belief that the four-minute mile was beyond

(49) (50)

the reach of any runner. Breaking this rekod became the biggest challenge at sport. It

offered the perfect test of speed, stamina and careful planning.

Source : Pets Coursebook 6A



Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

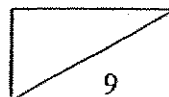
Fill in each blank with a suitable word

The brand new pastor and his wife, newly assigned to their first ministry, to reopen a church in urban Brooklyn, arrived in early October feeling excited about their opportunities. When they saw their (51) _____, it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done in time to have their first service on Christmas Eve.

They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls and painting and on December 18 were ahead of (52) _____ and just about finished. On December 19 a terrible rainstorm hit the area and lasted for two days. On the 21st of December, the pastor went over to the church. His (53) _____ sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about 6 feet by 8 feet to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit.

The pastor cleaned up the mess on the floor, and not knowing what else to do but (54) _____ the Christmas Eve service. On the way home, he noticed a flea market so he stopped by. One of the (55) _____ was a beautiful, hand-made, ivory coloured, crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, and a cross embroidered right in the centre. It was just the right (56) _____ to cover up the hole in the front wall. He bought it and headed back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. An older woman, running from the opposite direction, was trying to catch the (57) _____. She missed it. The pastor (58) _____ her to wait in the warm church for the next bus. She sat in a pew and paid no (59) _____ to the pastor while he got a ladder to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. The pastor could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area.



Then he noticed the woman walking down the centre aisle. Her face turned pale. "Pastor," she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" The pastor explained. The woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials, EBG, were crocheted into it there. They were. These were the initials of the woman, and she had made this tablecloth 35 years before, in Austria.

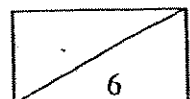
The woman explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she was (60) _____, sent to prison and never saw her husband again. The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth, but she made the pastor keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home since that was the least he could do.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve. The church was almost full. At the end of the (61) _____, one older man, whom the pastor recognized from the neighborhood, continued to sit in one of the pews and stare, and the pastor wondered why he was not leaving.

The man asked him where he got the (62) _____ on the front wall because it was (63) _____ to the one that his wife had made years ago when they lived in Austria before the war.

The pastor asked him if he would allow him to take him for a short (64) _____. They drove to the same house where the pastor had taken the woman three days earlier. He helped the man climb the three flights of (65) _____ to the woman's apartment. He knocked on the door and he saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever imagine.

Source : touchingstories@yahoo.com



Section J : Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. The boys continued with their football match. It was raining heavily.

_____ in spite of _____

67. "Christine, can you pass me the box of crayons?" Felix asked.

Felix asked _____

68. Kelvin likes to read storybooks. Jing Quan likes to read storybooks too.

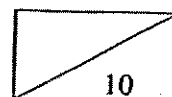
Both _____

69. Hannah applied antiseptic cream on the wound. She wanted to prevent infection.

In order _____

70. All the valuables were stolen from the house. He was careless.

As a result _____



Section K : Comprehension OE (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

There is nothing that can truly prepare you to lose your own child. Looking back, I've often thought the doctors should have written a death certificate for me as well as my son, for when he died, a part of me died too.

Andy was twelve. For over three years he had been battling cancer. He'd gone through radiation and chemotherapy; he'd gone into remission and out again, not once but several times. I was amazed at his resilience; he just kept getting up each time his cancer knocked him flat. 5

The day after he returned from his third camp adventure, we went to the clinic for a routine check-up. The news was bad. The doctor scheduled a bone marrow transplant for two days later in a hospital 300 miles away from our home. 10

We arrived at the hospital and began the gruelling ordeal the doctors felt was my son's only chance. We never talked about dying...except once. Andy was worn out and must have known he was losing ground. He tried to clue me in. Nauseous and weak after one of the many difficult procedures he endured on a regular basis, he turned to me and asked, "Does it hurt to die?" 15

I was shocked, but answered truthfully, "I don't know. But I don't want to talk about death, because you are not going to die, Andy."

He took my hand and said, "Not yet, but I'm getting very tired."

I knew then what he was telling me, but tried hard to ignore it and keep the awful thought from entering my mind. 20

I spent a lot of my day watching Andy sleep. I had very little money, barely enough to survive. The nurses knew our situation and turned a blind eye when I slept in Andy's room and ate the extra food we ordered off Andy's tray.

The bone marrow transplant was a terrible ordeal. Andy couldn't have any visitors because his immune system was so compromised. 25

One day, I went to the gift store and saw a rainbow prism for sale. I felt I had to buy it for him. It was a lot of money to spend, but I handed over the cash and hurried back to Andy's room to show him.

He was lying in his bed, too weak to even raise his head. The blinds were almost shut, but a crack of sunlight poured in slanting across the bed. I put the prism in his hand and said, "Andy, make me a rainbow." But Andy couldn't. He tried to hold his arm up, but it was too much for him. 30

He turned his face to me and said, "Mom, as soon as I'm better, I'll make you a rainbow you'll never forget."

That was one of the last things Andy said to me. Just a few hours later, he went to 35

After five days, the doctors told me his brain had stopped functioning and it was time to disconnect him from the machines that were keeping him alive.

I asked if I could hold him, so just after dawn, they brought a rocking chair into the room and after I settled myself in the chair, they turned off the machines and lifted him from the bed to place him in my arms. As they raised him from the bed, his leg made an involuntary movement and he knocked a clear plastic pitcher from his bedside table onto the bed. 40

"Open the blinds," I cried. "I want this room to be full of sunlight!" The nurse hurried to the window to pull the cord. 45

And then as the sunlight filled the room, the rays hit the pitcher lying on its side on the bed and everyone stopped what they were doing, silent with awe.

The room was suddenly filled with flashes of colour, dozens and dozens of rainbows, on the walls, the floors, the ceiling, on the blanket wrapped around Andy as he lay in my arms. The room was alive with rainbows. 50

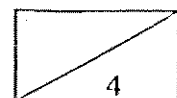
No one could speak. I looked down at my son and he had stopped breathing. Andy was gone, but even in the shock of that first wave of grief, I felt comforted. Andy had made the rainbow that he promised me, the one I would never forget.

Source : jm@thinkingagain.com

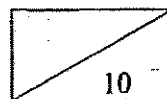
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. At what age was Andy diagnosed with cancer?

72. What were the three types of treatment that Andy had to undergo for his cancer?



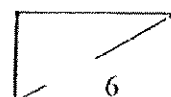
73. Which word in the passage means the ability to recover quickly from unpleasant or damaging events?
- _____
- _____
74. Why did Andy go for the bone marrow transplant even though it was a gruelling ordeal?
- _____
- _____
75. What was Andy trying to hint to his mother by the words "clue me in" in line 14?
- _____
- _____
76. Why do you think the writer spent a lot of money on the rainbow prism although she was very poor?
- _____
- _____
77. Which sentence in the passage tells us that the nurses showed compassion to the writer?
- _____
- _____

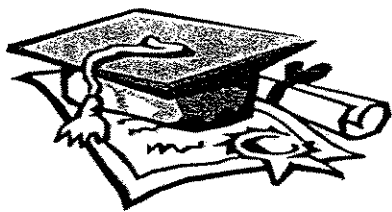


78. Why did the doctor disconnect Andy from the machines that were keeping him alive?

79. How did the rainbows in the room come about?

80. How do you think the writer felt when Andy passed away?





ANSWER SHEET

AI TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 6 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 4	31)A	41)weather	51)church
2. 4	32)C	42)effortlessly	52)schedule
3. 2	33)E	43)rhythmically	53)heart
4. 4	34)J	44)conscious	54)cancel
5. 2	35)G	45)run	55)things
6. 4	36)L	46)collapsed	56)size
7. 4	37)M	47)exhaustion	57)bus
8. 4	38)P	48)believed	58)invited
9. 2	39)O	49)record	59)attention
10.1	40)N	50)in	60)arrested
11.3			
12.1	61)service		
13.3	62)tablecloth		
14.2	63)similar		
15.3	64)drive		
16.2	65)stairs		
17.1			
18.3	66)The boys continued with their football		
19.3	match in spite of the heavy rain.		
20.4			
21.2	67)Felix asked Christine if she could		
22.2	pass her the box of crayons.		
23.3			
24.3	68)Both Kelvin and Jing Quan like to read		
25.3	storybooks.		
26.4			
27.2	69)In order to prevent infection, Hannah		
28.3	applied antiseptic cream on the wound.		
29.2			
30.4	70)As a result of his careless, all the		
	valuables were stolen from the house.		

71) Andy was diagnosed with cancer at the age of nine.

72) Andy had to undergo radiation, chemotherapy and bone marrow transplant.

73) The word is "resilience".

74) It was his only chance of survival.

75) Andy was trying to tell his mother that he felt like he was going to die.

76) Andy liked the colours of the rainbow.

77) The sentence is "The nurses knew our situation and turned a blind eye when I slept in Andy's room and ate the extra food we ordered of Andy's tray."

78) Andy went into a coma and his brain had already stopped functioning, so it would be no use anymore, he already was dead.

79) When the rays of the sunlight hit the pitcher, they split into many colours, and then formed many rainbows.

80) The writer had mixed feelings—grief and comfort. Her son died but Andy had made his promise to "give" the writer the rainbow he had promised.

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英文 **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**
PAPER 2: (LANGUAGE USE AND
COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- ✓ Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
- ✓ Follow all instructions carefully.
- ✓ Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 11 printed and 1 blank pages.

School : _____

Name : _____ ()

Class : _____

Date : 24 August 2007

TOTAL	30

Section A: Graphic Stimulus

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Courses



Course title	Baking Workshop for Adults
Date	4 July 2007 (closing date for registration- 20 June 2007)
Day/ Time	Wed, 7.15 p.m. - 10.00 p.m.
Course description	Whether you are a busy executive or a homemaker, you will pick up the basics of convenient baking and learn to make a variety of <u>easy-to-prepare</u> items.
Remarks	Please pay your course fee within <u>7 days upon registration or before the closing date of registration</u> , otherwise, course registration may be cancelled.
Conducted by	Bake Funhouse

NEW

**Power Write
for P5 and P6
Pupils!**

15 July 2007 - 9 Sept 2007

Sun, 3.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

This course helps pupils to present ideas in a creative manner. Pupils will be led into various writing activities and be taught to use key writing skills with a creative mind.

Conducted by C-Write

Course title	Gymnastics for Children
Date	31 Mar 2007 - 2 June 2007
Day/ Time	Sat, 4.00 p.m. - 4.45 p.m.
Course description	This is a gymnastics programme designed for children aged 5 to 12. They will learn the basic gymnastics skills which help them to build up their motor and coordination skills and mental acuity. These activities promote strength, flexibility, coordination, concentration and discipline in the children.
Remarks	Recreational Gymnastics is also available for children aged <u>3 to 6 yrs only</u> .
Conducted by	Fitness World

Coming up!

- Swimming (adults only)
- Inline-skating (elementary)
- Aerobics (ladies only)



(Adapted from: www.pa.gov.sg)

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

1. Mrs Wong does not wish to spend hours in the kitchen preparing a cake. "Baking Workshop for Adults" is suitable for her because _____.
 - (1) it is a one-day course
 - (2) it teaches convenient baking
 - (3) it is conducted after working hours
 - (4) there is a variety of items to be learnt

2. Sue signed up for "Baking Workshop for Adults" on 5 June 2007. She would not be able to attend the workshop if she paid her course fee on _____.
 - (1) 12 June 2007
 - (2) 14 June 2007
 - (3) 18 June 2007
 - (4) 20 June 2007

3. All the courses are organised by _____.
 - ☒ (1) onePA
 - ☒ (2) C-Write
 - ☒ (3) Fitness World
 - ☒ (4) Bake Funhouse

4. Mark is a twelve-year-old pupil. He hopes to pick up a sport that can help him to relax after his revision. He should sign up for _____.
 - ☒ (1) Aerobics
 - ☒ (2) Swimming
 - ☒ (3) Inline-skating
 - ☒ (4) Recreational Gymnastics

5. The course "Power Write" teaches children mainly _____.
 - (1) grammar skills
 - (2) creative writing skills
 - (3) examination strategies
 - (4) speech and drama techniques

Section B: Grammar MCQ

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. Alex, ^{distractor} ~~as well as his friends,~~ _____ having fun at the theme park last week.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
7. _____ attempting to scale the wall in order to enter the house, the burglar slipped and fell.
- (1) As
(2) While
(3) Besides
(4) Although
8. The movie was so hilarious that it really made our class of forty _____ our hearts out.
- (1) laugh
(2) laughed
(3) laughing
(4) was laughing
9. "He holds the key to the safe, _____ he?" Mary questioned.
- (1) did
(2) does
(3) didn't
(4) doesn't
10. She was so angry that she refused to accept our explanation at first. We finally managed to talk her _____ to our point of view.
- (1) out
(2) over
(3) down
(4) round

11. Should Mary _____ the office, tell her I am out for lunch.

- (1) call
- (2) calls
- (3) called
- (4) calling

12. The pair of scissors _____ very sharp. You must be careful!

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

Section C: Punctuation MCQ

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(3 marks)

With its visitor numbers on the rise, expansion is on the cards for the Singapore Art Museum.

The museum, which is housed in the former St Joseph's Institution (13) will lease the plot of land at Queen Street adjacent to its own to add to its existing floor space. Work on this currently-vacant structure is expected to be completed in the second half of next year.

The museum's assistant director for collections, Mr Low Sze Wee, 37, said the facade of the 72-year-old building will be retained.

"Isn't that exciting (14) Besides climate control and other works, the building's weightload will also have to be reinforced to accommodate heavy artworks (15) he said.

Source: Thursday, April 26, 2007

[TODAYonline.com](http://www.TODAYonline.com)

13. (1) ☐ comma
(2) ☐ full stop
(3) ☐ question mark
(4) ☐ exclamation mark

14. ~~(1)~~ ☒ full stop
~~(2)~~ ☒ exclamation mark
~~(3)~~ ☒ question mark and inverted commas
~~(4)~~ ☒ exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) ☐ comma and inverted commas
(2) ☐ full stop and inverted commas
(3) ☐ question mark and inverted commas
(4) ☐ exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. Although they are twin brothers, they are not similar at all. Instead, their interests are rather _____.
- (1) diverse
 - (2) various
 - (3) multiple
 - (4) plentiful
17. That was cruel treatment towards an animal. What an _____ act!
- (1) atrocious
 - (2) awkward
 - (3) incredible
 - (4) indifferent
18. If you _____, you will be able to make a tidy sum of money from this business deal.
- (1) make ends meet
 - (2) go off on a tangent
 - (3) play your cards right
 - (4) keep your head above water
19. He's a _____ motorcyclist; he loves performing all sorts of dangerous stunts for the fun of it and does not care about the risks involved.
- ~~(1)~~ ruthless
 - ~~(2)~~ frivolous
 - ~~(3)~~ daredevil
 - ~~(4)~~ hazardous
20. Tom is always so _____. He must learn to listen to other people's opinions and not insist on his own ways all the time.
- ~~(1)~~ uncouth
 - ~~(2)~~ impulsive
 - ~~(3)~~ pretentious
 - ~~(4)~~ domineering

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Ludwig van Beethoven, a German composer of classical music, lived in Vienna,

Austria. Beethoven was widely regarded as one of history's supreme composers who

(21)

produced notable works even after he had completely lost his hearing. He was one of

(22)

the greatest in music. His reputation had inspired many composers, musicians, and

audiences. He had eccentric personal habits, such as wearing filthy clothing even as

(23)

he washed compulsively. In 1826, his health took a drastic turn for the worse.

(24)

(25)

His death the following year was attributed to liver disease.

Source: http://www.famouspeople.com/famous_biographies/Beethoven.htm

21. (1) always
(2) more or less
(3) in a big area
(4) to a large extent

22. (1) perfect
(2) worthy
(3) creative
(4) outstanding

23. (1) erratic
(2) strange
(3) undesirable
(4) unpredictable

24. ☒ (1) severely
☐ (2) tirelessly
☐ (3) endlessly
☐ (4) uncontrollably

25. (1) rough
(2) sudden
(3) dangerous
(4) threatening

Section F: Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

(5 marks)

I have vivid memories of encounters with people whose voices or words have moved me over the years. One that springs to mind happened during a visit to Guilin, China, a beautiful land of craggy mountains, mists and rivers.

Walking along, we met two young girls, no older than 15 or 16, selling medicinal herbs near a river. They carried a large basket filled with herbs, inviting passers-by to buy their goods with vibrant voices. 5

"Hello!" I called to them.

"Hello!" They smiled back. "We offer every kind of medicine. Choose the one you want."

I smiled at their high spirits and asked, "Do you have anything to make me smarter?" 10

They seemed taken aback, but only for an instant. "I'm sorry," one of them replied in a clear, firm voice. "We have just sold that out."

Our group burst into laughter at this witty reply, and I was touched. As a Chinese saying puts it, "Even a single word uttered out of goodness can warm the heart in the cold winter." 15

My wife and I ended up buying some herbs as souvenirs, and I wondered how the girls and their families were doing.

I believe that sincere one-to-one conversation can soften and melt even hearts that are completely frozen. By talking with someone face-to-face, you can actually change that person's life and your own. Today, we live in the midst of a flood of information. The more we rely on one-way communication, like the radio, the more we feel the need to stress the value of the human voice: The simple but precious interaction of voices. 20

In a face-to-face conversation, the listener can ask questions or disagree, and (this) in turn may make the speaker rethink his or her own views. The process is dynamic and multi-faceted, creating mutual joy and understanding. For me, I love talking to a wide range of people from all over the world. I always learn something new and I find it inspiring to be exposed to different ways of thinking. 25

Source: "The Power of words" in *A Piece of Mirror and Other Essays*, Daisaku Ikeda

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. The author met the two girls selling herbs while _____.

- (1) on a vacation with his wife
- (2) having a conversation with someone
- (3) looking for medicinal herbs by the river
- (4) hiking on his own in the mountains in China

27. By telling the author that the herb he wanted was sold out, it showed that the two girls were _____.

- ☒ (1) clever and amusing
- ☒ (2) shocked and amazed
- ☒ (3) polite and apologetic
- ☒ (4) anxious and embarrassed

28. Why was the author "touched" (line 14)? It was _____.

- ☒ (1) his trip to China
- ☒ (2) the sudden breeze
- ☒ (3) seeing the girls being so friendly
- ☒ (4) the two girls telling him honestly that the herb was sold out

29. What does the word "this" in line 26 refer to? It refers to _____.

- ☒ (1) a face-to-face conversation
- ☒ (2) the herb the author wanted
- ☒ (3) the listener asking questions or disagreeing
- ☒ (4) the dynamic and multi-faceted process of communication

30. This unforgettable incident made the author realise _____.

- ☒ (1) that the herb he wanted did not exist
- ☒ (2) the value of having a sincere conversation
- ☒ (3) the joys of having a vacation in the mountains
- ☒ (4) how poor the people living in the mountains were



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英文 **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PAPER 2: (LANGUAGE USE AND
COMPREHENSION)**

BOOKLET B

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- ✓ Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
- ✓ Follow all instructions carefully.
- ✓ Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 9 printed and 3 blank pages.

School : _____

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TOTAL	65

Section G: Grammar Cloze

There are 10 blanks numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE. -

~~(A)~~ a	~~(D)~~ in	~~(G)~~ this	~~(K)~~ into	~~(N)~~ on
~~(B)~~ an	~~(E)~~ many	~~(H)~~ that	~~(L)~~ of	~~(P)~~ every
~~(C)~~ and	~~(F)~~ most	~~(J)~~ next	~~(M)~~ each	~~(Q)~~ however

Yut is a traditional game we play on New Year's Day in Korea. There are four sticks, (31) _____ made of wood and about 15 centimetres (32) _____ length. The sticks have two sides - one side is rounded (33) _____ the other is flat.

Before the game starts, people have to be grouped (34) _____ teams. Then we draw a very simple game board on a white paper. (35) _____, draw seven small circles or points so that it looks like (36) _____ x-shaped square. A point on the lower right side of the game board is the starting point and a point at the opposite lower left side is the end point. To win this game, you have to get the (37) _____ points and arrive at the end point first.

On New Year's Day, all members (38) _____ the family and relatives get together and play (39) _____ game. We bet some money (40) _____ who will win. We enjoy the game.

Source: <http://www.topics-mag.com/edition11/games-sticks-stones.htm>

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.
Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

The art of paper folding was first developed in China. Then Buddhist Monks

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brought paper to Japan in the sixth senturi. The only time they could use paper

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was for ceremonial ocasions because it was scarse. The figures made from

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origami is shaped like animals. There were few written records of paper folding

designs and the only ones that lasted were the simple ones. The simple ones have

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beckoning beauty and their simpfysity is appealing. In modern time, origami is very

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often find in the western world.

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Origami have a terrific boost in the 1950's and now origami is a very popular

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thing to do. From ancient China, there have been many changes in folding the paper

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and there are many more designs. Some oreeginel ones that are still being used as
decoration today are in the shape of paper cranes and boats.

Source: http://www.indianchild.com/origami_instructions.htm

Section I: Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Grandmother always tells me, it is better to give than to receive. I personally experience this joy of (51) _____ on 14 July 2007.

On that day, I (52) _____ a knock on my door. An old man, (53) _____ was dirty and tired from all the (54) _____, was asking for water. He had walked from somewhere far away (55) _____ my place in one night. Just the night before, he had slept near a rubbish dump and he (56) _____ very bad. He said he wanted to go to another neighbourhood (57) _____ his family was. Although I offered him a glass of water, he (58) _____ politely. He was not thirsty. I then offered him a lift to his destination.

On my way back, I heard a woman talking on her mobile phone as I pulled (59) _____ a petrol kiosk. Getting out of my van, I heard her (60) _____ something about being stuck and that she had called a tow truck. She added that it had not (61) _____ and she needed to get home urgently. I went to the woman and saw (62) _____ worried she was. She went to apologise to the attendants and said that she was very upset, hoping that she had not made (63) _____ anxious. I asked her what the (64) _____ was. She had stopped too close to the gas pump and the wheel of her car was stuck on the gas pump protective post. Together, we freed the car! She was elated to be finally going (65) _____. I returned home. I could not recall a more wonderful day.

Source: <http://www.noogenesis.com/malana/kindness/Stories/0103.html>

Section J: Synthesis / Transformation

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

(10 marks)

66. — Steve did not play well in the match because he was too anxious.

As a result of _____

67. We did not know about the change in the time of the flight. We could not receive the visitors.

Not _____

68. The engine failure was the reason for the plane crash.

_____ due to

69. Kim made her father angry. She wants to apologise to him.

Having _____

70. "Where were you? I have been looking high and low for you this morning," Mrs Tan said.

Mrs Tan asked me _____

Section K: Comprehension OE

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Grandmother told me many stories, but there was one that she would not tell. I asked her many times. She would smile and say "One day".

Many a time, I pestered, coaxed and even used my best smile to change her mind. She would not tell me. Once, when she was admitted to the hospital for an X-ray, she refused to take her bangle off. The nurse insisted that she should remove all items from her body, but to no avail. I thought that she must have been afraid that she might lose it. After all, jade was expensive. It was her most valuable treasure. 5

When I was a little girl, Grandmother would let me sit on her lap. When she put her arms around me, I would hold her hands to my heart. The bangle on her wrist never failed to arouse my curiosity. She wore the bangle all the time. I had never seen her without it. "What is this?" I would ask. 10

I recalled the many things Grandmother told me about jade. She told me that 'jade' was derived from the Spanish word meaning *hip*. People used to wear the stone near their hip as protection against kidney diseases, or as a cure for such diseases. It was also known as 'axe stone' because it was fashioned in prehistoric times into tools and weapons. She also told me how a piece of jade could change in colour and appearance when worn. She showed me her bangle and related how the streaks of white and green had increased over the years. I looked hard and it seemed as if I was peering at a living thing. Somewhere along the way, Grandmother would say, "One day, I will tell you the story of my bangle." That would conclude our conversation about the jade bangle. 15- 20

I remember the times when I pestered Grandmother. "Tell me, tell me, tell me," I insisted. "Tell me the story of your bangle!"

With a smile, she would say, "One day, when you are not so rude, I will tell you." 25

When I was ten or so, my patience began to wear out. I asked my mother, "Why does Grandmother keep saying 'One day'. Why won't she tell me now?"

"Be patient, Annie. She must have her reasons."

"Mom, I am sure you know the story. Can you tell me in secret?" I pestered my mother. I thought to myself, "Finally, I would get to hear from my mother." Mother walked away, pretending not to hear. 30

My little brother Zi Han did not share my curiosity. He simply said, "When Grandmother tells you the story, you can tell it to me."

As I turned twelve, Grandmother turned seventy-one. Perhaps she thought she did not have many more years to live. Perhaps she saw that I was growing up to be a mature, sensible girl and could now understand what she had to tell me. 35

Grandmother did not tell me the story in one sitting. That year, the story would unfold, step by step, scene by scene, each more remarkable than the one before. My birthday fell on the week before Christmas and Grandmother promised that, by then, I would hear the ending. As it turned out, the story became her best Christmas gift to me. From it, I learnt values of love, friendship, integrity and many invaluable lessons. 40

The story of the jade bangle is more than a story; it points to something greater. As a tale, it must be told. As a gift, it must be given.

Adapted from: *The Jade Bangle*, David W.F. Wong

71. What does the word "one" in line 1 refer to?

72. Give two reasons to show that the writer's grandmother liked her bangle very much.

73. From the passage, give two examples to show that the writer was close to her grandmother.

74. According to Grandmother, what were the beliefs people had about jade in the past?

75. Explain fully why the writer compared the jade bangle to a living thing.

76. From lines 8 to 20, quote a sentence to show that the writer was unsuccessful in getting her grandmother to tell her the story.

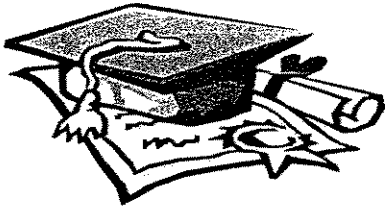
77. In what way was the writer rude towards her grandmother (line 24)?

78. Why did the writer approach her mother for the story of the bangle?

79. Why did the writer's grandmother keep her in suspense?

80. In what way was the writer's reaction different from her brother's towards their grandmother's story?

End of paper



ANSWER SHEET

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2. 4	32) D	42) occasions	52) heard
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6. 3	36) B	46) times	56) smelt
7. 2	37) F	47) found	57) where
8. 1	38) L	48) had	58) refused
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14. 2	63) them		
15. 1	64) problem		
16. 1	65) home		
17. 1			
18. 3	66) As a result of his anxiety, Steve did not		
19. 3	play well in the match.		
20. 1			
21. 4	67) Not knowing about the change in the time		
22. 4	of the fright, we could not receive the		
23. 2	visitors.		
24. 4			
25. 2	68) The plane crash was due to the engine		
26. 1	failure.		
27. 1			
28. 3	69) Having made her father angry, Kim wants		
29. 3	to apologise to him.		
30. 2			
	70) Mrs Tan asked me where I had been and		
	Looking high and low for me that morning.		

71) It refers to the story of the jade bangle.

72) The writer's grandmother wore the bangle all the time. She refused to remove it during the X-ray.

73) When the writer was a little girl, she used to sit on her grandmother's lap. Her grandmother would put her arms around the writer.

74) They believed that if they wore the jade near their hip, it would protect them against kidney diseases or it would act as a cure for such diseases.

75) Grandmother told her that, when worn, the piece of jade would in change in colour and appearance and showed that it was true by pointing out the increasing number of streaks of white and green, it was like a living thing, able to change its colours.

76) The sentence is "One day, I will tell you the story of my bangle."

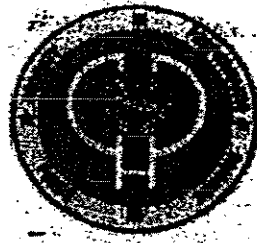
77) She insisted that her grandmother tell her the story.

78) She thought her mother would tell her the story.

79) Her grandmother herself wanted to tell her the story before she died.

80) The writer was very curious about the story but her brother was not curious and did not seem to mind about grandmother not telling him since when his grandmother told his sister, his sister would be able to tell him.

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PRIMARY 6**

**PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

NAME : _____

CLASS : _____

INDEX NO : _____

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

Total Marks: 30 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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- 1) A 10% discount is given to a subscriber if he/she _____.
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 - (4) places an order without enclosing a cheque on 15 March 2006
- 2) A copy of the encyclopaedia of Mathematics games and puzzles will be given free when one places an order for _____.
- (1) 5 weeks
 - (2) 8 months
 - (3) 10 weeks
 - (4) 12 months
- 3) By subscribing to the Junior Mathematician, subscribers are also contributing to charity as it will help _____.
- (1) boost Brainwork Kids' profits
 - (2) nurture and develop little Mathematicians
 - (3) raise funds for the poor and needy children
 - (4) provide financial assistance to children who want to buy Junior Mathematician
- 4) The phrase " _____ " tells us that this magazine is popular.
- (1) absolutely free
 - (2) while stocks last
 - (3) published monthly
 - (4) circulation of 50 000 copies per issue
- 5) The main purpose of this advertisement is to _____.
- (1) appeal for donation from the general public
 - (2) persuade people to subscribe to the magazine
 - (3) create awareness of the existence of this magazine
 - (4) inform the company's competitors about its new product

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 6) Mr Tan made Gerald _____ his homework before allowing him to go for his recess.
- (1) finish
 - (2) finishes
 - (3) finished
 - (4) finishing
- 7) This dining table, together with the dining chairs, _____ one thousand dollars.
- (1) cost
 - (2) costs
 - (3) is costing
 - (4) are costing
- 8) The gaggle of geese _____ swimming in the pond now.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 9) Coach Lim says that he _____ the tennis players once the third term starts.
- (1) trains
 - (2) trained
 - (3) will train
 - (4) has trained
- 10) You should let your teacher know about the bully _____ he has been hurting so many of the students.
- (1) so
 - (2) unless
 - (3) since
 - (4) lest

11) To prepare for the examinations, Eugene _____ in his room since breakfast.

- (1) is studying
- (2) was studying
- (3) has been studying
- (4) have been studying

12) A fight broke out _____ the twins in the canteen.

- (1) for
- (2) along
- (3) between
- (4) among

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

He walked to the house and knocked on the door. An old lady with silvery grey hair opened the door. As soon as the old lady saw him, she was taken aback and said (13) Young Man, you must leave here immediately."

"Dear Lady (14) I am hungry and tired. Could you not allow me to rest here just for a little while (15) Wu Xin implored.

- 13) (1) [. "] full stop and open inverted commas
(2) [, "] comma and open inverted commas
(3) [! "] exclamation mark and open inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and open inverted commas

- 14) (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

- 15) (1) [. "] full stop and closed inverted commas
(2) [, "] comma and closed inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and closed inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and closed inverted commas

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 16) To prepare for the concert, the teacher _____ a full dress rehearsal yesterday.
- (1) called in
 - (2) called at
 - (3) called upon
 - (4) called for
- 17) With a guitar, the romantic prince _____ to his sweetheart a love song.
- (1) yodeled
 - (2) jungled
 - (3) crooned
 - (4) hummed
- 18) My parents will be celebrating their 30th wedding _____ this year.
- (1) year
 - (2) commemoration
 - (3) memorial
 - (4) anniversary
- 19) After the fire was put out, the dead bodies found were _____ beyond recognition.
- (1) charred
 - (2) barbecued
 - (3) blazed
 - (4) bloated
- 20) The thief would not have been able to make away with the loot without a/an _____ waiting for him in the car.
- (1) comrade
 - (2) foe
 - (3) ally
 - (4) accomplice

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

A nucleus is tiny, but very heavy for its size, because the material that makes up a nucleus is extremely compressed. When a nucleus is split – a process called “fission” – it gives off energy in a form that can cause nearby nuclei to also split. If the right type and amount of material is involved, this fission can cause an incredibly powerful and fast chain reaction. Scientists have only managed to use this power in modern times. Properly controlled, the energy of the atomic nucleus can be used to generate electricity, to assist in medicine, and to make special radioactive materials with benefits in agriculture, industry and water management. But the explosive energy of the nucleus has been used to make bombs – bombs far more powerful than humans had ever invented before. It is this potential for massive destruction that makes nuclear issues so important to international security.

- 21) (1) compacted
(2) squeezed
(3) condensed
(4) truncated
- 22) (1) series of chains
(2) series of events
(3) series of results
(4) series of consequences
- 23) (1) arouse
(2) propagate
(3) produce
(4) originate
- 24) (1) assets
(2) blessings
(3) advantages
(4) profits
- 25) (1) questions
(2) things
(3) matters
(4) problems

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Lily's Story

It was one of the coldest nights I have ever experienced. It was past 10pm. I was all alone at the train station in Malaysia, waiting for my night train to Singapore. While waiting, I sensed that someone was inching towards me. I turned around and saw a beautiful lady in her early twenties.

"Excuse me Sir, could you please tell me when the train will depart?" she asked sweetly. She was wearing a beautiful cheongsam. 5

"Miss, I don't know," I replied. She took out her train ticket, number 1038, and showed it to me. She asked me if I was going to Penang. I told her that I was going to Singapore. Before she could reply, the station master shouted that the train would depart soon. We went to the nearest coach and sat down. She was silent and I looked out of the window as rain began pouring down. I felt that I had to find a way to break the ice. 10

"Where are you going, Miss?" was the best opening line I could think of. She smiled and replied, "I am Lily. Do you have time to listen to a story of my own?" I nodded. 15

The story was about a stunning beauty, Miss Chan. After passing her examinations with flying colours, she packed her bags and left her hometown for Penang in search of an exciting job. However, she met with bandits on the way. Two men killed her, chopped her into pieces and threw her body parts over many places in Ipoh, a distance away from Penang. The two guys thought it was all over until Miss Chan returned as a spirit to seek revenge on the two murderers. She sought them out and tore out their body parts, hearts, eyes and internal organs. It was more horrible than what they had done to her. Although it made the headlines, the mystery of the two mutilated men was never solved in Penang. 20

Taken aback, I told her that it was the most realistic ghost story I had ever heard. I complimented her for telling me such an entertaining story. She put a hand on my shoulder and said something that gave me the creeps. 25

"I have finished my mission. I'm returning to Ipoh to rest in peace," she said haltingly.

I was stunned. At this point, the train's horn sounded and Lily had taken on a terrifying demeanour, her hair was out of place and her face had terrible scratch marks all over it. Even her cheongsam was badly torn. I fainted. 30

-Adapted from <http://www.vincentchow.net>

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26) The writer was at the station waiting for _____.

- (1) someone in her twenties
- (2) a train heading to Malaysia
- (3) a train travelling to Singapore
- (4) one of the coldest nights

27) In line 12, "the ice" refers to the _____.

- (1) awkward silence
- (2) rain pouring outside the window
- (3) conversation the writer was about to start
- (4) silent lady sitting next to the writer in the coach

28) What was the "mission" that Lily said she had finished?

- (1) It was to return to Ipoh to rest in peace.
- (2) It was to seek justice for her tragic end.
- (3) It was to accomplish the task of applying for an exciting job.
- (4) It was to ensure her story made it to the headlines of the newspapers.

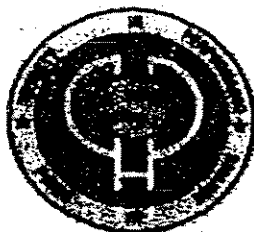
29) What does "it" in line 23 refer to?

- (1) It refers to the headlines.
- (2) It refers to the unsolved killing of the mutilated men.
- (3) It refers to Miss Chan returning as a spirit to look for the men.
- (4) It refers to the body parts, hearts, eyes and internal organs.

30) Why did the writer faint in the end?

- (1) He was stunned by the story.
- (2) A spirit had appeared before him.
- (3) The train's horn sounded and gave him a fright.
- (4) He was shocked that Lily's cheongsam was torn.

Setter: Mrs Minnie Yit



**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6**

**PAPER 2
(BOOKLET B)**

NAME : _____

CLASS : _____

INDEX NO : _____

Section	Marks	
Grammar Cloze		10
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Comprehension Cloze		15
Synthesis / Transformation		10
Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		65

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and	(D) either	(G) has	(K) much	(N) so
(B) at	(E) for	(H) in	(L) neither	(P) to
(C) but	(F) had	(J) more	(M) on	(Q) with

I know there is a reason for everything. Perhaps, at the moment that an event occurs, we have (31) _____ the insight nor the foresight to comprehend the reason, (32) _____ with time and patience, it will come to light.

So it was with Catherine. I first met her (33) _____ 1980 when she was twenty-seven years old. She (34) _____ come to my office seeking help for her anxiety, panic attacks, and phobias. Although these symptoms had been (35) _____ her ~~single~~ childhood, in the recent past, they had become (36) _____ worse. Every day she found herself more emotionally paralysed and less able (37) _____ function. She was terrified and understandably depressed.

In contrast to the chaos that was going on in her life (38) _____ that time, my life was flowing smoothly. I had a good stable marriage, two young children (39) _____ a flourishing career.

From the beginning, my life seemed always to have been (40) _____ a straight course. I had grown up in a loving home. Academic success had come easily, and by my first year in university, I had made the decision to become a psychiatrist.

-Adapted from Many Lives Many Masters by Brian L. Weiss

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

The great fish moved silently through the night water. It was propelled by short
41)
sweeps of its crecent tail.

The land seemed almost as dark as the water for there were no moon. A woman
42)
43)
walked to where the gentle surf washed over her ankles. She backed up a few steps,
44)
then up to the water.

The great fish sensed a change in the sea's rythem. It did not see nor smell
45)
46)
anything but still it turned towards shore. The vibration were stronger now, and the fish
47)
reconised its prey. The sweeps of its tail quickened as the fish closed in on the woman.

48)
At first, the woman thought she had snag her foot on a piece of floating log.
49) 50)
There was no ininitial pain, only a tug on the right leg. She reached down to touching
her leg, treading water with her left leg. Feeling in the blackness with her left hand, she
could not find her leg.

-Adapted from Jaws by Peter Benchley

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

She had looked longingly at the fruit. There were two of them, tied together (51) _____ gunny string. Uncle had brought them in and put them in the kitchen. The (52) _____ of the fruit filled the house. It invaded the nostrils and made her salivate with desire. She knew she would have (53) _____ share of the delicious thing. Chuan Chuan, clapping his (54) _____ as he watched his father, noticed that she too was looking on. He ran to plant himself in (55) _____ of the fruit on the floor to block them from her view. With much persistence, she (56) _____ to look at the durians. Displeased, he pushed her out of the kitchen.

When the family went out in the late morning, she stole (57) _____ into the kitchen. Through a large slit in (58) _____ of the durians, she could see the rich creamy softness of the durian flesh. An overpowering desire (59) _____ taste this flesh drew her to the fruit. She squatted down, pushed her (60) _____ into the slit and scooped out a portion of the tasty stuff. A mixture of joy and terror (61) _____ her body to quiver as she brought her finger into her (62) _____. Every bit of the finger was licked clean and when her finger was cleaned completely, her tongue moved over her lips and beyond her lips to her chin to rescue (63) _____ smear of the precious stuff there.

She was nervous when the family came back. She kept her (64) _____ on the ground as she did not dare to look at them.

"Ah Kum, come here at (65) _____!" her Aunt screamed from the kitchen.

She knew all was lost for her.

- Adapted from *Durian* by Catherine Lim

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

- 66) Danny asked to be excused. He needed to go to the washroom.

_____ because

- 67) The seamstress continued to look for her needle. The fact that her table was very messy did not daunt her.

Undaunted by _____

- 68) The cake is still being baked. The children are interested in it.

The cake that _____

- 69) "I want my coffee served now," she told the waitress.

She told _____

- 70) Tom was surprised to have been nominated for an Oscar.

Much _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

All that year the animals worked like slaves. However, they were happy in their work. They did not mind the effort as they were well aware that everything that they did was for the benefit of themselves and those of their kind who would come after them, and not for a pack of idle, thieving human beings.

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Throughout the spring and summer they worked a 60-hour week. Then in August, their leader, Napoleon, announced that there would be work on Sunday afternoons as well. This work was strictly voluntary but any animal who absented himself from it would have his rations reduced by half.

The harvest was a little less successful than in the previous year as two fields, which should have been sown, were not because the ploughing had not been completed early enough. It was possible to foresee that the coming winter would be a hard one.

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Building a windmill presented difficulties. There was a good quarry of limestone on the farm and plenty of sand and cement had been found in one of the outhouses, so the animals had all the materials needed. The problem the animals could not solve at first was how to break the stones up into pieces of suitable size. There seemed no way of doing this except with picks and crowbars, both of which no animal could use because no animal could stand on his hind legs. Only after weeks of vain effort did the right idea occur to somebody, namely, to use the force of gravity. Huge boulders, far too big to be used as they were, were lying all over the bed of the quarry. The animals lashed ropes round these, and then every animal, including the cows, horses, sheep and any animal that could lay hold of the rope, even the pigs sometimes joined in at critical moments – dragged them slowly up the slope to the top of the quarry. The animals then toppled the boulders over the edge which shattered into pieces below. Transporting the stone when it was broken was then easy. The horses carried it off in cartloads, the sheep dragged single blocks, even Muriel and Benjamin yoked themselves to an old cart and did their share. By late summer, a sufficient store of stone had accumulated and then the building began, under the leadership of the pigs.

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As the summer wore on, various unforeseen shortages began to make themselves felt. There was need of paraffin oil, nails, string, dog biscuits, and iron for the horses' shoes, none of which could be produced on the farm. Later there would also be need for seeds and artificial manure, various tools and finally, the machinery for the windmill. How the animals were going to get these, no one was able to imagine.

35

-Adapted from *Animal Farm* by George Orwell

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71) Why were the "*animals happy in their work*" (lines 1-2)?

72) What does the phrase '*those of their kind who would come after them*' (lines 3-4) mean?

73) '*This work was strictly voluntary...*' (line 8).
Was it true? How do you know?

74) What animal was Napoleon? How do you know?

75) Why would the coming winter be a hard one?

76) What problem did the animals face when they wanted to build the windmill?

77) Why could the animals not use picks and crowbars?

78) How did the animals move the boulders?

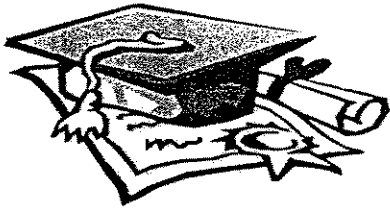
79) *'... even Muriel and Benjamin yoked themselves to an old cart and did their share.'* (lines 28-29)

What does the above quotation tell you about the two animals?

80) Which word in the last paragraph has the same meaning as 'unexpected'?

End of Paper

Setter: Mr Edwin Tan



ANSWER SHEET

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1. 3	31) L	41) crescent	51) with
2. 4	32) C	42) was	52) smell
3. 3	33) H	43) surf	53) no
4. 4	34) F	44) ran	54) hands
5. 2	35) Q	45) rhythm	55) front
6. 1	36) K	46) vibrations	56) continued
7. 2	37) P	47) recognized	57) back
8. 1	38) B	48) snagged	58) one
9. 3	39) A	49) initial	59) to
10. 3	40) M	50) touch	60) finger
11. 3			
12. 3	61) caused		
13. 2	62) mouth		
14. 2	63) any		
15. 3	64) eyes		
16. 4	65) once		
17. 3			
18. 4	66) Danny asked to be excused because he needed to go to the washroom.		
19. 1			
20. 4	67) Undaunted by the fact that her table was very messy, the seamstress continued to look for her needle.		
21. 4			
22. 2	68) The cake that the children are interested in is still being baked.		
23. 3			
24. 3	69) She told the waitress that she wanted her coffee served then.		
25. 3			
26. 3	70) Much to Tom's surprise he had been nominated for an Oscar.		
27. 1			
28. 2			
29. 2			
30. 2			

71) They knew that it was for the benefit of themselves and those of their kind who would come after them.

72) It men their descendant.

73) It was not true. Those who did not turn up for work would have their rations reduce by half.

74) Since the Napoleon was their leader and the pigs were leaders Napoleon must therefore be a pig.

75) The coming winter would be a hard one as the harvest was less successful than the previous year so there might not be sufficient food for everyone.

76) The problem was the animals could not solve how to break the stones up into pieces of suitable size.

77) There was no animals which could stand on its hind legs.

78) The animals lashed ropes round the boulders, help onto the ropes and dragged them slowly up the slope.

79) They were usually lazy.

80) The word is "unforeseen".

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**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6**

**PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

NAME : _____

CLASS : _____

INDEX NO : _____

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

Total Marks: 30 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Study the write-up below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

HPP Credit Cards

PRIVILEGES: With up to 50% off, there are even more reasons to eat, drink and be merry.

Siam Kitchen

15% off items on a la carte menu^
- Valid till 31/03/08



THAI CUISINE

Outlets:

- 1) #02-01, Causeway Point, 1 Woodlands Square, Tel: 6893 5488
- 2) #B1-126, Parkway Parade, 80 Marine Parade, Tel: 6342 1588
- 3) #B1-06, Jurong Point S.C., 1 Jurong West Central 2, Tel: 6794 1588
- 4) #02-46, Parco Bugis Junction, 200 Victoria St, Tel: 6337 3777
- 5) #02-24, Hougang Mall, 90 Hougang Ave 10, Tel: 6386 5123

The HaPPening Restaurant

- 1) 50% off HPP Executive Lunch Set*
- Valid till 31/11/07
- 2) 20% off a la carte menu
- Valid till 31/03/08



INTERNATIONAL CUISINE

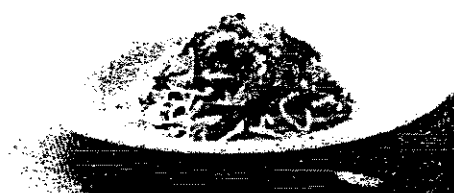
13 Handyman Road
Tel 6773 8282

^must show HPP Credit Card prior to placing orders

*Valid only when dining in pairs

Al Dente Trattoria

- 1) 1-for-1 main course
- Valid till 31/11/07
- 2) 25% off items on a la carte menu
- Valid till 31/03/08



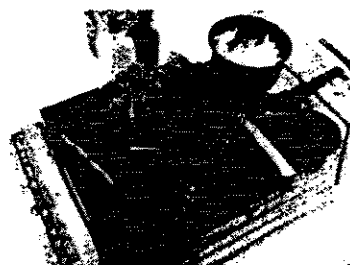
ITALIAN CUISINE

Outlets:

- 1) #01-13, Esplanade, Colours By The Bay, 8 Raffles Ave, Tel: 6341 9188
- 2) Holland Village, 22 Lorong Mambong, Tel: 6468 4688

Hot Stones Steak and Seafood Restaurant

- 1) 25% off a la carte food bill
- Valid till 31/11/07**
- 2) 20% off a la carte menu
- Valid till 31/03/08**



AMERICAN CUISINE

Outlets:

- 1) #01-06, Clarke Quay, 3D River Valley Rd, Tel: 6333 4868
- 2) 71 Boat Quay, Tel: 6536 5366

**reservations must be made in advance

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. Which restaurant has more than two branches in Singapore?
 - (1) Siam Kitchen
 - (2) Al Dente Trattoria
 - (3) The HaPPening Restaurant
 - (4) Hot Stones Steak and Seafood Restaurant

2. The HaPPening Restaurant offers _____ off their set lunch.
 - (1) 15%
 - (2) 20%
 - (3) 25%
 - (4) 50%

3. What condition would you need to fulfil in order to enjoy the 50% discount at The HaPPening Restaurant?
 - (1) make reservations
 - (2) order 2 set lunches
 - (3) go by 31st March 2008
 - (4) show the HPP credit card before ordering

4. At which restaurant would you get the best discount off the a la carte menu after 31st November 2007?
 - (1) Siam Kitchen
 - (2) Al Dente Trattoria
 - (3) The HaPPening Restaurant
 - (4) Hot Stones Steak and Seafood Restaurant

5. You and your family members have very different food preferences. If all of you go out for dinner together, which cuisine would best suit your dining needs?
 - (1) Thai
 - (2) Italian
 - (3) American
 - (4) International

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. _____ boxes over here are not mine.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

7. Has any one of your family members ever _____ an unidentified flying object before?

- (1) see
- (2) sees
- (3) saw
- (4) seen

8. The celebrity _____ your parents remember as Fei Fei has since lost so much weight that her nickname no longer suits her.

- (1) which
- (2) who
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

9. Victoria hardly ever goes to school concerts, _____?

- (1) does she
- (2) doesn't she
- (3) will she
- (4) won't she

10. The police are _____ the process of increasing their patrols after terrorists attacked this town.

- (1) at
- (2) by
- (3) in
- (4) on

11. _____ from James, no one else knows the reason why he gave up playing his favourite instrument.

- (1) Apart
- (2) Besides
- (3) Except
- (4) Other

12. Child Educational Pte Ltd is a company which _____ their products at the MOE Exhibition every year.

- (1) display
- (2) displays
- (3) displayed
- (4) displaying

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Boris looked down the long, dark hallway of the prison. It looked endless.
He was being taken to a place that few people had seen but everyone feared it. The other prisoners said the word with a shudder.
Behind him(13) the guard laughed. "Well, this will teach you a lesson. Once you've been isolated, there will be no more bad behaviour from you (14) he said with a menacing smile.
Boris forced his feet to move down the hall (15) He knew there was no hope for him.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [;] semicolon
(4) [:] colon

14. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas

15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [!] exclamation mark
(4) [?] question mark

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. The guilty woman tried to _____ the prosecutor's question but he persisted and she finally admitted to the crime.

- (1) deny
- (2) elude
- (3) evade
- (4) refute

17. With a/an _____, a coroner is able to determine the cause of death of a corpse.

- (1) autopsy
- (2) dissection
- (3) procedure
- (4) examination

18. You should apply sunscreen lotion to _____ your skin from the harmful rays of the sun.

- (1) save
- (2) block
- (3) defend
- (4) protect

19. The robber _____ the exit thinking he could escape but ran into the arms of the law instead!

- (1) broke for
- (2) broke into
- (3) broke away
- (4) broke through

20. The _____ roared in excitement as the two teams marched onto the field for the line-up.

- (1) assembly
- (2) audience
- (3) spectators
- (4) congregation

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The doctor concluded that the cause of her (21) loss of memory is shock. The week before, she had been in the building where workers were removing the power boxes at ceiling level. They were in the north side of the building.

While the workers were cutting the boxes with propane torches, an area of insulation caught fire. The workers tried to (22) put it out but it spread quickly through the insulation tubes and the building had to be (23) cleared of occupants immediately. Unfortunately, two people (24) died in the fire. The others were treated at the hospital nearby.

After examining the scene, the fire department has determined the cause of the fire and has, (25) in the aftermath, informed the company of its need to review its method of removing power boxes.

21. (1) absentia
(2) amnesia
(3) anaemia
(4) arrhythmia

22. (1) distinguish
(2) extinguish
(3) relinquish
(4) vanquish

23. (1) discharged
(2) eliminated
(3) evacuated
(4) excavated

24. (1) diminished
(2) finished
(3) perished
(4) vanished

25. (1) adequately
(2) appropriately
(3) posthumously
(4) subsequently

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"Welcome to Chateau* St Claire," he said.

Thus for me began an enchanted three weeks, for it was more of a holiday than work. The miniature, but impeccably kept and furnished chateau was a joy to live in. The tiny park that meandered along the river bank was beautifully kept, for every tree looked as if it had been freshly groomed and the emerald lawns combed each morning. The peacocks, trailing their glittering tails amongst the massive trees, looked as if they had just left the careful hands of a French designer and jeweller. Combine this with a fine cellar and a kitchen ruled over by a red balloon of a chef whose deft hands would conjure up the most delicate and aromatic meals, and you would have a close approach to an earthly paradise.

The morning would be spent sorting and cataloguing the books (and a most interesting collection it was) and then in the afternoon, Gideon would insist that we went swimming or else for a ride round the park, for he possessed a small stable of very nice horses. In the evenings, after dinner, we would sit on the still sun warmed terrace and talk, our conversation made warm and friendly by the wine we had consumed and the excellent meal we had eaten.

Gideon was an excellent host, a brilliant story teller and this, together with his extraordinary gift of mimicry, made him, a most entertaining companion. I shall never know now, of course, whether he exerted all his charm in order to ensnare me. I like to think not; that he quite genuinely liked me and my company. Not that I suppose it matters now. But certainly, as day followed day, I grew fonder and fonder of Gideon.

*Chateau – a castle or large country house in France (Longman's Contemporary Dictionary)

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. The narrator was at Chateau St Claire to _____.

- (1) learn to cook
- (2) rest and relax
- (3) organise a library
- (4) keep Gideon company

27. Gideon is the _____ of Chateau St Claire.

- (1) chef
- (2) owner
- (3) jeweller
- (4) gardener

28. Which activity can be enjoyed at the Chateau?

- (1) Cooking
- (2) Gardening
- (3) Story-telling
- (4) Horseback riding

29. How did the narrator come to the conclusion that Gideon "quite genuinely liked him"?

- (1) Gideon created stories just for him.
- (2) Gideon spent the whole day with him.
- (3) Gideon treated him more like a guest.
- (4) Gideon taught him how to swim and cook.

30. The phrase " _____ " tell us that Chateau St Claire is an exquisite place.

- (1) the still sun-warmed terrace
- (2) a close approach to an earthly paradise
- (3) the careful hands of a French designer and jeweller
- (4) the miniature, but impeccably kept and furnished chateau



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Comprehension Open Ended		20
Total		65

There are 10 blanks in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

(A) a	(B) among	(C) at	(D) be	(E) between
(F) from	(G) may	(H) of	(J) says	(K) than
(L) then	(M) where	(N) who	(P) which	(Q) with

Heart problems can be solved by sleeping on them! A lunchtime snooze
(31)_____ be good for the heart. A Harvard study
(32)_____ 23,681 healthy men and women, tracked for more
(33)_____ six years, found that those (34)_____
took a midday nap for at least 30 minutes three times (35)_____
week were 37 percent less likely to die (36)_____ heart disease.

"The relationship (37)_____ stress and coronary mortality
is well-established," (38)_____ a professor of epidemiology
(39)_____ the Harvard School of Public Health. "We also know
napping may (40)_____ a stress-releasing process."

Fascinating facts!

*Adapted from 'Medical Updates'
Readers Digest, June 2007*

Correct each word in **BOLD** for spelling and each UNDERLINED word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Chocolate is made from cacao beans which have been ground into
(41) (42)
powder. Cacao beans come in the cacao plant which is grown in many **topical**
(43)
countries. When the Spaniards **capchured** Mexico, they found the Indians
(44)
made a kind of drink called 'chocolath'.

(45)
This was the first form of chocolate. The Spaniards found it tasted **bittre**,
(46)
so they added sugar to it. When chocolate found its way to Spain, it becomes
(47)
the drink of the rich. It was very **expanseve** as the cacao beans had to be
(48)
ground with hand and this process was very costly.

(49)
It was almost a **santury** later that chocolate was introduced to other
(50)
parts of Europe. The English had their first taste more later.

Slowly, people learnt to make the smooth sweet chocolate that we enjoy today.

Read the passage carefully and then fill in each blank with a suitable word of your own. (15 marks)

He turned and left the room. After walking the streets of London all night, he arrived (51)_____ just after sunrise. As he passed (52)_____ the library, he saw the portrait that Basil Hallward had (53)_____ of him. He stared at it in surprise (54)_____ walked on into his bedroom. He (55)_____ his coat off and stood (56)_____ to his bed. A few moments later, he returned to the (57)_____ and looked at it closely. In the poor light, the face (58)_____ to have changed a little. Now, the mouth looked cruel. It was certainly strange.

He walked to the (59)_____ and opened the curtains. The light changed the room (60)_____ the face stayed the same. In fact, the sunlight made the mouth look even (61)_____

Going back (62)_____ his bedroom, he found a small mirror that had been a (63)_____ from Lord Henry. He looked at his real face and saw no sign of cruelty. What did it mean?

He threw himself into a (64)_____ and began to think. Suddenly he (65)_____ what he had said in Basil Hallward's house the day the picture had been finished. He had asked for the painting to grow old so that he himself could remain young.

Adapted from *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde

For each of the questions 66-70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

(10 marks)

66. He must complete his project. He cannot go to the movies with his friends.

Until _____

67. "Do I need to attend your meeting tomorrow?" Alfred asked Mrs Lee.

Alfred asked Mrs Lee _____

68. He has been disobedient. All his privileges have been revoked indefinitely.

As a result of _____

69. He needs to sign this document for it to be legal.

Without _____

70. John's new job is very demanding. He enjoys it very much.

_____ although _____

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

Do some animals have certain mental powers which human 1
beings do not? Of course, they have instincts, but besides this, I am sure
they can feel certain things we humans cannot. A personal experience
showed me this.

Some years ago, I had a dog named Howard. From the time he 5
was a puppy, he was timid and so we named him Howard, to rhyme with
'coward'! He was especially afraid of thunderstorms. At the first flash of
lightning or crash of thunder, he would run whining into the house and
hide under a table. My very own hero!

I often went for walks with Howard. Once, as we were walking 10
along a road, it began to rain. I quickly ran to a bus stop for shelter. The
bus stop had a roof supported by metal poles. Soon after I had got there,
Howard caught my trousers in his teeth and tried to pull me away. At first
I was **puzzled and a little angry** at his behaviour. But I decided to
humour him and walked away from the shelter into the rain and started 15
for home.

When I was about two hundred metres from the shelter, there
came a blinding flash of lightning and soon after, there was a crash of
thunder which nearly deafened me. Howard stopped walking and began
whining. Thinking he was afraid, I bent to pick him up. As I straightened 20
up, I glanced at the bus shelter we had just left. I was shocked to see that
two of the poles were bent and the roof was lying on the ground, broken.
The shelter had been struck by the bolt of lightning!

I gave Howard a big hug and muttered a heartfelt thanks. He had
just saved my life. He was truly my hero! 25

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences. (20 marks)

71. Explain clearly why the writer named his dog Howard.

72. What was Howard most afraid of?

73. Why was the writer puzzled and a little angry with his dog (line 14)?

74. What do you think the dog was trying to do at the bus stop?

75. Describe what happened to the bus shelter.

76. Which word in the passage shows you that the thunder was very loud?

77. The writer refers to his dog as his hero in paragraphs 2 and 5. Explain clearly the difference in meaning between the two instances.

78. How do you think the writer felt when he saw what had happened to the bus stop?

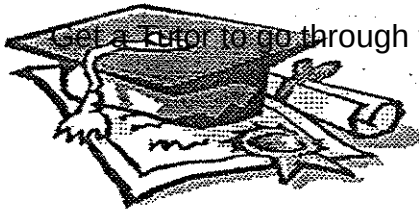
79. Which sentence shows that Howard is no longer with the owner?

80. From this incident, what does the writer believe about dogs?

END OF PAPER

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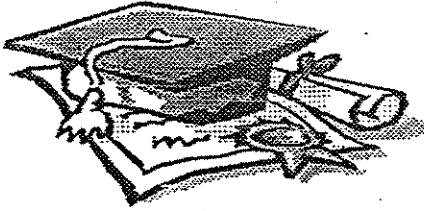
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ANSWER SHEET

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1)1	2)4	3)2	4)2	5)4	6)3
7)4	8)3	9)1	10)3	11)1	12)2
13)1	14)1	15)2	16)3	17)1	18)4
19)1	20)3	21)2	22)2	23)3	24)3
25)4	26)3	27)2	28)4	29)3	30)2
31)G	32)H	33)K	34)N	35)A	36)F
37)E	38)I	39)C	40)D		
41)from	42)tropical	43)captured			
44)making	45)bitter	46)became			
47)expensive	48)by	49)century			
50)much	51)home	52)through			
53)painted	54)and	55)took			
56)next	57)painting	58)portrait			
59>window	60)but	61)worse			
62)to	63)gift	64)chair			
65)remembered					
66)Until he completes his project, he cannot go to the movies with his friends.					
67)Alfred asked Mrs Lee whether he needed to attend her meeting the next day.					
68)As a result of his disobedient, all his privilege have been revoked indefinitely					
69)Without his signature, this document is not legal.					
70)John enjoys his new job very much although it is very demanding.					



ANSWER SHEET

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71) Since the dog was very timid and the name rhymed with 'coward', the writer named his dog Howard.

72) He was most afraid of thunderstorms.

73) They were at the bus stop to shelter from the rain and he could not understand why his dog was bothering him.

74) It was trying to warn its owner of the danger at the bus stop.

75) The bus shelter was struck by the bolt of lightning and two of the poles were bent and the roof was lying on the ground broken.

76) The word is "deafened".

77) In paragraph 2, the writer is being sarcastic because the dog was so timid.

In paragraph 5, the dog had saved the writer's life, so he genuinely praises the dog.

78) The writer felt shocked when he saw what had happened to the bus stop.

79) The sentence is "some years ago, I had a dog named Howard."

80) He believes that they have certain mental Powers which human beings do not have.



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BOOKLET A

Section A : Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (5 X 1 mark)

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Milford Sound Scenic Cruises

Luxuriant rainforest clings to sheer rock walls with waterfalls. In the foreground stands Mitre Peak, a majestic presence dominating the skyline.

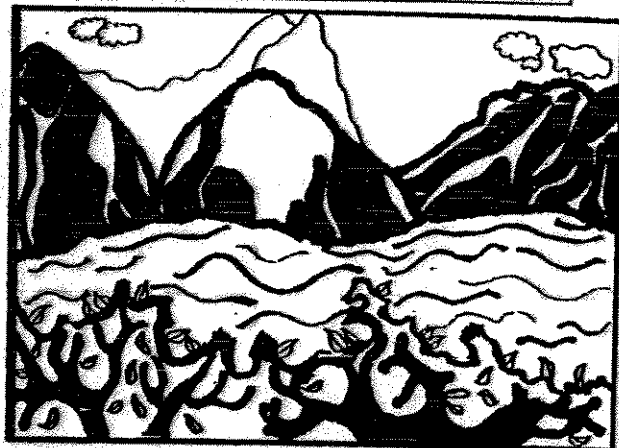
We will take you there, by glass-roofed coach or by twin-engine aircraft, to cruise the fiord in one of our spacious, modern vessels - Milford Sovereign, Milford Monarch and Milford Haven. Keep a lookout for seals basking on the rocks as you cruise magnificent Milford Sound.

Package includes:

- Nature guides provide English commentary and interpretation
- Delicious buffet meals
- Goodie Bag

Optional

- *Underwater Observatory*



Departure Schedule

Coach/Cruise/Coach

Te Anau to Milford Pier	All year: 9.50 am daily	Duration: 6h 45 min
	Oct – Apr: 8.00 am daily	Duration: 8h 30 min
Queenstown to Milford Pier	All year: 6.55 am	Duration: 12h 30 min

Millford Sound Scenic Cruises

Depart for Milford Sound	All year: 11.00 am & 1.00 pm daily	Duration: 1 h 40 min
	Oct – Apr: 9.00 am & 3.00 pm daily	
	Mid Oct – Mar: 2.00 pm daily	

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. People visit Milford Sound to see the _____.
 - (1) modern vessels
 - (2) beautiful scenery
 - (3) seals basking on the rocks
 - (4) Underwater Observatory

2. From the things that the visitors to Milford Sound have to bring along, it can be concluded that _____.
 - (1) the place is pretty cold
 - (2) there is not much walking
 - (3) the weather is fair with no rain
 - (4) the place shields the visitors from the strong sun

3. Which one of the following is not part of the package?
 - ☒ (1) Buffet meals
 - ☒ (2) Commentary in English
 - (3) Underwater Observatory
 - ☒ (4) Interpretation by tour guides

4. The cruise at Milford Sound takes _____.
 - (1) 1 h 40 min
 - (2) 6 h 45 min
 - (3) 8 h 30 min
 - (4) 12 h 30 min

5. The place of interest Milford Sound is a _____.
 - (1) sea
 - (2) beach
 - (3) waterfall
 - (4) rainforest

Section B: Grammar, Punctuation and Vocabulary**(20 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

6. All the pupils but John _____ for the finals in the archery competition.
We feel happy for them.
- (1) qualify
 - ☒ (2) qualifies
 - ☒ (3) has qualified
 - (4) were qualified
7. The association has decided to put the event _____ until December.
- (1) through
 - (2) down
 - (3) off
 - (4) up
8. The task was very difficult but Mike was determined to complete it _____
tired he was.
- (1) unless
 - (2) despite
 - (3) however
 - (4) even though
9. By the time Mrs Han arrived at the playground, the playful children _____.
- (1) disperse
 - (2) dispersed
 - (3) had dispersed
 - (4) have dispersed
10. We congratulated Mrs Fan _____ the birth of her first born.
- (1) at
 - (2) on
 - (3) for
 - (4) over
11. She whispered to you why she was late, _____ she?
- (1) was
 - (2) wasn't
 - (3) don't
 - (4) didn't

12. He helped me _____ after my ailing grandmother and I really appreciated his kindness.
- (1) look
 - (2) looks
 - (3) looked
 - (4) looking

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

"I am here to close my savings account (13) the shabbily-dressed man told the manager. "I intend to withdraw \$100 000 from my account (14) The manager looked quizzically at the man.

"Do you want your money in hundred or thousand-dollar notes?" enquired the manager (15) still finding it hard to believe that the man had so much money in his account.

"All in one-dollar coins, please."

The stunned manager could not believe her ears when the man said that.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

16. The pupils are seated according to their heights in the school hall. Not every pupil is happy with this seating _____.
- (1) capacity
 - (2) allowance
 - (3) arrangement
 - (4) compartment
17. My uncle alleged that a stray dog had _____ on the flowers in his garden and damaged them.
- (1) ambled
 - (2) trudged
 - (3) trampled
 - (4) sauntered
18. Though they are competitors on the field, the two soccer players had an _____ relationship.
- (1) amiable
 - (2) amicable
 - (3) agreeable
 - (4) aggressive
19. The south island of New Zealand, with its alpine mountains and beautiful lakes, provides _____ setting for photo-taking.
- (1) a rural
 - (2) a rustic
 - (3) an idle
 - (4) an idyllic
20. The rooms of the Pan Atlantic Hotel were _____ before its fiftieth anniversary so that they looked like the way they were when they were new.
- (1) restored
 - (2) regained
 - (3) renewed
 - (4) refurbished

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

The Wolverine and Arctic Fox are carnivores found in the Polar region. With a (21) vast home range of about 1 000 square miles, the Wolverine can cover great distances at a slow trot. It swims well and climbs quickly, often (22) pouncing on prey from a tree. Its eyesight is poor, but its senses of smell and hearing are excellent. Very powerful for its size, the (23) violent Wolverine can drive away even a bear or Mountain Lion. The Arctic Fox is well suited to its subzero habitat – it has a (24) compact body with short legs and ears, dense fur and thick hair on the footpads which (25) protects against the cold and provides traction on ice. Winter fur develops in October. The coat thickens and the new hairs provide camouflage against snow and ice.

21. (1) wide
(2) hefty
(3) limited
(4) narrow
22. (1) grabbing wildly
(2) swooping swiftly
(3) leaping suddenly
(4) attacking eagerly
23. (1) wild
(2) harsh
(3) ruthless
(4) ferocious
24. (1) slim and fit
(2) slim and tiny
(3) fit and well-proportioned
(4) small and well-proportioned
25. (1) defends
(2) exposes
(3) insulates
(4) separates

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Eldrick "Tiger" Woods is an American professional golfer whose achievements to date rank him among the most successful golfers of all time. Currently the World No. 1, Woods was the highest paid professional athlete in 2005, having earned an estimated US\$87 million from winnings and endorsements.

In 2006, at the age of 30, he won his eleventh and twelfth professional major golf championships and has more wins on the PGA Tour than any other active golfer. He has been awarded PGA Tour Player of the Year a record eight times. He has been named Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year four times. 5

Woods, who is of mixed parentage, was born on December 30, 1975 in California. Woods is also a Buddhist. He said he acquired his faith from his mother and that it helps control both his stubbornness and impatience. 10

Tiger got his nickname from a Vietnamese soldier friend of his father, Vuong Dang Phong, to whom his father had also given the Tiger nickname. Woods became generally known by that name and by the time he had achieved national prominence in junior and amateur golf, he was simply known as "Tiger Woods". 15

Woods was a child prodigy who began to play golf at the age of two. He went on to win the Junior World Championships six times, including four consecutive wins from 1988 to 1991. At the age of 15, he became the youngest ever U.S. Junior Amateur Champion. In 1994, Woods became the youngest ever winner of the U.S. Amateur Championship. Both competitions were held on a national level. It was only in the 1994 Eisenhower Trophy World Amateur Golf Team Championships and 1995 Walker Cup that he was a member of the American team, competing against his international counterparts. 20

Later that year, he enrolled at Stanford University, and won his first collegiate event, the William Tucker Invitational. At Stanford he majored in Economics and was nicknamed "Urkel" by his college team-mates. He left college after two years and turned professional. 25

In November 2003, Woods married Elin Nordegren, a Swedish model. The couple's first child was born on 18 June 2007, just one day after Woods finished in a tie for second position in the 2007 US Open.

Adapted from: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiger_Woods

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

26. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'genius'?
The word is _____.
- (1) athlete
 - (2) prodigy
 - (3) amateur
 - (4) professional
27. Tiger Woods got his nickname from _____.
- (1) his college team-mates
 - (2) his Vietnamese friends
 - (3) a Vietnamese friend of his father
 - (4) the numerous championships he had won
28. The word 'it' in line 11 refers to his _____.
- (1) religion
 - (2) perseverance
 - (3) mother's wish
 - (4) mixed parentage
29. In which one of the following competitions had Tiger Woods represented his own country to play against golfers of other countries?
- (1) 1995 Walker Cup
 - (2) William Tucker Invitational
 - (3) U.S. Amateur Championship
 - (4) U.S. Junior Amateur Champion
30. Why did Tiger Woods quit college?
He wanted to _____.
- (1) marry a model
 - (2) endorse products
 - (3) become a golf player to earn money
 - (4) show his college team-mates that he could make it

===== END OF BOOKLET A =====



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.





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Booklet A (30 marks)	
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BOOKLET B

Section D: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

☒ (A) to ☐ (D) by ☒ (G) onto ☐ (K) since ☐ (N) easily
☐ (B) in ☐ (E) for ☐ (H) back ☐ (L) down ☐ (P) against
☐ (C) at ☐ (F) but ☒ (J) from ☐ (M) barely ☐ (Q) although

Gail's pillow was drenched in sweat from the fever and restless tossing. The pain (31) _____ her feet burnt a path up her legs. She squeezed her eyes shut, gritted her teeth and gripped the quilt, holding on (32) _____ dear life. Throwing (33) _____ the covers, she studied the source of this terrible pain.

Purplish blisters covered her feet and legs, oozing yellow fluid (34, _____ the soiled bedsheet. Swollen (35) _____ four times their normal size, her feet and legs were hideous.

Gail had begun to fall ill in Seoul, South Korea during the 1988 Summer Olympics.

(36) _____ she could not define what was wrong, she knew she did not have the energy and drive needed to win. In the quarter-finals of the 100-metre hurdles, she finished fourth, (37) _____ qualifying for the next round. In the semi-final race, she finished last with a time of 1:35.1 seconds, her slowest (38) _____ high school. Her poor performance eliminated her (39) _____ further competition. Gail's condition swiftly deteriorated. She came (40) _____ with a high fever. Her life was hanging by a thread.

(Adapted from Uncommon Champions by Marty Kaminsky, 2000).

Section E: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

How is normal flu spread? Normal flu is mainly spread by large droplets when a person

(41)

sneezes, coughs or even talks. It can also spreads when a person touches the respiratory

(42)

droplets from another person and then touches his own mouth or nose. Thus, it is **advaizable**

to wear a mask when one is down with flu.

(43)

Studies on normal flu show that most healthy adults infected of the virus may be able to

(44)

infect others one day before become sick and for five days after they first develop the

(45)

(46)

simtems. After a person has been infected, he will **expi riense** what is called the

(47)

"incubation period" which **tipikally** lasts up to four days. Then, the signs of flu appear. People

(48)

with the flu often feel achy and exhausted and may lose their **apetide**.

A flu pandemic occurs when a new flu virus that people have not been exposed to

(49)

before appear. As the virus is new, the human immune system will not have pre-existing

(50)

immunity for it. Hence, it poses greater risks as people who are infected by this new virus may become seriously ill.

Section F: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

At three, American drummer Tony Royster Jr was already banging the drums at his musician father's jam sessions. "Or I'd be sleeping in guitar cases during the sessions," the 22-year-old drummer said in an (51) _____ with a local reporter recently.

The Atlanta native was in (52) _____ to perform at the Singapore Drum Fest 2007 (53) _____ at the Suntec International Convention and Exhibition Centre. Billed as the first (54) _____ drum festival in Asia, it featured a drum performance that (55) _____ seven hours every day.

(56) _____ Royster, also slated to perform were other celebrated (57) _____ and homegrown percussionist Jimmy Lee. However, Royster was undoubtedly one of the festival's major (58) _____, performing with his trademark – blazing hand movements and foot speed.

He has been winning major (59) _____ since he was 11 and now excels at various musical genres – funk, rock, rhythm and blues as (60) _____ as jazz, and has (61) _____ with musical greats like Billy Cobham, Sheila E and Branford Marsalis. But for (62) _____ who has achieved so much so young, Royster seems unfazed by his (63) _____.

"It's great to travel the (64) _____ to perform. That's a great perk," he said. "Meeting (65) _____ and checking out places like the Night Safari at the Singapore Zoological Gardens, now that's the real pleasure," he added. A musical titan he may be but it is clear that this virtuoso is still young at heart.

(Adapted from *Weekend Today*, 9 – 10 June 2007)

Section G: Synthesis / Transformation**(5 x 2 marks)**

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Everyone in the school hall has gone through the medical check-up. Only Nathan has not.

Except _____

67. To win the respect of others, we should be sincere. We should also be trustworthy.

Not only _____

68. I will believe you when I see it with my own eyes.

Until _____

69. "Have you returned the story books?" Mrs Lim asked her son.

Mrs Lim asked _____

70. We persuaded Ray not to resign but we could not make him change his mind.

Despite _____

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Section H: Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

You are encouraged to use Comprehension Strategies to help you understand the story better.

Uncle Daddy and I were out hiking through the woods, surrounded by pine trees so dense the forest seemed almost gloomy. As we reached the sunny little meadow, we stopped a minute, blinking, letting our eyes get used to the light. He noticed something and stopped to look at some wild blossoms.

"Dandelions," he said and picked one.

Back home, Uncle Daddy took a book down from a shelf in his room. It was a gigantic dictionary, the kind one might see in a library. This monster must have weighed at least twenty pounds. It was a foot thick, and it had two thousand and twenty-three pages in it. Those last twenty-three pages really killed me. I mean, they could have just called it quits at two thousand. But no! They just had to give you those extra twenty-three pages, as if you did not already have more words than any one person could possibly use.

Uncle Daddy opened the dictionary and flipped through the pages until he found 'dandelion'. He put the dandelion blossom into the book, right next to that word.

"I'm going to use this dictionary like a memory book," he explained. "Someday, when you're all grown up, you'll open this book to look up a word and you'll find this stuff and all these little things will remind you of all the fun we've had together." He smiled at me. "And you'll remember me." As if I could forget him. Over my adolescent years, I had to divide my time between my friends, school work and family. However, that did not prevent the dictionary from getting bulkier.

Last Christmas, as I was walking home, I thought I could see the smile on Uncle Daddy's wrinkled face as he waved at me from the patio, welcoming me with the warmth and love that I had known all my life. I felt as if time had taken me back to my childhood. When I finally reached the driveway, Mother was standing on the patio alone. Uncle Daddy must have gone to Uncle Sam's house for a chat; it had happened many times before. So my eyes had played tricks on me! I was certain I had seen him smiling at me. With her arms outstretched, Mother welcomed me home but there was an unusual tinge of sadness in her eyes. A wave of uneasiness washed over me, but I brushed it aside instantly.

Mother wanted to tell me something, but I had a far more important thing to do. Clutching an exotic-looking flower in my hand, I told her I would be with her in a minute. As soon as I got into the house, I headed for the dictionary in Uncle Daddy's room. I reached for the dictionary on the top shelf. With all its contents, the dictionary was just too much for me to handle. Its sheer mass pushed me off-balance and soon I found myself landing on the floor, groaning in pain. But even that pain could not compare with the anguish I felt when I saw all the contents of the dictionary scattering on the floor all around me. Now I would have to spend the whole afternoon to undo the mess! How frustrating! I could not even imagine how I was going to explain myself if Uncle Daddy chose to appear then. But then later, when I learnt that I would never ever have to do that, I was more depressed than relieved.

That afternoon, I took my time to place the items back in the dictionary and with each one that went in there, a teardrop went along with it, in loving memory of my Uncle Daddy.

(Adapted from *Uncle Daddy* by Ralph Fletcher)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE BASED ON THE PASSAGE AND IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did Uncle Daddy and the author have to blink when they emerged from the forest?

72. In what ways was the dictionary a "monster" to the author (line 7)?

73. "I mean, they could have just called it quits at two thousand." (Line 9-10). Explain fully what the author meant by that.

74. How did Uncle Daddy ensure that the author would remember him?

75. In the sentence, "However, that did not prevent the dictionary from getting bulkier" (line 18 and 19), what can you deduce of the relationship between Uncle Daddy and the author over the years?

76. What made the author realise that his eyes had played tricks on him?

77. What was the first hint to the author that something had happened to his family?

78. Why do you think the author headed straight for Uncle Daddy's room?

79. Explain fully why the author "was more depressed than relieved" (line 37).

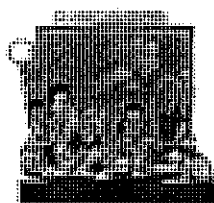
80. ~~What had~~ actually happened to Uncle Daddy? Quote the phrase in the passage that tells you so.

===== END OF BOOKLET B =====



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.





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1)2	2)1	3)3	4)1	5)1	6)1
7)3	8)3	9)3	10)2	11)4	12)1
13)3	14)4	15)2	16)3	17)3	18)2
19)4	20)1	21)1	22)3	23)4	24)4
25)3	26)2	27)3	28)1	29)1	30)3
31)in	32)for	33)back	34)onto	35)to	36)although
37)barely	38)since	39)from	40)down	41)spread	42)advisable
43)with		44)becoming		45)symptoms	
46)experience		47)typically		48)appetite	
49)appears		50)to		51)interview	
52)town		53)held		54)ever	
55)lasted		56)Besides		57)musicians	
58)highlights		59)awards		60)well	
61)performed		62)someone		63)achievements	
64)world		65)people			

66)Except Nathan, everyone in the school hall has gone through the medical check-up.

67)Not only should we be sincere to win the respect of others, but also trustworthy.

68)Until I see it with my own eyes, I will not believe you.

69)Mrs Lim asked her son if he had returned the story books.

70)Despite our persuasion, we could not make Ray change his mind.



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71) The forest was quite dark and their eyes had already get used to the gloominess, so when they emerged from the forest and into the sunny meadow, their eyes had to adjust to the light.

72) It weighed at least twenty pounds and had two thousand and twenty-three pages.

73) He meant that the dictionary could have ended exactly at two thousand pages and the last twenty-three pages were not necessary.

74) He put items into the dictionary to remind the author of the fun times they had together.

75) Their relationship between them remained as strong as ever.

76) It was the realization that it was his mother who had been standing on the patio alone.

77) It was the sadness in his mother's eyes.

78) He had found an exotic-looking flower and wanted to put it next to the name of the flower in the dictionary.

79) He was more saddened by Uncle Daddy's death than relieved at not having to put the items back in the dictionary.

80) Uncle Daddy had actually passed away. The phrase is "in loving memory".



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Booklet A
30 questions
30 marks

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Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.
FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1) marks

Read the information report carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

Bandicoots & Bilbies

People who live along the eastern coast of Australia may sometimes notice small, cone-shaped holes in their lawns. Many would not realise that this is a sign that a bandicoot has been at work, scenting a spider, grub, earthworm or juicy root, then digging it out with strong forepaws and snout.

The culprit most likely to be responsible for such backyard burrowing is the Northern Brown Bandicoot or the Long-nosed Bandicoot. These rabbit-sized animals need ground cover for shelter and, along with the Southern Brown Bandicoot, seem to be coping with modern life.

Other bandicoots, and their relatives the bilbies, have not been so fortunate. The Pig-footed and Desert Bandicoots and the Lesser Bilby are thought to be extinct. The Eastern Bandicoot is restricted to Tasmania and small area of Victoria. The Western Barred Bandicoot is found only on two islands in Shark Bay, Western Australia. The soft-haired, long-eared Greater Bilby, which was once common, now exists only in a few desert locations.

The Status of Bandicoots and Bilbies

Extinct	Endangered	Vulnerable	Secure
 Lesser Bilby		 Golden Bandicoot	
 Desert Bandicoot		 Western Barred Bandicoot	 Long-nosed Bandicoot
 Pig-footed Bandicoot	 Greater Bilby	 Eastern Barred Bandicoot	 Northern Brown Bandicoot
		 Rufous Spiny Bandicoot	 Southern Brown Bandicoot

Slightly adapted from 2004 ICS – P3

1. According to the information, a bandicoot finds its food by using its sense of _____.

2. The word _____ is used to describe bandicoots in the text.

- 1) Greater Bilby
- 2) Northern Brown Bandicoot
- 3) Pig-footed Bandicoot
- 4) Eastern Barred Bandicoot

- 1) Extinct 2) Endangered
3) Vulnerable 4) Secure

- 1) Bilbies are facing extinction.
- 2) Bandicoots feed only on insects.
- 3) The Greater Bilby is not surviving well in desert locations.
- 4) The Long-nosed Bandicoot is able to adapt well in the changing environment.

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1) marks

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. The surgeon _____ on the patient since 11 a.m.
- 1) has been operating 2) has operated x
3) will be operating 4) shall operate x
7. Mrs Lim collapsed _____ exhaustion and had to be sent to the hospital.
- 1) in 2) from
3) with 4) upon
8. Yesterday, I mistook a woman standing outside the teachers' room _____ the music teacher
- 1) as 2) for
3) with 4) over
9. In the race held last month, nobody except the twins _____ able to cross the finishing line in two minutes.
- 1) were 2) is
3) was 4) are
10. They _____ not to make too much noise and disturb the others in the neighbourhood, but they still did.
- 1) were warned 2) have been warned
3) had been warned 4) were being warned
11. Neither the girls nor Henry _____ part in the contest tomorrow.
- 1) have taken 2) has taken
3) are taking 4) is taking
12. I came up with an idea and expected it to be _____ by my demanding teacher but she did not do so.
- 1) brushed aside 2) brushed out
3) brushed away 4) brushed down

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1) marks

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Darren was at the supermarket. His sister (13) Daisy, had asked him to run an errand for her. The shopping list read (14) a tray of eggs, a loaf of bread and a bottle of cough mixture.

Darren took a bottle of cough syrup down from the shelf and said to himself, "This is the one, isn't it (15)..."

He put the bottle into his basket and walked off to find the eggs.

- 13) 1) [-] hyphen
 2) [,] comma
 3) [.] full stop
 4) [!] exclamation mark

- 14) 1) [,] comma
 2) [;] semi-colon
 3) [:] colon
 4) [-] hyphen

- 15) 1) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
 2) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
 3) [."] comma and inverted commas
 4) [."] full stop and inverted commas

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1) marks

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The _____ pupil was punished by the discipline mistress for being disrespectful to the teacher again.

- 1) ingenious
- 2) intrepid
- 3) insolent
- 4) infallible

17. The robber _____ the money he had stolen from the bank under his bed.

- 1) deposited
- 2) inserted
- 3) entrusted
- 4) stashed

18. The well-dressed salesman cheated an old lady of her life savings. This shows that we should not _____.

- 1) put the saddle on the wrong horse
- 2) take the bull by the horns
- 3) put all the eggs in one basket
- 4) judge a book by its cover

19. The old manor has been _____ for the past fifty years. No one knows why it has been empty.

- 1) unsettled
- 2) uninhabited
- 3) unfurnished
- 4) unpopulated

20. After years of _____ training, John finally emerged as the nation's top boxer.

- 1) steady
- 2) dexterous
- 3) attentive
- 4) rigorous

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1) marks

- For each question from 21 to 25, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

It was past midnight. Joey (21)threw off lightly the covers of his bedsheet and walked to the kitchen.

He opened the door of the refrigerator and (22)searched thoroughly through its contents. He picked up a carton of milk and (23)inspected the date, which had expired. He crossed the kitchen and (24)threw away the sour milk into the dustbin. Suddenly, he heard a sound. Joey pricked his ears and thought, "Could it be (25)someone who has entered unlawfully?"

Joey decided to investigate.

21. 1) flung off
2) hurled off
3) tossed off
4) heaved off

22. 1) snooped
2) shuffled
3) ransacked
4) rummaged

23. 1) noticed
2) scrutinised
3) sighted
4) considered

24. 1) hauled
2) dispensed
3) dumped
4) shoved

25. 1) an intruder
2) a peddler
3) an invader
4) an outsider

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1) marks**Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.**

Like many boys, Gerald is passionate about soccer. What makes Gerald different from most boys his age is that he is willing to give up his free time to tutor young children.

Gerald, who is in Primary Six this year, has always been an above-average pupil. Once, when he was nine years old, he overheard his mother speaking to the man who lived next door. Their neighbour, whose son Sam was doing badly at school, wanted to engage a private tutor for his son. As soon as Gerald heard that, he volunteered to help. At first, Gerald's mother opposed the idea, but she agreed in the end. It was then that Gerald began tutoring, and he has not stopped since.

Six months later, Sam's results improved by leaps and bounds. A proud Sam showed his parents his report card, and said, "It's all thanks to Gerald."

Before long, other parents approached Gerald to help tutor their children. He agreed readily to their requests. Gerald's mother was worried that he would not be able to cope with his own schoolwork if he took on too many tutoring assignments. "Don't worry, Mother. It's all about time management. When I'm teaching my younger neighbours, I'm actually revising my work," said Gerald.

So far, Gerald has tutored five children. He is planning to take on one more student, although he is sitting for an important examination this year. He has only this to say, "I'm not the only one who has an examination to take. If someone else needs help, I can't possibly leave him or her in the lurch."

Gerald has an admirable attitude towards helping others, and all of us can learn to be a little more like him.

-For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. Gerald is different from other boys his age because _____.

- 1) he does not like soccer
- 2) he is passionate about soccer
- 3) he does not have much free time to himself
- 4) he sacrifices his time to help younger children in their studies

27. The word "that" in line 7 refers to _____.

- 1) Gerald's wanting to help others
- 2) the news that someone was doing badly at school
- 3) the news that Gerald's neighbour needed his help
- 4) the news that Gerald's neighbour wanted to get a tutor for his son

28. Other parents approached Gerald for help because _____.

- 1) he is a good tutor
- 2) he agrees readily to help
- 3) he is an above-average pupil
- 4) his mother agrees to the idea

29. Gerald's studies are not affected as he _____.

- 1) manages his time well
- 2) is an above-average pupil
- 3) only helps one child at a time
- 4) does his school work while tutoring the young children

30. From the passage, what can we say about Gerald?

- 1) He is unselfish.
- 2) He is a great tutor.
- 3) He is much admired by others.
- 4) He is a constant worry to his mother.

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1) marks

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

A) too	D) nothing	G) the	K) have	N) away
B) could	E) in	H) some	L) did	P) very
C) should	F) by	J) onwards	M) off	Q) otherwise

An old woman, having lost her sight, sought a physician's help. 31) _____ the presence of witnesses, the old woman told the physician, "32) _____ - you cure me of my blindness, I shall give you a sum of money; 33) _____, you will get nothing."

The physician agreed, and promised he would not demand any payment from her if she remained blind. The next day, the physician treated the old woman as promised. He applied 34) _____ salve to her eyes to heal them. From then 35) _____, the physician called on his blind patient regularly. However, on each visit, the physician would take something away. Little 36) _____ little, the physician stole the old woman's property while healing her.

By the time the old woman could see again, the physician had made 37) _____ with everything she owned. The old woman was 38) _____ shocked to say anything. The physician then demanded payment. Afraid that the old woman could give him 39) _____, the physician sued her in court.

In court, the old woman said in defence, "Your Honour, I 40) _____ promise to give that man a sum of money if I was cured. He swears to you that he has cured me of my blindness, but if that is true, why am I unable to see any of my household possessions?"

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1) marks

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

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For centuries, salt has played an **important** roll in our lives. It is used to enhance the

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flavour of food and to **perserve** it. But research has now linked salt to high blood pressure,

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which may result in heart and kidney **deseases** and stroke.

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Besides potato chips, which children love, foods such as **cheese**, **seereal** and tuna

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fish also contained varying amounts of salt. Processing food such as can vegetables and

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soups, sausages, ham and luncheon meat are **heavy** laden with salt. Doctors **advize** people

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to cut down their salt consumption for the safe of their health.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1) marks

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Humans are social beings. We communicate with people by talking, but speech is not the 51) _____ form of communication. Most of the time, whether we are talking or staying 52) _____, we give out signs and signals unconsciously.

The signs and signals people use may tell us something about 53) _____ feelings and attitudes. For instance, people may fold their 54) _____ when they speak. They may do it to show they do not like the person they are 55) _____ to. They may also do that 56) _____ they are feeling insecure or defensive. By folding our arms, we put a 57) _____ between ourselves and other people.

Some people 58) _____ their shoulders to indicate that they are unsure about something or that they cannot be bothered. 59) _____ stick out their tongues or scratch their noses after 60) _____ something that they are embarrassed about. There are also 61) _____ who pull their hair or stamp their feet when they are frustrated or angry.

It is interesting to note that though people speak different 62) _____, body signs and signals are rather universal. These signs and signals are what we 63) _____ to as body language.

Remember that the signs and signals may give away your thoughts. So the 64) _____ time you talk to someone, pay attention to the signs and signals your 65) _____ exhibits. In this way, you will not offend the other party.

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2) marks

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. All the dresses that she tried on ~~did not~~ suit her.

_____ but none

67. The boys visit the gym often to exercise. They want to keep fit.

_____ in order to

68. Both Harry and his sister do not like drawing.

Neither _____

69. You cannot be too frank with Matthew. He will ~~feel~~ offended.

_____ without

70. Susan cannot buy that dress. She does not have enough money.

Unless _____

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2) marks

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Ryan looked with interest at the scroll his grandfather had just finished writing. His grandfather's handwriting was bold. On the walls of his grandfather's room hung his neatly framed calligraphy. But what attracted Ryan's attention most was a stack of letters that had turned yellow.

Suddenly, Ryan realised how little he knew about his grandfather. He only knew from his parents that his grandfather was an early Chinese immigrant. Ryan resolved to find out more about his grandfather's life. He blurted out, "Grandpa, whose letters are those?"

"They belong to my customers," replied Ryan's grandfather

"Your customers?" said Ryan.

And so Ryan's grandfather began to relate the story of his early life. When he was sixteen, Ryan's grandfather accompanied an uncle of his to Singapore, which was called Nanyang at that time. Together, they took up odd jobs such as working as labourers and rubber-tree tappers. After the war, Ryan's grandfather managed to find a clerical job, because he had completed secondary education. One day, a colleague asked him to write a letter on his behalf. His colleague wanted to tell his family in China that he was well.

"That gave me an idea," said Ryan's grandfather. "I quit my job and became a letter writer. I wanted to help people to communicate with their families, because I know how it feels to be away from your family."

As most of the immigrants were uneducated, business at Ryan's grandfather's stall boomed. Many people sought his help to write letters expressing their homesickness and sending greetings. They paid a dollar for each letter. The majority of his customers were females. Working from morning till night, he also wrote invitations and marriage certificates.

But with progress, many parents started to send their children to school. As a result, his letter-writing business declined.

"In the past, writing letters was as common as sending emails nowadays," concluded Ryan's grandfather.

Ryan listened in rapt attention. He was amazed by his grandfather's account. He understood what his grandfather had meant when he said those letters were not his but why were the letters still in his grandfather's possession?

"Some of my customers didn't collect their letters from me," said Ryan's

grandfather. "Those letters embody people's hopes and dreams. I can't bear to throw them away, so I'll keep them for as long as I can."

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. How can you tell that the letters were old?

72. What made Ryan decide to find out more about his grandfather?

73. Where did Ryan's grandfather come from?

74. What was Ryan's grandfather's last job before becoming a letter writer?

75. Was business at Ryan's grandfather's stall good in the early years? Why was that so?

76. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'complete'?

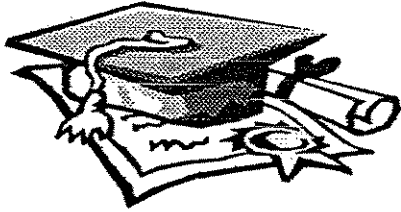
77. Which **sentence** in the passage tells us the contents of the letters Ryan's grandfather wrote?

78. Which **five-word phrase** in the passage tells us that Ryan's grandfather was busy at his job?

79. What does "That" (line 18) refer to?

80. After all those years, Ryan's grandfather still kept his customers' letters with him. What do you think the letters meant to him?

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ANSWER SHEET

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 3	31)E	41)role	51)only
2. 2	32)C	42)preserve	52)silent
3. 4	33)Q	43)diseases	53)their
4. 4	34)H	44)cereal	54)arms
5. 4	35)J	45)contain	55)speaking
6. 3	36)F	46)processed	56)because
7. 2	37)M	47)canned	57)barrier
8. 2	38)A	48)heavily	58)shrug
9. 3	39)N	49)advise	59)Other
10. 3	40)L	50)safety	60)saying
11. 4			
12. 1	61)people		
13. 2	62)languages		
14. 3	63)refer		
15. 1	64)next		
16. 3	65)body		
17. 4			
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20. 4			
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22. 4	in order to keep fit.		
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26. 4			
27. 4	69)You cannot be too frank with Matthew		
28. 1	without him feeling offended.		
29. 1			
30. 1	70)Unless Susan has enough money, she		
	cannot buy that dress.		

71)The letters had turned yellow.

72)He realized that he knew very little about his grandfather.

73)His grandfather came from China.

74)He was a clerk./He had a clerical job.

75)Most of the immigrants were uneducated and they needed his help to write letters.

76)The word is "rapt".

77)The sentence is "Many people sought his help to write letters expressing their homesickness and sending greetings."

78)The phrase is "working from morning till night".

79)The word refers to Ryan grandfather being asked by a colleague to write a letter to his family.

80)They meant a lot/very much to him because they contained, embodied the hope and dreams of his customer.

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Booklet A	30
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Parent's Signature

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

**SPEEDPOST SERVICES : *Islandwide Deliveries***

One call to Speedpost Islandwide Service is all it takes to get your items – of any size and weight – to its destination at the required time. With more than 250 vehicles and over 300 delivery professionals, we will be able to help you meet all your delivery needs.

	<u>1.5-Hour</u>	<u>3-Hour</u>	<u>Same Day</u>
	<u>Urgent</u>	<u>Express</u>	<u>Normal</u>
Delivery Standard	Within 1.5-hours upon confirmation of booking	Within 3 hours upon confirmation of booking	Items collected before 1pm will be delivered on the Same Day by 6pm. Items collected after 1pm will be delivered on the Next Working Day by 1pm.
Must Booked by	Mon-Fri 5:00pm	Mon-Fri 3:30pm	Mon-Fri 11:30am / 4:30pm
	Sat 1:00pm	Sat 12:00pm	Sat 11:30am
Money Back Guaranteed	Yes	Yes	No
Up to 3kg (Flat Rate Islandwide)	\$22.00*	\$15.00*	\$9.00*

*A surcharge is applicable for delivery to or collection from the city.

For collection and delivery of your items, please call our Customer Service Hotline at 1800 222 5777 / +65 6222 5777 when overseas. Our Customer Service Operating Hours are: 8.00am to 8.00pm (Mon to Fri); 8.00am to 4.00pm (Sat).

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. "One call to Speedpost Islandwide Service is all it takes to get your items – of any size and weight – to its destination at the required time." This sentence suggests that the service is _____.
- 1) instant
 - 2) precise
 - 3) efficient
 - 4) productive
- ()
2. The latest booking time for Urgent service on a weekday is _____.
- 1) 3.30 p.m.
 - 2) 4.30 p.m.
 - 3) 5.00 p.m.
 - 4) 11.30 a.m.
- ()
3. Which of the following statements is true?
- 1) An extra fee will be charged if the destination is in the city.
 - 2) Item collected will definitely be delivered on the same day.
 - 3) To send a 3-kg parcel to the city costs a customer \$15 only.
 - 4) Speedpost Services deliver items locally as well as overseas.
- ()
4. The words "delivery professionals" suggest that the staff is _____.
- 1) serious
 - 2) diligent
 - 3) positive
 - 4) well-trained
- ()
5. This advertisement would most likely be found in a / the _____.
- 1) school bulletin
 - 2) family magazine
 - 3) daily newspapers
 - 4) children magazine
- ()

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. "You must seize the opportunity to prove your talent when(if) _____," the teacher advised James.
- | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-----|
| 1) come | 2) comes | |
| 3) has come | 4) is coming | () |
7. Kim Seng is keen _____ reading medicine. He hopes to become a doctor one day.
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| 1) at | 2) in | |
| 3) on | 4) of | () |
8. I have neither heard from nor _____ Shane since he graduated five years ago.
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| 1) see | 2) seen | |
| 3) saw | 4) seeing | () |
9. Joanne was _____ surprise when her parents threw a birthday party for her last night.
- | | | |
|-------------|-------------|-----|
| 1) taken in | 2) taken by | |
| 3) taken to | 4) taken up | () |
10. If I _____ Kelly, I would certainly not agree to steal somebody's money.
- | | | |
|---------|-------------|-----|
| 1) am | 2) had been | |
| 3) were | 4) am being | () |
11. "Six thousand dollars _____ not a lot of money nowadays," John said.
- | | | |
|--------|---------|-----|
| 1) is | 2) are | |
| 3) was | 4) were | () |
12. Since Wei Wei was the better speaker, he would be doing all the _____ while Hing Hing would focus on making the slides for the presentation.
- | | | |
|-----------|-------------|-----|
| 1) speak | 2) speech | |
| 3) spoken | 4) speaking | () |

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Batman and Robin (13) the characters that Bob Kane created with his partner, Bill Finger, nearly sixty years ago, are some of the longest (14) lived heroes in comic books.

"They are up there with Bugs Bunny and Oz," said Paul Levitz, the publisher of DC Comics. He continued, "Superman and Batman were developed by Kane and Finger in 1938. Kane was only eighteen at that time (15)

13. 1) [:] colon
2) [,] comma
3) [-] hyphen
4) [;] semi-colon

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14. 1) [:] colon
2) [,] comma
3) [-] hyphen
4) [;] semi-colon

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15. 1) [.] full stop
2) [!] exclamation mark
3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

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Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The bank robber has been arrested by the police and is now awaiting _____.

- 1) execution
- 2) persecution
- 3) prosecution
- 4) rehabilitation

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17. The siblings often quarrel over a small matter; it is like a _____.

- 1) fish out of water
- 2) dog with two tails
- 3) storm in a teacup
- 4) wild goose chase

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18. "Stop fighting at once!" my mother _____, face as red as a beetroot.

- 1) cajoled
- 2) coaxed
- 3) bellowed
- 4) pondered

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19. Being a _____ in the job, the new cook has to learn everything from scratch.

- 1) greenhorn
- 2) red herring
- 3) black sheep
- 4) white elephant

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20. I had an awful journey home. The _____ bus I took was making all sorts of noise and looked as if it was coming apart.

- 1) rampant
- 2) rambling
- 3) rapturous
- 4) ramshackle

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Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Scott and his four companions were terribly (21)disappointed when they got to the nature reserve and found that the other team had beaten them in the race to (22)put firmly their team flag on the designated spot.

Having not eaten anything for a few hours, the trekkers were (23)extremely hungry. They devoured the food they had brought with them. Feeling drowsy, Scott soon fell asleep, (24)not aware of what his team mates were discussing. They were (25)confused and worried as to why Scott could still sleep when they had not even completed their race.

21. 1) let in
2) let off
3) let out
4) let down

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22. 1) sow
2) root
3) bury
4) plant

()

23. 1) queasy
2) ravenous
3) nauseous
4) obnoxious

()

24. 1) oblivious to
2) obligated to
3) obscured by
4) obsessed with

()

25. 1) amazed
2) surprised
3) perplexed
4) astonished

()

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

For two weeks, Samuel had gone up to the hospital every Tuesday and Thursday mid-morning for his two-hour voluntary service. On his second Thursday, he put on his smock and made his way into the nursery where he had been assigned to work.

As he approached the cot closest to the window, he looked at the chart hanging below. One glance and he thought, this one I know. Cute little fellow. Not a very good eater. Moves a lot. Crack. Poor little one was addicted even before he was born.

Samuel lifted the baby out of its cot, keeping the blanket wrapped around him. He picked up a bottle and slipped cautiously into the rocking chair so as not to disturb the little one. But that alone was enough to have wakened it, and it began to squirm. Samuel gave the baby the bottle. Soon, it began to suck, and Samuel rocked slowly back and forth. Eventually, the baby stopped squirming and gradually finished the milk in the bottle.

And now, Samuel thought, follow the volunteer guidelines. Look into the baby's eyes. Let it know you are here and you care. Hold its little hand. Let the fingers curl around your finger. Give it the human touch. Try to make the eyes follow your hand. Let's see if it will work this time.

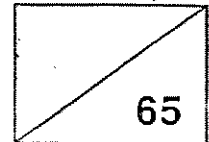
It did not work, Samuel admitted sadly. Maybe next time.

After Samuel had done his work – talking to the baby, singing to it softly – he placed it back in its cot, wrapping it securely. He stared down at the baby, weeks old, frail and sickly.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. The words "this one" in line 6 refer to the _____.
- 1) cot
 - 2) chart
 - 3) baby
 - 4) window
- ()
27. Samuel was at the hospital because he _____.
- 1) was a doctor
 - 2) was a volunteer there
 - 3) worked in the nursery
 - 4) wanted to visit his baby
- ().
28. The word "Crack" in line 7 probably refers to a / the _____.
- 1) drug
 - 2) sound
 - 3) baby's name
 - 4) kind of medicine
- ()
29. Samuel looked into the baby's eyes because he wanted _____.
- 1) to play with the baby
 - 2) to follow the guidelines
 - 3) to give the baby the human touch
 - 4) the baby to know that he was around
- ()
30. From the passage, the baby was suffering because _____.
- 1) it was frail
 - 2) it was not a good eater
 - 3) it was born with a sickness
 - 4) its mother was a drug addict
- ()

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Booklet B

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

~~A~~) his	~~D~~) written	~~G~~) with	~~K~~) wrote	~~N~~) anything
~~B~~) this	~~E~~) from	~~H~~) of	~~J~~) a	~~P~~) our
~~C~~) everything	~~F~~) he's	~~I~~) in	~~M~~) the	~~Q~~) other

Joan and I waited for two hours. We stood by the fence separating the arriving passengers (31) _____ the rest of the airport. Together with a hundred (32) _____ fans, we were there to meet Timmy Tom. We adore him! In fact, we owned (33) _____ huge collection of his song albums and posters. We have read (34) _____ about him in the newspapers and magazines (35) _____ by the journalists. That was how we knew he was arriving in Singapore. We were going to meet him (36) _____ person! The two of us made a special banner for (37) _____ occasion. We held it up and waved it happily with all (38) _____ might. Joan suddenly exclaimed, "(39) _____ here!" Joan took me by (40) _____ hand and rushed forward. We saw Timmy Tom stepping out and raising his hand to salute his fans.

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

41)

Edmund blushed. He could feel himself turning red to the roots in his hair. His mobile

42)

phone had just ring in the middle of a very important meeting. He had forgotten to switch it

43)

off before the meeting begins! All eyes turned to him. Everyone could hear that the ringing

44)

45)

was coming in his direction. The chairman **frowned**. He was displeased because he disliked

46)

47)

being **interapted** while he was talking. Edmund's throat felt dry as he **stammered** the

excuse, apologised and quickly left the room to answer the call.

48)

Outside, Edmund heaved a sigh of **relive** and fished his mobile phone out of his

49)

50)

pocket. He was just about to answer it where it stopped ringing. He **staired** hard at it and

almost **flung** the phone away in frustration.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Andy could not afford the few cents for the bus trip home from school in Cebu City, Philippines. (51)_____ 12-year-old sat on the lap of a classmate in the crowded jeepney. The only adult on the makeshift bus was a middle-aged (52)_____ sitting across from him. Judging by her uniform, Andy guessed she was a teacher.

When the jeepney (53)_____ at a red light, Andy saw a man on the road sneak up (54)_____ behind the woman, reach through the open side of the vehicle and grab her gold earrings. When the light turned (55)_____, the jeepney moved off. The thief casually walked into an alley in a notoriously dangerous area.

When the woman cried for (56)_____, nobody seemed to care. At that moment, Andy understood how his own (57)_____ felt when he stole from food stalls in the public market. "I was the one being chased before, but at that moment, I wanted to (58)_____ the chasing," he recalled.

He asked the jeepney driver to stop, jumped from the vehicle and followed the thief, who was (59)_____ a distinctive red shirt.

Each time the thief turned to see if he was being followed, Andy (60)_____ to be buying something from a sidewalk vendor. After tailing the thief for more than five minutes, Andy saw Inspector Rupinta talking with two anti-crime volunteers. The boy asked (61)_____ to arrest the culprit, but at first they did not (62)_____ him seriously. "You should catch the thief because you are policemen," Andy burst out. "That's your job, (63)_____ it?"

Andy's heroism earned him a 500-peso (\$10) (64)_____ from his school principal. A local charity also gave him a four-year college scholarship so he could (65)_____ his dream of becoming a police officer.

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. Susila enjoys baking bread. She does not like to buy it from the bakery.
_____ prefers

67. They will not be able to sing well if they do not hold any rehearsals.
Without _____

68. The company must advertise its products so that business will pick up.
Unless _____

69. Unlike the other students in the class, Suling is the only one who has not handed in her project.
_____ except

70. The teacher announced, "The class won the championship title yesterday."
The teacher _____

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

After harvest came the burning season. The big tree trunks had been burnt down the previous winter. All the small ones and other plants had been chopped to ground level. While waiting for the burning season to start, Frank and I were busy making a fire break around the area we intended to burn.

As we were away from the house, Mother had given us an idea when it was lunchtime. She would hang a white tea towel on the clothes line near the house at noon. By the time we got home and washed up, lunch would be ready. 5

One day, when we were returning, we heard Mother let out a terrible scream. She came running out of the toilet yelling out loudly, "I've been bitten by a snake!" Frank and I ran to help her inside the house. Frank took her into the bedroom, and told me to get Jack to bring his horse. It was quite far away to Jack's and I ran all the way. I was done in when I got there. 10

Jack did not take long. Mother was crying when we got home. Mother looked very pale and was badly shocked. Frank and Jack immediately set out to get Mother to the doctor. Although they were at loggerheads over some matters in the past, they had forgotten about it with the urgent situation in hand. The trip to the doctor would take them all afternoon and well into the night. 15

After they had gone, I went into the toilet. I looked around but could not see any sign of the snake. I moved a bag from the back wall of the toilet. Then I heard something move. Quickly I dropped the bag and jumped back. All was quiet again. I shifted the bag once more. This time I noticed a lot of feathers. There was nothing else. All at once I knew what had bitten Mum. 20

The culprit was a hen. The hen had made a nest in the toilet and Mother had not noticed her. She did not mind Mother sitting on the toilet bowl at all, but when she wanted to lay eggs, she became vicious and had decided to peck Mother. 25

When they came home, Mother seemed jolly. I asked her how she was. She said that the doctor did not think it was a snake that had bitten her. I told her that I had found the thing that had bitten her. I said that it was still in the toilet and offered to show it to her.

We went to the toilet and I lifted up the bag. She looked under and exclaimed, "Good God. No!" She said that the doctor had said that they looked like beak marks. It never occurred to her that a hen might have done it. Then suddenly she said, "Did you talk to anyone while we were away?" 30

I said, "No."

"Well, don't you say anything, not even to Frank or anybody about this. If you do, I'll be the laughing stock of the neighbourhood," she said. "If you tell anyone about this, I'll kill you," she continued. I promised her. 35

-Adapted from *A Fortunate Life* by A.B. Facey

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. Your answers must be based on the text. Answer in complete sentences.

71. What did Bert and Frank have to do while waiting for the burning season to open?

72. How did Mother "tell" Bert and Frank that it was lunchtime?

73. Explain clearly why the hen had bitten Mother.

74. What two-word phrase in the passage tells us that Bert was exhausted by the time he reached Jack's place?

75. What does the word "it" in line 16 refer to?

76. What did Bert do after Mother was taken to the doctor?

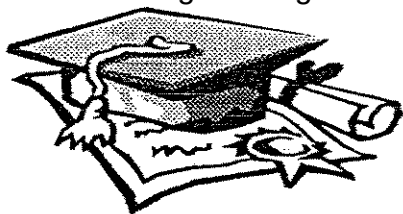
77. What had made Bert so sure that Mother was not bitten by a snake?

78. Which sentence in the passage tells us that the doctor's clinic was far away from Bert's house?

79. What did the doctor say about Mother's snake bite?

80. Explain clearly why Mother made Bert promise not to tell anyone about the incident.

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ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 3	31) E	41) of	51) The
2. 3	32) Q	42) rung	52) woman
3. 1	33) L	43) began	53) stopped
4. 4	34) C	44) from	54) stealthily
5. 3	35) D	45) frowned	55) green
6. 2	36) J	46) interrupted	56) help
7. 3	37) B	47) an	57) victims
8. 2	38) P	48) relief	58) do
9. 2	39) F	49) when	59) wearing
10. 3	40) M	50) stared	60) pretended
11. 1			
12. 4	61) them		
13. 2	62) take		
14. 3	63) isn't		
15. 4	64) reward		
16. 3	65) fulfill		
17. 3			
18. 3	66) Susila prefers baking bread to buying		
19. 1	it from the bakery.		
20. 4			
21. 4	67) Without holding any rehearsals, they		
22. 4	will not be able to sing well.		
23. 2			
24. 1	68) Unless the company advertises its		
25. 3	products, business will not pick up.		
26. 3			
27. 2	69) Everyone except Suling has handed		
28. 1	in their project.		
29. 4			
30. 4	70) The teacher announced that the class		
	had won the championship title the		
	previous day.		

71) They had to make a fire break around the area they had intended to burn.

72) She hung a white tea towel on the clothes near the house when it was lunch time.

73) It wanted to lay eggs and felt disturbed when mother sat on the toilet bowl so it bit her.

74) The two word phrase is "done in".

75) It refers to Frank and Jack being at logger heads over some matters in the past.

76) He went into the toilet to look for the snake.

77) He only found feather in the toilet.

78) The sentence is "The trip to the doctor would take them all afternoon and well into the night".

79) He said that the bite did not look he cause by a snake but looked more like beak marks.

80) She did not want anyone to know that she was actually bitten by a hen and not a snake.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

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Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index Number in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Comprehension Graphic-Stimulus (5 x 1) marks

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Where on earth will you be this Earth Day?

See...

- Build your own 'Green' resource book. Materials provided.
- View the Science Demonstration on Man & Environment (21 August @ 2.30pm, 22 August @ 11.30am)
- Watch 'Ocean Oasis', an OMNIMAX movie about ocean conservation (Show times: 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 8pm)



from 17 – 29 August

Interested to join us as a member, call Jare at 6425 2500 ext. 100



Hear...

- Talk on Herbal Science – Mother Nature's Gifts (22 August @ 2.30 pm)

Do...

- Take part in the colouring competition for children (3 to 7 year-olds) and win prizes by



Wyeth Nutritionals (21 & 22 August, 10 am to 6 pm)

- Meet Ronald McDonald at the 'You, Me and Ecology' show (21 August @ 3 pm)
- Participate in the Eco-Native Hunt at the Ecogarden
- Join in the family fun at 'Who eats who in the Under (water) World' (21 August @ 12 noon)

- To find out more about water plants and animals in the Ecopond

15 Science Centre Road Singapore 609081) Tel:64252500 Fax: 65659533

We are open from 10 am. Closed on Mondays.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. From the information in the advertisement, the activities _____.
- 1) promise the visitors fun and thrill
 - 2) cater to male and female visitors
 - 3) are only suitable for school-going visitors
 - 4) engage the different senses of the visitors ()
2. The main purpose of holding the activities is to _____.
- 1) attract visitors to the Science Centre
 - 2) promote Science Centre membership
 - 3) get visitors interested in the topic on nature
 - 4) make visitors more aware of the importance of saving the earth ()
3. The slogan "Where on earth will you be this Earth Day?" makes it easy for the reader to remember the advertisement or event because the _____.
- 1) lettering is beautiful
 - 2) words "Earth Day" start with capital letters
 - 3) words "Earth Day" are included in the slogan
 - 4) word "earth" is cleverly used to leave an impression ()
4. To find out more about how to take care of our water sources, visitors can _____.
- 1) watch the movie 'Ocean Oasis'
 - 2) join in the activity at the Ecopond
 - 3) view the Science Demonstration on Man & Environment
 - 4) participate in the activity 'Who eats who in the Under (water) World' ()
5. The sponsor(s) for the colouring competition for children is/are _____.
- 1) Wyeth Nutritionals only
 - 2) McDonalds and Wyeth Nutritionals
 - 3) McDonalds and Singapore Science Centre
 - 4) Wyeth Nutritionals and Singapore Science Centre ()

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1) marks

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. Each time the child stepped into the supermarket, she would bawl and _____ for a candy.
- | | | |
|-----------|------------|-----|
| 1) beg | 2) begs | |
| 3) begged | 4) begging | () |
7. Although both the twins _____ strong in Mathematics, neither of them _____ selected for the competition.
- | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| ~~1) is~~ is | ~~2) are~~ are | |
| 3) is are | ~~4) are~~ is | () |
8. Mr and Mrs Lim have been living in this neighbourhood _____ two years ago.
- | | | |
|------------------|---------------------|-------|
| ~~1) in~~ | ~~2) for~~ | |
| 3) from | ~~4) since~~ | (-) |
9. Peter was the boy _____ a witness had identified as the snatch-thief.
- | | | |
|----------|----------|-------|
| 1) who | 2) whom | |
| 3) which | 4) whose | (-) |
10. The storekeeper reported to the police that a teenager _____ the money at the counter and made off with it.
- | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-----|
| ~~1) takes~~ | ~~2) took~~ | |
| 3) has taken | ~~4) had taken~~ | () |
11. Victor, (together with his friends) _____ in the Creative Writing class during the coming school holidays to brush up on their writing skills.
- | | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-----|
| 1) enrol | 2) enrolls | |
| 3) has enrolled | 4) have enrolled | () |
12. As the growing number of discipline cases among in the school _____ of great concern to the principal, she has called for a meeting.
- | | | |
|--------|---------|-----|
| 1) is | 2) are | |
| 3) was | 4) were | () |

- **Section C: Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1) marks**
- For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

It was an unusual sight (13) forty student leaders scrubbing their school windows with newspaper, checking flowerpots for stagnant water and clearing stairwells and corridors for litter.

They were participating in a new environmental programme called "My School Shines (14)

One environmental ambassador airs his views on the programme (15) "It's a great idea because we students will get a taste of what it's like to clean up after other people."

13. 1) [:] colon
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 2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
 3) [" .] inverted commas and full stop
 4) [" ,] inverted commas and comma

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Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1) marks

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The _____ is usually found on the back cover of a novel.

- 1) blurb
- 2) caption
- 3) summary
- 4) conclusion

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17. The pupils were _____ and listened intently as their teacher recounted his adventures in the desert.

- 1) enticed
- 2) enriched
- 3) endeared
- 4) enthralled

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18. The park rangers searched relentlessly for several days without rest for the lost trekkers. It was indeed a/an _____ journey.

- 1) grisly
- 2) gruelling
- 3) treacherous
- 4) adventurous

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19. The team leader _____ his team members' decision and went ahead with the expedition even though his team did not agree to do so.

- 1) overran
- 2) overruled
- 3) overcame
- 4) overpowered

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20. The victim's nephew admitted that he had _____ with another man to kill his uncle.

- 1) consorted
- 2) conspired
- 3) concocted
- 4) confronted

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Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1) marks

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Tom 21)huddled in the corner. He was gaping and breathing in quick, shallow 22)gasps.

Mrs Lee was 23)appalled when she saw Tom. She noticed that the fire was spreading quickly to the other parts of the house. She needed to get Tom out of the burning house quickly. She 24)signalled to him and persuaded him. Tom stood up but swayed and nearly fell again. He seemed 25)dazed and unaware of what was happening.

21. 1) hid
2) stood
3) crouched
4) snuggled

()

22. 1) yelps
2) sighs
3) pants
4) murmurs

()

23. 1) upset
2) scared
3) amazed
4) shocked

()

24. 1) pleaded
2) beckoned
3) cautioned
4) forewarned

()

25. 1) confused
2) weakened
3) frightened
4) astonished

()

Section F— Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1) marks

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

What has large ears and a mind of its own, is strong and sure-footed and can go for long periods without water? The answer is a burro— that very small donkey often called "the poor person's horse". The burro played a significant role in the history of the American West. It was this animal that carried the supplies needed by the miners and by the mining towns that sprang up in remote mountainous areas. 5

Many westerners today still remember the importance of the burro. When western towns have a celebration, a common feature of the day is a burro race. For the race, each burro is 'dressed up' and carries a saddle. At the start of the race, the burros are tied to a fence some distance ahead of the owners. At a signal, the owners run to their animals, untie them and start on the course. 10

The course usually begins on the main street of town but quickly takes the competitors up rough mountain paths. The burros may be coaxed, pushed or pulled. Yet they are (never) actually ridden. 15

One well-known competition, the International Burro Race takes place in Leadville, Colorado, each August. The course there takes the contestants up into the Mosquito Range of mountains. The men run a distance of twenty-one miles, the women slightly less. Sometimes, they start out dressed in summer garb, only to run into snow up in Mosquito Pass. The course forms roughly a square, bringing burro and owner back to a lower point on the main street, to run uphill to the finish line. 20

The finish can be unpredictable. A stubborn animal can suddenly balk as it comes to the waiting and often noisy crowd. A burro owner who appears to have triumphed easily, has turned into a loser at the last minute. The final victor receives a cash prize. However, many a winner is in a state of collapse. He or she may be too weak to reach the judges' stand for the prize, after using every last bit of strength, to push a stubborn burro across the finishing line! 25

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. Which of the following characteristics of the burro makes it suitable for trekking mountainous areas?

- 1) It is strong and sure-footed.
- 2) It is strong and can go without water.
- 3) It is sure-footed and can go without water.
- 4) It is sure-footed and has a mind of its own.

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27. The burro played an important role in the history of the American West by _____.

- 1) being part of celebrations
- 2) being of use to the poor people
- 3) helping to transport goods to the mining towns
- 4) causing mining towns to spring up in mountainous areas

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28. Which of the following statements about the burro race is true?

- 1) The owners ride on their burros.
- 2) The burros run to their owners at the signal.
- 3) The burros carry saddles of different weights.
- 4) The owners stand behind their burros before the start of the race.

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29. The International Burro Race at Leadville, Colorado takes place _____.

- 1) monthly
- 2) annually
- 3) biennially
- 4) biannually

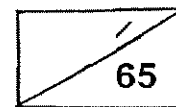
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30. The phrase "in a state of collapse" (line 25) tells us that usually the winner is _____ by the end of the race.

- 1) famished
- 2) exhausted
- 3) unconscious
- 4) badly-injured

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Booklet B

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1) marks

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

~~A)~~ since	~~D)~~ off	~~G)~~ away	~~K)~~ little	~~N)~~ its
~~B)~~ much	~~E)~~ by	~~H)~~ between	~~L)~~ while	~~R)~~ their
~~C)~~ from	~~F)~~ about	~~J)~~ all	~~M)~~ own	~~Q)~~ before

I was watching a pair of birds for several days. On the fifth day, I was rewarded – I discovered 31) _____ nesting place. It was not long 32) _____ I realised that the site had been chosen carefully with plenty of food available in the surrounding area.

I listened to the male bird's song. The bird was not worried 33) _____ birds of other species, rather he was warning 34) _____ male birds of the same species. 35) _____ I waited, I witnessed a bitter fight 36) _____ my male friend (and a trespasser. I knew 37) _____ past observations that birds tend to stick to their 38) _____ areas and would not put up with trespassers.

I wandered on to my favourite spot – the deserted beach. Here birds do not bother so 39) _____ about territory, rather they live in large groups. I notice there was very 40) _____ birdsong there. That was probably because the birds do not have to lay claim to any territory.

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Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1) marks

Correct each **bold** word for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

41)

42)

Merlin, the wizard, pointed his wand at us. Our **perjarmes** were replaced in

strange and unusual clothing.

43)

Jill was robed in a gorgeous dress made of the finest cloth and sew with the most

44)

expensive jewels and ornaments. The most **brellant** diamond I have ever seen. Jenny

was the most mysteriously garbed - covered totally in black wool. As for myself, I wore

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an **exqusitly** carved steel helmet on my head. Soon, we heard snort behind us and

47)

turned round to discover four **megnecient** horses ready for us. On their backs were

48)

49)

the supplies where we needed to escape from this desert and completes our quest.

We turned back to Merlin, he was gone, vanisxed into the magical world from

50)

which he had coming.

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Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1) marks

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Ginseng root is native to eastern Asia and North America. It has been in use (51) _____ a folk medicine and tonic among the peoples of China, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam and Manchuria, as well as among Native Americans. (52) _____ thousands of years. Frequently used as a potent (53) _____ medication rather than a curative one, it has also demonstrated tremendous therapeutic benefits for a wide number of medical conditions. If (54) _____ regularly, it increases vitality and can extend one's life span. It is also (55) _____ to increase memory, increase energy and endurance. Furthermore, it can help to reduce the (56) _____ of stress, protect the (57) _____ against sicknesses and balance the metabolism.

A perennial plant, ginseng is often found in heavily wooded areas and (58) _____ rich soil to thrive. Ginseng takes several years to mature, with most roots harvested when the plant is (59) _____ three and ten years old. (60) _____ many years, the plant and its roots can start to degenerate. (61) _____ then, the root may become pitted and wooden.

The plant (62) _____ is very attractive, with well-shaped green leaves and bright red berries. However, it is only the root that has (63) _____ value. Its (64) _____ means "man root". This is due to the shape of the ginseng root, which strongly (65) _____ the form of a human body.

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2) marks

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. Mr Lim was a proud man. He would not accept anyone's assistance.

_____ because of

67. Peter's subordinates did not like him although he was generous.

Despite _____

68. They can win the soccer tournament. They must work as a team.

_____ unless

69. The student did not stay for enrichment classes. He went home after school.

Instead _____

70. The pupils were not in school that day. The teacher was not in school that day.

Neither _____

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Section K – Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2) marks

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

~~I~~ ran like the wind ~~towards home~~. As soon as I entered my house, I broke the news to the servants that I was the newly-elected class president. They waved me on impatiently.

I climbed the stairs and went into my room. I slumped on the chair and relished every moment of the victory of the election. ~~It~~ was sweet success. Then there was a knock on the door and Ah Sun, the maid, entered at once, looking flustered and fearful.

"Your ~~friends~~ are downstairs in the living-room," she whispered.

Her words ~~were~~ like a thunderbolt from the clear blue sky. "Is ~~Mother~~ at home?" I blurted out.

"I'm afraid she is," she replied.

"Tell them I'm not home. Please send them away!" I begged her desperately.

"I tried but they followed you home and saw you enter the house. Everyone has brought a gift. They mean well," she whispered again.

I bit my lower lip and forced myself to go down and greet my friends. They surrounded me, shouting, "Victory!" Inside me, I was quaking with terror, hoping that Mother would leave us alone until I could politely ask my friends to leave.

Soon, Ah Sun reappeared and told me that my mother wanted to see me. My mind was a blank when I made my way to my mother's room. I knocked on the ~~door~~ and saw my mother purple with rage. I tried to close the door but Mother told me to leave it open.

"Who are these hooligans making a racket? Tell your hooligan friends to get out! They are not welcome!" her voice was seething with anger.

"Come here!" she screamed. I approached her gingerly, trembling with fear. She slapped my face so hard that I almost fell. "Tell them to gun dan (get lost) and never to come here again!"

I clenched my fists and made my way downstairs. An eerie silence now bermeated the house. I stood in front of my classmates unable to say a word. I felt naked and vulnerable. At school, I had been so careful to pretend that I came from a loving family.

Finally, I choked out to them, "My mother wishes to sleep. She wants you to go home now. I am sorry."

Adapted from "The Chinese Cinderella" by Adeline Yen Ma

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

71. What does the phrase "~~I~~(ran)like the wind" (line 1) tell you about the way the author ran?

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72. Why did the author run ~~like~~ the wind towards her house?

☐

73. "It was sweet success." (line 5). What does "It" refer to?

☐

74. Which phrase in the text is similar in meaning to ~~unexpected~~?

☐

75. Why did the author's friends visit her?

☐

76. Why did the author tell Ah Sun to send her friends away?

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77. What are the two reasons the author's mother wanted the author to leave the door open?

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78. Which word in the passage tells you that the author's mother had a poor impression of the author's friends?

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79. What truth did the author try to hide from her friends all the while?

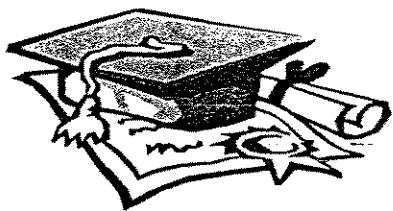
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80. Why could the author only "choked out" to her classmates (line 32) when she spoke to them?

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End-of-Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

1. 4	31) P	41) pyjamas
2. 4	32) Q	42) by
3. 4	33) F	43) sewn
4. 1	34) D	44) brilliant
5. 1	35) L	45) exquisitely
6. 1	36) H	46) shorting
7. 4	37) C	47) magnificent
8. 4	38) M	48) which
9. 2	39) B	49) complete
10. 4	40) K	50) come
11. 3		
12. 1	51) as	
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14. 4	53) prevent	
15. 1	54) used	
16. 1	55) known	
17. 4	56) effects	
18. 2	57) body	
19. 2	58) needs	
20. 2	59) between	
21. 3	60) After	
22. 3	61) By	
23. 4	62) itself	
24. 2	63) medicinal	
25. 1	64) name	
26. 1	65) resemble	
27. 3		
28. 4	66) Mr Lim would not accept anyone's	
29. 2	assistance because of his pride.	
30. 2		
	67) Despite the fact that Peter was	
	generous, his subordinates did	
	not like him.	

68) They cannot win the soccer tournament unless they work as a team.

69) Instead of staying for enrichment classes, the student went home after school.

70) Neither the pupils nor the teacher was in school that day.

71) She ran very fast/quickly/swiftly.

72) She was eager to tell her everyone/family/the servant that she had been elected the class president/was the newly-elected class president.

73) It refers to winning the election.

74) The phrase is "Like a thunderbolt from me clear blue sky".

75) They wanted to congratulate her on her winning the election.

76) She did not want to get into trouble with her mother.

77) She wanted her friends to hear her displeasure and to embarrass the author/She wanted to embarrass the author and to show her friends that they were not welcome.

78) The word is "hooligan".

79) The author tried to hide the fact that she did not come from a loving family.

80) She was over come with emotions because her friends now knew that she had been pretending that she had a loving family.

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**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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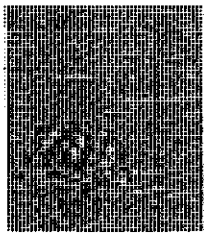
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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1 m = 5m)

Study the advertisement below and answer the questions that follow.

Mother's Day Special at Novena Mall

5 to 13 MAY 2007

Make-A-Card Contest

Make your mother a unique card for this special day. Just purchase a minimum of \$50 on a single receipt at any of the stores and we will provide you with Lyra art materials to work on it! The three best entries in each category stand to win \$200 shopping vouchers from Jansen Departmental store. Come on down to our Art booth, located just next to the Customer Service Counter.

Date: 5 to 13 May 2007

Time: 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Category 1: 4-6 years old

Category 2: 7-9 years old

Category 3: 10-12 years old

**How Much Do You Know?**

Team up with your mother to enter this contest. Children taking part will have to answer questions regarding their mother. The team with the highest score will win a Samsung handphone with a year of free subscription. This event is open to all shoppers.

Date and Time:

6-May, 5.00 pm to 7.00 pm

13 May, 5.00 pm to 7.00pm

**GOOD-LOOKING MUM**

See the finalists of our Good-Looking Mum beauty contest! Our youngest contestant is 24 years old and she is a mother of three. At 42 years old, our oldest contestant is already a grandmother! Come and cheer them on as they parade in evening gowns sponsored by Belle Bridal Wear.

Date: 12 May 2007

Time: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm

Choose the correct answer and shade the appropriate ovals 1, 2, 3, or 4 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The activities listed are in celebration of _____.
 - (1) Ladies' Week
 - (2) Mother's Day
 - (3) Novena Mall's Anniversary
 - (4) Mother and Daughter Week

2. Sally is very close to her mother and knows a lot about her. She should consider taking part in _____.
 - (1) the Make-a-Card contest
 - (2) all the advertised contests
 - (3) Good-Looking Mum contest
 - (4) How Much Do You Know? contest

3. Hamid is eleven years old and would like to take part in the card-making contest. He should participate under _____ of the contest.
 - (1) Category One
 - (2) Category Two
 - (3) Category Three
 - (4) any one of the categories

4. The _____ is not a prize for taking part in the activities organised by Novena Mall.
 - (1) Belle evening gown✓
 - (2) Samsung handphone x
 - (3) Jansen shopping voucher x
 - (4) one year handphone subscription x

5. *Good-Looking Mum* is a _____.
 - (1) sponsor
 - (2) boutique
 - (3) bridal shop
 - (4) beauty contest

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7 m)

Choose the correct answer and shade the appropriate ovals 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. I was told that Mary, together with her classmates, _____ reprimanded by Mrs Lim this morning.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. After Mr Eng and his brother _____ the cars, they waxed them.
- (1) clean
 - (2) has cleaned
 - (3) had cleaned
 - (4) are cleaning
8. All of you except Sally _____ to attend the Science remedial class.
- (1) has
 - (2) have
 - (3) has had
 - (4) are having
9. Sany, just like Hock Meng and Hock Kwang, _____ tall for his age.
- (1) is
 - (2) be
 - (3) are
 - (4) were

10. Undaunted, Wayne swam to the shore _____ a strong current.

- (1) for
- (2) over
- (3) against
- (4) towards

11. The little girl was not satisfied _____ what she had drawn and crushed the paper into a ball.

- (1) on
- (2) of
- (3) at
- (4) with

12. Mr Wee Soon Kuan owns five dogs, one of _____ is a schnauzer.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

Choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the appropriate ovals 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

"Do you see that (13) Tweedlehum said in a voice choking with passion, and his eyes grew large all in a moment, as he pointed with a trembling finger at a small white thing lying under the tree.

"It's only a rattle," Alice said, after a careful examination of the little white thing(14) "Not a rattle-snake, you know," she added hastily, thinking that he was frightened, "only an old rattle — quite old and broken."

"I knew it was!" cried Tweedlehum, beginning to stamp about wildly and tear his hair.

Alice laid her hand upon his arm and said, in a soothing tone, "You needn't be so angry about an old rattle(15)

"But it isn't old!" Tweedledum cried, in a greater fury than ever.

(Adapted from *Through The Looking Glass*, Lewis Carroll)

13.

- (1) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
- (2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
- (3) [,"] comma and inverted commas
- (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14.

- (1) [,] comma
- (2) [.] full stop
- (3) [?] question mark
- (4) [!] exclamation mark

15.

- (1) ["?"] question mark and inverted commas
- (2) ["."] full stop and inverted commas
- (3) [","] comma and inverted commas
- (4) ["!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (8 x 1m = 8m)

For each question from 16 to 23, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the appropriate ovals (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. The suspect is in custody and is _____ trial.

- (1) awaiting
- (2) requiring
- (3) expecting
- (4) anticipating

17. You lead a sedentary lifestyle and consume food with a high fat content. You are an obvious _____ for a heart attack!

- (1) nominee
- (2) candidate
- (3) contender
- (4) messenger

18. Mrs Ong scratched her head as she looked at the Wong sisters. She was unable to _____ one from the other.

- (1) diminish
- (2) distinguish
- (3) disseminate
- (4) discriminate

19. The cunning pickpocket used various _____ to avoid being noticed.

- (1) ploys
- (2) actions
- (3) systems
- (4) mediums

20. Marie Ford has red hair. She _____ her Irish mother.

- (1) takes up
- (2) takes on
- (3) takes off
- (4) takes after

21. The lost boys huddled around the fire as the night _____.

- (1) fell upon
- (2) closed in
- (3) kicked up
- (4) stepped in

22. Josh could not help stammering as he stood in front of the _____ of interviewers.

- (1) line
- (2) cast
- (3) panel
- (4) parade

23. After losing the chess game, James sat on the deck chair looking _____.

- (1) glum
- (2) gaunt
- (3) unkempt
- (4) famished

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 24 to 28, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

During the first six months, Xiang Xiang appeared to have adapted well. He put on weight and entered areas inhabited by wild panda communities without any apparent problem. But after making an initial diagnosis of the panda's wounds in late December, scientists have been unable to make visual contact. "It used to be easy to find him but now he is afraid of any noise and any person so it is very difficult," says Zhang.

Thanks to artificial insemination and techniques to encourage natural mating and rearing, the State Forestry Administration said a record 34 cubs were born in captivity last year. But international conservation groups do not support captive breeding. For example, WWF advocates the protection and expansion of the habitat for pandas.

(Adapted from Guardian Weekly, an article by Jonathan Watts 19/01/2007)

24.

- (1) adjusted
- (2) remained
- (3) customized
- (4) familiarised

25.

- (1) real
- (2) plain
- (3) definite
- (4) noticeable

26.

- (1) at once
- (2) at times
- (3) at the moment
- (4) at the next opportunity

27.

- (1) skills
- (2) methods
- (3) guidelines
- (4) experiments

28.

- (1) impels
- (2) attacks
- (3) sponsors
- (4) promotes

Section F : Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Hari's head sank low as he stared at the empty tumbler belonging to his father. Lila pushed and shoved and made her sisters change into their indigo blue skirts and white blouses that all the school girls in the village wore, and found their few tattered books with which they set off for school. Then Hari got up and said he would see them to school and stop in the field on his way back to do some digging and watering.

Lila went in with a tumbler of tea for her mother. She stopped to add a little extra milk to it. Then she went past the curtain in the doorway to the room where her mother lay on the string bed on some old grey sheet. She herself looked like a **crumpled grey rag** lying there. She had been ill for a long time. No one knew what was wrong. She had no pains and no fever but simply grew weaker and weaker all the time. Now she could not sit up to drink her tea. Lila had to lift her head and help her drink in little sips from the tumbler. She was very gentle and careful because her mother seemed so frail that one hardly liked to touch her.

She also kept her head turned away from **the heap that lay on a mat** in a corner of the dark, shadowy room. The heap did not stir but made a grumbling sound of obstructed breathing and also stank. Lila could smell the fermented toddy* even from a distance — it was a smell she had known and hated since she was a small girl. She kept her nose wrinkled up and wished her father would throw himself into some other corner to sleep and not foul her mother's room with the stench of drunkenness. But no one dared tell him, least of all her mother.

All she said was, "Lila, have the girls gone to school?"
"Yes, Ma," said Lila, although she did not need to be told. She had given up going to school long ago so that she could stay home and do the cooking and washing and look after the others. She got up to start.

* alcoholic sap of some kind of palm, used as a beverage

(Adapted from *The Village By The Sea*, Anita Desai)

For each question from 29 to 33, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the appropriate ovals, 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

29. Hari's main responsibility was to _____.

- (1) work in the field
- (2) bring his sisters to school
- (3) take care of the household chores
- (4) make sure his sisters woke up in time for school

30. Lila's mother looked like 'a crumpled grey rag' as she _____.

- (1) ~~she~~ had no pains and no fever
- (2) ~~she~~ could not sit up and drink her tea
- (3) ~~she~~ had been ill a long time and had become weaker
- (4) her clothes were made from the same grey sheet as her string bed

31. The 'heap that lay on a mat in a corner' in lines 17-18 refers to _____.

- (1) Lila's father
- (2) a smelly animal
- (3) the shadowy room
- (4) some unwanted old furniture

32. Lila wrinkled up her nose as _____.

- (1) she disliked her father
- (2) did not want to be seen
- (3) there was a grumbling sound of obstructed breathing
- (4) the stench of drunkenness had filled her mother's room

33. Which one of the following statements is NOT true about Lila's life?

- (1) She had to look after her mother.
- (2) She did not dare to talk to her mother.
- (3) She had to take care of the household chores.
- (4) Her father could not be relied upon to help out at home.

END OF BOOKLET A



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 6

PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr 6 ()

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A: /33

Booklet B: / 67

Total Marks: /100

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 34 to 43, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q). The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

A) as	D) by	G) from	K) instead	N) on
B) although	E) during	H) has	L) its	P) other
C) another	F) even	J) in	M) it's	Q) which

Tea was called 'tu' in the Chinese ancient classic 'Shi Jing' or 'The Book of Songs'. The word 'tu' was further annotated _____ a Jin scholar, Guo Pua: Tu is a small plant. _____ leaves can be brewed into beverage.

_____ the Han dynasty, the word 'tu' took _____ a new pronunciation, 'cha', _____ addition to its old pronunciation 'tu'. The first use of the word 'cha' _____ of 'tu' was in Lu Yu's Cha Jing, The Classic of Tea.

In ancient China, tea was regarded _____ one of the seven daily necessities (firewood, rice, oil, salt, soya sauce and vinegar being the _____ six) and over the centuries tea _____ infiltrated every level of Chinese life. Workers and travellers carry flasks of it in convenient 'pouches, swinging from wrist straps. _____ bottled tea is available, most locals prefer a steaming cup of the brew.

Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 × 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(44)

Italian Sausage Spaghetti Raresipe

Ingredients

1 large Italian sweet sausage	3/4 large can of whole tomatoes
1 large Italian hot and spicy sausage	1 packet of spaghetti pasta
1 yellow onion, chopped	salt
2 cloves of garlic	olive oil

METHOD

The Sauce:

Remove the sausage casings from the Italian sausages. Cut the sausages

(45)

to pieces and mix the sweet sausage meat and spicy sausage meat

(46)

together. In a **saperate** frying pan, fry the onions and garlic until the

(47)

onions are **translooscent**. Purée the tomatoes in a blender and add it to

(48)

the frying pan. Add the cook onions and garlic.

The Pasta:

(49)

Fill a large pot half full with water and brought to a boil. Add a tablespoon of salt. Add the pasta. Stir the pasta to prevent clumping.

Allow the water to come to a boil again. Cook, uncovered, with a fairly

(50)

vigorous boil, for about 10-12 minutes. When pasta is al dente (cooked

(51)

but still a little firm), remove the pot off the stove. Drain the water from

(52)

the pasta through a **strainer**.

(53)

Place the pasta in a serving bowl. Add a teaspoon of olive oil and mix it

well with the pasta.

Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (6 x 2m = 12m)

For each of the questions 54 to 59, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

54. Siti tries her best. Siti fails to qualify for the 100m race.

Although _____

55. John is a proud man who will never ask for help. He prefers to fail.

John would rather _____

because of _____

56. Peter does not like to eat durian. His sister does not like to eat durian.

Neither _____ nor _____

57. All was careless. He broke all his test tubes during Science lesson.

Owing _____

58. My teacher told us, "The sun rises in the East and sets in the West."

My teacher told us that _____

59. XYZ Restaurant provides the perfect setting for a couple seeking a quiet meal or a group of friends having a get-together.

Whether you are _____

_____ or _____

Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A friend related this story to me recently. She works as a technical support officer _____ a major computer company. One morning, a manager _____ marching disconcertedly to her desk. The manager in his early 40s, shoved her his laptop and _____ to know why the card reader was not _____. My friend set _____ troubleshooting the equipment while he breathed down her _____ and watched her work. Fifteen minutes _____, she was still unable to detect any bug _____ error. She told the manager she could not detect _____ software or hardware problem, and suggested he demonstrate how he used the card _____

Whipping _____ a plastic card to feed the
(70)
gadget, the exasperated manager explained that his bills
_____ overdue and he was merely trying to
(71)
_____ some bills online.
(72)
Moments _____ watching him fumble with the
(73)
card, she finally let out, "Sir, that is _____ ezylink
(74)
card, not a cashcard." The manager turned red in embarrassment.

(Adapted from *Junior n U Jan – March 07 Issue*)

Section K: Comprehension (10x 2m = 20)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 75 to 84.

The next stage of my journey to photograph the world's tallest pagoda lay across part of the China Sea and I visited the local police to get help with my crossing. The superintendent asked me what I knew about that stretch of water. I told him that I had read about the hijacking of passenger boats.

"Yes, you are right. They also raid cargo boats," he replied. "But don't be too worried. Our police have plenty of boats patrolling round here, although there is a limit to what they can do," he said.

A little later we were at the harbour and I had my first glimpse of the sort of boats that regularly made the crossing. My heart sank when I saw how simply built the boats were. In times of danger, would we be able to escape from the pirates? Meanwhile, the superintendent had introduced the captain to me. "How long does it take?" I asked the captain.

"About three days," he replied.

"Three days!" I thought. When I looked at the map again, I realized that I had misjudged the distance. Still, I was determined to sail across the pirate-infested China Sea.

"We sail on Saturday," was all he said.

Finally, Saturday came. I made my way to the harbour and the waiting boat. The captain was not one to waste time. Soon, we left the protection of the harbour and were out on the open sea. The weather was perfect but by evening there was bad news. It was obvious that the engine of the boat was failing. Sometimes it puffed and panted, sometimes it stopped completely. I did not take the journey well, I was throwing up constantly. Then, one evening, our progress was barely noticeable.

"Aren't there any islands nearby where we can go for repairs?" I asked the engineer.

"Yes, but that's where the pirates lurk," he answered, adding some blood-thirsty details. We obviously needed all our faith in the captain's experience and in the protection of the police patrols.

But it was not the police that appeared first. Early next morning a narrow, nippy motor-boat suddenly arrived alongside, and seven wild and agile men clambered aboard. In a flash, they had spread out over our boat. Then they spotted me, the last thing they had expected to see was a foreign passenger.

One of them noticed two fifty-dollar notes in my shirt pocket. He walked over and said, "You give me one?" Somehow he had understood that I was a traveller and needed money. I handed it to him.

(Adapted from *Slow Boats to China* by Gavin Young)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

75. What was the writer's purpose for crossing the China Sea?

76. From paragraphs 1 and 2, quote the two different words which indicate clearly that the stretch of water was unsafe for travellers.

77. State a reason the police superintendent gave to reassure the writer.

78. Why did the writer's heart sink when he saw the boats (line 12)?

79. What does the writer's response "Three days!" in line 16 tell us about what the writer thought of the trip?

80. "Our progress was barely noticeable" (Line 27 - 28). What did the writer mean?

81. Why was the captain not keen to sail to one of the islands to repair the boat?

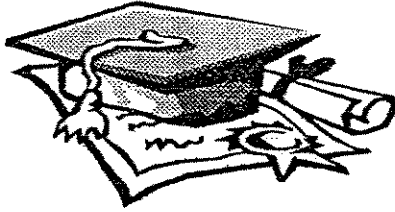
82. What do you think the "blood-thirsty details" (Line 32) refer to.

83. What does 'It' in line 43 refer to?

84. Based on your reading of the passage, if you were the writer, would you make the journey across this dangerous stretch of sea? Give a reason for your answer.

END OF BOOKLET B

Sellers: Mrs Tan Cheng Yeen (Booklet A)
Mrs May Yeo (Booklet B)



ANSWER SHEET

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 2	34) D	44) Recipe
2. 4	35) L	45) into
3. 3	36) E	46) separate
4. 1	37) N	47) translucent
5. 4	38) J	48) cooked
6. 3	39) K	49) bring
7. 3	40) A	50) vigorous
8. 2	41) P	51) from
9. 1	42) H	52) sieve
10. 3	43) B	53) serving
11. 4		
12. 2	54) Although Siti tries her best, she	
13. 1	fails to qualify for the 100m race.	
14. 2		
15. 2	55) John would rather fail than to ask	
16. 1	for help because of the fact that	
17. 2	he is a proud man.	
18. 2		
19. 1	56) Neither Peter nor his sister likes	
20. 4	to eat durian.	
21. 2		
22. 3	57) Owing to his carelessness, Ali broke	
23. 1	all the test tubes during Science	
24. 1	lesson.	
25. 4		
26. 3	58) My teacher told us that the sun rises	
27. 2	in the East and sets in the West.	
28. 4		
29. 1	59) Whether you are a couple seeking a	
30. 3	quiet meal or a group of friends	
31. 1	having a get together, X Y Z Restaurant	
32. 4	provides the perfect setting.	
33. 2		

60)in 61)came/went 62)wanted 63)working
64)about 65)neck 66)later 67)or
68)any 69)reader 70)out 71)were
72)pay 73)after 74)an

75)He wanted to photograph the world's tallest pagoda which lay across part of the China Sea.

76)The words are "hijacking"and "raid".

77)The police force had many boats patrolling in that area and it would be quite safe to travel there.

78)He saw that the boats were simply built and could not with stand a pirate attack.

79)He was surprised that such a short journey would take three days.

80)He meant that the boat was traveling so slowly that he could not feel any movement.

81)There were pirates lurking on the islands.

82)I think it refers to how the pirates tortured and what they do and killed people.

83)It refers to one of his fifty-dollar notes.

84)Yes, I would. I do not want to miss the chance of photographing the world's tallest pagoda.

No,I would not.I would not want to be hijacked by pirates.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____ () Pr 6 ()

There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

Instructions to pupils:

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
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- 3. Answer all the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)

Study the flyer below and answer questions 1 to 5.

Singapore Legacy Tour



Join long-time Katong resident Mrs Salma Moiz as she leads a tour to visit Fort Tanjong Katong, Labrador Park and Reflections at Bukit Chandu. This is a golden opportunity for you to get in touch with nature while learning more about our nation's history.

In our midst we have a road which reminds us of the fortifications which used to exist on the eastern part of the island – Fort Road. Katong Park is the site of an old fort which was buried after WWII.

Following that, learn about the secret tunnels, 6 inch guns and the part Labrador Park played in the defence of Singapore during WWII. Today, Labrador Park is a visual feast for nature and bird lovers alike, not to mention an excellent picnic location with sweeping views of the sea and the sun at dusk.

Housed in a small colonial bungalow, Reflections at Bukit Chandu is a museum where you will relive the horrors of war in a 3D multimedia presentation and hear stories of honour, bravery, loyalty and ultimate sacrifice at the very spot it happened during WWII.

After the visit to three of Singapore's best kept secrets, tuck into the famous braised duck (or other food) at South Buona Vista Road to round off the evening.

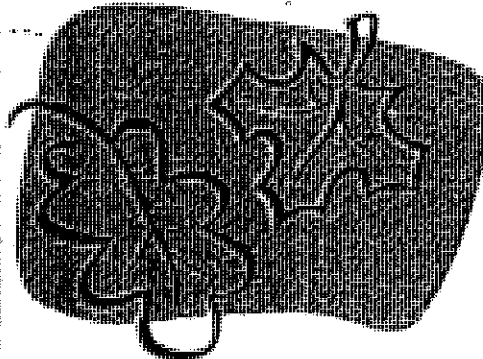
Date: 19 May 2007 (Sat)

Time: 2pm – 9pm

Price: \$20 per adult

\$15 per child (below 12 yrs)
inclusive of transport and dinner

Get your tickets from the Mountbatten Community Club now before they run out!



For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. It will take _____ to complete the Singapore Legacy Tour.

- (1) 2 hours
- (2) 7 hours
- (3) 9 hours
- (4) 12 hours

2. Which one of the following statements is **NOT TRUE**?

- (1) Labrador Park is a good location for picnics.
- (2) Both nature and bird lovers will enjoy Labrador Park.
- (3) You can have an unobstructed view of the sea at Labrador Park.
- (4) Labrador Park was the site of an old fort which was buried after WW II.

3. Singapore's three best kept secrets are _____.

- (1) picnic spots, 6 inch guns and secret tunnels located at Labrador Park.
- (2) Fort Tanjong Katong, Labrador Park and Reflections at Bukit Chandu.
- (3) the fort at Labrador Park, the secret tunnels at Katong Park and the 6 inch guns at Bukit Chandu.
- (4) the famous braised duck at South Buona Vista Road, the spot where World War II took place and the old fort at Fort Road.

4. One can relive the horrors of World War II and hear stories of bravery and loyalty at _____.

- (1) Fort Tanjong Katong
- (2) The museum at Bukit Chandu
- (3) The Mountbatten Community Club
- (4) Mrs Salma Moiz's colonial bungalow

5. Tickets for the Singapore Legacy Tour are available at _____.

- (1) Bukit Chandu
- (2) Labrador Park
- (3) the Mountbatten Community Club
- (4) Mrs Salma Moiz's residence in Katong

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. _____ is wrong? Are you ill? You are as white as a sheet.
- (1) Who
 - (2) What
 - (3) Which
 - (4) Whose
7. When you have _____ your coat up, come and sit down.
- (1) hang
 - (2) hung
 - (3) hangs
 - (4) hanged
8. She is not a very strong person. I'm afraid she might break _____ when she hears the news.
- (1) away
 - (2) down
 - (3) out
 - (4) up
9. He said that if he _____ a millionaire, he would buy me a diamond ring as big as an egg!
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) were
 - (4) had been
10. There isn't _____ sugar left in the bowl. We need to buy more.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
11. The police questioned him for three hours _____ he confessed.
- (1) as
 - (2) but
 - (3) until
 - (4) while

12. _____ you tell me the time? I have forgotten to wear my watch.

- (1) Can
- (2) May
- (3) Will
- (4) Shall

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Then in the midst of the gloom with fear stalking us at every turn, even indoors, we heard a sharp rap on the front door.

Somebody, in a weak, hardly discernible voice said, "Open! Open (13)

I asked (14) "Who's that?" and immediately realized that it was my brother-in-law.

I opened the door and he collapsed onto the settee. For some moments he could not utter a word.

"Have the Japanese left (15) I finally blurted out, unable to contain myself.

Adapted from Singapore through Sunshine and Shadow by John B. Cuylenburg

13. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi colon

15. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Don't forget to _____ your umbrella when you go out.

- (1) take
(2) bear
(3) bring
(4) fetch

17. I can always smell an unpleasant _____ at the fish stall.

- (1) scent
(2) odour
(3) aroma
(4) fragrance

18. Mrs. Lim is very houseproud. There isn't a _____ of dirt in her kitchen.

- (1) dot
(2) grain
(3) speck
(4) crumb

19. The delicate operation can only be carried out by a _____ surgeon.

- (1) complex
(2) competent
(3) complacent
(4) competitive

20. The candle flame began to _____ in the wind before it blew out.

- (1) glow
- (2) flicker
- (3) dazzle
- (4) sparkle

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

That was Felix. He studied with me in our long-ago college days. Then, a shiny-faced youth (21)of promise, he came from one of the country's very well-to-do families, the envy especially of bursary students like myself at varsity on financial aid. Later in life his entire family (22)fortune disappeared in business failures. He had to live in poverty and suffer the (23)agony of aging in ill health as well. He bore his adversity bravely, and against all odds he raised a wonderful family.

At the end of his life he had to endure a final tribulation: Felix became stone deaf in addition to his other ordeals.

What was the meaning of it all? In (24)pondering his agony, I found my first glimmer of understanding. Achievements and abilities count for nothing; it is the power to (25)struggle that counts.

Adapted from One Singapore 3 by Goh Sin Tub

21. (1) assured of a job
(2) expecting success
(3) having a bright future
(4) with important connections
22. (1) luck
(2) wealth
(3) resources
(4) properties
23. (1) pain
(2) difficulty
(3) hardship
(4) complexity

24. (1) studying
(2) approving
(3) considering
(4) commending
25. (1) strive
(2) strain
(3) contend
(4) compete

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The sight of six severed heads was still fresh in CK Tan's memory. They were openly hung outside the Cathay cinema, one of the busiest spots in Singapore city. Notices in several languages were put near the heads: "They killed a Japanese sentry." "They were looters who had broken into a military warehouse."	5
It was CK's first taste of life under the Japanese. The hoisting of the <i>Hinomaru</i> (the "national" flag) and the singing of the <i>Kimigayo</i> (the "national" anthem) became daily chores for the local people.	
One day the Japanese came knocking at the Tan's family door. CK was questioned. They had looked through his records and knew that he had a few years of medical education. Much to his surprise, the Japanese requested him to become a "second doctor" and to serve in hospitals in Thailand. He protested that he was not a qualified doctor and was recruited as a hospital assistant instead. The Japanese assured him that the military camp was like a hill resort, with plenty of food and good pay.	10 15
When the day arrived, CK and a group of twenty young men were sent to the Tanjong Pagar Railway Station. He was informed earlier that first-class rail tickets to Bangkok would be provided. To their utter surprise, the supposedly pleasant train ride turned out to be a ride in a chunky goods train which was commonly used to transport cattle all the way from Thailand to Malaya and Singapore. For hours they sat on the hard wooden plank with little space to stretch their stiffened limbs. It was like being put on a conveyor belt, moving perpetually northwards through unknown destinations and inhospitable terrain. He was on his way to the "living hell".	20 25

Adapted from *Living Hell* by Goh Chor Boon

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. The six severed heads were publicly exhibited to _____.
- (1) win the respect of the people
 - (2) make the people loyal to the Japanese
 - (3) serve as a warning to potential criminals
 - (4) deter the Chinese from committing crimes
27. The daily raising of the Japanese flag and the singing of the national anthem of Japan were things the people _____.
- (1) did not enjoy doing
 - (2) looked forward to every day
 - (3) did to show their love for the Japanese
 - (4) learned to appreciate under the Japanese
28. The Japanese wanted CK to serve as a "second doctor" because _____.
- (1) he was a qualified doctor
 - (2) he was training to be a doctor
 - (3) they knew he had medical training
 - (4) they knew he wanted to be a hospital assistant
29. Instead of first-class seats in a passenger train, the group of "second doctors" travelled to Bangkok _____.
- (1) on a perpetually moving conveyor belt
 - (2) in a chunky truck with hard wooden seats
 - (3) in a goods train meant for transporting cattle
 - (4) in a truck with little space to stretch their limbs
30. The "living hell" in line 25 refers to _____.
- (1) the inhospitable terrain
 - (2) a hill resort in Thailand
 - (3) a military camp in Thailand
 - (4) the train journey to Bangkok



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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____

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Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

PAPER 1 - Writing	/55
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	/95
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	/20
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	/30
TOTAL	/200

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each **WORD** once **ONLY**

A) as	D) against	G) if	K) of	N) unless
B) able	E) by	H) in	L) through	P) when
C) also	F) for	J) into	M) under	Q) which

Ask any dermatologist if a sunscreen is necessary; the answer is a definite "yes". Sunscreens are essentially helpful _____ (31) you want to reduce sun-damage and premature ageing _____ (32) the skin, _____ (33) includes pigmentation and wrinkling, and _____ (34) the worst case scenario, certain skin cancers.

Sunlight comprises ultraviolet-A (UVA), ultraviolet-B (UVB) and visible light. UVB is responsible _____ (35) sun-burns and is a potent inducer of certain skin cancers. Fortunately, UVB cannot pass _____ (36) glass/windows.

UVA causes darkening of the skin, and can also induce skin cancer formation. UVA changes our skin pigment; this is very common in the Asian skin. Unfortunately, UVA is _____ (37) to penetrate glass windows so be wary of sitting near bright windows.

Sunscreens are characterised _____ (38) a big SPF number on the bottle. This refers to the Sun Protection Factor _____ (39) UVB. A sunscreen with SPF of 15 increases the tolerance of the skin to UVB exposure by 15-fold _____ (40) you apply it on skin.

(extracted from LiveWell Mar-Apr 2007)

Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

The energy that we use comes chiefly from coal, a non-renewable

(41)

(42)

risause. It may be cheap and **kornvient** but the environmental costs

(43)

are high. Burning coal of energy generates huge quantities of carbon

(44)

(45)

dieosigh and other greenhouse gases where contribute to global warming.

(46)

(47)

Used less energy is a lot easy than you think. Making simple design

(48)

choices, choosing the right household **applyences**, and changing a few old

(49)

habits can made all the difference to your energy bills. So, take a good

(50)

look around your house. Are your **refreegirator**, washing machine and air-

conditioner rated for their energy efficiency?

(adapted from Reader's Digest Nov 2006)

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

If you are among the millions of people who drink coffee, you have likely read news reports in recent years implying that the brew could damage health. _____, health experts are now changing their minds, the news _____ looking good. Here are the latest findings on _____ coffee does to the body and mind.

(51) (52) (53)

1. Is It Heart-Healthy?

The idea that coffee is bad for your heart pops _____ periodically. Over the last 20 years, several studies have _____ that drinking very strong coffee on a regular basis increases cholesterol _____. Recent research has shown that regular, moderate coffee drinking does not dangerously raise blood pressure. And studies have failed to substantiate fears that _____ might trigger abnormal heart rhythms in healthy people. According to some cardiologists, drinking coffee at reasonable levels is unrelated _____ heart diseases.

(54) (55) (56) (57) (58)

2. Parkinson's Protection

Evidence suggests that coffee may _____ fend off
(59)
Parkinson's disease. A 30-year study of 8000 participants found that avid
coffee drinkers had only one-fifth the risk of those who did not drink the
brew.

3. Here's the Buzz

Caffeine is _____ a powerful stimulant that the International
(60)
Olympic Committee _____ limits on how much of it can remain in
(61)
the blood during a competition. In _____ to boosting one's
(62)
physical endurance, caffeine increases one's alertness and improves one's
mood. The buzz may _____ at a price, though. People
(63)
_____ drink more than they are used to may become restless and
(64)
find themselves _____ to sleep. Moreover, it's possible to become
(65)
physically dependent on caffeine on days.

(Adapted from Reader's Digest March 2002)

Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

- For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Mr Chan likes to sing. So does Mr Lim.

Both _____

67. "Did you see Jane at the SSO concert last night?" Mary asked me.

Mary asked _____

68. The men have to obtain permission from the authorities if they want to hunt in this forest.

A _____
if the men want to hunt in this forest.

69. In order for Thomas to get his driving license, he must pass his driving test.

Unless _____

70. Megan agreed to take up the assignment. She started to have terrible doubts.

No sooner _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

Taki rowed us out from the beach into deeper water, humming quietly to himself. Inside the boat lay a pole two metres long, armed with three fierce-looking prongs at the end. It was indeed a savagely-barbed trident. The boat carried a lantern up front which lit up the bottom for three metres in every direction. Slowly and steadily we rowed along, and I was eager to see how Taki fished with his massive trident.

Taki bent over his oars and we made our way along the edge of a reef. Here the sea bed was sandy. He slowed the boat to a standstill and picked up his trident. "Look," he said. "Octopus." My stomach gave a clutch of excitement, because the only octopus I had seen before was one that was sold for its meat in the town. That surely bore no resemblance to the living creature. But, peer as hard as I could, the sandy bottom of the sea bed appeared to be completely lifeless.

"There, there," said Taki, lowering the trident gently into the water and pointing. "Can't you see it? Did you leave your eyes behind? Look, I am almost touching it." Still I could not see it. He lowered the trident another half-metre. "Now can you see it, foolish one?" he laughed softly and patted my head. Suddenly, I could see it. I had been looking at it all the time, but its round body was so grey and sand-like that I had mistaken it for part of the sea bed. "It's a big one," said Taki. When the pronged trident was within half a metre of the octopus's domed head, Taki plunged it home. Immediately the sand boiled up in a cloud as the octopus's tentacles threshed and writhed. An ink-like substance spurted from its body which clouded the sand and water all around.

Taki was laughing now. He hauled the trident up swiftly. As the octopus came with it into the boat, two of its tentacles seized the side and stuck firmly to it. It needed a sharp tug by Taki to pull them free. Quickly, he grabbed the round slimy body of the octopus and deftly removed it from the prongs of the trident. To my horror, he lifted its head and put it to his face, so that the tentacles wound round his forehead, his cheeks and neck, their suckers leaving white impressions against his tanned skin. Choosing his spot carefully, he suddenly buried his teeth in the very core of the creature, and then gave a snap and two sideways-jerks of his head. He obviously had bitten through some nerve centre, for immediately the tentacles released their grip on his head and fell limply.

(Adapted from Taki, The Fisherman)

ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. How can you tell that the author and Taki were fishing at night?

72. Taki's trident was two metres long. Write down one word from paragraph 1 which emphasizes its size.

73. Explain why the thought of seeing a live octopus made the author so excited. (Lines 9-10)

74. Taki called the author 'foolish one' (Line 17) for not seeing the octopus. How do we know Taki was only teasing when he said this?

75. "It's a big one," said Taki (Line 20). What does the underlined word refer to?

76. "Taki was laughing now." (Line 25). Why do you think he was laughing?

77. Why do you think the octopus's tentacles seized the side of the boat and stuck firmly to it?

78. Which word in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as "skilfully"?

79. The author was horrified when Taki put the octopus's head to his face (Lines 30 -31). What was he afraid its tentacles could do?

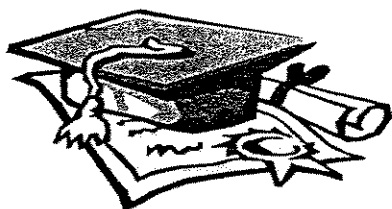
80. Explain why Taki's bite was immediately fatal to the octopus?

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Booklet A: Mdm Sim Sock Hoon

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ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION (1)

1. 2	31) G	41) resource	51) However
2. 4	32) K	42) convenient	52) is
3. 2	33) Q	43) for	53) what
4. 2	34) H	44) dioxide	54) up
5. 3	35) F	45) which	55) proven
6. 2	36) L	46) Using	56) levels
7. 2	37) B	47) easier	57) it
8. 2	38) E	48) appliances	58) to
9. 3	39) D	49) make	59) even
10. 4	40) P	50) refrigerator	60) such
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13. 4	62) addition		
14. 2	63) come		
15. 3	64) who		
16. 1	65) unable		
17. 2			
18. 3	66) Both Mr Chan and Mr Lim like to sing.		
19. 2			
20. 2	67) Mary asked me if I had seen Jane at		
21. 3	the SSO concert the night before.		
22. 2			
23. 1	68) A permit must be obtained from the		
24. 3	authorities if the men want to hunt		
25. 1	in this forest.		
26. 3			
27. 1	69) Unless Thomas passes his driving test,		
28. 3	he cannot get his driving license.		
29. 3			
30. 3	70) No sooner had Megan agreed to take up		
	the assignment than she started to		
	have terrible doubts.		

71) A lantern was used to light up the way.

72) The word is "massive".

73) The only octopus he had seen before was one that was sold for its meat in town.

74) Taki laughed softly and patted the author's head when he said this.

75) It refers to the octopus which Taki was about to catch.

76) He was very happy to catch the big octopus.

77) The octopus did not want Taki to haul it up into the boat.

78) The word is "deftly".

79) He was afraid the octopus's tentacles would strangle Taki.

80) Taki had bitten through some nerve centre of the octopus.

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**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
PRIMARY 6**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____ () Pr 6 ()

There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions.

Instructions to pupils:

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all the questions**
- 4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.**

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1m = 5m)

Study the advertisement below and then answer the questions that follow it.

Singapore Performing Arts School

Presents

Play. Play? Play!

Specially for Primary School Leaving Pupils
& our Graduates!

OPEN HOUSE
Nov 3rd & 4th, 2007
(Saturday & Sunday)
9am - 3pm
@ SPAS

**GRADUATION
CEREMONY**
Nov 4th, 2007
(Sunday)
11am @ SPAS Hall

Enjoy a weekend of *playing* with your parents and friends.
Come join our school in our **OPEN HOUSE 2007** and
our 3rd **Graduation Celebration Bash** for Primary School Leaving Pupils!

THE UGLY DUCKLING

By The Little Company
Nov 4, 2007
Singapore Performing Arts School

Originally presented by The Little Company as part of global celebrations to mark Hans Christian Andersen's bicentenary in 2005, the popular children's fairy tale, The Ugly Duckling is back just for SPAS only, before its Dubai debut in April 2008!

Opening Evening Special (Nov 2)

THE PICKLE KING (adapted from a real-life story)
Presented by Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT)
and Indian Ink Theatre Company
Venue: DBS Arts Centre

In 2006, thousands in Singapore laughed and cried to the captivating humour of *Krishnan's Diary* and *The Candlestickmaker*. Following these two plays' successes, New Zealand's acclaimed Indian Ink Theatre Company returns to Singapore with their follow-up play *The Pickle King*.

I THINK I CAN

By The Little Company & Ex-students of SPAS
Nov 3 and Nov 4, 2007
DBS Arts Centre

Our school's pioneer batch of students return to our campus to present this play in conjunction with The Little Company!

Synopsis:

It's Becky Watkins' turn to stand up in class the next day and deliver her big career day speech, but she is a bundle of nerves and hasn't got a clue what to say. The problem is, Becky suffers from an acute case of the 'I-don't-knowseys'.

For more information on the performances and ticketing only, please contact Mrs Raina Singh on rainasingh@spas.com.sg or Tel: (65) 6544-6565 Fax: (65) 6544-8080.
Alternatively, please visit our school's website: www.spas.edu.sg for all other information.

Sponsors:
Singapore Performing Arts School (SPAS) Alumni &
Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT)

1. The event shown is sponsored by _____.
 - (1) DBS Arts Centre
 - (2) SRT and the SPAS Alumni
 - (3) Singapore Repertory Theatre (SRT) only
 - (4) Singapore Performing Arts School (SPAS) only

2. Steven is a Primary 6 pupil and wants to learn more about SPAS. He should _____.
 - (1) attend the Graduation Ceremony
 - (2) attend the Opening Evening Special
 - (3) attend the SPAS Open House with his parents
 - (4) watch the Saturday Matinee of "I Think I Can"

3. Which of the following statements is **NOT** true?
 - (1) Becky Watkins is the main actress in the play "I Think I Can".
 - (2) The Ugly Duckling by Little Company was first presented in 2005.
 - (3) The Pickle King is the third play by Indian Ink Theatre Company.
 - (4) The Open House and Graduation Ceremony are both held in SPAS

4. Which one of the plays is based on true accounts?
 - (1) I Think I Can
 - (2) The Pickle King
 - (3) Krishnan's Diary
 - (4) The Ugly Duckling

5. If you are unable to attend the Open House but would like to find out more about the school, what is the best way to do so?
 - (1) call up the school at (65) 6544-6565
 - (2) send a fax to the school at (65) 6544-8080
 - (3) visit the school's website at www.spas.edu.sg
 - (4) send an email enquiry to rainasingh@spas.com.sg

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x 1m = 7m)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. We were merrily trekking _____ the forest when we suddenly came across a dead boar.
- (1) over
 - (2) along
 - (3) around
 - (4) through
7. We understood the lesson because we _____ the books recommended by Mrs. Lee previously.
- (1) had read
 - (2) have read
 - (3) would read
 - (4) were reading
8. Neither my mother nor my sisters _____ me when I misbehave.
- (1) punish
 - (2) punishes
 - (3) is punishing
 - (4) are punishing
9. Mr. Tan is our football coach, _____ he cannot dribble a ball well.
- (1) as
 - (2) yet
 - (3) since
 - (4) whereas
10. "Romeo and Juliet" _____ considered Shakespeare's greatest romantic work; almost everyone has heard of it.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

11. Jason's family is emigrating to Australia next week. They have to move _____ from their current home soon.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) up
 - (4) out
12. "I'm not really sure where to find that book. It _____ be in the living room," Mary replied.
- (1) will
 - (2) can
 - (3) must
 - (4) might

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

A man walks into a shop and sees a cute little dog. He asks the shopkeeper, "Does your dog bite (13)

The shopkeeper says, "No, my dog does not bite."

The man tries to pet the dog and the dog bites him.

"Ouch (14) he says, "I thought you said your dog does not bite!"

The shopkeeper replies, "Yes (15) That is not my dog!"

13. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi colon

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The sound of drilling has been going on for the last hour. We are all waiting for it to _____ so that we can finish our assignment in peace.
- (1) lessen
 - (2) soften
 - (3) subside
 - (4) decrease
17. We need to raise a lot of money in order to _____ this piece of land.
- (1) inquire
 - (2) require
 - (3) esquire
 - (4) acquire
18. Plaque _____ on your teeth very quickly if you do not brush your teeth frequently and visit the dentist regularly.
- (1) mounts
 - (2) produces
 - (3) accumulates
 - (4) manufactures
19. Tom's mother was full of _____ when she heard that Tom was this year's President Scholar. She knew that the sacrifices she had made were worthwhile.
- (1) pride
 - (2) dignity
 - (3) honour
 - (4) arrogance
20. Jason can be quite _____ with his words. It is no wonder so many of our classmates dislike him.
- (1) raw
 - (2) rough
 - (3) coarse
 - (4) abrasive

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

"We have to stop this caravan!" Klaus screamed. Hurriedly, he put on his glasses, as if by improving his vision he might improve the situation. But even in perfect focus, he could see their predicament was (21) dire. The caravan was clearly out of control!

The caravan had served as a home for several performers at the carnival's House of Freaks, before the performers' departure to join Count Olaf's band of (22) repulsive comrades. Now the contents of this little caravan were rattling and crashing with each bump in the road. Klaus ducked to (23) elude a roasting pan, which Hugo the hunchback had used to prepare meals and which had toppled off a shelf in the (24) commotion.

He lifted his feet from the floor as a set of dominoes skittered by -- a set that Colette the contortionist had liked to play with. And he squinted above him as a hammock swung (25) violently overhead. "Violet? Are you all right?" Klaus shouted to his sister caringly, just as the caravan hit another bump on the road, sending everything topsy-turvy!

Adapted from Series of Unfortunate Events #10: The Slippery Slope by Lemony Snicket

- 21. (1) grim
(2) vital
(3) essential
(4) demanding
- 22. (1) uprising
(2) rebelling
(3) revolting
(4) disturbing
- 23. (1) dart
(2) evade
(3) divert
(4) thwart
- 24. (1) fuss
(2) noise
(3) damage
(4) upheaval
- 25. (1) hardly
(2) scarcely
(3) forcefully
(4) precariously

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 1m = 5m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Penelope understood the nature of dreams, and the portents and omens which dogged men's lives. So she sat on the beach, a gold-embroidered shawl round her slender shoulders, and glanced at the sky from time to time. Five swallows would predict a safe journey for her husband, Odysseus, two swans good fortune; an eagle would indicate victory or in Odysseus case, a trading success. 5

But the skies were clear. Only a light wind sprang from the north. The weather was perfect for sailing. As she looked down from her tower onto the beach, she could see clearly the old galley that Odysseus had named after her. She had been repaired and cleaned for spring, but new timber and a coat of fresh paint could not conceal her age. It showed in every line of exposed wood as she lay in the shallow waters. 10

"Build a new ship, Ugly One," she told her husband countless times. "This one is old and tired and will be your downfall." They had argued about it for years, and in this she had no power to sway him. Although most people knew him to be rough and burly, it was actually an act for those around him. Penelope knew that in fact he would never replace the old ship that he named after her. To him it was more than just a ship; it was a reminder of his love. 15

Penelope sighed, a gentle sadness settling over her. I am that ship, she realized. I am getting old, there is grey in my hair, and the time is swiftly passing. But more significantly than the fading of her chestnut hair, it was the fact that she was past the age of child-bearing that deepened her sorrow most. 20

Now as Odysseus prepared to set sail for Troy, she felt a tinge of regret that they never had another child. The memories of pale Laertes and the fever that ravaged him and melted away his flesh till nothing was left, was too painful for either of them. She knew implicitly that was why Odysseus sailed. Their love for one another had never waned. It had just changed. 25

Adapted from Troy – Shield of Thunder by David Gemmell

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. Penelope was glancing at the skies because she _____.
- (1) wanted to predict a safe journey for Odysseus
 - (2) wanted to predict how Odysseus' trip would be
 - (3) wanted to predict the weather conditions for sailing
 - (4) wanted to understand the omens that dogged men's lives
27. "... it was actually an act for those around him." (Ln 16) This phrase shows that Odysseus was _____.
- (1) actually fond of lying to everyone
 - (2) actually fond of acting gentle and kind to everyone
 - (3) actually gentle and kind but did not show it to everyone
 - (4) actually rough and coarse but did not show it to everyone
28. Odysseus would not build a new ship because _____.
- (1) he was sentimental
 - (2) he did not want his wife to sway his decision
 - (3) he did not want another ship named after his wife
 - (4) he was a rough man and did not mind what his ship looked like
29. Penelope was most saddened because _____.
- (1) the ship reminded her of her age
 - (2) she could no longer produce children
 - (3) Odysseus would not build a new ship
 - (4) there were no omens for Odysseus' journey
30. Odysseus' and Penelope's love for each other changed because _____.
- (1) Odysseus sailed more frequently
 - (2) they reminded each other of Laertes
 - (3) they could not have any more children
 - (4) Laertes was ravaged by fever and took up their time and energy



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2007
PRIMARY 6**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Name: _____ ()
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Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

PAPER 1 - Writing	/55
PAPER 2 - Language Use & Comprehension	/95
PAPER 3 - Listening Comprehension	/20
PAPER 4 - Oral Communication	/30
TOTAL	/200

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each WORD once ONLY

~~A) and~~	~~D) however~~	~~G) our~~	~~K) thus~~	~~N) while~~
~~B) but~~	~~E) many~~	~~H) some~~	~~L) to~~	~~P) will~~
~~C) for~~	~~F) or~~	~~J) the~~	~~M) us~~	~~Q) would~~

Some people find stamp collecting interesting. Perhaps there are many reasons for this. _____ one thing, it is meaningful
(31)
_____ cheap and does not take up a lot of space _____ require
(32) (33)
expensive tools. The concentration necessary for the activity is not tiring but takes _____ away from the cares of _____ world
(34) (35)
and self.

Through stamps, we can travel the world over _____
(36)
remaining comfortably in _____ homes. We learn to appreciate art
(37)
since many stamps are miniature artistic gems. _____ knowledge
(38)
of printing and engraving can be gained. Many stamps depict scenes and incidents from history and _____ they teach world history.
(39)
Others depict famous men and buildings.

Patience, orderliness and neatness _____ be developed as
(40)
our collection grows. It can be said that stamp collecting develops and broadens one's knowledge.

Marks

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Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

The notion of fitting bells to domestic cats in order to reduce the harm they do to wildlife, especially birds, is not new. People have been doing so for

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hundreds of years. Although pet owners believes they are being responsible,

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bells are not **afektiff** in reducing the numbers of birds **praid** upon by cats.

Although a bell rings constantly with the cat's usual movement, as soon as

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the cat begun to stalk and prepares to pounce, the bell **ceizes** to ring. The

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sudden movement of the pounce preventing the bell from ringing altogether due

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to the forces of inertia, and the bell does not sound again until impact **okurs**.

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If a bell does not work so well, how else can be done? Although hunting is

a natural instinct for cats, well-fed cats may be less likely to do so. Finally,

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keep cats indoors at night **garentees** they are not out hunting. Responsible pet

ownership is a positive step in the protection of wildlife.

Marks

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Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m =15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 51 to 65. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Twenty years ago, children in school had never even heard of the internet. Now, almost _____ in our schools has at least heard of it. _____ fact, many of us use it on a _____ basis and even have access to it from our homes!

The internet is a vast resource for all _____ of information. You may use it to _____ research for a school project, download your favorite songs or _____ with friends and family. Information is _____ through web pages that organizations and individuals create and post. It is much like a giant bulletin board that the _____ world uses! But since anyone can put anything on the internet, you have to be _____ and use your best judgement and a little common sense when using the information on the internet.

You have to be sure that _____ posted the information knows what they are talking _____, especially if you are doing research! If you are just emailing people, you need to be very careful. You should never give out any _____ details to someone you do not know, not _____ your name! And just like you cannot _____ the information on every website out there, you cannot rely on what strangers you 'meet' on the internet _____ you either. They may be making things up about themselves to trick you!

Marks

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Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. The driver has been taken to hospital. His car hit a lamp post.

_____ whose _____

67. Janet did not go shopping. She decided to help her mother with the housework.

Instead _____

68. Sheila arrived at her grandparents' house in Malacca. She hugged them.

Upon _____

69. "How old are you?" she asked me.

She asked me what _____

70. The volunteers distributed the food to the victims of the disaster.

Food _____

Marks

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Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

"Chuma! Chuma!"

5 The urgent call cut through the morning mists that floated along the shore of Lake Shirwa. *Why is Wikatani yelling at me again?* wondered Chuma. He thought the older boy bossed him around too much. What was the hurry at this time? They would get the village sheep to the pasture soon enough, well before the African sun rose high enough to drink the dew drops off the tender blades of grass.

"Chuma, help...!" And then Wikatani's cries stopped. Chuma swung his staff at the heels of the last lazy sheep. The sheep leaped ahead to catch up with the flock. Chuma could not remember Wikatani's voice ever sounding so urgent.

10 Instead of trying to push his way through the flock of sheep, Chuma ran out into the shallows of the lake to get around the woolly animals. He swam until his feet touched bottom again, and he waded to shore. He plowed through the tall grass to a point where he could again meet the trail. He paused. Straight ahead of him, through the fog, he could make out his friend, but who were the strange men, and what was wrong? Wikatani looked as if he was fighting for his life! One man was holding him
15 securely from behind. Chuma barely held back a scream. Just then Wikatani must have bitten the hand of the man who held him because the man yelped, and Wikatani began yelling again, "Chuma! Chuma! Run for help!" Quickly the man clamped his hand back over Wikatani's mouth and looked at Chuma.

20 Chuma stared in disbelief and shock as the stranger's fierce eyes locked on him briefly. Chuma spun around to run back down the lake shore to their village – but he was not fast enough. A third man who had hidden in the tall grass jumped out and faced him with a spear pointed right at his heart. Chuma froze in his tracks before he noticed that the man's spear had no point and looked more like a sawed-off canoe
25 paddle with the handle pointed toward him. Chuma planned to dive into the lake; not many people could outswim him. But before he could move, the man poked him hard in the chest with the pointless spear. It did not cut, but pain shot through his bones. Chuma decided not to make a run for it. Then the man began speaking to him in a strange language and motioning with his pointless spear. Chuma understood that he
30 was being ordered to join Wikatani and the two strangers, so he turned and slowly walked to the trail.

35 When Wikatani saw that Chuma had been captured, the older boy's shoulders sagged. One of the men quickly tied Chuma's feet and then left both boys sitting helplessly on the ground by the trail while the men spoke to each other in their strange language. One of the men near Wikatani raised his pointless spear to his shoulder. He pointed it toward one of the sheep that was grazing along the trail. Suddenly the pointless spear made a terrible boom. Both boys cried out with the
40 thunder. There lay one of their sheep – dead! The others ran off. That was bad. The village elders would be angry at the boys for having lost a sheep, but what if the strangers stole or killed the whole flock? *Fear gripped Chuma's stomach.*

Adapted from a story by Richard Hannay

ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What were Chuma and Wikatani supposed to do that morning?

72. Why did Chuma swing his staff at the last sheep?

73. What was it about Wikatani's cry that was different this time?

74. Why did Chuma choose to run into the lake instead of pushing his way through the flock of sheep?

75. Chuma 'froze in his tracks' when he saw the third man. What did he think the man was holding?

76. Did Chuma think he could have escaped the man by diving into the lake? Why?

77. Why did Chuma decide not to 'make a run for it'? (line 28).

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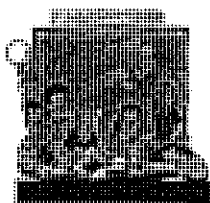
78. Explain clearly why Wikatani's shoulders sagged when he saw that Chuma was captured.

79. What was the 'pointless' spear actually?

80. 'Fear gripped Chuma's stomach' (line 40). What was Chuma most afraid of?

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Answer Sheets

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1)2	2)3	3)1	4)2	5)3	6)4
7)1	8)1	9)2	10)1	11)4	12)4
13)3	14)4	15)3	16)3	17)4	18)3
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31)C	32)A	33)F	34)M	35)J	36)N
37)G	38)H	39)K	40)P		

41)believe	42)effective	43)preyed
44)begins	45)ceases	46)prevents
47)occurs	48)what	49)keeping
50)guarantees	51)everyone	52)in
53)daily	54)types	55)do
56)chat	57)shared	58)whole
59)careful	60)who ever	61)about
62)personal	63)even	64)trust

65)tell

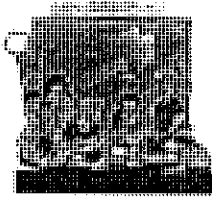
66)The driver whose car hit a lamp post has been taken to hospital.

67)Instead of going shopping, Janet decided to help her mother with the housework.

68)Upon arriving at her grandparent's house in Malacca, Sheila hugged her grandparents.

69)She asked me what my age was.

70)Food was distributed to victims of the disaster by the volunteers.



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Answer Sheets

Nanyang /Pri 6 SA2/2007 English

- 71) *They were supposed to get the village sheep to the pasture.*
- 72) *He wanted to make the last sheep move faster.*
- 73) *Wikatani's cry that was different this time?*
- 74) *He wanted to get around the sheep so that he could get to Wikatani's faster.*
- 75) *He thought the man was holding a sharp spear.*
- 76) *Yes. Nobody could out swim him.*
- 77) *Chuma decided not to "make a run for it" as he feared the man might kill him if he tried to escape.*
- 78) *Wikatani knew nobody would be able to save them as Chuma was captured.*
- 79) *It was a gun.*
- 80) *Chuma was most afraid of the village elders being mad at them for loosing the whole flock of sheep.*

**PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
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PAPER 2: LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6
MERGED STREAM**

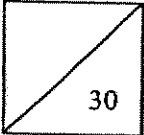
BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ()

Subject Teacher: _____

Date: 28 February 2007

Marks:  30

Parent's Signature

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 50 min

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FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

Section A: Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Read the advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

What's On! 	
MUSIC BY THE BAY What better way to spend the weekend evening than to delight in the beauty of Chinese ensemble music by the bay in the light of the moon? Melodious tunes and familiar hits will captivate the young and the old. Admission is free. Date: 3 March Time: 7.15 p.m. & 9.15 p.m. Venue: Esplanade, Open Theatre	WHO AM I? 'Who Am I?' is a theatrical performance by Youth Net that features a group of youths searching for their identity in this rat race society. As the story unravels, the audience is invited to contemplate questions about the world we live in and make connections with our culture, community, roots and history. Date: 14 – 18 March Time: 10 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. (weekdays) 2.30 p.m. & 4 p.m. (weekends) Venue: Auditorium (D Block) National Polytechnic Telephone: 6302 7714
DISNEY ON ICE JUNGLE ADVENTURES TARZAN, THE LION KING, THE JUNGLE BOOK- all of Disney's favourites. Catch them live on ice. 100 opening night tickets to be won (2 per winner)! <i>Suitable for all Primary School children!</i> Date: 11 March – 3 April Time: 5 p.m. & 8 p.m. (weekdays) 11 a.m., 3.30 p.m. & 8 p.m. (weekends) Venue: Singapore Indoor Stadium Telephone: 6348 5555	JACK & JILL Children, aged 4 to 5, will be entertained by this creative and hilarious musical finger puppet performance by ACT 5. There will also be a hands-on session where your child learns to be a puppeteer! Date: 12 – 15 March Time: 10 a.m. & 2.30 p.m. Venue: ACT 5 Music & Drama School Telephone: 6755 8899
SSO BABIES PROMS ' 07 Uncle Peter is back again to lead his adorable young audience on a whirlwind musical adventure. A real treat for preschoolers as they are introduced to the instruments used in an orchestra in a fun-filled and magical way! Date: 31 March – 1 April Time: 10 a.m. & 1.30 p.m. Venue: Victoria Concert Hall Telephone: 6348 5555 (SISTIC)	

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and then shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. The most suitable title for this advertisement is _____.
- (1) talks & workshops
 - (2) health & lifestyle
 - (3) food & funfair
 - (4) music & theatre
- ()
2. Which one of the following activities is held outdoors?
- (1) Jack & Jill
 - (2) Who Am I?
 - (3) Music By The Bay
 - (4) SSO Babies Prom '07
- ()
3. Miss DeSilva, the CCA teacher-in-charge of the English Speech and Drama Club of Merlion Secondary School, is arranging for her Secondary 2 pupils to attend an event. Which of the following is suitable?
- (1) Who Am I?
 - (2) Jack & Jill
 - (3) SSO Babies Prom '07
 - (4) Disney On Ice: Jungle Adventures
- ()
4. There are _____ different showtimes for *Disney On Ice: Jungle Adventures* on Saturday.
- (1) five
 - (2) two
 - (3) three
 - (4) four
- ()
5. Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) *Who Am I?* is staged by students from the National Polytechnic.
 - (2) Young children will learn about musical instruments in *SSO Babies Prom '07*.
 - (3) The audience will get to keep the puppets in *Jack & Jill* after the performance.
 - (4) All the activities are held in March only.
- ()

Section B: Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. He _____ on the project alone since eight this morning. He only stopped when his friends came to join him.
- (1) works
 - (2) is worked
 - (3) was being worked
 - (4) had been working
- ()
7. The old woman watched her grandson _____ quietly by the oak tree.
- (1) play
 - (2) plays
 - (3) played
 - (4) had played
- ()
8. When Grandfather was a young boy, he used to _____ fish in the drain.
- (1) catching
 - (2) catches
 - (3) caught
 - (4) catch
- ()
9. Jon was carrying some books to the staff room when he _____.
- (1) was tripping
 - (2) tripped
 - (3) trips
 - (4) trip
- ()
10. "Do _____ for a visit when you are in the neighbourhood," said Mrs Smith.
- (1) drop in
 - (2) drop out
 - (3) drop off
 - (4) drop down
- ()

11. Everyone chipped in to help the family _____ house had been destroyed by the fire.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) whose
- (4) which

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12. She won't come tomorrow, _____?

- (1) will she
- (2) won't she
- (3) would she
- (4) wouldn't she

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Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

A farmer who was getting impatient waiting for the rice in his fields to grow quickly thought of a plan. He went into the fields and pulled every one of the rice plants just a bit higher.

Feeling tired but pleased with himself (13) he told his son, "I have worked very hard (14) Nevertheless, I don't mind as much because my plants are slightly taller now."

Upon hearing that, his son cried out, "Oh no (15) Then, he quickly rushed into the rice fields.

13. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [:] colon.
 (4) [;] semi-colon

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14. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [?] question mark
 (4) [!] exclamation mark

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15. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [!] exclamation mark
 (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The company had to _____ its workers due to the economic recession.

- (1) hibernate
- (2) withdraw
- (3) retrench
- (4) resign

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17. If I were you, I would accept the job. It might not be the best job for you, but _____.

- (1) count your chickens before they are hatched
- (2) a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush
- (3) don't let the cat out of the bag
- (4) be like a bear with a sore head

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18. The salesman was _____. He refused to leave unless I watched his demonstration.

- (1) as persistent as a mosquito
- (2) as talkative as a chimpanzee
- (3) as industrious as a beaver
- (4) as frisky as a lamb

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19. The maid is doing the cleaning of the new flat all by herself. She is totally _____ and needs a rest.

- (1) enthralled
- (2) exhausted
- (3) exhilarated
- (4) enraptured

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20. We should own up before the discipline master _____ our little game.

- (1) brings forward
- (2) turns around
- (3) sees through
- (4) makes up

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Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Kampong Glam derives its name from two Malay words, *Kampung*, meaning "village", and *Glam*, referring to the Gelam tree which grew abundantly in the area. (21)

In the beginning, before the British colonization in 1819, the area was home to the Malay aristocracy in Singapore. (22)

In 1822, when Raffles developed his Town Plan, he allocated Kampong Glam for the Malays, as well as Muslim immigrants and merchants from the region and other countries like Arabia. Sultan Hussein and his household were also given large areas of land in Kampong Glam for residential use under a treaty made in 1819. (23)
(24)

Gazetted as a Conservation Area in 1819, the buildings in Kampong Glam had been restored and thoroughly repaired and improved by cleaning and painting to bring back the former colour and vibrancy of the area. (25)

21. (1) amply — *ample*
(2) simply
(3) scarcely
(4) prominently

22. (1) Intermittently
(2) Originally
(3) Eventually
(4) Basically

23. (1) created
(2) retained
(3) designed
(4) designated

24. (1) a plot
(2) a technique
(3) an intention
(4) an agreement

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25. (1) revived
(2) fabricated
(3) refurbished
(4) modernized

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Marilyn is a girl with a chequered past. She never knew her mother. When she was a month old, her mother was deported after being busted for working illegally here. Her father, Mr Lim, was too busy to make ends meet to take good care of her. Although she was looked after by her grandparents, both in their 70s, they simply could not control her. At 7, she started hanging out with older kids.

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At 10, she was left in the care of a family friend. She got worse. She would stay out till the wee hours of the morning or not go home at all. She even became a heavy smoker. She lied to her teachers and played truant.

Two years ago, at a tender age of 11, she was arrested at Bugis Junction for stealing \$800 worth of clothes and cosmetics. As a result of that act, she became the youngest resident at the Andrew and Grace Home.

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At that time, Madam Lim was not upset, but relieved. In fact, she said that Marilyn being sent to the Andrew and Grace Home was the 'best thing that had happened to her'.

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Pastor Grace Choo, 43, director of the home, has come to love Marilyn as her daughter. Moreover, Marilyn found the mother she had never had in the girls' home where she was sent as a punishment.

The special bond between Pastor Choo and Marilyn was built over the years through many counselling and sharing sessions. On several occasions, Marilyn broke the rules at the home. But not once did Pastor Choo yell at her. Marilyn was moved by her trust in her.

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Last month, after completing her two-year probation, the Choos allowed her to continue her stay at the shelter for youths with problems. While other residents have to pay \$500 a month, she stays at the shelter for free. She is also given her own room. Other residents have to share rooms. Recently, she also went on a cruise with her new-found family.

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Marilyn intends to stay at the home indefinitely, until she is ready to stand on her own feet. In fact, Pastor Choo hopes that she will stay till the day she gets married.

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She explains, "We are not adopting her legally because we acknowledge that there is still a special relationship with her biological mother."

Today, Marilyn calls Pastor Choo "Mama Grace".

Adapted from The New Paper (27 Dec 2004)

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. How did Marilyn end up in 'Andrew and Grace Home'?

- (1) She was found smoking in the streets with older kids.
- (2) She committed serious offences in school.
- (3) She was arrested for shoplifting.
- (4) She needed a place to stay.

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27. Which specific group of people does 'Andrew and Grace Home' cater to?

- (1) It is a place for senior citizens.
- (2) It is a shelter for delinquents.
- (3) It is a place for the terminally ill.
- (4) It provides a home for homeless children.

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28. Why do you think 'Madam Lim was not upset, but relieved' (line 13) when Marilyn was arrested?

- (1) Marilyn had a room of her own.
- (2) Marilyn was not beyond her control.
- (3) She was freed from her responsibility as a mother.
- (4) It was better for Marilyn to be caught at an early age for a petty crime than to get worse and spend her life in jail.

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29. Which one of the following actions showed that Pastor Grace Choo treated Marilyn as her own child?

- (1) She yelled at Marilyn a lot.
- (2) She spent many hours counselling Marilyn.
- (3) She let Marilyn have her own room at a fee.
- (4) She gave Marilyn money to go on a cruise with her family.

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30. According to the article, which one of the following is true?

- (1) Marilyn is still on probation at the time of the interview.
- (2) Marilyn has decided to stay at the home all her life.
- (3) Pastor Choo hopes to see Marilyn get married one day.
- (4) Pastor Choo has officially adopted Marilyn.

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**PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2007
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2: LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 6
MERGED STREAM**

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ()

Subject Teacher: _____

Date: 28 February 2007

Parent's Signature: _____

Marks for Booklet A	30
Marks for Booklet B	41
Marks for Booklet K	24
Total Marks	95

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letter (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

~~(A)~~ at	~~(D)~~ from	~~(G)~~ on	~~(K)~~ to	~~(N)~~ when
~~(B)~~ did	~~(E)~~ for	~~(H)~~ their	~~(L)~~ was	~~(P)~~ which
~~(C)~~ despite	~~(F)~~ in	~~(J)~~ there	~~(M)~~ what	~~(Q)~~ with

Madam Jawiah Rahmat had to look after her 78-year-old ailing husband and raise her three children aged 4 to 19. To add to her predicament, she _____ diagnosed with three bouts of cancer. (31)

However, Madam Jawiah, 44, a clerk _____ the National University Hospital, did not succumb _____ her problems. Yesterday, she graduated _____ a diploma in employment relations from the Ong Teng Cheong Institute of Labour Studies. (32) (33) (34)

Education Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam cited a survey _____ revealed that about a third of the diploma graduates went on to further _____ studies. (35) (36)

He praised Madam Jawiah for persevering _____ her illness. (37)

_____ the time came for Madam Jawiah to receive her certificate, she could not hold back her tears. She told The Sunday Times that the chemotherapy sessions gave her bad headaches and nausea and she _____ not feel like going for the night classes. In the end, she still attended her classes. (38) (39)

Now, Madam Jawiah's next dream is to get a degree _____ business administration. (40)

Adapted from The Sunday Times (7 Nov 2004)

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Asthma is a condition that affects the airways. In children, asthma is usually
(41)
triggers by exposure to an external allergen or trigger. Viral upper respiratory infections,

(42)
cigarette smoke, animal dander and house dust mite could irritate the airways and cause

muscles around the walls to tighten. This narrows the airways and their lining becomes
(43)
inflamed.

(44)
In some people, mucus or phlegm develops and further chokes on the airways.

(45)
The ~~sear~~ntoms of asthma in young or older children are similiar. In an asthma

(46)
(47)
attack, the narrowed airways made breathing difficult. Hence, most asthmatic children

(48)
cough and subsequently become breathless with wheezing. Some may even appear letagic.

(49)
Contrary by popular belief, asthmatic children are encouraged to exercise

(50)
normally. In fact, exercise helps to strenghten the breathing muscles in the chest,

thus improving the function of the lungs.

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The beach resort was only three metres away from the beach. John was standing in a breakfast buffet line in the resort _____ when he felt vibrations in the ground. Like all the other hotel _____, he thought nothing of it.

Suddenly, he saw a giant wave _____ the restaurant right before his eyes. _____ danger, he threw down his plate and ran towards the table where his _____, Eva, was sitting. He grabbed the hand of his better half and they ran out of the restaurant. The wave caved in behind him and flooded the restaurant in a _____ of seconds.

John and Eva were shocked to see that the lobby was also _____. Wading in knee-high _____, they got to the hotel staircase. John had heard from the TV news last night about the earthquake that _____ India. However, nothing was said about Phuket being affected by the _____. John had an _____ feeling about this. He sensed imminent danger. He decided not to return to their room on the second floor which was facing the sea. Instead, he told Eva that they should wait at the highest floor, the fifth floor, of the resort until it was _____ to leave.

The _____, John and Eva, along with many guests waited for about
(63)
two hours on the fifth floor. Finally, they were told by a resort staff that during their time of
waiting, the resort was hit by _____ wave, as high as the third floor of the resort!
(64)

John and Eva were not upset that their honeymoon was _____. They were
(65)
just relieved that they were safe and sound.

Section J: Synthesis and Transformation (3 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 68, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. You need to obey the governess or you will be grounded.

Unless _____

67. Bala likes to read adventure stories. Faisal also likes to read adventure stories.

Both _____

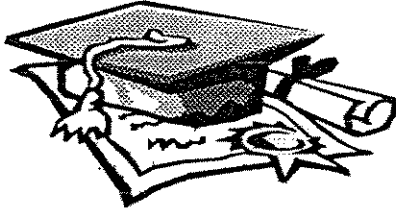
68. Reaching home before the sky turned dark was what Haikal wanted to do.

Haikal wanted _____

69. Refer to Booklet K.

70. Refer to Booklet K.

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Vetted by : P6 English Committee Teachers



ANSWER SHEET

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 4	34) O	66) Unless you obey the
2. 3	35) P	governess, you will
3. 1	36) H	be grounded.
4. 3	37) C	
5. 2	38) N	67) Both Bala and Faisal
6. 4	39) B	like to read adventure
7. 1	40) F	stories.
8. 4	41) triggered	
9. 2	42) can	
10. 1	43) inflamed	68) Haikal wanted to reach
11. 3	44) up	home before the sky
12. 1	45) symptoms	turned dark.
13. 1	46) similar	
14. 2	47) make	
15. 4	48) lethargic	
16. 3	49) to	
17. 2	50) strengthen	
18. 1	51) restaurant	
19. 2	52) guests	
20. 3	53) approaching	
21. 1	54) sensing	
22. 2	55) wife	
23. 4	56) matter	
24. 4	57) flooded	
25. 3	58) water	
26. 3	59) hit	
27. 2	60) earthquake	
28. 4	61) uneasy	
29. 2	62) safe	
30. 3	63) couple	
31. L	64) another	
32. A	65) disrupted	
33. K		---end---

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2007
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
PRIMARY 6**

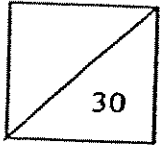
BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ()

Subject Teacher: _____

Date: 4 May 2007

Marks: 

Parent's signature

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

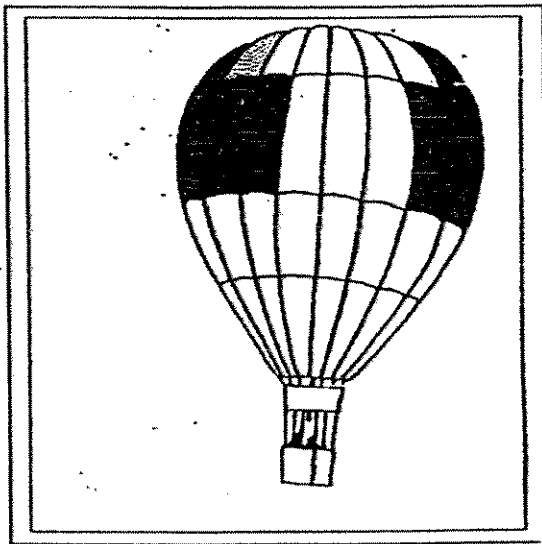
Section A: Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Read the advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Have the time of your life in
NEW ZEALAND

Hot Air Balloon Tour

Tour organiser : Bryant Group Pte Ltd



Scheduled flights every hour
from 9 am to 3 pm

*M*ondays to Saturdays

First flight takes off at 9 am
Last flight takes off at 3 pm

Duration: 45 minutes

Tickets available at balloon site

Adults: \$20.00

Senior Citizens: 20% discount

Those below 16 years only: \$10.00

For reservations, please call Betty at 65708888.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and then shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Jack is 17 years old. How much would he have to pay for the hot air balloon ride?
- (1) \$10.00
 - (2) \$16.00
 - (3) \$17.00
 - (4) \$20.00
- ()
2. Rani took the 10 am flight. At what time would she expect to be back on the ground?
- (1) 10.45 am
 - (2) 10.45 pm
 - (3) 3.00 pm
 - (4) 11.00 am
- ()
3. How would Joshua make a reservation for the flight?
- (1) Go to the balloon site
 - (2) Call Betty at 65708888
 - (3) Be there 15 mins before the flight
 - (4) Buy the ticket one day in advance
- ()
4. Hui Sen would not be able to catch the balloon ride on _____.
- (1) Fridays
 - (2) Saturdays
 - (3) Sundays
 - (4) Mondays
- ()
5. What is the name of the company that conducts this tour?
- (1) Betty Tour Pte Ltd
 - (2) Bryant Group Pte Ltd
 - (3) Hot Air Balloon Tour
 - (4) Not stated in the brochure
- ()

Section B: Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. _____ the pupils has been chided for vandalizing the classroom.

- (1) One of
- (2) Some of
- (3) Both
- (4) All

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7. The children ~~watched~~ the workers _____ the crows that had caused a health menace.

- (1) had shot
- (2) shooting
- (3) shoots
- (4) shot

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8. Wen Hui _____ the office an hour ago. She _____ for a meeting.

- (1) left.....has gone
- (2) left.....have gone
- (3) leaves.....has gone
- (4) has left.....was going

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9. _____ your own Christmas cards can be really fun.

- (1) Make
- (2) Made
- (3) Makes
- (4) Making

()

10. _____ you become less selfish, no one will befriend you.

- (1) Since
- (2) Until
- (3) As
- (4) If

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11. A number of new members _____ introduced to the club yesterday.

(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

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12. If I _____ you, I _____ an appointment to see the doctor.

(1) am would make
(2) am will make
(3) were will make
(4) were would make

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Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Mrs Quek went into her daughter's bedroom.

"Serene, wake up! It's almost eight (13) said Mrs Quek.

Serene lifted her tousled head. "Good morning Mum," she muttered.

"Did you have a good night's sleep(14) asked her mother.

"No, I had an awful dream(15) I dreamt that I was a boy!" Serene answered.

13. ☒ (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
☐ (2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
☐ (3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
☐ (4) [" !] inverted commas and exclamation mark ()
14. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (2) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
 (3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
 (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas ()
15. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [:] colon
 (3) [?] question mark
 (4) [.] full stop ()

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. She _____ when I called her name. She thought I was about to reprimand her.

(1) beamed
(2) grinned
(3) chorused
(4) frowned

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17. The government plans to cut taxes in order to _____ the economy.

(1) lure
(2) imitate
(3) stimulate
(4) consume

()

18. _____ the ingredients into a smooth paste.

(1) Mingle
(2) Merge
(3) Bleach
(4) Blend

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19. The audience was so enthralled by the speaker's _____ that they gave him a standing ovation after his speech.

(1) etiquette
(2) propriety
(3) eloquence
(4) articulation

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20. Haoyang was brave enough to _____ as he was the one who broke the door.

(1) face the music
(2) stir up a mare's nest
(3) put all his eggs in one basket
(4) make a mountain out of molehill

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Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Do you know that the Coca-cola drink that we often have had a long history that is greater than all others? In 1885, the formula for making this soft drink was developed (21) in America by a drugstore owner, John Pemberton. Today, it is one of the most popular soft drinks in the world. It contains mainly water and sugar with gas, carbon dioxide, to make it fizzy. The rest of the ingredients which constitute the formula remain a trade (22) secret known to fewer than ten people in the company.

Pemberton's drink became popular towards the end of the nineteenth century as Americans began to protest against alcoholic drinks. He took this opportunity to market his non-alcoholic drink. As two of the essential ingredients at that time were coca leaves (23) and kola nuts, he named his drink Coca Cola. In 1903, coca leaves were found to contain the harmful drug, cocaine, and were deliberately left out of the ingredients of (24) the soft drink. The use of kola nuts remains as the content is legally acceptable even though it contains caffeine, a stimulating substance found in coffee. Pemberton first sold the drink as syrup to which water had to be added before drinking. One day, a customer added soda water instead of plain water and found the mixture delightful. Since then, (25) Coca cola has been a fizzy drink.

21. (1) unique
(2) unknown
(3) uncharted
(4) unparalleled

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22. (1) make up
(2) make over
(3) put up with
(4) put together

()

23. (1) common
(2) important
(3) favourable
(4) unimportant

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24. (1) eluded from
(2) excluded from
(3) exhausted from
(4) exchanged from

()

25. (1) honourable
(2) horrendous
(3) distasteful
(4) enjoyable

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Section F: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

When she looked ahead, Florence Chadwick saw nothing but a solid wall of fog. Her body was numb. She had been swimming for nearly sixteen hours.

Already, she was the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. Now, at age 34, her goal was to become the first woman to swim from Catalina Island to the California coast.

On that Fourth of July morning in 1952, the sea was like an ice bath and the fog was so dense that she could hardly see her support boats. Sharks cruised toward her lone figure, only to be driven away by rifle shots. Against the frigid grip of the sea, she struggled on – hour after hour – while millions watched on national television.

Alongside Florence in one of the boats, her mother and her trainer offered encouragement. They told her it was not much farther. But all she could see was fog. They urged her not to quit. She never had ... until then. With only a half mile to go, she asked to be pulled out.

Still thawing her chilled body several hours later, she told a reporter, "Look, I'm not excusing myself, but if I could have seen land, I might have made it." It was not fatigue or even the cold water that defeated her. It was the fog. She was unable to see her goal.

Two months later, she tried again. This time, despite the same dense fog, her strong conviction and clear vision enabled her to accomplish what she set out to do. She knew that somewhere behind that fog was land and this time she made it! Florence Chadwick became the first woman to swim the Canada Channel, eclipsing the men's record by two hours!

26. Florence Chadwick felt numb in the body as she _____

- (1) had been swimming for nearly sixteen hours
- (2) had missed her meals
- (3) could only see fog
- (4) was sick

27. What was Florence Chadwick's goal?

- (1) She wanted to see through the fog.
- (2) She wanted to swim without stopping for sixteen hours.
- (3) She wanted to be the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions.
- (4) She aimed to become the first woman to swim from Catalina Island to the California coast.

28. The sharks were driven away by _____.

- (1) harpoons
- (2) gun shots
- (3) fishing nets
- (4) boomerangs

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29. Florence's mother and trainer offered encouragement by _____.

- (1) - telling her that the destination was close
- (2) pulling her out of the water
- (3) driving the sharks away
- (4) giving her a pep talk

()

30. Florence Chadwick accomplished her goal when _____.

- (1) the fog dissipated
- (2) she was pulled out of the water and left to thaw
- (3) millions of people were watching her on television
- (4) she swam with her faith intact and her goal clearly pictured in her mind

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PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
PRIMARY 6
EM1/EM2

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ()

Subject Teacher: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Date: 4 May 2007

Marks for Booklet A	30
Marks for Booklet B	41
Marks for Booklet K Q 69-70, 71 -80	24
Total Marks	95

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) along	(D) however	(G) on	(K) themselves	(N) which
(B) at	(E) into	(H) out	(L) therefore	(P) within
(C) between	(F) of	(J) so	(M) when	(Q) yourselves

In Singapore, we do not have sufficient land to support an unrestricted number
 _____ cars. We only have a limited amount of land on _____ to
 (31) _____ (32) _____
 build houses, factories, roads and schools.

_____, top priority is given to investment in public transport. The
 (33) _____
 MRT system opened _____ 7th November 1987 and had only five stations
 (34) _____
 operating. This allowed commuters time to familiarize _____ with the
 (35) _____
 system to sort _____ any teething problems.
 (36) _____

Then the second stage was opened in December 1987 to relieve the traffic
 congestion _____ Orchard Road.
 (37) _____

Initially, the system did not solve the problems faced by commuters, such as
 crowding _____ the peak hour. However, _____ the next three
 (38) _____ (39) _____
 years, the situation changed. Singaporeans saw a dramatic change in their transport
 system _____ the MRT system became fully operational in 1990.
 (40) _____

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(41)

Have you ever thought about ~~the~~ **existance** of life outside our own world? If you

(42)

have, you were not alone. Many people devote their lives to the study of life on other planets.

(43)

Of course, one place of significant **intrest** to us is Mars, since it is so close to our earth.

(44)

Mars was 58 million kilometres from earth. Many people believe that it is like a

(45)

future earth, and that we can make predictions about our **imenept** fate by studying Mars.

(46)

In its beginning, Mars **has** higher temperatures than it does today. It was once capable

(47)

from supporting life, but not in recent times. However, certain scientists do believe that it

(48)

(49)

(50)

can **susstein** life as some life forms still thriving on Mars. **Ocassionaly**, **sqrneone** will report an **apparent** sighting on Mars.

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A van driver who beat a red light and knocked down two students at a pedestrian crossing, injuring one of them seriously, was _____ to two years and
(51)
three months in jail yesterday.

District Judge Chay Yuen Fatt also banned Razali Nemat, 58, a caterer, from
_____ for ten years, saying what he had done was "absolutely reckless and
(52)
totally irresponsible".

"I consider this _____ driving," he said during sentencing.
(53)

After a three-day trial, Razali was convicted of causing grievous _____
(54)
to Jin Jin, 15, by driving dangerously at the _____ crossing in front of White
(55)
Sand Primary School in Pasir Ris.

He was also found _____ of knocking down Jin Jin's classmate and
(56)
best friend, Sharon Cheng Shi Min, now 16. Sharon was only slightly injured.

Both Greenview Secondary School pupils were crossing the road after school
when the _____ took place in Pasir Ris Street 11 at about 12.20pm on
(57)
September 5 last year.

Jin Jin was taken to Changi General Hospital with serious injuries. Sharon was

_____ for cuts to her arms and legs.
(58)

Judge Chay agreed with the prosecutor that Razali not only _____ a
(59)

red light but also did it in a school _____
(60)

"Had there been more children or pedestrians crossing the road, the _____
(61)

would have been unthinkable," the judge said.

Razali claimed he was driving at 20 to 30 km/h and was about 25 m away from

the junction when the lights turned _____. He decided the distance was too
(62)

short for him to _____. He also claimed that the lights were still amber when
(63)

he crossed the traffic light.

The judge said it was "totally untenable" for him to maintain his _____
(64)

in the face of unequivocal evidence to the _____ from three independent eye-
(65)

witnesses who were on the side of the victims.

Adapted from The Straits Times

Section J: Synthesis and Transformation (3 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 68, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. He was injured. He managed to crawl out of the car.

Despite _____

67. She sprained her ankle. She stopped running in marathons.

As a result _____

68. This is the studio. Your photographs are developed here.

_____ where _____

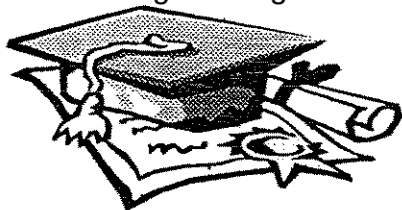
69. Refer to Booklet K.

70. Refer to Booklet K.

Go on to section J and section K in booklet K.

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Velled by : P6 English Committee Teachers



ANSWER SHEET

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1. 4	34) G	66) Despite being injured
2. 1	35) K	he managed to crawl out
3. 2	36) H	of the car.
4. 3	37) A	
5. 2	38) B	67) As a result of her
6. 1	39) P	sprained ankle, she
7. 2	40) M	stopped running marathons.
8. 1	41) existence	
9. 4	42) are	68) This is the studio where
10. 2	43) interest	your photographs are
11. 4	44) is	developed.
12. 4	45) imminent	
13. 1	46) had	
14. 3	47) of	
15. 4	48) sustain	
16. 4	49) thrive	
17. 3	50) occasionally	
18. 4	51) sentenced	
19. 3	52) driving	
20. 1	53) reckless	
21. 4	54) hurt	
22. 1	55) pedestrian	
23. 2	56) guilty	
24. 2	57) accident	
25. 4	58) treated	
26. 1	59) beat	
27. 4	60) zone	
28. 2	61) consequences	
29. 1	62) amber	
30. 4	63) stop	
31. F	64) innocence	
32. N	65) contrary	
33. C		
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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BOOKLET A

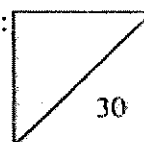
Name: _____ ()

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Subject Teacher: _____

Date: 31 July 2007

Marks:



Parent's Signature: _____

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 50 min

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

Section A: Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Read the advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Admission is free for all participants!

AMAZING FAMILY NATURE HUNT

Care for Nature! The Hunt Is Now On!

DATE : 20 November 2007**REPORTING TIME FOR ALL****PARTICIPATING TEAMS:** 8.30 a.m. (The nature hunt will start at 9 a.m. sharp)**VENUE :** Sungei Buloh Nature Park

(Free shuttle bus services will be provided from Kranji MRT Station)

HOW TO PLAY

1. Every family team is required to hunt within the vicinity of the park for the answers to a set of 15 questions relating to nature.
2. Every family team has to visit all the activity stations so as to find answers to the 15 questions.
3. The hunt has to be completed within 2 hours.
4. The first family team to answer all questions correctly within the stipulated time wins the first prize. The other prizes are also won in order of merit.
5. Family teams may choose to complete assigned tasks at designated activity stations in order to score bonus points.
6. Exchange the bonus points for mystery gifts at the registration booth from 9 am to 12 noon on 20 November.

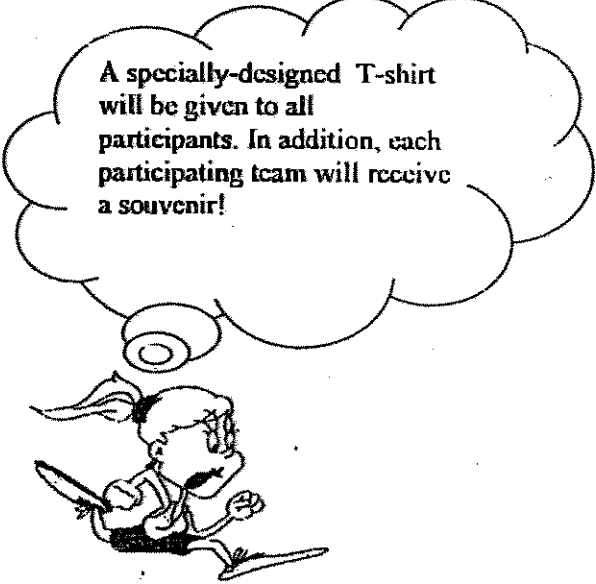
RULES AND REGULATIONS

To enter this hunt, form a family team comprising of 2 adults (aged 21 and above) and 2 children (aged 12 and below).

Registration is open daily from 25 October to 10 November 2007 (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on a first come, first served basis.

REGISTRATION COUNTER:Wiedken & Kennedy Advertising
#10-08
Specialist Shopping Centre**PRIZES****1st prize :** \$800 cash, \$600 worth of prizes**2nd prize:** \$600 cash, \$400 worth of prizes**3rd prize :** \$400 cash, \$200 worth of prizes**4th - 10th prize :** \$200 cash, \$100 worth of prizes**25 consolation prizes :**

\$100 cash and \$50 worth of prizes



A specially-designed T-shirt will be given to all participants. In addition, each participating team will receive a souvenir!

Hurry! Limited to 200 family teams only.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and then shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. The Amazing Family Nature Hunt will be held at _____.
- (1) Kranji MRT Station
 - (2) Sungei Buloh Nature Park
 - (3) Specialist Shopping Centre
 - (4) Wiedken & Kennedy Advertising ()
2. Each participating team will receive _____.
- (1) 1 T-shirt and 1 souvenir
 - (2) 4 T-shirts and 1 souvenir
 - (3) 1 T-shirt and 4 souvenirs
 - (4) 4 T-shirts and 4 souvenirs ()
3. In order to improve their chances of winning any of the prizes, participating teams should _____.
- (1) collect additional clues along the way
 - (2) earn bonus points at the registration booth
 - (3) visit all of the activity stations within two hours
 - (4) answer most of the questions in the shortest time possible ()
4. A family team which did not complete any task at the activity stations but has completed the hunt at 11.30 a.m. will _____.
- (1) not be entitled to any prize
 - (2) be awarded a mystery gift
 - (3) be awarded the consolation prize
 - (4) not receive the complimentary T-shirt ()
5. The main purpose of the hunt is to _____.
- (1) get people to exercise
 - (2) entice people to win cash and prizes
 - (3) encourage people to appreciate nature
 - (4) promote Wiedken & Kennedy Advertising ()

Section B: Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. "It's still not too late to change my mind, _____?" said Ali anxiously.

(1) is it
(2) isn't it
(3) am I
(4) aren't I

()

7. She _____ out in pain when she accidentally cut her finger with that knife.

(1) cry
(2) cries
(3) cried
(4) is crying

()

8. "I know you have seen this video before. _____, we still have to show it to you as it is part of the training programme," said the instructor.

(1) Eventually
(2) As a result
(3) Even though
(4) Nevertheless

()

9. The number of people killed in road accidents _____ at an alarming rate for the past few months.

(1) increased
(2) have increased
(3) has been increasing
(4) have been increasing

()

10. All competitors must _____ the judge's decision.

(1) abide to
(2) abide by → rules
(3) abide for
(4) abide with

()

11. Dinah, with the help of the boys, _____ able to break the code yesterday.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were ()
12. Jason was so busy that he did not get round to _____ the tap.
- (1) fix
(2) fixes
(3) fixed
(4) fixing ()

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

I was already in an awful mood. Then Mum made it worse. We had to go to Aunt Ruth's house on Saturday. Although I tried to suggest that we go to her house another day (13) Mum would hear nothing of it. "But Mum," I moaned immediately (14) I haven't gone out with my friends for a while. I want to go out with them!" Out of anger, I threw the glass I was holding. Mum rushed over (15) Lisa, how could you have broken it?" Mum shouted.

13. (1) | : | colon
(2) | , | comma
(3) | . | full stop
(4) | - | hyphen ()
14. (1) | , | comma
(2) | . | full stop
(3) | , " | comma and inverted commas
(4) | ? " | question mark and inverted commas ()
15. (1) | . | full stop
(2) | ! | exclamation mark
(3) | , " | comma and inverted commas
(4) | . " | full stop and inverted commas ()

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. It is important to teach a young child to _____ between right and wrong so that he will become a responsible citizen when he grows up.

(1) differentiate
(2) diffuse
(3) detect
(4) digest

()

17. There were five _____ in the train crash. The rest of the passengers on the train did not suffer from any lethal injuries and escaped unscathed.

(1) suspects
(2) fatalities
(3) survivors
(4) delinquents

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18. Our teacher played some _____ music to calm us down as we were rather unsettled about the coming examinations.

(1) pretentious
(2) soothing
(3) numbing
(4) noxious

()

19. As the road was blocked by the fallen tree, traffic had to be _____.

(1) averted
(2) reverted
(3) diverted
(4) converted

()

20. Will you back me up if I _____ this matter with the supervisor?

(1) bring up
(2) take after
(3) fall through
(4) come around

()

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

It was a hobby I enjoyed since young. However, I gave it up once I was busy with my studies.

As of late, I have been relearning to play the piano after a long hiatus. I practise in the

(21)

living room in the quiet of the late evenings. I enjoy these sessions very much. Whenever

(22)

my piano teacher comes for our weekly lesson, I usually falter even though I practise playing the

piano almost every day. I thought that I am actually doing well until she scolds me for not

following her instructions. I am enticed to say, "Just let me play it!" But she has a larger purpose.

(23)

She wants me to learn to understand and use the tools that proficient pianists use. Slowly I am

(24)

learning to combine the things in such a way that they become fully or part of each other and put

(25)

into use what I have learnt. The names of the tools she is teaching me are not important but what

matters most is what those tools permit me to do when I play.

21. (1) Recently
(2) Frequently
(3) Shortly after
(4) Occasionally

()

22. (1) overtly
(2) immensely
(3) merrily
(4) simply

()

23. (1) tempted
(2) entrusted
(3) reassured
(4) convinced

()

24. (1) accomplished
(2) celebrated
(3) valuable
(4) amateur

()

25. (1) fix
(2) circulate
(3) improvise
(4) integrate

()

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Marianne opened the door and let me in. Derek was in his wheelchair by the kitchen table wearing a loose cotton shirt and even looser black sweatpants. It looked as if the pants belonged to someone else. His legs had shrunk a great deal. If you put your two hands around his thighs, your fingers might touch. Had he been able to stand, he would have been no more than five feet tall and he could probably fit into the jeans of a nine-year-old. 5

"I got you something," I announced, holding up a brown paper bag. I had stopped on my way from the airport at a nearby supermarket and bought some turkey, potato salad, macaroni salad and bagels. I wanted to do something for Derek. I could not help him otherwise. I remembered his fondness for eating.

"Ah, so much food!" he sang. "The hospital would never have given me such 10 delicacies," he added as an afterthought.

We sat at the kitchen table and talked about our school days. During our conversation, I noticed that Derek only ate small amounts of the spread in front of him. The bagels and turkey were left largely untouched. Occasionally, he had to stop to use the washroom, a process that took a lot of time. Marianne would wheel him to the toilet, then 15 lift him from the wheelchair. Each time he came back, he looked tired and a little uneasy.

"Are you all right?" I asked. Derek sighed.

"I'm sorry. This is so embarrassing. I have to depend completely on others now. But I am working on it. I'm trying to enjoy the process. After all, I get to be a baby one more time!" Derek explained. He laughed and I was relieved that he did. We talked for a long 20 time before I finally decided that it was time to go home.

"See you again next Friday," he said, as he waved weakly to me.

Adapted from Tuesdays With Morrie by Mitch Albom

26. Derek's pants appeared very loose because _____.
- (1) they were a pair of 'nine-year-old' jeans
 - (2) they belonged to someone else
 - (3) he bought it many sizes bigger
 - (4) his legs had become very thin
- ()
27. The writer went straight to _____ after he had touched down at the airport.
- (1) the kitchen
 - (2) the hospital
 - (3) a supermarket
 - (4) Derek's house
- ()
28. According to the passage, the writer bought food when he visited Derek because the writer _____.
- (1) loved to eat
 - (2) thought Derek was starving
 - (3) felt sorry for Derek's apparent poverty
 - (4) felt that it was the least he could do for Derek
- ()
29. In line 17, the main reason why Derek sighed was most likely because _____.
- (1) he was tired after making so many trips to the kitchen
 - (2) eating all the delicacies was not easy for him
 - (3) he was worried about his health
 - (4) he did not like feeling helpless
- ()
30. The illness did not take away Derek's _____.
- (1) compassion
 - (2) appetite
 - (3) optimism
 - (4) independence
- ()

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BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ()

Subject Teacher: _____

Date: 31 July 2007

Parent's Signature: _____

Marks for Booklet A	30
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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letter (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

~~(A)~~ about	~~(B)~~ at	~~(G)~~ in	~~(K)~~ out	~~(N)~~ up
~~(B)~~ and	~~(H)~~ as	~~(H)~~ into	~~(L)~~ over	~~(P)~~ what
~~(C)~~ after	~~(F)~~ from	~~(J)~~ of	~~(M)~~ such	~~(Q)~~ which

Recycling is good for the environment but it can also be good for your pocket.

“_____ is waste to one person may be a useful material to another,” says Ong Eng
(31)

Seng, the head _____ the Resource Conservation department in the National
(32)

Environment Agency.

Books and magazines can fetch a good return at used-book stores or be traded _____
(33)

for another read. In Singapore, the Knowledge Book Centre buys and sells used books. Aluminium

cans and newspapers still have value _____ you have finished using them. In the
(34)

Philippines, junk metal shops pay about seventy-five cents per kilogramme for crushed cans and less

for newspapers. Organic waste, _____ as vegetable leftovers, egg shells and yard
(35)

trimmings, can be turned _____ compost and used as soil in place of store-bought
(36)

potting soil. For the do's _____ don'ts of home composting, look _____ the
(37) (38)

Singapore's National's Environment Agency website.

Yard sales and classified advertisements allow you to sell just _____ anything
(39)

anywhere in the world. For example, Adpost.com, _____ has its headquarters in England,
(40)

offers free online advertisements for many countries in Asia.

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

My training told me that the sensation might be like a catapult launch on a carrier, swift

(41)

and violent. Then I heard a low, grinding rumble as the big rocket started to lift away at Earth in

(42)

slow motion. My first trip to space, on board Gemini 9, had begin. The initial slow ascent turned

* (43)

into an abrupt and ~~veegourous~~ burst of speed and we were off!

(44)

The rocket was soar above the Atlantic and the forces of gravity stacked like bricks on my

(45)

chest. I gritted my teeth ~~and clapped~~ the edge of my seat tightly.

(46)

(47)

The rocket ~~ase~~errated steadily, going faster and faster as the ~~et~~mosfere thinned.

(48)

Then, the fuel burn-off of the rocket lightened their load. By then, we were a mere dot at the top

of a long vapour that stretched further and further from Earth by the second. About two minutes

(49)

(50)

into the flight, we approached first-stage ~~seperration~~.

All of them heaved a collective sigh of

relief.

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

South Korea is ranked together with some other countries as having the highest smoking rates in the world. This combined with other risk factors are leading to a steep _____ in heart disease. "Nearly a million Koreans now have heart disease," (51)

says cardiologist, Dr. Chae, at the Seoul National University Hospital.

Dr. Ortiz, ex-president of the Philippines Heart Association, says that, owing to a _____ of exercise, excessive smoking and a diet consisting mainly of fast (52) food, heart disease has become his country's number-one _____. "It is this (53)

combination of risk factors that is so deadly and is taking a _____ on the (54)

general population of this country. Moreover, this "killer" affects people from all

_____ of life. For example, three doctors, who were former medical school (55)

classmates, have also suffered massive heart attacks. They were in their early forties. Paramedics that attended to them _____ cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) but their (56)

resuscitation efforts failed."

Malaysian cardiologist, Dr. Abdul Latiff, says, "Ten years ago, heart disease among the young was unheard of, but today it is becoming a very _____ phenomenon." (57)

Two years ago, Dr. Latiff raced to assist a man wheeled in with severe chest pains. The man's life

was _____ on a thread. He was breathless, cold and pale. Latiff's eyes darted
(58)

towards a chart on the wall. _____ at his heart-rate chart, Latiff
(59)

exclaimed, "I cannot believe that this man is only 31 years old!"

The news is mostly bad. "Still," says Dr. Latiff, "the good news is this pandemic of heart disease is entirely preventable but we must act fast before it is too _____."
(60)

Malaysia's Ministry of Health has _____ up free screening
(61)

programmes in rural hospital clinics. These clinics run tests that allow checks on patients' cholesterol levels, blood pressure and other risk factors. Those at _____
(62)

are identified and treated for their conditions. They are also given advice on how to stay hale and _____. In addition, they received advice on how to lead a
(63)

healthy lifestyle. Many people are referred to these programmes by their local doctors.

Dr. Zainal, an official with the Malaysian Ministry of Health says, "We are taking our first baby _____ but it is making a difference."
(64)

In Singapore, heart disease is also one of the top three "lifestyle diseases" of a developed nation. The government has decided to focus on educating the young on the _____
(65)

of an active and healthy lifestyle.

Section J: Synthesis and Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. All the students in these classes have contributed to the School Pocket Money Fund.

Every _____

67. Both Ravi and Anil did not take part in the drama performance last night.

Neither _____

68. We had not met up with Khairul for a while. We went to visit him.

_____ whom _____

69. Lucy said, "Mum, Uncle Lee brought his stamp collection over to our house last night."

Lucy told _____

70. The beauty queen received a thousand dollars. She won a car too.

The beauty queen not only _____

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Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

My father gets a faraway look in his eyes that is unmistakable. As his craggy face turns towards the horizon and his eyes seek out the glint of snow-capped peaks, we all know what he is thinking. Mountain tops always have had that magnetic effect on him.

Dad married my mother, Louise, a musician, just three months after his return from Mount Everest and I was born the following year. I was ten when he first took me climbing with Mingma, his foreman from the Mount Everest area in Nepal. I always had the feeling that my parents thought I needed some strenuous activities because I liked writing poems, pressing flowers in the pages of my notebooks and bird-watching. Moreover, they were afraid that I would become too "soft" for my own good. Dad decided that he and Mingma would take me up to Mount Fog in the South Island of New Zealand.

In the evening, we climbed up the grassy flank and as darkness drew over us, we nestled down into long, golden grass to sleep beneath the stars. I was very thirsty but we had no water with us – just two cans of beer that Dad and Mingma were sipping from. "You'll have to have some of this, son," Dad said. I could not believe what vile stuff it was!

The next day, we climbed up the slopes to a rocky ridge. From there, we needed to traverse a large snowfield to the summit. Clumps of snow that we kicked loose tumbled down the face of the rocky ridge for hundreds of metres. At that instance, we felt that it was the scariest sight ever.

Dad pulled a rope from his pack and we were all tied to it – my father in front, Mingma behind, and I slung in the middle, trying to step from one huge size-14 footprint to the next as we cut across the slope.

Periodically, I would look up at my father leading the way, then lose my balance, fall out of his footprints and slip towards the green valley far below. Dad and Mingma would haul on the rope and bungy me back up into the steps from where I had fallen. Each time I slipped, I was extremely sure that Dad would look after me and that all would be fine.

However, even the great trees in the forest fall. I was to learn in a devastating manner, at the age of twenty, that beneath his trademark dry and gruff exterior, Dad was just as vulnerable as any of us.

My father had always been a passionate man and one thing he was especially passionate about was the people of the Everest region – so much so that in 1930, he began the first of many projects aimed at improving their lives. In 1975, he had begun building his second hospital in the Himalayas when tragedy struck our family. My mother and youngest sister, Belinda, were flying into the mountains to join him when their small aeroplane crashed. He was no longer the great kauri tree or the giant redwood after that. I knew then that Mum and Belinda would never return.

It was years before Dad fully came out of this period of darkness. Only by plunging himself into more climbing adventures and into ever more projects in Nepal could he get through it. He has now built forty-two schools and hospitals there.

Adapted from 'Everest Of A Man' by Peter Hillary

71. How old was the author when he went for his first mountaineering expedition?

72. Why did the author's father decide to take him climbing?

73. Where did the author go for his first mountaineering expedition?

74. Which two-word phrase in the passage describes how the author felt about the cans of beer?

75. What does "it" in line 17 refer to?

76. How did the author "cut across the slope" (line 21)?

77. Which sentence in paragraph 6 tells you that the author trusted his father during the mountaineering expedition?

78. Looking at paragraph 7, what did the author compare his father to? Why?

79. How did the author's father get through his period of darkness?

80. Which word in the passage has a similar meaning to the following:

(a) to move through an area

(b) unfriendly

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1)2	2)2	3)3	4)1	5)3	6)1
7)3	8)4	9)3	10)2	11)3	12)4
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19)3	20)1	21)1	22)2	23)1	24)1
25)4	26)4	27)3	28)4	29)4	30)3
31)P	32)J	33)G	34)C	35)M	36)H
37)B	38)N	39)A	40)Q		

41)from	42)begun	43)vigorous
44)soaring	45)clasped	46)accelerated
47)atmosphere	48)its	49)separation
50)us	51)rise	52)lack
53)killer	54)toll	55)walks
56)performed	57)common	58)hanging
59)looking	60)late	61)set
62)risk	63)hearty	64)step
65)benefits		

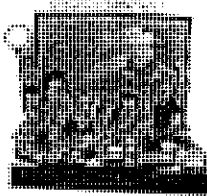
66)Every student in these classes has contributed to the School Pocket Money Fund.

67)Neither Ravi nor Anil took part in the drama performance last night.

68)we went to visit Khairul whom we had not met up with for a while.

69)Lucy told her mum that Uncle Lee had brought his stamp collection over to their house the night before.

70)The beauty queen not only received a thousand dollars but she also won a car.



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Answer Sheets

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- 71) He was ten years old when his father first took him climbing.
- 72) He thought the author needed some strenuous activities because the author might be too 'soft' for his own good.
- 73) He went to Mount Fog in the South Island of New Zealand.
- 74) It is 'vile stuff.'
- 75) It refers to the sight of the clumps of snow being kicked down the face of the rocky ridge.
- 76) He was tied to the rope led by his father and he stepped on his father's footprints.
- 77) It is 'Each time I slipped, I was extremely sure that Dad would look after me and that all would be fine.'
- 78) He compared his father to a tree. His father has shown great strength.
- 79) He got through it by plunging himself into more climbing adventures and into ever more projects in Nepal.
- 80) a. traverse b. gruff.

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PRIMARY 6

BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ()

Subject Teacher: _____

Date: 10 September 2007

Marks

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Parent's Signature : _____

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 1 hour 50 min

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

Section A: Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Read the advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Sonic Corporation is proud to present

Mummy Dearest

A fun-filled family fiesta for everyone! Plus, lots of pampering sessions especially for mummies! Come down to Downtown East and celebrate your day with us!
Visit www.mummydearest.com.sg for details anytime before 24 October 2007!

Date: 24th October 2007
Time: 10am – 6 pm
Venue: Downtown East, D' Marquee (FREE Admission for all!)

Event Highlights

10 a.m.	Fringe Activities
10.30 a.m.	Arrival of Guest-of-Honour
11 a.m.	Dream a Little Dream*#
12 noon	Mummy & Me Look-a-like Contest
2 p.m.	Team Activity Fun Time (For the entire family)
2.45 p.m.	Pat-a-Cake for my Lady
3.00 p.m.	SLB Read Along Session!*#
4.30 p.m.	Picture Perfect Photo Contest (For the entire family)
5 p.m.	HK Bank Mighty Savers in Action#

* Activities last for an hour. Latecomers will not be entertained!
For the little ones in the family!

Free balloons and stickers! While stocks last!

Enjoy free gifts at the HK Bank Mighty Savers booth! Receive a \$5 fun cheque and a water bottle!

Organiser: Sonic Corporation
Main Sponsor: Hong Kong Bank
With Support from: SLB (Singapore Library Board)

Customer Service Hotline: 6418 8008 (in operation only on actual day of event)

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and then shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. The organiser of this event is _____
- (1) Hong Kong Bank
 - (2) Sonic Corporation
 - (3) Downtown East
 - (4) Singapore Library Board
- ()
2. Which of the following activities allows only you and your mother to take part?
- (1) Dream a Little Dream
 - (2) SLB Read Along Session
 - (3) Mummy & Me Look-a-like Contest
 - (4) HK Bank Mighty Savers in Action
- ()
3. What are the free gifts that one can expect to receive at the HK Bank Mighty Savers booth?
- (1) stickers and balloons
 - (2) a fun cheque and a water bottle
 - (3) balloons and a water bottle
 - (4) a fun cheque and stickers
- ()
4. Ten-year-old Hwee Wen and her family arrive at Downtown East at 4 pm. Which one of the following activities can she and her family take part in?
- ~~(1)~~ Picture Perfect Photo Contest
 - ~~(2)~~ Team Activity Fun Time
 - ~~(3)~~ Pat-a-Cake for my Lady
 - ~~(4)~~ SLB Read Along Session
- ()
5. If Mrs. Raju wants more details before the actual day of the event, she can _____
- (1) drop by Downtown East
 - (2) call the customer service hotline
 - (3) visit any SLB branches
 - (4) log on to www.mummydearest.com.sg
- ()

Section B: Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. Richard _____ a high fever. He needs to see a doctor.
- (1) is having
(2) are having
(3) has
(4) have ()
7. Leela used to _____ swimming with her brother. I wonder why she _____ do so now.
- (1) go...didn't
(2) went...didn't
(3) go...doesn't
(4) went...doesn't ()
8. _____ you are humble, no one will befriend you.
- (1) As
(2) When
(3) Since
(4) Unless ()
9. Devi apologised _____ her rudeness and insisted _____ paying for the entire meal.
- (1) with...on
(2) for...on
(3) with...in
(4) for...in ()
10. Aminah (as well as Siti) _____ in the kitchen when the blackout occurred.
- (1) is waiting
(2) am waiting
(3) were waiting
(4) was waiting ()

11. Every one of the tomatoes in the refrigerator _____ rotten.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) am
- (4) were

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12. The hunter _____ a koala bear resting in the shady tree and was _____ by its sweet demeanour.

- (1) came through ... taken in
- (2) came through ... taken off
- (3) came upon ... taken off
- (4) came upon ... taken in

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Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

"What's the matter with Ah Ong these days (13) grumbled Grandmother.

"I don't know, Grandmother (14) murmured Golden Bead. She was sitting with her elbows on the table (15) clutching her head in both hands as she tried desperately to memorise some work for school the next day. Grandmother kept interrupting her and Jade Bead kept on pulling at her dress to attract her attention.

13. (1) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
 (2) [; "] comma and inverted commas
 (3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
 (4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas ()
14. (1) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
 (2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (3) [?] question mark
 (4) [!] exclamation mark ()
15. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [?] question mark
 (4) [:] colon ()

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Suzanne was _____ as her beloved pet terrier died a week ago. She has not stopped crying since then.

(1) aggrieved
(2) gratified
(3) pleased
(4) devastated

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17. My uncle started to _____ for a new job immediately after he resigned from his previous one.

(1) look around
(2) look through
(3) look into
(4) look over

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18. After the heated argument, everyone grew quiet. Finally, John broke the silence and stood up to _____.

(1) kick the bucket
(2) set a trend
(3) say his piece
(4) look for trouble

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19. He has to prove his innocence in court before he could be _____ from the offence he was charged with.

(1) sentenced
(2) acquitted
(3) exterminated
(4) overhauled

()

20. Devi's earnings from working as a cashier was _____ to meet her family's financial needs.

(1) inappropriate
(2) indelible
(3) insufficient
(4) insignificant

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Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5x1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Most of us do not spend much time thinking about where the French fries we eat come from. These fries have come a long way. Chances are they have been treated by adding substances. This is most likely to be carried out by McCain- the world's largest company that makes or grows goods, food or materials. One out of every three fries worldwide has been through a McCain factory.

In Scarborough, UK, there is an extremely large McCain factory building where 1.2 million kilogrammes of potatoes arrive at one end and appear, as bagged and boxed frozen fries, at the other.

I have seen how it happens. A river of potatoes flows into shiny cylindrical tanks that turn around a fixed point while the skins are blasted off with steam. Then they are shot through "hydro-guns," forced by pressurized water through metal pipes at a speed of over 30 metres per second.

21. (1) spattered
(2) liquified
(3) processed
(4) seared

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22. (1) producer
(2) consumer
(3) speculator
(4) subscriber

()

23. (1) an endless
(2) a nominal
(3) an apt
(4) a vast ()
24. (1) discharge
(2) emerge
(3) develop
(4) vanish ()
25. (1) circulate
(2) twist
(3) rotate
(4) scroll ()

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

My mother died of sick madness. She died of this sick madness and of grief and of fear. She died in a strange and alien place where she had stayed for a mere five years. She was also far from what she thought of as home, a home she would never, ever see again.

If a story may be said to have a beginning, this is the beginning of mine. In truth, I know, the story of no one really does have a beginning. There must always be something that has just gone on before and there were, naturally, a lot of things that happened before my mother's death that indeed led to that cursed and dreadful moment. It is true, though, that the dying of the poor sad woman I loved so dearly did provide the marker, the turning point to my subsequent existence. 5 10

It was fifty years ago to the day—the day on which I choose to begin to write these words. It was fifty years ago that my father, my brother Robert and I, dug her grave and dressed Mother in her own good gown. We wrapped her poor remains in the linen that had once been her mother's and laid her to rest among the cedar trees. She was put to rest beneath the trees she had so greatly feared. She rests there today, a scant half mile from where I sit writing these words, words that I write surrounded by a comfort and splendour that she never experienced and of which, most likely, being a simple soul, she never dreamed. 15 20

Today, I was the only one who pushed my way through the undergrowth, doing my best to follow the ill-formed track to the spot beneath the giant rimu tree where a slab of marble says, 'Elizabeth Costello 1840-1876 and John Costello 1839-1876'. My father, foolish man, lost spirit, survived his wife by no more than a handful of hours. When we lost our father way back then, my brother Robert and I had dug his grave with much sorrow. Then, we left this place with, in reality, little hope of ever seeing it again. That had happened about fifty years ago—a long time past. 25

An extract from *Circles* by W. Taylor

26. Elizabeth Costello could best be described as living _____.
- (1) a life of sorrow and desperation
 - (2) a simple, happy and bountiful country life
 - (3) surrounded by comfort and splendour
 - (4) in one place for the whole of her life ()
27. Exactly fifty years before the narrator started writing, _____.
- (1) his brother was buried under the trees
 - (2) his parents and grandparents arrived in a strange and alien land
 - (3) he revisited his parents' grave for the first time
 - (4) his mother was laid to rest as she had died ()
28. The narrator had returned to his parents' graves _____.
- (1) many times since he started writing
 - (2) in the company of his brother only
 - (3) alone, about fifty years after his parents' death
 - (4) after he suffered from 'sick madness' ()
29. The word 'scant' in line 17 suggests that the distance mentioned is _____.
- (1) too far
 - (2) not very much further
 - (3) sufficient
 - (4) inferior ()
30. Which of the following is not a correct statement?
- (1) John Costello died shortly after his wife.
 - (2) The two sons helped to dig their parents' graves.
 - (3) The writer started writing only when he was fifty years old.
 - (4) Elizabeth Costello had left her childhood home. ()

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BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 6 ()

Subject Teacher: _____

Date: 10 September 2007

Parent's Signature: _____

Marks for Booklet A	30
Marks for Booklet B	65
Total Marks	95

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letter (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and	(D) are	(G) however	(K) over	(N) then
(B) against	(E) before	(H) more	(L) on	(P) where
(C) although	(F) from	(J) most	(M) than	(Q) who

If a car can run 3 000 km on a litre of petrol, how much is needed in the tank to drive _____ Singapore to Kuala Lumpur? About a third of a can of Coke,
(31)

or just _____ 100 ml, to cover the 260 km trip.
(32)

Rising to this challenge _____ students from the National University
(33)

of Singapore (NUS) _____ built the university's first eco- car. Their vehicle
(34)

will compete _____ European designs in next week's Shell Eco-marathon,
(35)

a race to crown not the fastest, but the _____ fuel-efficient car on the track.
(36)

The single-seat car they have built travels at a top speed of 75 km/h _____
(37)

is about 10 times more fuel- efficient than normal cars. _____, do not expect to
(38)

see this vehicle on the roads anytime soon.

It is built as an exercise in research rather _____ for commercial purpose.
(39)

It will be sometime soon _____ it is launched in the commercial market.
(40)

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

In the story, 'The Scarlet Pimpernel', the King of France was very

(41)

(42)

unjust, and the people rise against him. They attacked many **inoscent**

(43)

people as well. In the novel, many of this people were rescued by a daring

Englishman. No one knew the name of the daring Englishman because

(44)

he was always in **disgaie**. After helping people to escape, he would send letters to the

(45)

French government, 'signed' in a drawing of an English flower, the scarlet pimpernel.

Hence, he is known as the Scarlet Pimpernel. The following account described one of his

(46)

eckploits.

All the gates of Paris were well-guarded. One day, a cart came slowly along. It was

(47)

(48)

laden with barrels and drove by an old man with a hood over his face. A boy sat **quite**

beside him. The guard looked into the barrels. They were all empty. He waved them on.

(49)

However, half an hour later, an army captain in an **embarasingly** **lurid** uniform came

(50)

gallop from the city centre.

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

We are often pleased whenever we see a display of courtesy. It may be the giving up of one's seat, _____ way to another or a simple polite greeting. Such
(51)

manners _____ a chord of harmony in our soul. It leaves a feeling that the
(52)

world is a better place for each one of us. Generally, we are quick to recognise courteous behaviour and also to respond to it. On the other _____
(53)

we are also easily upset by discourteous behaviour.

It is said that real culture has a tendency to avoid excessive individuality. Instead it requires that every person should be _____ with equal courtesy whether
(54)

they are _____ in the street or friends in the living room. A person's
(55)

ability to accord respect to a fellow human is of great significance. This has made etiquette the most _____ factor in many cultures where it is highly valued.
(56)

Thus, we are taught the _____ way to behave in different situations and
(57)

settings.

It is usually the well-mannered person who inspires respect and liking. We credit this

_____ with gentility and refinement and we form a good
(58)

_____ of his family because it is a mark of good breeding. Noisy and
(59)

boisterous conduct has a tendency to irritate people and put people _____
(60)

However, etiquette, in its truest sense, goes beyond a _____ of rules
(61)

that a person _____ in the public's eyes. It is a _____ of
(62) (63)

oneself rather than the exhibition of a code of behaviour. We do what is right naturally

because we are well-bred and it is a part of us.

A _____ person does and says what is correct instinctively with no
(64)

thought of impressing others. He is _____ up to respect and
(65)

treat others equally at all times by his parents.

Section J: Synthesis and Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. The tea is very hot. I cannot drink it.

The tea is too _____

67. "Did you borrow my calculator, Ali?" asked Peter.

Peter asked _____

68. The boy was injured in a fall. His father is a manager of a department store.

_____ whose _____

69. There was a slight drizzle. Many people came to watch the hockey match at the school field.

_____ in spite of _____

70. The factory was in flames. Mr. Lim raised the alarm.

On seeing _____

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Go on to the next page

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Kim was making her second solo cross-country flight, a requirement for her pilot's licence. Since she had begun taking lessons three months earlier, she had flown 30 hours in all. She was eager to complete her cross-country requirement before the Christmas break so that she could qualify for a spot in the university's flight programme next semester.	5
About midway through her flight, she noticed thickening clouds on the horizon but they did not worry her. A predicted storm was not due until mid-afternoon and the clouds seemed far away.	
As Kim got further south, she noticed the clouds were coming lower and darker. Unknown to her, the storm swooping towards her flight path was moving much faster than forecast.	10
A short distance later, a long, dark line appeared ahead. It looked like haze but Kim had never seen anything exactly like it before. As she got closer, the line turned into an ominous wall of cloud that started near ground level and rose out of sight above her. Suddenly, clouds were on top of her, blotting out the sun as she tried to hold an altitude of 3000 feet above ground.	15
Seconds later, the first snowflakes spattered on her windshield. The storm had swallowed her. All she could see on either side was six feet of the wings of the plane. Everything else was dense clouds.	
Kim fought to gain control of herself and the plane. She shook her head to force herself to concentrate. It did not work. Dangerously disorientated, she did not know whether she was going up or down, straight or otherwise. The instruments could tell her, but she was near panic. Moreover, she had not learned to rely on instruments when it was not possible to see the ground and the horizon.	20 25
The sight of the ground rising towards her finally forced Kim to act. Somehow, she managed to stop her descent and level the wings before she was back in clouds again. She took a deep breath, then another.	

Now her most urgent problem, Kim realised, was to find out where she was and to get help. The radio- she had almost forgotten it. Keeping one hand on the controls, she fumbled for the frequency. 30

She dialled the numbers, grabbed the microphone and identified herself. There was no response for several seconds. Then, a voice was heard. The radar controller then guided her out of the storm safely. A brief smile flickered over Kim's face as she listened to the instructions from the radar controller. 35

71. What did Kim need to do to get a pilot's licence?

72. Why was she eager to get her pilot's licence before Christmas?

73. What was the weather forecast for the day Kim flew the plane? -

74. Looking at paragraph 5, in what way did the storm swallow Kim and the plane?

75. Give two reasons why Kim did not check the instruments in the plane when she was caught in the storm.

76. Write down a word from the passage which has a similar meaning to the following :

a) confused : _____

b) signalling something bad is going to happen : _____

77. What forced Kim to make a decision to act? Why?

78. What does ^{It}~~it~~ in line 21 refer to?

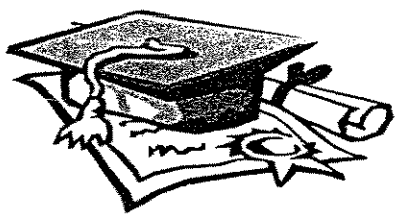
79. What were the two actions Kim did to keep the plane in the air?

80. Which sentence suggests that Kim managed to escape the terrible predicament she was in eventually?

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ANSWER SHEET

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PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION (2)

1. 2	31) F	41) rose	51) giving
2. 3	32) K	42) innocent	52) strike
3. 2	33) D	43) these	53) hand
4. 1	34) Q	44) disguise	54) treated
5. 4	35) B	45) with	55) people
6. 3	36) J	46) exploits	56) important
7. 3	37) A	47) driven	57) correct
8. 4	38) G	48) quietly	58) person
9. 2	39) M	49) embarrassingly	59) impression
10. 4	40) E	50) galloping	60) off
11. 1			
12. 4	61) set		
13. 3	62) displays		
14. 2	63) refectory		
15. 1	64) well-bred		
16. 4	65) brought		
17. 1			
18. 3	66) The tea is too hot for me to drink.		
19. 2			
20. 3	67) Peter asked Ali if he had borrow his		
21. 3	calculator.		
22. 1			
23. 4	68) The boy whose father is a manger of a		
24. 2	department store, was injured in a fall.		
25. 3			
26. 1	69) Many people came to watch the hockey		
27. 4	match in spite of drizzle at the school		
28. 1	field.		
29. 2			
30. 3	70) On seeing the factory in flames, Mr Lim		
	raised the alarm.		

71) She needed to make two solo cross-country flights to get a pilot's licence and this was her second solo cross country flight.

72) It would enable her to qualify for a spot in the university's flight programme next semester.

73) The weather forecast predicted that there would be a storm in the mid-afternoon.

74) The dense clouds hid her plane except for six feet of the wings of the plane.

75) She was near panic so she would be too frightened to check the instruments and she also had not learned to rely on the instruments when it was impossible to see the ground and the horizon.

76) a) disorientated b) ominous

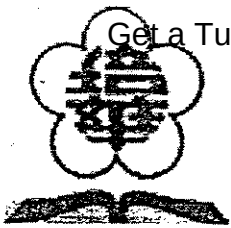
77) The plane was getting nearer to the ground. The plane might crash if she did not make a decision to act.

78) It refers to the shaking of her head to force herself to concentrate.

79) She managed to stop her descent and level the wings of the plane.

80) It is "The radar controller then guided out of the storm safely".

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FIRST CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 2007
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 6

PAPER 2

Name : _____ ()
Class : _____ (6)
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Parent's Signature : _____

BOOKLET A

Total time for Booklet A and B : 1 hour 50 minutes

Booklet	Type	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
A	Multiple-Choice	30	
B	Open-Ended	65	
Grand Total		95	

- Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
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- Answer all questions.
- Check your work carefully.

Read the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

Christmas/Lunar New Year Promotion

Open from 1 to 31 December 2006

\$200 DISCOUNT PER FAMILY

4/5 Days – from \$1020 per person

**6/7 Days – from \$1420 per person

Departure dates: 1, 8, 15, 22 December 06

5, 12, 19, 26 January 07

2, 9, 16, 23 February 07



Highlights:

Great Ocean Road: Travel along Victoria's famous Great Ocean Road – offering some of the most fascinating and diverse coastal scenery that Australia has to offer, including golden sandy beaches, sheer cliff faces, surf beaches and amazing rock formations (many photo stops).

Puffing Billy: Experience Australia's oldest steam train- Puffing Billy and travel to Healesville Sanctuary for a great roast lunch with free wine, tea/coffee followed by a guided tour through the park.

Sovereign Hill & Ballarat City Tour: Experience Sovereign Hill and learn about the history of the gold rush and life in the 1850s. Host of activities available, including stage coach rides, costume photos and much more.

✓ **Melbourne City Sights:** Experience the special charm and character of one of the world's most livable cities - see the Flagstaff and Royal Botanic Gardens, Captain Cook's Cottage and Conservatory of Flowers.

Melbourne, with a population of more than three million, is Australia's second largest city. It is regarded as the cultural and fashion capital of Australia and is renowned for its fine restaurants. It is a truly multicultural city with more than one quarter of Melbourne's inhabitants born overseas. The city is extremely racially tolerant and very easy to work and live in. Visitors enjoy a warm and friendly reception.

**Cruising with Dolphins &

Seals: Board the 70 foot Moonraker Cruiser complete with lounge, galley and rest rooms as we seek bottlenose dolphins in their natural habitat. Hear and see the history of Port Phillip Bay as we cruise the tranquil coastline in search of dolphins.

****Penguin Parade:** Witness the little penguins emerging from the ocean and crossing the beach to their sand dune burrows. It's a natural experience that you can find nowhere except on Phillip Island.



STAR TOURS

Open daily except on Sundays and Public Holidays from 9am to 8pm
#06-88 Pearl Centre, Singapore 099826, Tel: 65333888, Fax: 65444888

Email: Startours@travel.org.sg

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. Star Tours is a company that is involved in the _____ business.
(1) airline
(2) leisure
(3) sports
(4) advertising ()

2. Melbourne is known as a multicultural city because _____.
(1) the people there respect and tolerate all cultures
(2) its culture keeps changing from time to time
(3) the people there created many different cultures
(4) it consists of people of different nationalities ()

3. Which of the following is unlikely to be a possible result of the gold rush that happened in the 1850s?
(1) Melbourne became a multicultural city.
(2) Melbourne is easy to work and live in.
(3) Melbourne is the second largest city in Australia.
(4) Sovereign Hill in Ballarat has become a Gold Museum. ()

4. Mrs Tan is a plant lover. Which 2 tours would she probably be most interested in?
(1) Puffing Billy and Sovereign Hill
(2) Great Ocean Road and Puffing Billy
(3) Puffing Billy and Melbourne City Sights
(4) Sovereign Hill and Melbourne City Sights ()

5. Which of the following statements is incorrect?
(1) Racism obviously exists in Melbourne.
(2) The Christmas/Lunar New Year Promotion is invalid in 2007.
(3) A photographer of picturesque scenery will not be disappointed in Melbourne.
(4) It is possible to observe at least one creature in a natural habitat in Melbourne. ()

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. Listen to those people. What language _____ they speaking?

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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7. Julie is staying with her best friend _____ she finds a flat.

- (1) until
- (2) after
- (3) since
- (4) as long as

()

8. Everything is going well. We _____ any problems so far.

- (1) never had
- (2) didn't have
- (3) haven't had
- (4) shouldn't have

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9. Let's paint the house _____. It will be much cheaper.

- (1) myself
- (2) ourselves
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

()

10. Mina is quite free today. She does not have _____ to do.

- (1) many
- (2) more
- (3) much
- (4) plenty

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11. The director wants to be kept informed _____ the changes made to the new proposal.

- (1) of
- (2) on
- (3) with
- (4) about

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12. Roy is very well-liked by his friends despite his _____ face.

- (1) pimples
- (2) pimpled
- (3) pimple
- (4) pimply

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For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

"Everyone of you needs to complete a special Social Studies project,"
said Mrs Tan (13) You will be planning a new town and deciding on what will go
into it (14) You can even decide on your own form of transport or government.
This is a big task that requires a lot of work (15) so you may work in groups. "

13. (1) ☐ full stop
(2) ☐ comma
(3) ☐ full stop and inverted commas
(4) ☐ comma and inverted commas ()

14. (1) ☐ full stop
(2) ☐ comma
(3) ☐ full stop and inverted commas
(4) ☐ comma and inverted commas ()

15. (1) ☐ comma
(2) ☐ full stop
(3) ☐ colon
(4) ☐ dash ()

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

16. She may seem _____ to all the criticism but the truth is, she is deeply hurt within.

- (1) impetuous
- (2) impersonal
- (3) impervious
- (4) impermeable

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17. Zac _____ quite a large sum of money because of the inheritance he received after his parents died in a car accident.

- (1) took in
- (2) came into
- (3) passed on
- (4) made up

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18. We all knew that Joe had woken up late for he looked rather _____ when he walked into the classroom. It was probably because he did not have the time to comb his hair.

- (1) livid
- (2) tense
- (3) forlorn
- (4) dishevelled

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19. The rich girl, whose father is a millionaire, likes to _____ her wealth.

- (1) flaunt
- (2) adorn
- (3) exhibit
- (4) manifest

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20. The recent typhoon had _____ large parts of the Philippines causing thousands to be homeless.

- (1) abolished
- (2) devastated
- (3) jeopardised
- (4) exterminated

()

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval, (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The two youths, both holding the flag, saw many of their soldiers lying dead. The exhausted army was withdrawing to the shelter of the woods. The lieutenant
(21)
tried vainly to rally them. "Retreat into the woods, everybody!" he howled. Another officer shouted, "Keep on shooting at them!" The situation was tumultuous as the
(22)
men were giving conflicting orders.

(23)
"Give it to me!" Henry, one of the youths, shouted.
"No, let me have it!" Wilson, the other youth, demanded.
The two youths came to blows with each other over the flag. Each wanted
(24)
to show his willingness to take the risk of carrying the flag. But, Henry, by
(25)
pushing his friend aside, secured it for himself.

Adapted from The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane

21. (1) falling off
(2) falling out
(3) falling back
(4) falling through ()
22. (1) seething
(2) confusing
(3) dangerous
(4) complicated ()
23. (1) confusing
(2) unrivalled
(3) dissenting
(4) contradictory ()
24. (1) tussled
(2) bickered
(3) squabbled
(4) combated ()
25. (1) sacrifice
(2) readiness
(3) eagerness
(4) spontaneity ()

Read the text below and answer questions 26 to 30.

A police dog is a dog that is trained specifically to assist police and similar law-enforcement personnel with their work. Generally, training starts when the dog is twelve months old and the course lasts twelve to sixteen weeks. The handler, a fully trained police officer, and the dog train and work as a team. This is important as they must trust each other and understand each other completely when working in stressful, dangerous and often rapidly changing situations. During the months of training, the dog learns to find, chase, intimidate and be fearless in the face of fire or smoke. He is also taught to arrest criminals without savaging them but to hold on at all costs until the handler gives the release command. The dog is also trained not to flinch from firearms but to appreciate their danger whether it is protected or not...

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In recognition of the valuable role these animals play in police duties and the dangers they face, there have been a number of measures implemented to protect them. These include outfitting police dogs with bulletproof vests to protect them from guns and some countries have passed laws that make attacking a police dog a felony. Therefore, police dogs are not to be trifled with and tales of their exploits are told in every force.

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The handler, too, has to be trained to handle and take care of the dog well. The main aim is to build up a hundred per cent confidence between the dog and his handler. It is critical that the handler is able to manage a difficult situation wisely, to use the trained dog only as appropriate, and to be able to control the dog completely so that it can be called off instantly when the situation warrants. The handler is also responsible for the dog's grooming, diet and additional training to keep the dog at the peak of efficiency. The police dogs and their handlers have such a close working relationship that most of them live in their handlers' homes and interact with their family and friends on a regular basis. This also helps to ensure that they remain socially pleasant. There is no shortage of applicants among police officers to become handlers and very often, when they are given their dogs, they take great pride in them.

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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

26. The police dog and its handler are trained together so that _____.

- (1) they can understand stress and danger better.
- (2) they can fight crime together as a perfect team
- (3) they can fight crime with no stress and danger
- (4) they can rapidly avoid dangerous situations

27. Police dogs are trained to _____.

- (1) round up escaped criminals
- (2) attack criminals on the loose
- (3) help put out fire ^{if} necessary
- (4) help keep watch over the firearms

28. The expression "are not to be trifled with" means _____.

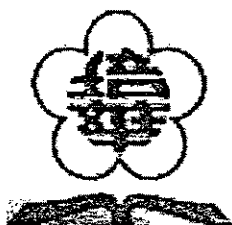
- (1) are not worthless.
- (2) cannot be attacked
- (3) should not be mishandled
- (4) must be given the due respect

29. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) In some places, assaulting a police dog is a serious crime.
- (2) A police dog usually bites a criminal until its handler gives the release command.
- (3) Very few police officers desire to become handlers.
- (4) Many police dogs live with their handlers because they are unpleasant and hostile.

30. From the passage, we can conclude that a police dog must be _____.

- (1) keen, alert and fearless
- (2) passive, hesitant and fearful
- (3) trusting, appreciative and brave
- (4) intimidating, savagery and persistent



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BOOKLET B

Section	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
Grammar Cloze	10	
Editing	10	
Comprehension Cloze	15	
Synthesis & Transformation	10	
Comprehension Open-Ended	20	
Total	65	

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

~~(A) with~~	~~(D) behind~~	~~(G) against~~	~~(K) of~~	~~(N) in~~
~~(B) between~~	~~(E) it~~	~~(H) until~~	~~(L) for~~	~~(P) them~~
~~(C) this~~	~~(F) since~~	~~(J) from~~	~~(M) on~~	~~(Q) by~~

Imagine how difficult it was to send messages before the invention of the telephone.

_____ the invention of the electric telegraph which sent messages, _____
(31) (32)

Morse code over telegraph wires, the fastest way of sending a message was to have

_____ delivered by a postman on foot or on horseback.

(33)

However, not satisfied with messages _____ Morse, many people then tried

(34)

to invent ways _____ sending the sound of the human voice over a wire.

(35)

Alexander Graham Bell was the first successful inventor who found a way to do

_____. Together with Thomas Watson, his assistant and friend, they worked

(36)

_____ ways to send the sound of the human voice over electric wires.

(37)

For a long time, Bell experimented _____ electromagnets, wires,

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strips of iron and coils, without success. On 10 March 1876, Bell and Watson

discovered a new device. Watson waited with the receiver pressed _____ his

(39)

ear while Bell leaned over the transmitter in his laboratory at the far end of an entrance

hall, with two doors closed _____ them. He then spoke into the mouthpiece,

(40)

"Watson, come here. I want to see you." Immediately, the overjoyed Watson ran towards

Bell, whooping in triumph.

**Morse is a code used for sending messages.*

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant boxes numbered 41 to 50. (10 marks)

41.

Once, we were choose to do an assembly programme for the entire school.

We decided on a Japanese play called *The Stolen Prince*. The play was in Noh form – a narrator told the story but the actors were silent. In *The Stolen Prince*, I was the property

42. 43.

man. My role was to move the props over the stage. I was **consilled** by my dark clothing and the dim lighting so that I would not be noticed by the audience when I appeared on stage.

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At almost every **reheraser**, we behaved badly and received more class

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reprimand than any other classes in the school's history. Ms Fin, our English teacher,

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got so **igzesparated** that she promised there would not be other performance by our

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class again. However, on the day we performed the play, we did so **iksapsionaly** well!

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that Ms Fin was **verchualy** in tears. Our principal was so impressed that he chose

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some of us to act in collaboration at another two schools in the Arts Festival that year.

Adapted from 'Bad Boy' a memoir by Walter Dean Myers

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Many animals that dwell in ~~the~~ Southeast Asia are being threatened as its wilderness areas continue to shrink. Some of these species are disappearing at an alarming _____. The Indochinese tiger is one of them. The _____ of this magnificent reclusive cat is dwindling because of hunting and the shrinking of its _____. Scientists believe that fewer than two thousand of them _____ survive in the wild.

Southeast Asia's only great ape, the orangutan, is also decreasing in number. The natural home of the orangutans is the leafy _____ of the rainforests in Sumatra and Borneo, which are abundant with the fruit that these apes eat. Widespread logging in these areas has placed this habitat in grave _____, so many zoos have begun _____ to save this animal.

Some of the most remarkable bird species in the world _____ in Southeast Asia. These are also _____ to disappear. The beautifully coloured bird of paradise, _____ bird of the sun by Malaysians, is _____ for its skin and feathers. Live birds of paradise are also captured and sold in the West, where they _____ as much as three thousand dollars each.

Some indigenous tribes in the region are _____ to the problem by trapping or killing these animals. The reason is simple: The _____ market for animal _____ or coverings is quite lucrative. And as farmland and hunting grounds are _____ to development, tribespeople are left with few other ways to earn a living.

For each question from 66 to 70, write the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences. (10 marks)

66. I am not allowed to invite Jim to my place. My mother dislikes him.

The reason _____

67. "I lost my keys and I am trapped in the house," Mrs Liu explained.

Mrs Liu explained _____

68. Ravi had been late for work. His supervisor scolded him.

If _____

69. No one in school can swim as fast as Randy

Randy can _____

70. We are not renovating this place. We do not intend to live here permanently.

We have _____
so _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Aunt Thankful shook the flour off her hands, walked over to the oven and said, "You four young ones are a burden to us. Glory and Eli are too young to keep themselves, and Ben is a good for nothing. He's eating us out of our house and home. As you know, times are hard and food is dear."

"But Ben –" Naomi began, then stifled her rebuttal, knowing that it would not help the situation.

"Your uncle has found you a job in the city and you are to leave this weekend," Aunt Thankful announced.

Naomi shrank back in stunned silence. She was not prepared for *that*. If she had to work in the city, who would take care of Glory and Eli? Ben was of no help. He had treated them like strangers since they moved in with Aunt Thankful.

That night, Naomi felt a familiar prick under her eyelids. These little drips of tears had been her source of comfort. She was bitter about her plight and most of all, she resented her aunt greatly for all her spiteful words. As she thought of how to keep the family together, the traumatic scenes started flashing across her mind. She could vividly remember how panic-stricken she and Ben had been while waiting for their parents to take Glory and Eli out of the fiery door, how the heavy beams above them started falling and how the raging flames engulfed their parents. She had lost everything she once held dear and so was determined to protect what she was left with now.

Naomi jumped as Eli suddenly cried out in his sleep. She turned and looked at him. She started to envision him dressed like a Shaker boy, sleeping in a warm room on a bed of his own and going to the Shaker school. The Shakers took in children. Besides, they were rich! They owned farmlands, sold herbs, seeds, furniture and cloth. She and Ben could easily work there to provide for themselves and their siblings. They could all go to the Shakers and stay together!

"Ben, Ben!" Naomi shook her older brother. "Wake up! I need to talk to you." Ben sat up, his hair mussed and his face blurred with sleep.

"What is it?" he grumbled.

"Ben, I don't want to go," Naomi began.

"We've all got to do things we don't want to do," he said dully.

"You don't. You're always hiding in the barn," Naomi continued.

Adapted from The Shakeress by Kimberley Heuston

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why had Naomi and her siblings moved in with Aunt Thankful?

72. Why did Aunt Thankful say that Ben was a good for nothing?

73. Explain the phrase "too young to keep themselves" in your own words.

74. Which two reasons motivated Aunt Thankful to insist that Naomi had to take on a job in the city?

75. What does the word 'that' in line 9 refer to?

76. "That night, Naomi felt a familiar prick under her eyelids." What does this sentence tell you about Naomi?

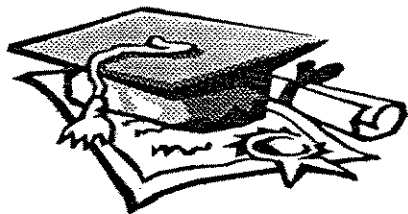
77. Which sentence tells you that Naomi was not thrown into despair despite the tragedy she suffered?

78. What do you think Naomi would possibly do to solve her problem?

79. "We've all got to do things we don't want to do," he said dully. (Line 31)
What did Ben mean when he said that?

80. Besides being determined, what is one other quality that Naomi possessed?
Give a reason to support your answer.

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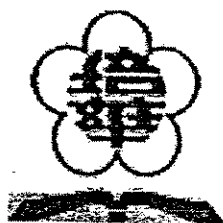
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1. 2	34) N
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8. 3	41) chosen
9. 2	42) across
10. 3	43) concealed
11. 1	44) rehearsal
12. 4	45) reprimands
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23. 4	56) danger
24. 1	57) programs
25. 2	58) arc
26. 2	59) about
27. 1	60) called
28. 4	61) slaughtered
29. 1	62) fetch
30. 1	63) contributing
31. H	64) skin
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- 66) The reason I am not allowed to invite Jim to my place is that my mother dislikes him.
- 67) Mrs Liu explained that she had lost her keys and was trapped in the house.
- 68) If Ravi had not been late for work, his supervisor would not have scolded him.
- 69) Randy can swim faster than anyone in school.
- 70) We have no intention of living here permanently so we are not renovating this place.
- 71) Their parents had died in a fire and they were homeless.
- 72) Ben ate a lot and did not do any work to help but himself in the barn.
- 73) It means that Glory and Eli were not old enough to support themselves.
- 74) She could not support them as life was difficult and food was costly.
- 75) "That" refers to Naomi working in the city.
- 76) It tells us that Naomi was crying frequently.
- 77) The sentence is "She had lost everything she once held dear and so was determined to protect what she left with now".
- 78) I think she would possibly go to the shakers with her siblings to seek employment and lodging.
- 79) Ben and his siblings had to obey Aunt Thankful and do as they were instructed though it was against their will.
- 80) She was hard working. She wanted to work for the shakers.

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Children's Day Special (September 28 – October 1, 2006)

(COME VISIT US! WE ARE BIRD FLU FREE!)



Timberland Favourite Buddy Contest

Vote your favourite buddy from the Birds n Buddies show. 4 families stand to win Timberland vouchers worth S\$1000.

Venue: Pools Amphitheatre

* Terms and conditions apply



'Win a trip to South Africa' Contest

Name the birds in the all-new African Wetlands exhibit for a chance to win a package tour for 2 to South Africa.

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Lory Feeding*

Have a fun time feeding the lories at only \$1.

Venue: Lory Loft

* For children 3-12yrs

Maths Trail Special*

Come for an enriching Maths Trail at the BirdPark. Trail booklets on special offer at \$1 only

* Upper Primary & Lower Secondary.

* School group bookings only.



Bongo Burgers School Group Specials*

Student groups can enjoy Bongo Burgers meals at special student prices*

* Only for school groups with advanced booking only.

Sale for Conservation

Bring home a souvenir. All sale proceeds go towards our Birdlife Conservation Singapore Fund.

Venue: Main Station



Jurong BirdPark, 2 Jurong Hill,
Singapore 628925
Tel: (65)6265 0022 Fax: (65) 6261 1869
Email: info@birdpark.com.sg

School group bookings,
Contact Education Officer @ 6661 7809/819

Adapted from Singapore BirdPark advertisement

For each questions from 1 – 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2,3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

1. The vouchers given in the 'Birds n Buddies Show' are most likely to be sponsored by _____.

- (1) Timberland
- (2) Jurong BirdPark
- (3) Pools Amphitheatre
- (4) Birds n Buddies Show

2. Lower secondary pupils participating in the Maths Trail and are in the 'advanced school booking' tour category will get to _____.

- (1) receive a free goodie bag each on admission to the BirdPark and get their Maths Trail booklets for free
- (2) enjoy their meals at Bongo Burgers at special student price and receive the Maths trail booklets at a cost of \$1 each
- (3) enjoy a meal at the Bongo Burgers at special student prices and receive a free good bag on admission to the BirdPark
- (4) receive their Maths trail booklets and be able to participate in feeding the lories at a special price

3. A primary 2 pupil going on an advanced booking tour to the Bird Park on 28 September, 2006 will _____.

- (1) have to vote for his favourite bird at the Amphitheatre
- (2) be able to participate in the Maths Trail Special
- (3) enjoy a Bongo Burgers meal at a special price
- (4) take home a souvenir at the Main Station

4. Visitors can help prevent more birds from being endangered or extinct by _____.

- (1) identifying the birds in the African Wetlands exhibit
- (2) visiting the Bird Park from 28 Sept to 1 Oct 2006
- (3) participating in the Lory Feeding at \$1 each time
- (4) purchasing a souvenir from the Main Station

5. Based on the advertisement, which of the following statements is not true?

- (1) Limited free goodie bags are given out to early birds.
- (2) Visitors are able to view birds from the African continent.
- (3) The events and contests are organized for primary school children only.
- (4) There have been no incidences of outbreaks of contagious disease in the BirdPark

For each of the questions from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2,3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(7 marks)

6. I demand that you _____ what you said about my grandma wearing army boots!
- (1) take out
(2) take off
(3) take back
(4) take away
7. Jing Jing would _____ work through lunch-break _____ stay after office hours.
- (1) preferably... than to
(2) rather... than
(3) prefer to... than x
(4) rather... to x
8. My teacher made Tao Chuan _____ his homework before allowing him to go home.
- (1) complete
(2) completes
(3) completed
(4) completing
9. Zubaidah hardly ever goes to the theatre, _____?
- (1) is it
(2) isn't it
(3) does she
(4) doesn't she
10. "Has anyone here ever _____ an Airbus before?" the Captain asked the new pilots.
- (1) fly
(2) ~~flies~~ x
flies
(3) flew x
(4) flown x
11. The boys are _____ loggerheads _____ each other. Every moment, they quarrel without fail.
- (1) on... at
(2) at... against
(3) with... over
(4) at... with
12. _____ the financial support from the school, Henry would never have completed his education.
- (1) Without
(2) Besides
(3) Except
(4) Apart from

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3marks)

Trying to avoid Mrs Macready and the party of sightseers, the four children hid in the wardrobe. Magic must have been 'chasing' the four children into Narnia.

"O-o-oh (13) Susan suddenly exclaimed, and everyone asked her what was the matter.

"I'm sitting against a tree (14) said Susan, "and look! It's getting light —over there."

"By jove (15) you're right," said Peter, "and look there — and there. It's trees all round. And this wet stuff is snow. Why, I do believe we've got into Lucy's wood after all."

The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, C.S. Lewis

13. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [" ,] inverted commas and commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [;] semi-colon
(4) [?] question mark

For each questions from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1,2,3 or 4) . Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. Joyce had _____ insulted Daniel's mother in the moment of her anger. Now, she is filled with regret.

(1) inadvertently (3) abruptly
(2) mistakenly (4) ignorantly

17. We should not blindly _____ the West in their lifestyles and beliefs. We should be proud of ours instead.

(1) bug (3) ape
(2) hound (4) parrot

18. A _____ of senior doctors are in the meeting to chart the direction of the hospital for the next ten years.

(1) school (3) bench
(2) company (4) panel

19. The King hated the prophet as he was known to be a/an _____ of bad news; nothing good ever comes out from his mouth.

(1) predecessor (3) harbinger
(2) ambassador (4) envoy

20. Mary had a _____ tumour in her abdomen which was of no danger to her. The doctor decided that surgery was unnecessary.

(1) benign (3) malign
(2) malignant (4) benevolent

For each questions from 21 – 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Neil Humphreys was a journalist who came to Singapore from Dagenham, England, in search of a better place after "being mugged twice" in his hometown. Five years later, he decided to (21) put together his musings and bittersweet experiences in our little island in a book – *Notes from an Even Smaller Island*

Each chapter of this book contains (22) a short account of an interesting or funny experience about his stay in Singapore. Readers will also be able to identify with the (23) usual stereotypes that Neil writes about — erratic taxi drivers, bus aunties laden with heavy plastic bags and the talkative uncles of the void deck.

His book is also filled with interesting historical facts of Singapore which many readers would have shamelessly (24) agreed they didn't even know.

Overall this book is definitely a good read. However parental guidance is advised as this book contains occasional use of (25) swear words that may be unsuitable for young readers.

21. (1) collect
(2) amass

- (3) compile
(4) compose

22. (1) an anecdote
(2) an archive

- (3) an autobiography
(4) an explanation

23. (1) typical
(2) familiar

- (3) average
(4) mediocre

24. (1) consented
(2) approved

- (3) concurred
(4) claimed

25. (1) benediction
(2) incantation

- (3) berating
(4) expletives

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was lonely living on the island. There were no children on the island to play with. Playing make-believe was the only way I could entertain myself. Sometimes I would imagine myself to be a captain of a travelling ship. I wanted a toy but sadly I had none. I decided to talk to my father about this hoping that he could get me one. As luck would have it, I need not do so.

5

While walking on the beach one day, I found a toy boat washed ashore. I picked up my precious find and vowed never to lose it as there were no toys on the island.

One day, I was floating my boat on the water, carefully staying near the shore where my father was watching, when he remembered that he needed to take his medicine. He instructed me to get back to the shore for a moment before he rushed into a nearby hut to take his pill. When I saw my father turn away, I stepped into the water to retrieve my boat. A sudden gust of wind caught its sail and pushed it away from me. In my hurry, I fell and was drenched. I stood up and took a couple of steps towards my boat, but the current that my movements created propelled the boat further away.

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I watched in horror as my boat floated out of reach. I was determined not to lose it. In one huge step, I stretched my arm as far as it could go and strained to grab the boat. But I missed and plummeted into the sea, not realising how deep the water was. I was soon enveloped in seawater. I paddled and kicked hard, trying to remain above the surface, but the water was just too deep and the current too strong. I found myself sinking to the bottom. I gasped for air, but only salt water filled my throat and nostrils. I passed out.

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My father later recounted how when he emerged from the hut, he saw me thrashing in the water before I disappeared. He had swum as fast as he could to the spot and repeatedly dived into the water, till he found me. His hand had brushed against my hair and he grabbed it and yanked my head out of the water. He pulled me to shore and started mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. When I regained consciousness, I saw my father crying. I had never before, and have never since, seen him cry so hard.

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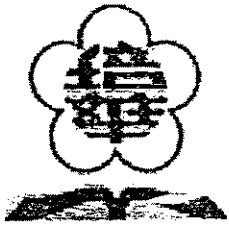
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I was so traumatised that for a few days after, I was often woken up by nightmares of being drowned. I never dared go into the sea again.

Adapted from the *Reader's Digest* 2006

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shad the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. What does 'this' in line 4 refer to?
- 1 The writer's desire for a toy from his father.
 - 2 The writer's lack of playmates on the island.
 - 3 The writer's make-belief as a captain of a ship.
 - 4 The writer's decision to talk to his father about not having a toy.
27. Why was the writer so determined to retrieve the toy boat?
- 1 He needed to play with toys.
 - 2 He had vowed never to lose a boat.
 - 3 The toy boat was the only toy he had.
 - 4 He did not want to be lonely anymore
28. The sentence "I was so traumatised that for a few days after, I was often woken up by nightmares of being drowned" shows that the writer _____
- 1 was very shaken by the near-drowning experience
 - 2 vowed never to go into the sea again
 - 3 never forgot his father's cries
 - 4 could not sleep at night
29. Another word for "plummeted" in line 19 is _____.
- 1 plunged
 - 2 gravitated
 - 3 descended
 - 4 submerged
30. Which of the following sentences is true?
- 1 The writer and his family were on the island because they had been shipwrecked.
 - 2 The writer's father almost lost his son in a drowning incident.
 - 3 The writer's defiance and disobedience had cost him his boat.
 - 4 The drowning incident was the only time the writer realised how much father loved him.



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PRIMARY 6
PAPER 2

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BOOKLET B

Section	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
Grammar cloze	10	
Editing	10	
Comprehension Cloze	15	
Synthesis & Transformation	10	
Comprehension Open-ended	20	
Total	65	

- Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
- Follow all instructions carefully.
- Answer all questions.
- Check your work carefully.

Booklet B (65 marks)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

~~(A) despite~~	~~(D) that~~	~~(G) with~~	~~(K) so~~	~~(N) of~~
~~(B) above~~	~~(E) from~~	~~(H) over~~	~~(L) may~~	~~(P) can~~
~~(C) however~~	~~(F) unless~~	~~(J) these~~	~~(M) though~~	~~(Q) this~~

In nature, bad smell is vital for the survival ^{of} in some plants and animals. Let us find out why smelling bad _____ not be a bad thing at all.

(31)

The Rafflesia flower is well-known for its size and the stench it emits. The terrible smell of _____ flower is close to _____ of a rotting animal. Anyone who stands near it

(32)

(33)

will feel nauseous. _____ the smell is awful, certain beetles and flies are attracted to it.

(34)

_____ insects help to transfer pollen from the male to the female Rafflesia flowers, and

(35)

this helps the Rafflesia plant reproduce.

Insects too, rely on smell. We should not trifle _____ a stinkbug although it is small

(36)

in size. When it is irritated, it defends itself by emitting a noxious smell _____ its body.

(37)

This unpleasant smell is its way of telling its enemies that it is not tasty.

The skunk also emits a stinking smell. _____, it is not smelly all the time. It sprays a

(38)

smelly chemical from glands near its bottom when it is in danger. The smell is said

to last for _____ a year!

(39)

How about us? Well, we _____ smell awful too. When we do, it is the body's way of

(40)

warning us that it is time to have a wash!

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.
(10 marks)

Japan invaded Malaya in 1941 without officially declaring war on Britain. During

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the Japanese **ocupasion** in Singapore, many British and Australian soldiers became

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prisoners of war (POWs). Between them was William Haxworth.

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During his intern in Changi Prison, he secretly drew sketches and

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paintings that depicted the harsh, crowded and **unhigienic** living conditions in the

camps.

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Though he was not an artist by **proffesor**, Haxworth displayed great skill and was

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able to capture the events that took place before the captive years in his paintings. He

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captured **vidvidly** the transformation of the internees from well-built men when they

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first entered the camp to pale shadows of their former self. They were

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reduced to skin and bones as a result of **inaddeqate** food and diseases.

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Haxworth's artworks are now displayed at "Colours Behind Barbed Wires", the online exhibition, for public viewing.

The Arctic and Antarctic regions are considered the coldest places on Earth. These regions are covered with ice throughout the year. Water turns into ice in moments because the _____ in these areas are very low. Amazingly, there are some
(51)

animals that can actually live in such icy _____ without any fear of
(52)
being _____ to death.
(53)

Many mammals that live at or near the Poles have thick fur. The fur helps _____
(54)
a layer of air close to these animals' _____. Since air is a poor conductor of
(55)
heat, _____ helps many of these animals to _____ body heat and thus
(56) (57)
keep them warm.

One such animal is the polar bear that _____ in the Arctic. Underneath its layer
(58)
of white fur, it actually _____ black skin. This is to help the bear absorb heat from
(59)
the sun. On top of this skin, the polar bear actually has two layers of fur. The _____
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layer is made up of long water-resistant hairs on which water rolls off. The bear thus relies
on this _____ coat to keep it dry when it swims. The under layer of fur
(61)

is soft and woolly, keeping the bear _____. Another way the polar bear
(62)

_____ with the cold is to have a layer of blubber that can be more
(63)
than four inches thick under its skin. It is the _____ of blubber and thick
(64)

fur that protects the bear from the harsh winters of the Arctic.

It is truly amazing how animals, such as the polar bear, find ways to survive in such cold and _____ conditions.
(65)

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s) (10 marks)

66. My baby sister goes everywhere with her Barbie doll.

My baby sister does not _____

67. Let the chicken broth boil first before adding the salt.

_____ until

68. Kylie was surprised when Jack suddenly arrived at the nursing home.

_____ surprised Kylie.

69. We can have dessert at this food centre. We can have dessert at that food centre.

either of _____

70. James has already made up his mind on that matter. He still asked Mary for her opinion.

despite _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Fatima moved and stood waist-deep in a shallower part of the river. She had been looking forward to this moment since late afternoon. The pregnant woman unloosed her black hair, and with her hands scooped the water and let it run through her hair and her body. She signed blissfully, thankful for the momentary coolness.

When she turned around, she was hypnotised into a helpless fear by the glaring eyes of the tiger. It was on the bank, merely 12 metres away from her. They stood motionless, eyeing each other for what seemed like eternity. The occasional growls became less menacing each time. Soon, the tiger laid down with its huge paws stretched out in front. Fatima noticed that the glare of its eyes had changed into a sullen and bored expression. It was only at this point that Fatima realised that the tiger's belly was swollen just like hers. Could the tiger be expecting her cubs soon? 5 10

The shrill scream of the cicada and the distant hoot of an owl signalled the impending darkness. Fatima grew desperate when the tiger showed no signs of going away. Her hands wandered over her stomach, and the realization that she was a being with two lives compelled her to make a bid for an escape. When the animal turned its eyes away from her, with a desperate movement Fatima dived under water and made for the opposite bank, in the direction of the village. She swam frantically towards the shore until she saw the twinkling oil-lamps of the village. 15

The villagers were in a panic by the time Fatima's mother had spread an exaggerated version of the story her daughter had told her. The village headman arrived at her house to question her on the whereabouts of the tiger. Unlike the villagers who wanted to have the tiger killed, Fatima was against it. She said, "The tiger could have easily sprung at me as it was near but it didn't. Also there was nothing murderous about its eyes... they looked gentle and bored." The headman frowned at what she had just said. 20

The headman told the crowd, "A tiger is not a pleasant thing to have roving near our village. For the peace and safety of everyone, the beast must be destroyed without delay." The men regarded the floor in silence and avoided the headman's eyes. They knew how dangerous it was to track a tiger at night, especially when the dense, shadowy jalang afforded the beast such an advantageous position to hide and strike. 25

A man, by the name of Mamood, walked into the crowd with a gun slung across his shoulders. He was all for hunting the tiger. "We have to think of the women and children. The poor creatures will never move an inch out of their houses until they know that the tiger is dead," said Mamood. Aware that he was a good shot, the men decided to rally round him and left the village to hunt for the tiger. 30

Soon after, Fatima was resting in the hut with her mother when she felt a sharp pain shot through her. Her hands went over her stomach. Her mother advised her to lie down on the mat. A faraway crack of a rifle was heard. Then another shot followed. The air was suddenly filled with excited voices. The old lady opened the door and called out to someone. "Hurrah for Mamood, Auntie," cried a youth. "They managed to kill the tiger. After the animal was dead, they found three of the tiniest tiger cubs whose eyes were scarcely opened" Mamood said that they could not be more than a few hours old. No wonder the beast put up a fierce fight and fought like one possessed before it was killed by Mamood." the boy said excitedly in one single breath. 35 40

Fatima was in a sombre mood that night. The thought that she might be the indirect cause of the tiger's death was unbearable to her. She wished she had the means to stop the hunt and save the tiger's life. But she also understood the village headman's argument for the tiger's destruction. Not too far, she heard the cubs' whimpering within the village compound and she knew too well what sort of fate awaited the cubs the next day. 45

Adapted from *The Tiger*, by S.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was Fatima in the river?

72. Was Fatima in any immediate danger in paragraph 2? Explain your answer.

73. Besides the coming nightfall, what made Fatima determined to escape in paragraph 3?

74. Which group of 5 words shows that Fatima's mother had overstated her daughter's account of what had happened at the river?

75. Why did the men 'regard the floor in silence' and avoid looking at the headman's eyes? (line 27)

76. Why did Mahmood consider the women and children in the village to be 'poor creatures'? (line 32)

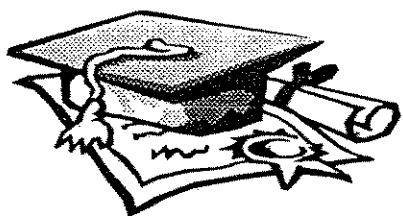
77. Explain the phrase 'he was a good shot' (line 33) in your own words.

78. Other than fighting for its life, what do you think is one other likely reason that had caused the tiger to fight 'like one possessed' (line 42)?

79. "... she knew too well what sort of fate awaited the cubs the next day." What do you think might happen to the tiger's cubs? Explain your answer.

80. In your own words, why do you think Fatima was in a 'sombre mood' in the last paragraph.

End of Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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1.1	34)M
2.2	35)J
3.3	36)G
4.4	37)E
5.3	38)C
6.3	39)H
7.2	40)P
8.1	41)occupation
9.3	42)Among
10. 4	43)interment
11. 4	44)unhygienic
12. 1	45)profession
13. 4	46)during
14. 1	47)vividly
15. 1	48)selves
16. 1	49)inadequate
17. 3	50)an
18. 4	51)temperatures
19. 3	52)areas
20. 1	53)frozen
21. 3	54)trap
22. 1	55)bodies
23. 1	56)it
24. 3	57)conserve
25. 4	58)lives
26. 1	59)has
27. 3	60)outer
28. 1	61)water-resistant
29. 1	62)warm
30. 2	63)cope
31. L	64)layer
32. Q	65)icy
33. D	

66) My baby sister does not go anywhere without her Barbie doll.

67) Do not add salt until the chicken broth boils.

68) Jack's sudden arrival at the nursing home surprised Kylie.

69) We can have deserts at either of the food centres.

70) James still asked Mary for her opinion on that matter despite having made up his mind.

71) She was enjoying the cool waters of the river.

72) No. She was not. The tiger that she was expecting just like her. It had no murderous expression in its eyes too.

73) The realization that she was a being with two lives made Fatimah determined to escape.

74) The group of words is "an exaggerated version of the story".

75) They were aware of the dangers involved in hunting the tiger and were probably a bit afraid.

76) If the tiger were to attack, the women and children would not be able to defend themselves.

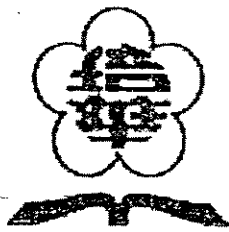
77) It means that he was able to hit his target.

78) The tiger had just given birth to its three cubs and did not want them to get hurt.

79) Cubs died because they could not fend for themselves.

80) She regretted telling the head man about the tiger and could not save the tiger.

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PEI HWA PRESBYTERIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2007****ENGLISH LANGUAGE****PRIMARY 6****PAPER 2**

Name : _____ ()

Class : _____ - (6)

Date : _____

Parent's Signature : _____

BOOKLET A

Total time for Booklet A and B : 1 hour 50 minutes

Booklet	Type	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
A	Multiple-Choice	30	
B	Open-Ended	65	
Grand Total		95	

- Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
- Follow all instructions carefully.
- Answer all questions.
- Check your work carefully.

Read the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5

Esplanade Presents
explorations

School's Out 'N' Art's In!

The Esplanade comes alive with arts activities this year-end break!
Come on down with your family for some arts fun
and unleash hidden creative talents.

Water Project

A two-day workshop exploring the properties of water through visuals, sound, storytelling and original artworks. Includes a session in the pool to inspire music making.

For children between 4-12 years old

6 & 7 Dec 07, 9:30am-5:30pm
\$188 for a family of four (at least 1 adult), \$50 for an extra child or adult.

Creative Arts Camp- "Signs of Fire!"

A five-day camp exploring drama through visual arts, movement/ dance, storytelling and puppetry. Highlights include lunchtime performances and chat sessions with established theatre practitioners.

For students between 13-16 years old

8 to 12 Dec 07, 9am-5pm
\$240

The Cultural Heritage choir

African-American music is delivered by a five member acapella choir

For families and children above 4 years old

13 & 14 Dec 07, 10:30am & 1:30pm
Tickets at \$15

Wire Up! Bending and Twisting Together!

Come and unravel the complexities of wires. You'll discover the fascinating world of using wires as a sculpture medium.

For children above 10 years old

20 Dec 07, 10am-3pm
Package of 4 persons: \$120
Package of 2 persons: \$70

With at least one adult per group.



ENROL YOUR CHILD FOR A FUN-FILLED SCHOOL HOLIDAY NOW!

For registration and enquiries on workshops, please call 62828 833 For performances, tickets are available at Esplanade Box Office, Sistic counter. To book online check it out at www.esplanade.com

For each of the questions from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. The advertisement is about _____ at the Esplanade.
 - (1) the availability of facilities
 - (2) upcoming arts events
 - (3) upcoming musical performances
 - (4) the search for hidden creative talents

2. Siti is very interested in acting, she should take part in the _____.
 - (1) Water Project
 - (2) Creative Arts Camp-"Signs of Fire!"
 - (3) Cultural Heritage choir
 - (4) Wire Up! Bending and Twisting Together!

3. Wire Up! Bending and Twisting Together! is about _____.
 - (1) acquiring the skill of wiring
 - (2) learning about the complexities of wire
 - (3) using wire as a medium for sculpturing
 - (4) discovering the fascinating properties of wire

4. Which statement is true about the advertisement?
 - (1) All of the arts activities need the participation of an adult.
 - (2) Children above ten years old can take part in only two of the arts activities.
 - (3) All of the arts activities involve hands-on sessions for children
 - (4) The only performance is the choir presenting African-American music.

5. The main purpose of The Esplanade presenting the activities is most probably to _____.
 - (1) encourage family bonding
 - (2) seek out children with creative talents
 - (3) promote arts to the public
 - (4) attract families and children to visit the Esplanade

For each of the questions from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. Joo Seng, as well as his brothers, _____ the family's bakery business for more than ten years.
- (1) runs
 - (2) have run
 - (3) would run
 - (4) has been running
7. John rarely drinks coffee, _____?
- (1) doesn't he
 - (2) does he
 - (3) didn't he
 - (4) did he
8. _____ of the workers in that factory responds to the call for the blood donation.
- (1) All
 - (2) None
 - (3) Some
 - (4) Many
9. Their plan to sell their property during the property boom _____ as they could not agree on the sale price.
- (1) fell in
 - (2) fell out
 - (3) fell back
 - (4) fell through
10. If you had gone to the flea market last night, you _____ Mark.
- (1) will meet
 - (2) might meet
 - (3) would have met
 - (4) can have met

11. The proximity of the two street signs is always a cause _____ confusion among drivers.

- (1) at
- (2) of
- (3) for
- (4) with

12. She _____ on every dress in that boutique and does not like any of them.

- (1) tried
- (2) tries
- (3) has tried
- (4) had tried

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(3marks)

Josh and Jake found a rusty old tin in an old hut. When they opened the tin, Josh exclaimed (13) "What beautiful and unique looking coins (14)

"Let's show them to Dad, he'll know what these coins are (15) suggested Jake.

So the two boys ran looking for their father with the tin which they had found.

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
(4) [;"] semi colon and inverted commas
15. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

For each questions from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. Hooligans _____ as football fans have once again caused disturbances.
- (1) emulating
 - (2) duplicating
 - (3) camouflaging
 - (4) masquerading
17. Many people have been _____ by heavy monsoon rain and floods.
- (1) placed
 - (2) replaced
 - (3) displaced
 - (4) misplaced
18. Being a _____, Jack was not able to handle the unruly children.
- (1) novice
 - (2) veteran
 - (3) mercenary
 - (4) professional
19. Jane _____ a bargain with her client. She would lower the cost price if he would ~~by~~ place his order in bulk.
- (1) drove
 - (2) struck
 - (3) clinched
 - (4) wrangled
20. The lawyer would face criminal charges for embezzlement a day after he was _____ from Australia.
- (1) exiled
 - (2) extradited
 - (3) relocated
 - (4) removed

For each questions from 21 – 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Clarence Day had written several books but his attempts were (21) unsuccessful. Though he was discouraged, he was (22) unwilling to give up, he put all his hope into his next effort. On the day of completion, he wrapped his (23) prized possession in a brown paper bag and sent it off to the publisher.

When the publisher received the manuscript, he sent it off to the printer. But when the printer went to work with the pages, he found they were missing - (24) gone without a trace. But where? Every possible place the printer had dealings with had to be checked. It was only after ^{an} ~~a~~ tremendous effort of locating it, that the manuscript was found and printed. The book was a success and he became (25) very popular overnight.

- (21) (1) fruitless
(2) effortless
(3) needless
(4) redundant
- (22) (1) bold
(2) resistant
(3) undaunted
(4) formidable
- (23) (1) highly priced
(2) greatly valued
(3) greatly yearned
(4) highly respected
- (24) (1) vanished
(2) perished
(3) vanquished
(4) diminished
- (25) (1) a prodigy
(2) a maverick
(3) a household name
(4) a prized possession

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

My fascination with nature had provided me with an endless source of distraction and amazement. The butterfly, especially, caught my attention and catching and collecting them became a hobby that lasted ever since. I began to collect butterflies when I discovered a startling variety of them when I arrived on a little island in the Pacific Ocean.

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Soon, I had several glass-topped trays of glorious specimens, all carefully labelled and mounted. They came in all sizes and colours. Catching butterflies was not easy, so I was proud of my collection which consisted of some rather rare species.

However there was one that I had yet to capture – the magnificent great orange tip. I came across a fully illustrated page with scientific information on this orange-tipped white butterfly. With its seven to ten centimetre wingspan, it was Okinawa's largest white butterfly. I was entranced and was determined to have one.

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This butterfly with its lofty habitat, proved to be my greatest challenge. I could only watch these lovely insects high above the canopy of trees that shrouded the centre of the island. No matter how high I climbed, encumbered by my net and collection jars, these creatures were always beyond my reach. I did not give up hope of capturing it so I would always spend my days outdoor wandering about and keeping a wary eye out for my elusive beauty. However my search for it would always end up fruitless.

20

One day on my way out, along the vibrant hibiscus hedge around the corner of my house, I caught a flash of brilliant white out of the corner of my eye. I looked up and there it was, about a metre away, settled on one of the big scarlet flowers. As it fed on the nectar, its wings moved tremulously and I froze in my tracks, transfixed. After a long moment, I began to raise my net, little by little, my heart pounding, the sweat trickling down my brow.

25

Suddenly the big beauty was aloft, moving to another flower. I swung. And there at last was the coveted prize, beating furiously in the fine mesh of my trap. I could scarcely believe my eyes or my luck.

Adapted from *Reader's Digest*

For each questions from 26 – 30, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. The main reason for the author to collect butterflies was because he _____.

- (1) was fascinated with nature
- (2) found that catching butterflies was easy
- (3) derived great pleasure in collecting them
- (4) realised that there was surprisingly a huge species of them

27. The phrase that shows that the 'orange tip' was something that the author greatly desired to possess was _____.

- (1) 'big beauty'
- (2) 'brilliant white'
- (3) 'the coveted prize'
- (4) 'magnificent great orange tip'

28. What made the author determined to have 'orange tip'? He _____.

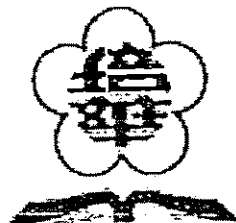
- (1) was mesmerised by it.
- (2) wanted to be proud of his collection
- (3) enjoyed going outdoor to search for it
- (4) found it a great challenge to climb up to its lofty habitat

29. The author froze in his tracks in line 26 because _____.

- (1) he enjoyed watching the 'orange tip' feed on nectar
- (2) he wanted to confirm the wingspan of the 'orange tip'
- (3) the 'orange tip', which he had wanted to capture was almost within his reach.
- (4) he wanted to examine the white beauty which had settled on a scarlet flower

30. It was with a sense of _____ that the author had finally caught 'the great orange tip'.

- (1) disbelief
- (2) achievement
- (3) bewilderment
- (4) great satisfaction



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BOOKLET B

Section	Max. Marks	Marks Obtained
Grammar cloze	10	
Editing	10	
Comprehension Cloze	15	
Synthesis & Transformation	10	
Comprehension Open-ended	20	
Total	65	

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Booklet B (65 marks)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

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The 30th Singapore Arts Festival opened at the Padang _____ a high
(31)
note _____ an energetic show and a four-minute fireworks display.
(32)

One of the highlights was _____ aerial theatrical show put
(33)
_____ by the renowned Spanish performance troupe La Fura dels Baus, with
(34)
dancers performing on a spinning wheel, 7-m in diameter.

_____ awed the 8000-strong crowd, _____ included
(35) (36)
the guest of honour, Mr Lee Boon Yang, the Minister of Information, Communications
the Arts

He said, " _____ was an element of danger and I think the crowd
(37)
can sense it. It's part of the thrill."

Another highlight was the sight of 36 airborne dancers on a giant, 40m high
The dancers were volunteers from Singapore _____ had answered a festival
(38)
call _____ performers to perform on the opening night.
(39)

The arts festival had not only made Singapore a _____ vibrant city,
(40)
it had also done wonders in energising and inspiring future artists.

Adapted from The Straits Times

- Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant boxes. (10 marks)

A group of marine scientists, dive professionals and environmentalists are
(41)

spearheading the most ambitious and innovative conservation project with
(42) (43)

Singapore's waters. Its vision is to create a thriving coral reef in the lagoon encloses
by Pulau Hantu.
(44)

Pulau Hantu is the most popular and **ascensible** among Singapore's southern
(45) (46)

islands. This group of professionals aimed to provide a protected **senchuary** here for
the marine eco-system and its surroundings to thrive and especially for
(47)

indenigenous species of fauna to flourish. Their initial conservation activities included
(48)

coral relocation, detailed surveying and documenting of existing marine lives around
(49)

Pulau Hantu and **idantifying** key areas to protect them from further environmental
degradation.

The goal of the project is to prove that preservation of Singapore's
local natural heritage is possible even for such a rapidly growing country where
(50)

innovative ideas and **pratisses** can help to minimise some of the damaging
effects of industrial development.

Adapted from *Asian Geographic*

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The tundra is a vast open land that stretches around the Arctic Ocean. It is here that the wolf tracks _____ the caribou for food. In some tundra areas, this antlered animal is its main source of food. Wolves are _____ meat eaters, their diet may _____ from big game to insects. The wolf has been designed to be a supreme hunter, one who _____ its prey over tremendous distances.

The wolves, led by usually a dominant pair, often hunt in packs. They stalk migrating herds of caribou _____ the cold, vast, almost featureless plains, their attention not on the fittest animal. The pack then _____ out either a young or a weak animal in a herd, thereby expending _____ effort and energy to achieve a kill. Following that, the _____ devours its food. _____ food that is not consumed at the time of _____ is eaten later. The remains may be hidden from scavengers by _____ them in the natural freezer of a _____ of snow.

The social order of a wolf pack is very rigid and hierarchical as _____ member has a rank and knows its place. As the young wolves grow, they fight and play, in order to determine their _____ eventual rank _____ the pack.

It is the leader of the pack who decides its activity – whether or not to hunt, when to move on and when to rest. ~~that~~

* Caribou- a type of reindeer

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s)
(10 marks)

66. All the visitors at the museum were given a souvenir.

Every _____

67. Jack asked his mother, "Must I attend my piano lesson next Monday?"

Jack asked his mother _____

68. Many people enjoy swimming. It is a popular sport.

_____ that

69. Peter was humble. The teachers praised him.

_____ for

70. The salesman assured my mother that the silk was of the finest quality.
Hence, my mother bought the silk.

_____ until _____

Read the passage below and answer the questions 71 to 80.

While most office workers have to contend with traffic jams or packed MRT trains during the morning rush hour, Colin whizzes through Singapore on his trusty bicycle. It takes him only 45 minutes to cycle from his home in Toa Payoh to his workplace in Changi. The alternative MRT-bus route will take him twice the time.

You have to admire the simplicity and efficiency of the bicycle," Colin, 25, enthuses. "No fuel is needed. I'm able to go anywhere on two wheels." This means cycling a distance of almost 40km every day. However, instead of being tired out after this strenuous ride, Colin maintains that it actually 'energises' him, and as a result, his performance at work has improved. He insists that neither speed nor a healthy lifestyle is his main incentive for choosing leg power over fuel power — it is about doing his part for Mother Earth.

Colin had completed a grueling 1600km cycling route with some friends three months ago. He was glad he cycled. "Taking a trip like that with a car would have burnt a lot of petrol, so I'm glad we cycled. It's good for the environment," he says.

His green belief was further cemented after he watched the critically-acclaimed documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, which depicts the danger of global warming. The film's vivid scenes on the deadly effects of global warming on Earth sent shivers down his spine. He saw that as a "wake-up" call which made the former public transport user decide to take a stand by riding the bicycle to work four times a week, and pedals everywhere round Singapore on his days off. He sees this as his contribution to the green movement and has even started to rally his friends and colleagues to this worthy cause.

The avid cyclist has been regularly biking on Singapore's roads over the last five years and feels that traffic has become a lot more congested. The rapid expansion of the car population in the last three years greatly contributed to this congestion. The ensuing deterioration in air quality is felt most keenly by cyclists like Colin. He says, "You feel it more acutely as a cyclist because you can smell the air all the time, so you know when the quality is affected."

On why Singaporeans do not see the need to go green, Colin observes, "We get resources like electricity and petrol easily here but we don't really see the price we pay for them. It seems that all these conveniences come out of nowhere and are readily available, almost at the snap of a finger. We don't realise how damaging our actions are to the environment. Besides, Singapore is a small country, so maybe people think that our efforts do not have a global impact. But I disagree, every bit counts. Though Singapore may be small, everyone can do his part for Mother Earth.

Besides, wearing that cycling jersey is a surefire way to turn heads. You look really cool!" the affable bachelor adds with a twinkle.

Adapted from: *Leg Power over Fuel Power* The Sunday Times

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in paragraph 1 shows that Colin is able to move very fast?
- _____
- _____
72. Why is Colin so enthusiastic about the 'simplicity and efficiency of the bicycle'? (Line 5)
- _____
- _____
73. How has Colin benefited from his daily 40 km ride?
- _____
- _____
74. Which sentence in paragraph 4 shows how Colin was convicted of his role in environmental conservation?
- _____
- _____
75. In your own words, what impact did the documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth" have on Colin that made him decide to ride to work?
- _____
- _____
76. Which 2 word phrase shows that Colin is an enthusiast in cycling?
- _____
- _____

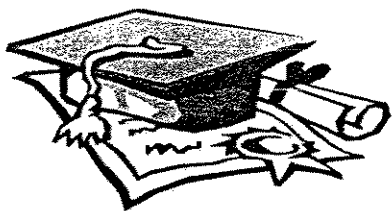
77. Explain the meaning of the line 'The ensuing deterioration ...by cyclists like Colin' in paragraph 5.

78. What does the 'price' in line 31 refer to?

79. Explain in your own words the phrase 'a surefire way to turn heads'. (Line 37)

80. Do you agree with Colin's observation in paragraph 6? Why?

End of Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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1. 2	31) G	41) in	51) down
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8. 2	38) F	48) life	58) pack
9. 4	39) C	49) identifying	59) The
10. 3	40) L	50) practices	60) killing
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12. 3	61) hiding		
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16. 4	65) in		
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19. 2	a souvenir.		
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21. 1	67) Jack asked his mother if he had to attend		
22. 3	his piano lesson the following Monday.		
23. 2			
24. 1	68) Swimming is a popular sport that many		
25. 3	people enjoy.		
26. 4			
27. 3	69) The teachers praised Peter for his		
28. 1	humility.		
29. 3			
30. 1	70) My mother did not buy silk until the		
	salesman assured he that it was of the		
	finest quality.		

71)The word is "whizzes".

72)No fuel is needed and he is able to go any where on two wheels.

73)He is move energetic and is able perform better at work.

74)The sentence is "His green belief was further cemented after he watched the critically-acclaimed documentary, An Inconvenient which depicts the danger of global warming".

75)It made Colin realize the danger of global warming and that he too had to play apart in conserving the earth.

76)The two word phrase is "avid cyclist".

77)It means that cyclist like Colin can feel that the air is move polluted that before.

78)It refers to the damage to the environment.

79)It refers to an effect live way to attract others' attention.

80)Yes, I do. Though resources are readily available, we should conserve as it is everyone's responsibility.

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PAPER 2

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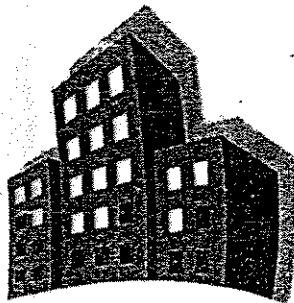
Section A : Graphics Stimulus (5x1 mark)

Study the poster carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Be a part of this luxurious living Imperial Heights

A man's home is his castle, so the saying goes. Imperial Heights, in all its splendour, allows you to experience all the luxuries fit for a king. Standing 20 stories tall, this 100 units of freehold development exudes a stately grandeur, subtle yet strong.

- Swimming pool, children's playground, barbecue pits, outdoor fitness station, gymnasium
- Minutes to Orchard Road
- Close proximity to Novena MRT, food courts, supermarkets
- Near reputable schools like Evergreen Primary School and Saint Elmo's High School



Imperial Heights

Visit us at 8 Flower Green
Sales Enquiries: 6769 8888

Showflat opens daily from 10 am
to 6 pm (Extended hours during
weekends - from 10am to 9pm)

Expected date of legal completion:
31 December 2008

Developer:

LV Properties Pte Ltd (Company Registration No: 200707946J)

101 Orchard Road, Singapore 782506

Tel: 6357 0843

Website: www.lvproperties.com.sg

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. How many floors will Imperial Heights have?
 - (1) ten
 - (2) twenty
 - (3) one hundred
 - (4) two hundred

2. In the phrase "exudes a stately grandeur, subtle yet strong", the word "stately" has the same meaning in context as _____.
 - (1) impressive
 - (2) country
 - (3) spacious
 - (4) modern

3. In Imperial Heights, they provide facilities like _____.
 - (1) Orchard Road and food courts
 - (2) supermarkets and barbecue pits
 - (3) children's playground and gymnasium
 - (4) Saint Elmo's High School and swimming pool

4. If you have a question regarding the sale of Imperial Heights, you should _____.
 - (1) call the developer
 - (2) go to 101 Orchard Road
 - (3) call the sales enquiry number
 - (4) check out LV Properties Pte Ltd's website

5. Which of the following is not true of Imperial Heights?
 - (1) Show flat closes at 9pm every day.
 - (2) Imperial Heights is near Orchard Road.
 - (3) Imperial Heights is near St. Elmo's High School.
 - (4) The developer of Imperial Heights is LV Properties Pte Ltd.

Section B : Grammar Discrete (7 × 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. Jane is good _____ sports while her brother is interested _____ languages.
- (1) in.....in
 - (2) at.....in
 - (3) in.....with
 - (4) at.....with
7. May and _____ have decided to share the prize with _____.
- (1) me.....he
 - (2) me.....him
 - (3) I.....him
 - (4) I he
8. I know what my brother likes. Baked beans _____ one of his favourite dishes.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
9. The caring army officer continued to _____ his sick soldiers.
- (1) call on
 - (2) call forth
 - (3) call in
 - (4) call up
10. The pupils whom Miss Lim _____ for were late.
- (1) wait
 - (2) was waiting
 - (3) were waiting
 - (4) have waited

11. Either the basketball captain or I _____ going to watch the match tomorrow.
- (1) is
 - (2) am
 - (3) are
 - (4) was
12. My cousin married _____ Eurasian who lectures in _____ university.
- (1) a..... a
 - (2) a.....an
 - (3) an.....a
 - (4) an.....an

Section C : Punctuation (3 × 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Mrs Lee, who was a housewife, wanted to teach her teenage daughter, Marie, how to cook spaghetti (13)

"Have you bought all the ingredients (14) asked Mrs Lee.

"Yes, I've placed the sausages, onions and olive oil on the table," replied Marie.

Suddenly, Mrs Lee exclaimed, "I smell something burning (15) It was the rag near the stove that had caught fire.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] fullstop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [" ?] inverted commas and question mark
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] inverted commas and exclamation mark
15. (1) [?] question mark
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [. "] fullstop and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Once the contract was signed, the contractor had to _____ to complete the work without fail.
- (1) undertake
 - (2) undersign
 - (3) undermine
 - (4) understudy
17. The man looked angrily at the beggar and _____ him a coin.
- (1) flipped
 - (2) tossed
 - (3) swished
 - (4) wagged
18. We should not let anything _____ the progress we are making in the project.
- (1) pause
 - (2) impede
 - (3) hesitate
 - (4) postpone
19. No one is _____ as everyone makes mistakes at one time or another.
- (1) infallible
 - (2) incredible
 - (3) inevitable
 - (4) incredulous
20. The plump turkeys can be heard _____ in the enclosure.
- (1) baying
 - (2) clucking
 - (3) gobbling
 - (4) warbling

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words

Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

She hurried along crumbling footpaths, nimbly avoiding a variety of obstructions.
(21)

The silence was strained and unnatural. As her senses grew more attuned to the unfamiliar surroundings, she realised that the silence was not as absolute as she had first thought. Far off, she heard faintly the sorrowful howl of some melancholy animal. Her scalp prickled with apprehension. She was too far from the source of the sound to be sure, but it reminded her of some disconsolate beast baying its loneliness to the night sky. She unsheathed her knife in preparedness as she moved deeper into the labyrinth.
(22)
(23)
(24)
(25)

21. (1) move slowly and easily
(2) move silently and slowly
(3) move quickly and easily
(4) move clumsily and slowly
22. (1) sad
(2) happy
(3) frustrated
(4) frightened
23. (1) relief
(2) agony
(3) anxiety
(4) surprise
24. (1) delighted
(2) deranged
(3) destructive
(4) depressed
25. (1) path
(2) trap
(3) maze
(4) unknown

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Each year, Americans celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther King Jr., a civil rights giant who changed the nation.

King had a dream of equality for all and hope for the poor. Even though prejudice and poverty still exist, the important lesson that King taught was that "We have to believe we can do something about this."

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King was born in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1929. He studied to be a minister and moved to Montgomery, Alabama, to preach at the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church. It was 1954, the year the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation in public schools. In 1955, King led a boycott of the city's buses after an African-American woman, Rosa Parks, was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white man. The boycott lasted more than a year, but led to a 1956 U.S. Supreme Court decision that banned seating separated by race on buses.

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In 1963, King led 250,000 people in a march on Washington, D.C., to support civil rights legislation. The event's highlight was King's famous speech, "I Have a Dream." The next year, King won the Nobel Peace Prize. "I accept this prize on behalf of all men who love peace and brotherhood," he said at the ceremony.

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In the years after those great victories, however, the civil rights movement began to show strain. There were some black leaders who were growing impatient with King's philosophy of non-violence. Many white supporters were devoting more of their time and energy to protesting the U.S. war in Vietnam. There was also a growing effort by some law-enforcement officials to discredit King, because they considered him a threat.

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In the spring of 1968, King hoped to bounce back by leading a multiracial crusade against poverty. He called it the Poor People's Campaign. Although his staff had doubts about the idea, King spent months planning a new march on Washington that would include poor people of all backgrounds and races, including Native Americans.

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At the same time, King was involved in protests in support of black sanitation workers who were on strike in Memphis, Tennessee. One protest turned violent, with looters breaking store windows and destroying parked cars – tactics that King opposed.

It was a tense time. Even trusted members of King's staff argued about the future of their group and its work. In speeches, King sometimes talked about dying for his cause.

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King returned to Memphis for another protest in April. He was shot on the balcony of his motel by an escaped convict. Just before he was shot, King spoke to a musician who was to play that night. "Make sure you play 'Precious Lord, Take My Hand' in the meeting tonight," he said. "Play it real pretty."

Adapted from A New Look At King by David Bjerklie, Time for Kids January 13, 2006

For each of the question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. Martin Luther King hoped _____.

- (1) to rule the nation
- (2) to promote the idea of racial segregation
- (3) that everyone would be treated equally
- (4) that people would embrace the civil rights movement

27. Martin Luther King can be described as being _____.

- (1) kind
- (2) timid
- (3) determined
- (4) self-centered

28. In the final months of his life, Martin Luther King experienced _____.

- (1) great victories in civil rights' moments
- (2) great support from his fellow staff members X
- (3) a difficult time to continue his civil rights activities
- (4) unanimous support from black leaders and white supporters

29. Which word in the passage refers to a 'concerted movement towards a cause'?

- (1) tactics
- (2) crusade
- (3) philosophy
- (4) segregation

30. In 1968, the protests in support of black sanitation workers grew out of hand because the workers _____.

- (1) opposed to all of King's beliefs
- (2) did not want to lose their jobs
- (3) were encouraged to do so by King
- (4) wanted to take matters in their own hands

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Section G: Structural Cloze (10 × 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31–40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

~~(A)~~ after	~~(B)~~ as	~~(C)~~ from	~~(K)~~ that	~~(N)~~ towards
~~(D)~~ amongst	~~(E)~~ at	~~(J)~~ in	~~(L)~~ though	~~(P)~~ which
~~(G)~~ around	~~(R)~~ for	~~(Y)~~ on	~~(M)~~ to	~~(Q)~~ without

Seven people were rescued after they had been marooned (31) _____ a week on a deserted island. According (32) _____ one of the survivors, after a turbulent storm, the crew of the ship had been shocked to find (33) _____ the engine of their ship had been badly damaged. Strong currents were swirling (34) _____ their vessel and they drifted aimlessly.

Fortunately, after two hours, a sailor (35) _____ deck, spotted an island in the distance. To their relief, their ship was actually drifting (36) _____ it. The men decided to abandon ship (37) _____ they were not far from the island. They lowered a lifeboat and rowed towards the island.

When they reached the shore of the island, (38) _____ an hour of vigorous paddling, exhaustion overtook them. (39) _____ another word, they fell on the sand and were soon fast asleep. For the following days, they lived on the wild fruit (40) _____ grew abundantly on the island.

Section H: Editing (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word(s) for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(41)

It is no **exagerasion** to say that steam engines ushered in the modern age. But who was the inventor of this "mover of mountains?"

(42)

The steam engine was not so much **invented** as developed. It would **be apauling** to give credit to any one person **as** that would be stealing credit away from the rightful owners. The steam engine **is** developed over a period of about a hundred years by three British inventors.

(43)

The first crude steam-powered machine was built by Thomas Savery, of England, in 1698. Savery **build** his machine to help pump water out of coal mines. This machine was so simple that it had no moving parts.

(44)

The next stage in the history of the steam engine was a result of the work of Thomas Newcomen, also of England. Newcomen knew that there must be a way of improving on Savery's **ineficient** steam pump. Newcomen built a machine where the steam actually pushed a movable piston in one direction to pump water out of coal mines.

(45)

(46)

In 1763, James Watt, a Scottish engineer, set out to improve **of** Newcomen's design.

(47)

(48)

Watt had figured **on** a way to push a piston back and forth in **it's** cylcinder and make

(49)

this motion turn a wheel. Watt may not have realized it at the time, but he had just **sucesfully**

(50)

invented the first railroad **lokomotiv**.

Adapted from "The Invention of the Steam Engine" by Phil Shapiro, 1995.

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 × 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each of the blanks with a suitable word.

New Zealand's Little Barrier Island is covered with forest and steep hills. The prize that awaits _____ who reaches its peaks is a possible sighting _____ of the
(51) (52)
world's rarest birds – the flightless kakapo parrot. Kakapo parrots are primarily _____;
(53)
they roost under cover in trees or on the ground during the day and rove their territories at

(54)
_____ I hauled my way by ropes through a heavy downpour to reach its
(55)
favoured habitat, I wondered if it was all worthwhile. However, it was. There it was – this strange
bird that _____ trees with its claws and uses its beak to nibble on flowers and leaves.
(56)
This plump, green bird _____ a duck and can live to the ripe old age of 60 or
(57)
70. Its huge curved beak and long, sharp claws could hurt any unwary finger, so I
handled it with _____
(58)

Conservation officers on the island are trying to encourage breeding by ensuring that
the birds _____ well-fed. Sometimes, they even incubate clutches of eggs to improve
(59)
their survival _____
(60)

The male kakapo booms his mating call for weeks _____ a female turns up to
(61)
oblige. Then he will go through a dazzling dance _____ as a prelude to the much
(62)
needed act of _____. Once the birds have mated, the female _____ to
(63) (64)
her home territory to lay eggs and raise the chicks. The male _____ booming in the
(65)
hope of attracting another female.

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Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 × 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. "Did you watch the news just now?" Ismail asked Tom.

Ismail asked Tom _____

67. The clerk was called into her employer's office. She had been incompetent.

Due to _____

68. The pupils will be released early for recess if they complete all their class work.

Unless _____

69. Ben believes everything he reads on the internet. He is naive.

It is naive _____

70. Bala had rendered his help to Ailing. She was very grateful.

_____ whom _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 × 2 marks)
 Read the passage below and answer questions 71 - 80.

It was at a banquet in London in honour of Lieutenant Scoresby. There sat the man, whom I had heard of so many thousands of times. His name shot to fame after the Crimean battlefield, to remain forever celebrated. He was oblivious to the hundreds of admiring eyes fastened upon him. I caught my companion Jane stealing glances at him. For me, it was the food and drink to look at.

5

The clergyman at my left was an old acquaintance of mine who had spent the first half of his life as an instructor in the military school. He leaned down and muttered confidentially to me – indicating the hero of the banquet with a gesture.

"Privately-he's an absolute fool."

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This verdict was a great surprise to me. The clergyman was an honest man and his judgement of men was good. Therefore I knew, beyond doubt or question, that the world was mistaken about this hero. So, I meant to find out, how the clergyman all alone, had discovered the secret.

Some days later, the opportunity came and this is what the clergyman told me.

15

About forty years ago, I was an instructor in the military academy and was present when young Scoresby underwent his preliminary examination. Immediately, I took pity on him for the rest of the class answered up brightly while he did not know anything. It was painful to see him give the wrong answers most of the time.

20

All the compassion in me was aroused. It will be a harmless act of charity to ease his fall as much as I can. I took him aside, and found that he knew a little of Caesar's history. I went to work and drilled him on questions concerning Caesar which I knew would be used. If you'll believe me, he went through with flying colours on examination day. By some strangely lucky accident - he was asked no question outside of the narrow limits of his drill.

25

Now of course the thing that would expose him and kill him was mathematics. Once again, I drilled him and crammed him. Well, sir, try to conceive the result. The whole class congratulated him on his perfect score!

I could not sleep for a week. My conscience tortured me day and night. What I had done, I had done purely through charity and only to ease the poor youth's fall. I never had dreamed of any such preposterous result as the thing that had happened. Here was a *woodenhead* whom I had put in the way of promotions and more responsibilities. One thing could happen: he and his responsibilities would all go to ruin together at the first opportunity.

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Adapted from "Luck" by Mark Twain

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. When did Lieutenant Scoresby become a well-known figure?

72. What was the news that amazed the author at the banquet?

73. Why did the author believe that the world was mistaken about Scoresby?

74. How did the clergyman help Scoresby prepare for his history examination?

75. How did Scoresby fare in his Mathematics examination?

76. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the clergyman was remorseful of his actions?

77. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "absurd"?

78. Who does the "woodenhead" in line 33 refer to?

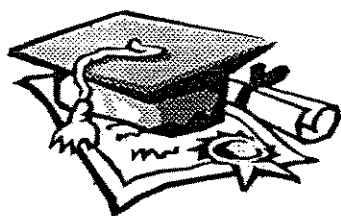
79. What happened to Scoresby after he passed his examination?

80. Why was the clergyman worried for Scoresby once he gained responsibilities?

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 2	41)exaggeration
2. 1	42)appalling
3. 3	43)was
4. 3	44)built
5. 1	45)inefficient
6. 2	46)on
7. 3	47)out
8. 1	48)its
9. 1	49)succesfully
10. 2	50)locomotive
11. 2	51)one
12. 1	52)of
13. 2	53)nocturnal
14. 3	54)night
15. 4	55)when
16. 1	56)climbs
17. 2	57)resembles
18. 2	58)care
19. 1	59)are
20. 3	60)chances
21. 3	61)until
22. 1	62)ritual
23. 3	63)mating
24. 4	64)returns
25. 3	65)continues
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33. K	
34. C	
35. J	
36. N	
37. D	
38. A	
39. Q	
40. P	

- 66) Ismail asked Tom if he had watched the news just then.
- 67) Due to the fact that the clerk had been incompetent, she was called into her employer's office.
- 68) Unless they complete all their class work, the pupils will not be released early for recess.
- 69) It is naive of Ben to believe everything he reads on the internet.
- 70) Ailing whom Bala had rendered his help to was very grateful.
- 71) He became a well-known figure after the Crimean battlefield.
- 72) The news was that Lieutenant Scoresby was an absolute fool.
- 73) The clergyman was an honest man and his judgement of men was good so the author believed the world was mistaken about Scoresby.
- 74) The clergyman drilled Scoresby on questions concerning Caesar which he knew would be used.
- 75) He fared a perfect score in his mathematics examination.
- 76) The sentence is "My conscience tortured me day and night".
- 77) The word is "preposterous".
- 78) It refers to Lieutenant Scoresby.
- 79) He was put in the way of promotions and more responsibilities.
- 80) He was worried that Scoresby did not have the talent ability to carry out his role.

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PAPER 2

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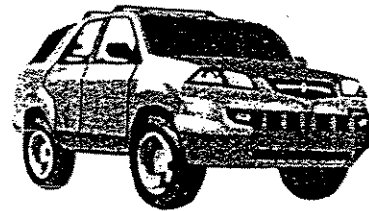
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Section A : Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus) (5 x 1 mark)

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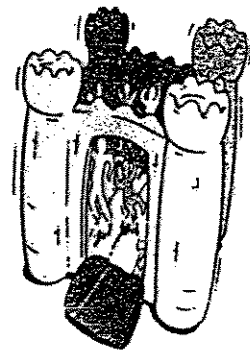
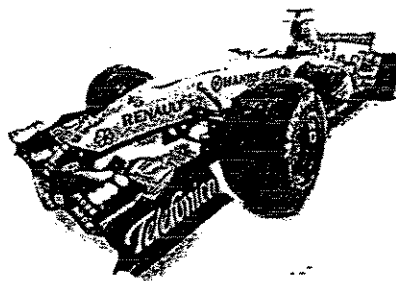
Vroom...Car-nival

8 November 2007 at Expo Hall 20**10am – 8pm****FREE ADMISSION**

The much anticipated Vroom...Car-nival is back. Bag the best bargains on cars and car-related products. Check out the fabulous cars on display.

Activities

- Photo sessions with local celebrities
- Renault F1 car display
- Inflatable bouncing castle
- Movie screening for kids

**Contests***

- Car Raider Contest
- Pick-up Tools Challenge
- Prosperity Wheel Contest

* Participants are to pre-register online at www.vroomcarnival.com by 6 November.

Participants must be at least 21 years old. Selected contestants will be notified via e-mail.

Prizes for the contests are sponsored by Buzz Auto Trading.

Gifts with Purchase**

- Buy a new or second-hand car and get free toiletries worth \$50.
- Spend at least \$20 in a single receipt on car accessories and get a non-slip mat.

**While stocks last.

Visitors' Draw (5 winners)

Prize: \$700 U-Cool Window Film Package sponsored by U-Cool Pte Ltd. Look out for the entry forms in the Classified section in The News Times on 7 and 8 November.

FREE! ***

# ABC 3-in-1 Coffeemix pack	# Candy Floss
# Pop Corn	# Ice-cream

*** Redeem your free gifts with the cut-out coupons published in the Classified section of The News Times on 7 and 8 November.

Organiser:
ELLEADS

Adapted from 'CATS Classified Car-nival', The Straits Times, 6 & 7 July, 2007.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Who is the organiser of Vroom... Car-nival?
 - (1) Life Ads
 - (2) ABC Coffeemix
 - (3) U-Cool Pte Ltd
 - (4) Buzz Auto Trading

2. All visitors can redeem _____ with the cut-out coupons published in the Classified section.
 - (1) toiletries worth \$50 and non-slip mats
 - (2) non-slip mats and candy floss
 - (3) candy floss and ice-cream
 - (4) toiletries worth \$50 and ice-cream

3. Visitors who wish to participate in the visitors' draw need to _____.
 - (1) participate in the activities organised
 - (2) spend \$20 and above in a single receipt
 - (3) use cut-out ~~coupons~~ from The News Times on 7 and 8 November
 - (4) present cut-out ~~entry forms~~ from The News Times on 7 and 8 November

4. The main objective of the Vroom... Car-nival is to _____.
 - (1) screen movies for children
 - (2) hold activities and contests
 - (3) launch the Renault F1 car with invited celebrities
 - (4) promote sales of cars and car-related products

5. Which of the following statements is false?
 - (1) Photo sessions with local celebrities are free of charge.
 - (2) Participants of the activities must be 21 years old and above.
 - (3) Participants of the contests must register online by 6 November.
 - (4) Visitors who purchase a second hand car are entitled to free gifts while stocks last.

Section B : Grammar Discrete (7 × 1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. It is unreasonable _____ you to write him a cheque _____ only \$5.
(1) of.....at
(2) for.....of
(3) of.....for
(4) for.....at
7. You used to play at this playground when you were younger, _____ you?
(1) did
(2) had
(3) didn't
(4) hadn't
8. A range of numbers _____ given to John to arrange in descending order last night.
~~range~~
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
9. Johnny hid the truth from others, including _____ and _____.
(1) they.....I
(2) them.....I
(3) they.....me
(4) them.....me
10. _____ of the fruit drinks available for sale contain syrup.
(1) Any
(2) Most
(3) Little
(4) Much
11. You will not get anything _____ you ask for it.
(1) so
(2) while
(3) unless
(4) despite

12. I _____ out of the room even before the telephone _____.
- (1) step.....rang
 - (2) stepped.....had rung
 - (3) had stepped.....rang
 - (4) was stepping.....had rung

Section C : Punctuation (3 × 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Recently my aunt had to explain to her daughter (13) Faith, that their pet rabbit had died.

Faith thought about this news for a minute, then said, "Well, I guess now I can sing that song from my CD."

"What is that song(14) queried my aunt, gently.

With a mournful expression on her face, Faith began to sing (15) Bring back, bring back, oh bring back my bunny to me."

Adapted from Reader's Digest, June 2007.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [-] dash
(3) [.] fullstop
(4) [;] semi-colon
14. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The twins are _____ in appearance .

- (1) likely
- (2) identical
- (3) common
- (4) familiar

17. The girls _____ the attempt to save the drowning kitten in the canal when they realised it was beyond their reach.

- (1) discarded
- (2) renounced
- (3) abandoned
- (4) surrendered

18. Everybody is capable of making mistakes. We should not think that we are _____.

- (1) infallible
- (2) invincible
- (3) indestructible
- (4) indispensable

19. The terrified refugees _____ the hills for safety when the war started.

- (1) look to
- (2) took on
- (3) took up
- (4) took over

20. The infectious disease which once claimed millions of lives a few years ago has now been _____.

- (1) eradicated
- (2) extradited
- (3) exterminated
- (4) escalated

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Miss Morgan, the new teacher, was young and very pretty. There was serious scepticism that such a teacher could keep any kind of order in the school. (21)

She brought with her a breathless enthusiasm for her trade. The school was astounded, for it had been used to ageing spinsters whose faces seemed to reflect (22)

consistently tired feet. Miss Morgan enjoyed teaching and made school an exciting place where unusual things happened. The pupils received her innovations with much fervour. (23)

She introduced a practice that made the pupils extol her. Every afternoon she read to them for half an hour.

After a while, Miss Morgan felt that she had been humouring the older children too much. She herself liked fairy tales. Within the safe circle of her tried and erudite (24)

acquaintance, she often lamented that "part of America's cultural starvation was due to its boorish and superstitious denial of the existence of fairies." For a time, she devoted (25)

the afternoon half hour to fairy tales.

21. (1) fear
(2) doubt
(3) discrimination
(4) allegation
22. (1) worried
(2) petrified
(3) surprised
(4) impressed
23. (1) favouritism
(2) anticipation
(3) expectation
(4) enthusiasm

24. (1) trying to please
(2) trying to tease
(3) trying to assist
(4) trying to dote on

25. (1) sanctified
(2) committed
(3) preserved
(4) consecrated

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

As the train glided out of the station, Theodoric's nervous imagination accused him of exhaling a strong unbearable body odour. Fortunately the only other occupant of the compartment was an old lady who seemed inclined for slumber rather than scrutiny. The train was not due to stop till the terminus was reached, in about an hour's time.	5
As the train attained its normal speed, Theodoric became aware that he was not alone with the slumbering lady; he was not even alone in his own clothes. A creeping movement over his flesh betrayed the unwelcome and highly resented presence of a strayed mouse. Furtive shakes and wildly directed pinches failed to dislodge the intruder. Nothing less drastic than partial disrobing would ease him of his tormentor. However to undress in the presence of a lady, even for so laudable a purpose, was an idea that made his ear tips tingle in a blush of abject shame.	10
Theodoric was goaded into the most audacious undertaking of his life. He swiftly secured the ends of his railway rug to the racks on both sides of the carriage so that a substantial curtain hung across the compartment. In the narrow dressing room that he had thus improvised, he proceeded with haste to extricate himself partially and the mouse entirely. As the mouse gave a wild leap to the floor, the rug slipping its fastening at both ends also fell with a flop, and almost simultaneously the awakened sleeper opened her eyes. With a movement almost quicker than the mouse's, Theodoric pounced on the rug and held it chin-high as he collapsed into the farther corner of the carriage.	15 20
The lady contented herself with a silent stare at her companion. How much had she seen, Theodoric wondered; and in any case what on earth must she think of his present posture?	
There was one slender, despairing chance that his fellow traveller might relapse into a blessed slumber. Theodoric glanced at the lady from time to time. As the minutes throbbed by, that chance ebbed away.	25
"I think we must be getting near now," she suggested.	
The words acted as a signal. He threw aside his rug, and struggled frantically into his rumpled garments. Then as he sank back in his seat clothed, the train slowed down to a final crawl, and the woman spoke.	30
"Would you be so kind," she asked, "as to get me a porter to put me into a cab? Being blind makes one so helpless at a railway station."	
Upon hearing that, Theodoric heaved a sigh of relief.	
Adapted from <i>The Mouse</i> by Saki (H.H. Munro)	

For each of the question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. The "intruder" in line 10 refers to _____.

- (1) the mouse
- (2) Theodoric
- (3) Theodoric's clothes
- (4) the old lady who was sleeping

27. To undress in front of a lady would make Theodoric feel _____.

- (1) unwell
- (2) laudable
- (3) tormented
- (4) embarrassed

28. The word "audacious" in line 13 means _____.

- (1) daring
- (2) critical
- (3) important
- (4) memorable

29. What was the "one slender, despairing chance" in line 25 that Theodoric was waiting for?

- (1) He was waiting for the train to reach the station.
- (2) He was waiting for the old lady to fall asleep again.
- (3) He was waiting for the mouse to go away.
- (4) He was waiting for the minutes to go by.

30. Theodoric heaved a sigh of relief after hearing the old lady's words because _____.

- (1) he was fully dressed
- (2) he had finally reached his destination
- (3) the old lady did not smell his body odour
- (4) the old lady did not see what he had done

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Section G: Structural Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31-40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) an	(D) into	(G) or	(K) so	(N) was
(B) although	(E) nor	(H) our	(L) then	(P) were
(C) every	(F) on	(J) over	(M) under	(Q) your

The next morning, we walked towards the station where a convoy of cattle cars (31) _____ waiting. The Hungarian police made us climb (32) _____ the cars, eighty persons in each one. They handed us some bread and a few pails of water. They checked the bars on the windows to make sure they would not come loose. One person was placed in charge of (33) _____ car to ensure that no one could escape.

A prolonged whistle pierced the air. We were (34) _____ our way. Lying down was not an option, (35) _____ could we all sit down. The lucky ones (36) _____ near a window.

After two days of travel, thirst became intolerable, (37) _____ did the heat. There was still some food left. We never ate enough to satisfy our hunger. Our principle was to economise. It could be worse tomorrow. The train stopped. We realised (38) _____ that we were not staying in Hungary. (39) _____ eyes opened. It was too late. An officer stepped in and announced, "From this moment on, you are (40) _____ the authority of the army."

Passage adapted from Elie Wiesel's 'Night'

Section H: Editing (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(41)
Singapore is a hot favourite for international shoppers. It is not call a shopping
(42) (43)
paradise by no rhyme or reason. It is a dream come true for shopping enthuzests, with
(44)
its boundless supermarkets, extensive malls, booticks and corner stores.

Shopping in Singapore is already one of the main reasons visitors around the world
travel to Singapore. The variety of goods on offer ranging from the latest in hi-tech
(45)
gadgets until more exotic wares of Chinese, Indian and Arabic origin can be
(46)
quite astornshin.

(47)
Shoppers across the reegen have become more sophisticated and are interested
(48)
not only in obtaining value-for-money deals but also in acquired new experiences.

(49) (50)
Shopping in the addnic quarters like Chinatown and Little India are an eye-opening and
unique experience, with colourful sights and sounds almost to overwhelm the senses!

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Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 × 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each of the blanks with a suitable word.

Amy Johnson was a famous aviator. She broke several records, flying alone in a small plane thousands of kilometres across the world.

Amy was born _____ (51) England where her father was a fish merchant. She _____ (52) from university and took up a job _____ (53) a secretary. Her goal was to learn how to fly. Her parents were not _____ (54) that this was a good idea, but they thought that becoming a commercial pilot might be all right.

Amy was determined _____ (55) succeed in projects which would demonstrate to the world that _____ (56) could be as competent as men.

Amy also _____ (57) as a mechanic and became the first woman in Britain to get a licence as a ground engineer. In 1928, she _____ (58) her mind to breaking records. _____ (59) she had only flown for fifty hours, she persuaded her sponsor to give her money and in 1930 she took off _____ (60) Darwin in Australia. It took seventeen days, and was the first time a woman had made the _____ (61). She missed the record by three days but immediately became famous and was able to raise _____ (62) for her next flight by giving lectures and writing articles.

Amy _____ (63) the Women's Auxiliary Air Force during World War II. She disappeared while flying _____ (64) the River Thames during bad weather conditions. Amy _____ (65) still remembered in many ways, one of which is the British Women Pilot's Association award - an annual Amy Johnson Memorial Trust Scholarship to help outstanding women pilots further their careers.

Passage adapted from 100 Greatest Women & <http://www.ninety-nines.org/johnson.html>

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Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 × 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. "Did you enjoy yourself at the Graduation Party?" Mrs Tan asked her daughter.

Mrs Tan asked her daughter _____

67. Charlene does not like reading. Her brothers do not like reading too.

Neither _____

68. Jeslyn found her lost wallet. She was very relieved.

Much to _____

69. Danny was intelligent. He did not win the Sony Creative Toy Competition.

In spite of his _____

70. Mrs Teo took a step into the lift. The alarm sounded.

No sooner _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 × 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71-80.

Kino, a strong youth, could remain below the water surface for over two minutes without strain, so he worked deliberately, selecting the largest shells. As they were disturbed, the oyster shells were tightly closed. A little to his right, a series of rocks struck up, covered with little oysters not ready to take. Kino moved next to the large rock, and then, beside it, under a little overhang, he saw a very large oyster lying by itself. This shell was partly open, for the overhang protected this ancient oyster, and in the lip-like muscle, Kino saw a ghostly gleam and then the shell closed down. His heart beat out a heavy rhythm. Slowly, he forced the oyster loose and held it tightly against his breast. He kicked his foot free from the rock loop and his body rose to the surface. He reached over the side of the canoe and laid the oyster in the bottom.

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Then Juana steadied the boat while he climbed in. His eyes were shining with excitement. Juana sensed his excitement and she pretended to look away. It is not good to want a thing too much. It sometimes drives the luck away. You must want it just enough and you must be tactful with God or the gods. Very cautiously, Kino opened his short, sharp knife. He looked speculatively at the basket. Perhaps it would be better to open the oyster last. He took a small oyster from the basket, cut the muscles, searched the folds of the flesh and threw it in the water. Then he seemed to see the great oyster for the first time. He squatted in the bottom of the canoe, picked up the shell and examined it. Now Kino was reluctant to open it. What he had seen, he knew, might be a reflection, a piece of flat shell accidentally drifted in or a complete illusion. In this gulf of uncertain light, there were more illusions than realities.

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However, Juana's eyes were on him and she could not wait. "Open it," she said softly.

Kino deftly slipped his knife into the edge of the shell. Through the knife, he could feel the muscle tighten hard. Soon, the closing muscle parted and the shell fell apart. The lip-like flesh writhed up and then subsided. Kino lifted the flesh and there it lay, the great pearl, perfect as the moon. It captured the light, refined it and gave back in silver incandescence. It was as large as a seagull's egg. It was the greatest pearl in the world.

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Adapted from *The Pearl* by John Steinbeck

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was Kino able to "work deliberately" in Line 2?

72. According to the passage, what will oysters instinctively do when they sense danger?

73. What did the "ghostly gleam" in Line 7 that Kino saw turn out to be in the end?

74. Give two reasons why Juana looked away despite sensing Kino's excitement.

75. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'unintentionally'?

76. Why did Kino throw away the small oyster into the water?

77. Why do you think Kino was reluctant to open the largest oyster shell?

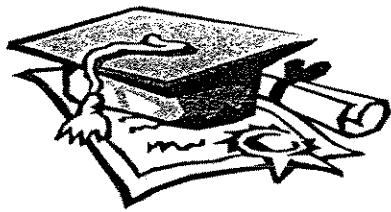
78. What does the "it" in line 22 refer to?

79. What was likened to the pearl which Kino found?

80. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Kino was skilful at opening oysters?

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ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

1. 1	31) N
2. 3	32) D
3. 4	33) C
4. 4	34) F
5. 2	35) E
6. 3	36) P
7. 3	37) K
8. 3	38) L
9. 4	39) H
10. 2	40) M
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26. 1	
27. 4	
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29. 2	
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Section H

41	called	46	astonishing
42	for	47	region
43	enthusiasts	48	acquiring
44	boutiques	49	ethnic
45	to	50	is

Section I

51	in	60	for / from
52	graduated	61	flight / journey / trip / attempt
53	as	62	funds / money
54	sure / convinced / certain / confident	63	joined / headed / led / formed / served / commanded / started / founded / established
55	to	64	over / past / across / above / near
56	women	65	is
57	trained / worked		
58	set		
59	Although / Though		

Section J

66. Mrs Tan asked her daughter if/whether she had enjoyed herself at the Graduation Party.
67. Neither Charlene nor her brothers like reading.
68. Much to Jeslyn's relief, she found her lost wallet.
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69. In spite of his intelligence, Danny did not win the Sony Creative Toy Competition.
70. No sooner had Mrs Teo taken a step into the lift than the alarm sounded.

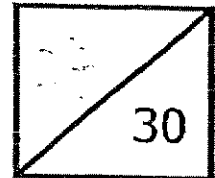
Section K

71. Kino could remain underwater for over two minutes.
72. Oysters close their shells (1m) tightly (1m).
73. It was a pearl.
74. Any of the 2 reasons:
She thought wanting a thing too much could result in one losing it.
She thought it might bring bad luck.
She wanted to be contented.
She did not want to offend God / the gods.
75. The word is "accidentally".
76. It did not contain any pearl.
77. He was not sure if what he had seen in it was a pearl or an illusion. (OR)
He was afraid of being disappointed.
78. It refers to the large oyster.
79. It was a seagull's egg. / It was the moon.
80. The sentence is "Kino deftly slipped his knife into the edge of the shell."



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Booklet A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.**

* This booklet consists of 8 pages altogether.

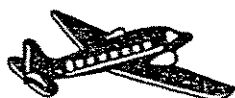
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Study the advertisement and answer Questions 1 to 5.

(5 marks)

Paradise Travels

Winner of 'Excellent Service Medal' awarded by Singapore Tourism Office from 2002 to 2006



ASIAN HOLIDAY PACKAGES

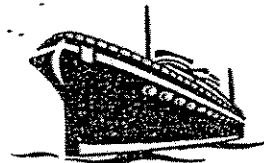
	<u>Usual Price</u>	<u>Special Offer</u>
Landmarks Discovery Tour (8 days) <i>Visit historical sites in Hong Kong, Korea and China</i>	\$1000	\$800 *
Asian Food Fiesta Tour (10 days) <i>Visit world-famous restaurants in the following cities: Japan – Tokyo, Osaka, Kyoto China – Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen</i>	\$1100	\$950 **

EUROPEAN HOLIDAY PACKAGES

	<u>Normal Price</u>	<u>Special Offer</u>
Brilliant Britain (6 days) <i>Two-night stay at a luxurious hotel in London and two days on board the world famous British Express train to visit the highlands in Scotland, northern Britain. Return flight from the city of Glasgow after one night's farm stay.</i>	\$1200	\$1000 *
Fantastic France (5 days) <i>Stay at the famous beach resort in Normandy. Breakfast provided daily courtesy of our agency. Free! Choice of a city tour of Marseille or tour to the Riberie Vineyard.</i>	\$1200	\$950 *
Mediterranean Cruise (6 days) <i>Fly to Italy for a one night's hotel stay before setting sail on board the luxurious cruise ship Atlantic Star for a four-day cruise. Fly back to Singapore after an overnight's stay at a beach resort on the island of Crete.</i>	\$1400	\$1100 **

Free !

- Two tickets for Tower of London tour
- Transport from airport to London Hotel only



Bookings Hotline : 68882222 or 68883333

Online Bookings : <http://www.funtotravel.com.sg>

* These rates are not applicable for the duration of the school vacation (25th May to 24th June)

** Price does not include meals

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. Paradise Travels has the honour of _____.

- (1) receiving awards for good service
- (2) allowing telephone and on-line bookings
- (3) organising tours to both Asia and Europe
- (4) giving special offers for holiday packages

2. Tourists who choose the Asian holiday packages will _____.

- (1) visit different places in China
- (2) need to apply for the special offers
- (3) receive free meals at the restaurants
- 4 (2) pay more than the European packages

3. A feature of the Brilliant Britain package is _____.

- (1) free tickets for a tour of London
- (2) a one night's stay at a hotel in Scotland
- (3) free rides to and from the London Hotel
- (4) a train ride to the northern part of Britain

4. According to the advertisement, which of the following statements is false?

- (1) Marseille is the name of a French city.
- (2) Passengers on the Atlantic Star board the ship in Italy.
- (3) All three European packages include a beach resort stay.
- (4) Tour of the vineyard is free in the Fantastic France package.

5. The phrase 'are not applicable' in the advertisement tells us that special offers are not available _____ the school vacation

- (1) after
- (2) before
- (3) during
- (4) before and after

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. Mr Warren gave us a detailed account explaining the reason _____ he was imprisoned during the war in 1945.

(1) why
(2) when
(3) which
(4) where

7. After reading about the plight of the flood victims, Jane and _____ decided to participate in the relief efforts.

(1) I
(2) me
(3) mine
(4) myself

8. If Liwei _____ her mother's advice, she would not have gotten into trouble.

(1) heeds
(2) heeded
(3) had heeded
(4) would heed

9. Unless _____ agrees, the excursion to the zoo will be cancelled.

(1) no one
(2) anyone
(3) someone
(4) everyone

10. Uncle Eugene _____ with my family since August last year.

(1) lived
(2) is living
(3) will have lived
(4) has been living

11. The teachers are impressed _____ Rajan who has proven that he is a boy of good character.
- (1) at
 - (2) for
 - (3) with
 - (4) over
12. The poachers _____ after five days by the park rangers.
- (1) were caught
 - (2) were catching -
 - (3) were to be caught
 - (4) were being caught

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

One day, I handed my mother my mobile phone. Knowing that she always had trouble with modern technology (13) I carefully instructed her how to use it. Following this, I arranged to call her at 10.30 a.m.

At 10.30 a.m., I called her but there was no answer even after several attempts. "I knew it," I thought to myself (14) She must have forgotten how to answer incoming calls."

By 11.00 a.m., my mother was anxious why I had not called. She looked into her handbag to check if the phone was working. When she realised the problem, she cried out in shock, "Oh no (15) This is the TV remote control!"

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [-] hyphen
(4) [.] full stop
14. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [!] exclamation mark
(4) [?] question mark

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. The _____ started a campaign to persuade the government to provide more assistance to the poor.
- (1) activists
 - (2) poachers
 - (3) researchers
 - (4) conservationists
17. A nature _____ has been set up within the forest to protect species that are on the verge of extinction.
- (1) habitat
 - (2) reserve
 - (3) community
 - (4) conservation
18. The taxi driver took us on a _____ route before finally arriving at our destination in order to avoid the traffic jam.
- (1) cyclical
 - (2) circuitous
 - (3) circulating
 - (4) circularised
19. The _____ millionaire left his entire fortune to his pet dog instead of his family when he passed away.
- (1) strange
 - (2) peculiar
 - (3) eccentric
 - (4) abnormal

20. The tiger patiently _____ its prey before making its next move.

- (1) stalked
- (2) haunted
- (3) attacked
- (4) captured

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

It was my first day at work with a new company. I was eager to make a good impression (21) on my boss. Therefore, I was pleased when he invited me to lunch to meet an important client (22). Shortly after being shown to our table at an exclusive restaurant, a well-dressed (23) man approached our table and exchanged a warm greeting with my boss. I introduced myself and offered (24) him my business card, telling him I was looking forward to working with him. He looked perplexed (25) but smiled and said he would be back, with the menus.

21. (1) sign
(2) mark
(3) impact
(4) indication

22. (1) sponsor
(2) investor
(3) customer
(4) supporter

23. (1) stylish
(2) scruffy
(3) shabby
(4) scrawny

24. (1) granted
(2) awarded
(3) supplied
(4) presented

25. (1) troubled
(2) annoyed
(3) confused
(4) frustrated

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

She might be 85 years old but Madam Wong Ah Heng is a long way from letting age catch up with her. The China-born washerwoman, who quitted her job three years ago, is hale and hearty and she cannot remember a time when she was ill. Speaking in Cantonese, she says, "Even when people around me have a cold, I still won't fall sick." Just last week, she had taken part in a walk-a-jog and boasted, "I was as fast as the rest."

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Madam Wong lives in a one-room rental flat in Chinatown and is a volunteer at the Senior Citizens Activity Centre located on the third floor of her block. Her daily chores in the morning at the activity centre include boiling water for tea, setting the table and collecting lunch coupons from other old folks before helping to distribute the packet lunches just after noon.

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She says, "I must keep myself occupied. Otherwise, I will have nothing to do." Madam Wong gets up at 5 a.m. daily to do her *tai-chi* exercises at the void deck. She then takes a walk around Chinatown and showers, all before 9.00 a.m. After lunch, Madam Wong, who lives alone and has no children of her own, usually plays a solitary game of cards. Sometimes, she returns to the activity centre to watch television or play a few rounds of mahjong with some friends.

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She has lost little of the spunk from her youth. As a 19-year-old, she left her parents and ten siblings in China to follow her first employer to Singapore in search of a better life. She is one of the 280 old folks living in her block which houses about 330 residents and among the few who are blessed with good health. Compared to others, like Madam Chow Ah Hak, also 85, she has some savings to live off.

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Even in her twilight years, Madam Chow continues to make a living under difficult circumstances. The former maid, who worked on a farm in China before coming to Singapore at the age of 24, combs the Tanjong Pagar area every afternoon for cardboard boxes and loads them onto a borrowed trolley. On good days, or when she "has strength" to collect a lot of boxes, she gets about \$4 for them. The little bit of cash she makes goes a long way towards her rent and utilities, which cost about \$40 per month, and her medication for her high blood pressure, according to Madam Chow who is unmarried and lives alone.

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She neither has a television set at home nor even a small radio yet she refuses to apply for financial aid. "I have had a difficult life but I can still walk and it is alright," she said. Others are not so lucky. At least eight elderly people in her block are bedridden and many more are receiving assistance from the government.

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*Adapted from an article from The Straits Times
19 November 2000*

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. What evidence from the passage indicates that Madam Wong is active despite her age?

- (1) She cannot remember a time when she was ill.
- (2) She lives in a one-room rental flat in Chinatown.
- (3) She quit her job as a washerwoman three years ago.
- (4) She volunteers at the Senior Citizens Activity Centre.

27. How does Madam Wong occupy herself in the mornings?

- (1) She does her exercises and takes a walk.
- (2) She prepares lunch for other senior citizens.
- (3) She purchases lunch packets and distributes them.
- (4) She does her daily chores in her one-room rental flat.

28. Madam Wong left China when she was only 19 years old as she wanted to _____.

- (1) seek employment
- 2 (2) keep her mind lucid
- 3 (2) leave her parents behind
- (4) lose little of the spunk from her youth

29. In what way is Madam Wong's life considered better than Madam Chow's?

- (1) Madam Chow worked on a farm in China.
- (2) Madam Chow lives alone but Madam Wong does not.
- (3) Madam Wong is in better health compared to Madam Chow.
- (4) Madam Chow makes a living but Madam Wong does not work at all.

30. Madam Chow refuses financial aid because she _____.

- (1) has led a difficult life since young
- (2) is still active and able to make a living
- (3) does not need a television set nor a radio
- (4) requires medication for high blood pressure

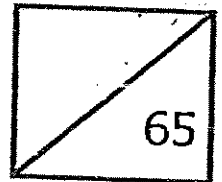
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Booklet B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

* This booklet consists of 7 pages altogether.

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) to	(D) of	(G) for	(K) from	(N) only
(B) a	(E) with	(H) where	(L) at	(P) just
(C) on	(F) as	(J) despite	(M) in	(Q) which

Littering is still a common problem here and Singaporeans do not seem socially responsible. This is (31) _____ the country having one of the highest living standards in the world. This message came (32) _____ the Environment Minister yesterday. He was speaking at the East Coast Park (33) _____ students from Anchor Primary School were taking part in a beach clean-up organised (34) _____ commemorate Earth Day.

"Many do not consider leaving an empty cup (35) _____ a park bench or on the terraces of the National Stadium (36) _____ littering," he told the students. "These may be a passive form of littering but it is littering (37) _____ the same. We have not performed well in the area (38) _____ social responsibility and this needs our urgent attention as Singapore is our home, the (39) _____ one we have."

He praised the students, saying, "We will become (40) _____ people with cash but no class if we fail to exercise responsibility and improve our living environment." The students collected nearly 200 bags of litter during the clean-up.

*Adapted from an article from The Straits Times
23 April 1995*

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

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Mrs Heng was boring us with the basic rules of grammar. One of the boys sits in

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front of me was restless and took out a pack of cards. I enivyeed him as he had a

large collection. At that moment, Mrs Heng walked up to him and said, "Hand them

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over right now, Norman." He refuktently stacked the cards together and put them

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on Mrs Heng's outstretching palm. After Mrs Heng had kept the cards in the

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drawer, she said, "Norman, please walk by the front of the room and face the

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class." She sound quite calm. Norman slowly walked to the front of the class

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as instrutered but he tripped over Melody's bag as he was quite klumzy. He

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nearly fell flat on his face but was saved from the embaresment at the last

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moment by Adrian who grabbed his arm before he met the ground. Shook by the

incident, Norman appeared to be on the verge of tears.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Mike Smith frowned as he looked westward from the campsite. It was early June and the weather (51) _____ had called for a mild, sunny week in the mountains in Northern California. A strong (52) _____ of wind was already snapping the tent flaps and he could see dark (53) _____ approaching. Mike was a teacher at Brook High School and taught students with emotional and discipline (54) _____. He was on a camping trip with three of (55) _____, Ryan, Dan and Jo. It was Mike's way of (56) _____ them with a challenging experience they might never have on their (57) _____.

The boys were beginning to stir from their (58) _____ bags when Mike's voice rang out in the morning air, "We have got to pack up and get out of here. There is a (59) _____ coming." Dan begged, "Come on, Mr Smith. Let us stay." Mike (60) _____ his head. It would be a rugged and long ten kilometre hike (61) _____ to their mini-bus from the campsite. When Dan and Ryan started to complain, Mike just gave them a stern look. They knew him well (62) _____ to know that it was useless to argue.

As they headed down the mountain, the peaks around them were engulfed with storm clouds. Streams of melted snow splashed across the (63) _____, making the footing treacherous. Jo slipped and fell down hard. "I am alright," he said, standing up slowly. However, (64) _____ into his pocket, he discovered his compass had shattered. "Don't worry," Mike said. "We do not need to (65) _____ use of it." Struggling against the strong winds, they hiked on. It began to pour. By afternoon, visibility was less than ten metres. Occasionally, all traces of the trail disappeared. Mike realised they were not going to make it out of the mountains that day.

Adapted from an article from Readers' Digest

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 The hunter does not have a licence. He is not allowed to hunt in this area.

_____ unless

67 "I will be meeting the famous wildlife expert tomorrow," James told me.

James told me _____

68 The poachers hid the weapons in the jeep when they saw the rangers.

The weapons _____

69 No illegal goods could be found by the authorities on the ship.

The authorities could _____

70 She burnt the cake. She did not follow the instructions carefully.

If she had _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

As I stepped into class, a slight breeze blew across my face and I felt refreshed. It was the first day of school and I was not used to getting up so early in the morning. My mother's voice still resounded in my mind, "Remember Daphne, this is your final and most crucial year in primary school. You will be sitting for the PSLE this year and it is very important that you study hard and listen to your teacher."

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I headed for the nearest seat and sat down. I looked around me and saw a few familiar faces. I noticed that there were only a few girls and they were sitting together chatting. A few boys were walking around the classroom and singing merrily away. "What do they think they are up to?" I asked myself in surprise. "They will surely get into serious trouble if the teacher walks in now." One of the boys was Willy, who was well known in the school for being a troublemaker. He had just bumped into Govind and both started a quarrel. In no time, there was a big commotion and the whole class erupted in chaos. Everyone was now talking at the top of their voices. I tried my best to calm things down but it was of no use. Then, what I had expected happened...

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A huge shadow was cast over the room as a figure stood at the doorway blocking out the strong morning sunlight. I could only make out the silhouette of a big muscular man. He seemed to stand at least 6 feet tall and I could literally see his eyes bulging like that of a goldfish as he stared at the scene developing before his eyes. As everyone in the class gradually realised that he was present, the volume got lower and lower until there was a hushed silence. Willy, who was in the process of lifting his arm to hit Govind, let out a yell when he turned around and saw the man.

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"What is the meaning of this?" the man said in a harsh tone, which was the cue for all to return to their seats. I was terrified and at the edge of tears when I heard the tone of the man's voice. There was an eerie silence for the next few seconds as the man slowly walked towards the teacher's table. It then dawned on me that he was our form teacher. As the ceiling light had illuminated his face by then, I could clearly make out his features. He was the well-known and respected Mr Hong!

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We all had heard about Mr Hong from other pupils who had been taught by him and knew that he did not care for any nonsense of the nature we had just witnessed. At that moment, I knew that Willy and Govind were in serious trouble. I watched Mr Hong's every move as he put down his books and took slow steps towards the two boys who were seated next to each other. I could see both of them trembling from head to toe as Mr Hong approached them. All this time, the huge man never took his eyes off the boys, mimicking the actions of a lethal cheetah waiting to pounce on its prey. The rest of us held our breaths in anticipation of what would happen next.

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"Stand up, boys," said Mr Hong in a hushed tone. He sounded very calm as the two boys slowly rose to their feet. "Come outside with me," he continued as he turned towards the door. As they walked out, I was surprised and wondered what fate would befall the boys.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. In the first paragraph, what was Daphne's mother's advice to her?

72. Why did Daphne think that the boys would 'get into serious trouble' (Line 9-10)?

73. Explain clearly what 'happened' (Line 14)?

74. Which word tells you that the man's eyes were actually bulging as Daphne described?

75. What was Willy's reaction when he realised the man was in the room?

76. What does 'this' (Line 22) refer to?

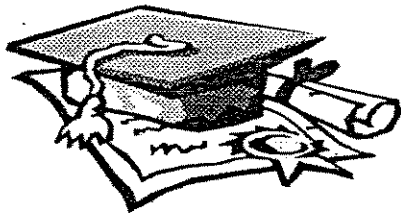
77. When did Daphne first realise that the man was her form teacher?

78. How did Daphne know that Willy and Govind 'were in serious trouble' (Line 30)?

79. How did the two boys feel as Mr Hong walked slowly towards them?

80. Explain clearly why Daphne was surprised in the last paragraph?

☺ End of Booklet B ☺



ANSWER SHEET

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1.1	34)A
2.1	35)C
3.4	36)F
4.3	37)P
5.3	38)D
6.1	39)N
7.1	40)B
8.3	41)sitting
9.4	42)envied
10.4	43)reluctantly
11.3	44)outstretched
12.1	45)to
13.2	46)sounded
14.4	47)instructed
15.3	48)clumsy
16.1	49)embarrassment
17.2	50)shaken
18.2	51)forecast
19.3	52)gust
20.1	53)clouds
21.3	54)problems
22.3	55)them
23.1	56)providing
24.4	57)own
25.3	58)sleeping
26.4	59)storm
27.1	60)shook
28.1	61)back / down
29.3	62)enough
30.2	63)pathway
31.J	64)reaching / digging
32.K	65)make
33.H	

- 66)The hunter is not allowed to hunt in this area unless he has a licence.
- 67)James told me that he would be meeting the famous wildlife expert the following day.
- 68)The weapons were hidden by the poachers in the jeep when they saw the rangers.
- 69)The authorities could not find any illegal goods on the ship.
- 70)If she had followed the instructions carefully, the cake would not have been burnt.
- 71)Her mother advised her to study hard and listen to her teacher.
- 72)The boys were walking around and were singing merrily away and a teacher might walk in and punish them.
- 73)Mr Hong, the form teacher, walked into the class and caught the boys quarrelling red-handed.
- 74)The word is "literally".
- 75)he let out a yell after the man spoke in a harsh tone, he quickly returned to his seat.
- 76)It refers to Willy trying to hit Govind.
- 77)She realized when the man walked towards the teacher's table.
- 78)She knew that Mr Hong did not care for any nonsense and Willy and Govind had created chaos in the class.
- 79)The two boys felt frightened.
- 80)Although she expected Mr Hong to get angry, he sounded very calm.

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Booklet A

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- 2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.**
- 3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).**
- 4. Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.**

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Study the brochure and answer Questions 1 to 5. (5 marks)

CURRENT ATTRACTIONS**ZOO GUIDE****ANIMAL SHOWS AT THE AMPHITHEATRE**

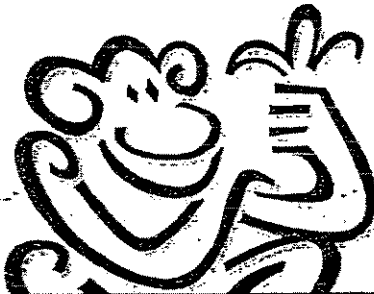
1. Elephants and Sea Lions Show : 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. (Daily)

2. Primates and Snakes Show : 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (Daily)

Come to our Primates show and meet our talking chimpanzee,
Bubbles!**Additional shows**

Sundays: 12:30 p.m.

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Breakfast at 10.00 a.m.

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**BREAKFAST AND HIGH TEA WITH
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At *Bambi's Kitchen*, you can have a hearty buffet
breakfast or high tea, watch an orang-utan enjoy
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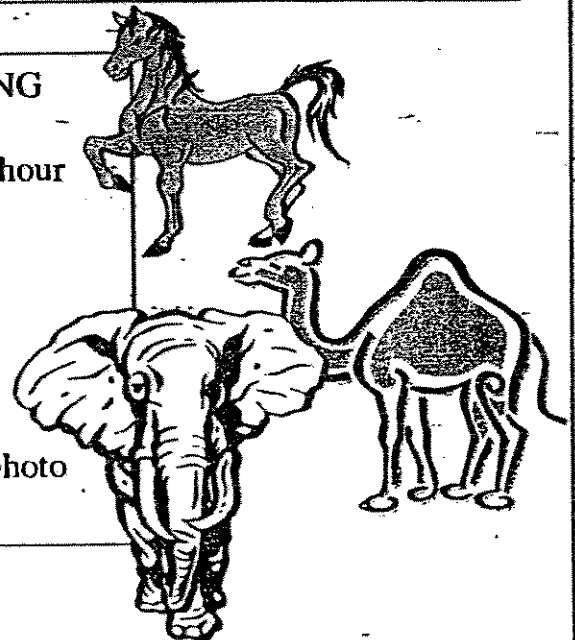
Please book half an hour ahead at counter.

**ANIMAL RIDES AND PHOTO-TAKING
SESSIONS AT ANIMAL WORLD**(Any time during opening hours except one hour
before closing)

	<u>Children</u>	<u>Adults</u>
Rides : Elephant	\$4.00	\$5.00
Camel	\$3.50	\$4.50
Horse	\$3.00	\$4.00

Photos: Elephant/Camel/Horse - \$4.00 per photo
Maximum 4 individuals in each photo

Zoo Opening Hours : 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.



For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. The attractions are found at _____.
(1) the Zoo
(2) Animal World
(3) Bambi's Kitchen
(4) the Amphitheatre
2. The sea lions do not perform at _____ on Sundays.
(1) 9:30 a.m.
(2) 12:30 p.m.
(3) 1:00 p.m.
(4) 3:30 p.m.
3. Other than watching the sea lions perform, you can also _____ at the zoo.
(1) feed an orang utan
(2) walk the chimpanzee
(3) wade in the Bubbles pool
(4) take a photograph with an elephant
4. There must be fewer than _____ persons in the picture taken at Animal World.
(1) two
(2) three
(3) four
(4) five
5. Which one of these activities is available for the longest period in one day?
(1) The snake show
(2) The primate show
(3) Taking an elephant ride
(4) Taking a photograph with Ah Chun the orang utan

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. My family and _____ are going to Indonesia for a holiday.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
7. Please switch off the fan. Everybody in this room _____ feeling cold.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
8. The moon, as well as the planets, _____ not give off light of its own.
- (1) do
 - (2) has
 - (3) does
 - (4) have
9. Suresh saw the old man _____ a wheel with primitive tools.
- (1) make
 - (2) made
 - (3) makes
 - (4) has made
10. In a famine, many people, especially children and the elderly, become very weak _____ hunger and malnutrition.
- (1) by
 - (2) of
 - (3) from
 - (4) across

11. _____ you practise hard, you will not be a good sportsman.
- (1) As
 - (2) Since
 - (3) Unless
 - (4) Nevertheless
12. The old woman _____ if the girl had not saved her in the nick of time.
- (1) will die
 - (2) would die
 - (3) will have died
 - (4) would have died

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

Soon the noise grew louder and louder. The thief switched off his torchlight. He waited in the dark (13) Who's there?" a voice cried. The lights came on and standing in front of the thief was Mr Brown (14) a tall and sturdy-looking man. He saw the thief crouching in one corner of the room. "Come on out from where you're hiding (15) bellowed the man.

13. (1) [: "] colon and inverted commas
 (2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (3) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
 (4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [-] hyphen
 (3) [.] full stop
 (4) [:] colon
15. (1) [!] exclamation
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
 (4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. The doctors are worried that the old man in the intensive care unit will not _____.
- (1) pull out
 - (2) pull off
 - (3) pull over
 - (4) pull through
17. The footballers have to train very hard so that they will have enough _____ to last for ninety minutes.
- (1) might
 - (2) power
 - (3) stamina
 - (4) muscles
18. You have destroyed the car completely in the accident. It is now _____.
- (1) invaluable
 - (2) irreparable
 - (3) inextricable
 - (4) irretrievable
19. The _____ has tricked many old people into parting with their life savings.
- (1) conman
 - (2) arsonist
 - (3) kidnapper
 - (4) blackmailer
20. The houses in the small village were _____ to make way for the new airport.
- (1) degraded
 - (2) decimated
 - (3) demolished
 - (4) decomposed

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

One morning, Daniel woke up with a bad toothache. He grimaced in pain. His mother suggested that he consulted a dentist about the problem. Shaking his head, Daniel cried, "No, no, I'm afraid of pain." His mother insisted that he followed her to the clinic. All this while, Daniel's nervousness was apparent. The dental surgeon examined the decayed tooth and had it extracted. Daniel heaved a sigh of relief when everything was over. He left the clinic with a big grin on his face.

21. (1) frowned
(2) writhed
(3) palpitated
(4) throbbed
22. (1) dictated
(2) instructed
(3) persisted
(4) demanded
23. (1) obvious
(2) oblivious
(3) opportune
(4) obsessive
24. (1) tested
(2) checked
(3) observed
(4) investigated
25. (1) severed
(2) removed
(3) detached
(4) amputated

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

When Sondra saw the circus announcement in the newspaper, she ran to tell her mother. The Flying Rodriguez Family was coming to town.

"We won't go," her mother insisted.

"We should go," Johnny said. "Sondra is my stepdaughter, but she is also a Rodriguez. It is her family." 5

"The Flying Rodriguez Family is no family," her mother said. "They are fools who dance on the high wire. Her father danced and fell. We will not go."

"Sondra has a right to see her grandfather. Let's go," Johnny repeated softly.

The pickup truck bounced along the dusty roads to the circus grounds. Sondra sat between her mother and Johnny. She thought she must be dreaming. It was two years since her mother 10 had married Johnny and they had come to live on his farm. All that time, she had dreamed of going back to the circus. All that time, she had been waiting for this moment.

They drove onto the circus grounds. Johnny said, "First we will visit your grandfather, Senior Rodriguez."

Sondra's mother gripped her arm. "She's afraid," Sondra thought to herself. "She knows I 15 want to stay."

Grandfather Rodriguez was waiting. He said, "Let me see the child."

Sondra stepped forward.

Grandfather looked intently at her features and said, "She has inherited the Rodriguez bearing. She is older now. She will stay." 20

"You cannot take her," her mother said sharply.

Grandfather said, "She is a Rodriguez. The circus is in her blood. She will be a star."

"Her father died on the high wire," said Sondra's mother. "She will live!"

The old man did not blink. He said, "Let the child decide."

"No!" her mother shouted, "She is too young." 25

Johnny spoke softly. "Rosita, you must let Sondra decide. She is a Rodriguez. It is her right."

Her mother bent her head and said, "All right. Let Sondra choose. She is her father's child too."

Sondra turned to her grandfather. He stared into her eyes and waited. She looked at her 30 mother, who seemed sad. She knew what her mother must be feeling.

Sondra then turned to her grandfather and said, "I am a Rodriguez, and someday I will be part of the circus again. It is a good life but for now, I choose to be with my mother. Living on the farm is also good."

Her grandfather nodded, and closed his eyes for a moment. He seemed to be thinking. Then 35 he said, "You made your choice. That is your right. You chose to honour your mother. That is a good choice. Your father would be proud of you."

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. Sondra wanted to visit the circus because she _____.
- (1) was also a Rodriguez
 - (2) admired the Flying Rodriguez Family
 - (3) saw the circus announcement in the newspaper
 - (4) had wished to go back to the circus for the past two years
27. Sondra's mother was afraid that _____.
- (1) Sondra would die soon
 - (2) Sondra would want to stay with the circus
 - (3) Sondra would remember her father's death
 - (4) Sondra's grandfather would not let her leave
28. "She has inherited the Rodriguez bearing." in lines 19-20 suggests that Sondra _____.
- (1) will become a star
 - (2) resembles her father
 - (3) can be a member of the Rodriguez family
 - (4) knows where the Rodriguez family are positioned
29. Sondra decided to stay on the farm because she _____.
- (1) was afraid of her grandfather
 - (2) knew it was a dangerous life
 - (3) was afraid to leave her mother
 - (4) did not want her mother to be sad
30. From the passage, we can describe Sondra as one who is _____.
- (1) fickle and filial
 - (2) sensible and ambitious
 - (3) decisive and adventurous
 - (4) thoughtful and understanding

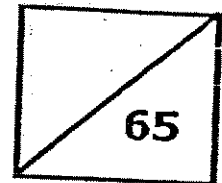
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BOOKLET B

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) has	(G) between	(K) their	(N) that
(B) as	(E) had	(H) its	(L) have	(P) by
(C) though	(F) of	(J) the	(M) over	(Q) into

Craig Stanford creeps through the forest, trying to make as little noise as possible. (31)_____ blanket of warm, moist air cloaks his skin (32)_____ he scans the dense maze of trees around him. Suddenly--CRACK--a twig breaks beneath his feet. Stanford's travelling partners, a group of chimpanzees, turn and glare at him. The chimps patrolling (33)_____ territory, and Stanford, a primatologist, (34)_____ been tagging along. Staying quiet is a top priority. That way, the group can catch rival chimps trying to ambush them and steal their land. One reason for the battle (35)_____ their habitat: Their forest homes are rapidly disappearing.

"Habitat loss is (36)_____ far the worst threat facing these animals," says Alexander Harcourt, a fellow primatologist at the University of California.

When forests vanish, apes lose not only vital food but also protection. At night, chimps, as well as female and young gorillas, nestle (37)_____ the trees to sleep. They build lofty nests in the branches--out (38)_____ reach of predators such as leopards. Here, the apes can snooze without becoming cat food.

However, (39)_____ biggest threat comes from humans. Logging companies build roads into the heart of the forest, says Harcourt. (40)_____ makes apes easy targets for poachers. The hunters kill the animals for bush-meat, which they eat or sell in local markets.

Source: Science World

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

The invention of antibiotics was indeed a breakthrough in man's battle against
(41) (42)
infect diseases. Recently, medical researchers have begun detect new strains of
(43)
viruses which are resistant with antibiotics.

(44) (45)
A major medical breakthrough was made which Alexander Fleming deskcovered

penicillin in 1928. It was amazing that a virus which had proven invulnerable to

(46)
penicillin made its apierence only five years later. Since then, doctors and

(47) (48)
sciencetists have been waging a never-ending battle in diveleping antibiotics

(49)
which are able to triumpf over stubborn bacteria. Sadly, it appears that the latter

(50)
have still to be effectively eradicated.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15marks)

Bedtime came early for the Toops at their three-bedroom brick ranch house nestled in a forested valley. At 8 p.m. Lisa Toops (51)_____ the three kids to bed. She and her husband, Jerry, followed (52)_____ after.

At 4 a.m. that December 14, 2005, Lisa bolted awake. There was a booming roar -- a huge tornado, she thought. She tucked the infant (53)_____ one arm and jumped up. "Jerry, get the kids!" She figured the basement was (54)_____ only hope. She ran to Tanner's room. The five-year-old was climbing out of his bed, awakened by the commotion. She yelled to him to come, extending her 55 _____, but before she could grasp him, a torrent of (56)_____ rushed into the house. It coursed around her ankles. In seconds the water (57)_____ rose above her chest. Lisa held the baby over her head as the surge (58)_____ the room. She panicked but tried to stay calm for her kids. The water kept rising, relentlessly. In the next moment, they were in liquid darkness.

"Jerry.....!" That was all Jerry Toops had heard of Lisa's cry to "get the kids." The sharp urgency in her (59)_____ sliced through his sleep a moment before the roar cut off the rest of her sentence. A second later, the opposite wall blew out, heaving him and the bed in reverse. He was deep (60)_____.

Intuitively, he (61)_____ upward before surfacing in a sea of uprooted trees, furniture, and granite boulders. He swam to a portion of rooftop that was (62)_____ nearby and climbed on. "Lisa! Tanner! Tara! Tucker!" he called, but couldn't hear his own voice above the rushing water. Underwater, Lisa Toops (63)_____ for her life and the lives of Tucker and Tanner. She had no (64)_____ where Tara, her three-year-old, was. (65)_____ the thought of it was terrible. She pushed it aside and focused.

Adapted from *Dam Break* by William M. Hendryx

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. He was careless. He made many mistakes in the test.

_____ because of

67. The weather was stormy yet the boys went kayaking.

_____ in

spite of _____

68. "When did you hand this assignment in?" asked Miss Lim.

Miss Lim asked me _____

69. We were very annoyed with that notorious boy. He continued to misbehave in class.

Much _____

70. Mike does not like outdoor adventures. His sisters do not like them either.

Neither _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

The village of Qurna lies on the slopes of an ancient burial place, after a lengthy and invariably overpriced trip by donkey from the modern city of Luxor. The Nile's banks nearby are fertile with its broad valley, green and prosperous. However, these features seem to vanish before one's eyes as one approaches the village, which lies several hundred metres beyond the cultivated areas, on the edge of the desert. The road paved with crushed rocks and tar does not go through the village, and the last part of the journey is made on foot over dust-covered mounds of sand. 5

The first signs that the village is close by are its sounds – barking dogs, young goats crying and children at play. The brilliant sunlight erases all the details of the landscape. One is almost in the village before buildings are seen. Only a kilometre away, the Qurnawis, could find many sites more suitable for a village, but for them, the position on these desolate slopes is ideal. 10

Close by Qurna lie the tombs in which the ancient Egyptian rulers were buried with their religious belief. It was the necessity of having an intact mummy equipped with the provisions for the afterlife. Providing the dead with objects of value thus brought with it the threat of tomb robbery. Deep in rugged cliffs, over forty kings were buried, but the only royal tomb the archaeologists have found intact is that of Tutankhamen, who was, in fact, only a minor king. It contained great treasures, including a gold mask and jewellery. Consisting of four small chambers, the riches found there can only hint at the care and expense that must have been lavished on the burials of more powerful rulers. 15 20

The Qurnawis made a good living for many years from plundering these tombs – robbing them of their treasures and selling their finds to dealers in antiquities in Luxor. They were outlaws who, driven by a combination of greed and starvation, conducted desperate raids upon the final resting places of decent, god-fearing Egyptians. Careful to sell only a few objects at a time and always ready to offer bribes, they rarely encountered trouble. However, much as they managed to take from the tombs, there seemed to be no end to the valuables. Indeed, tomb robbing had been a profitable activity since ancient times. For the last three thousand years, first the priest and then the State used every means they could to prevent the thefts, and more recently the Egyptian Antiquities Services has been in charge of this campaign against the robbers. 25 30

Dealers in antiquities had a ready market for whatever the Qurnawis brought them. From the 1860s, European tourists visited Luxor in increasing numbers. For the Qurnawis, these years were consistently profitable. The scale of the discovery and the possibility of further thefts demanded prompt actions by the authorities and the removal of the treasures from the tombs to the Egyptian museums at Cairo was arranged. 35

Adapted from *X-raying the Pharaohs* by J. Harris and K. Weeks

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. From the first paragraph, which word tells you that the traveling cost to the village of Qurna does not change over time?

72. How does a traveller first realize that he is approaching Qurna?

73. Which sentence tells you that one does not see the village as he gets nearer?

74. From the evidence in the first two paragraphs, give two reasons why one might be surprised that Qurna village is built where it is.

75. How do we know that Tutankhamen was 'only a minor king' (Line 18)?

76. What does 'It' (Line 18) refer to?

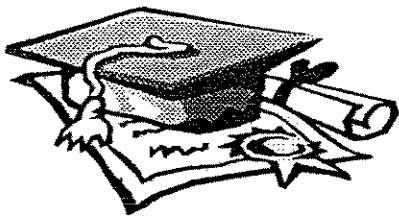
77. How did the Qurnawis make a good living?

78. How did the Qumawis sell their finds without getting caught?

79. Explain clearly why the dealers in antiquities had 'a ready market' (Line 32).

80. Explain clearly why the treasures were immediately moved to Cairo.

☺ END OF PAPER ☺



ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 1	34) D
2. 3	35) M
3. 4	36) P
4. 4	37) Q
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6. 1	39) J
7. 1	40) N
8. 3	41) infectious
9. 1	42) detecting
10. 3	43) to
11. 3	44) when
12. 4	45) discovered
13. 3	46) appearance
14. 1	47) scientists
15. 4	48) developing
16. 4	49) triumph
17. 3	50) yet
18. 2	51) put
19. 1	52) soon
20. 3	53) under
21. 1	54) their
22. 4	55) arm
23. 1	56) water
24. 2	57) level
25. 2	58) flooded
26. 1	59) voice
27. 2	60) underwater
28. 2	61) swam
29. 4	62) floating
30. 4	63) fought
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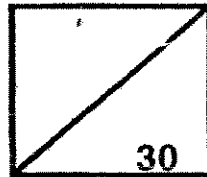
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- fact that he was careless.
- 67) The boys went kayaking in spite of the stormy weather.
- 68) Miss Lim asked me when I had handed that assignment in.
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- 70) Neither Mike nor his sister like outdoor adventures.
- 71) The word is "invariably".
- 72) He will hear barking dogs, young goats crying and children at play.
- 73) The sentence is 'one is almost in the village before buildings are seen.
- 74) A kilometer away from Qurna Village there are many are many sites that are more suitable for a Village and the Village is built several hundred metres away from the cultivated areas.
- 75) King Tutankhamen's tomb did not have as many treasures as those of the more powerful king's.
- 76) It refers to the royal tomb of Tutankhamen.
- 77) The Qurnawis plundered the ancient Egyptian ruler's tomb for their treasures and sold their finds to dealers in antiquities in Luxor.
- 78) They were careful to sell only a few objects at a time and were always ready to offer bribes.
- 79) More and more European tourists visited Luxor and bought the goods from the dealers.
- 80) It was to prevent further discovery of the treasures and future thefts by the Qurnawis.

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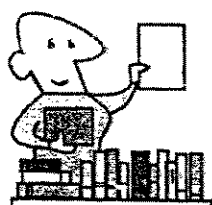
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 - (1) Singapore Expo
 - (2) The Learning Arcade
 - (3) The Learning Pavillion
 - (4) The Educationists' Shopping Place

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3. Ken wishes to further his studies abroad. He should visit _____.
 - (1) Town Square
 - (2) Techno Plaza
 - (3) Enterprise Hub
 - (4) The Learning Arcade

4. Mr Tan is interested in buying some educational CD-Roms for his son. He should patronise _____.
 - (1) Heartland
 - (2) Enterprise Hub
 - (3) The Learning Arcade
 - (4) The Educationists' Shopping Place

5. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (1) The bazaar caters to the needs of the educationists only.
 - (2) One can undergo different learning experiences at the bazaar.
 - (3) One can visit the bazaar after purchasing an admission ticket.
 - (4) The bazaar is one of the largest exhibitions held in Singapore.

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. Neither the pupils nor their teacher _____ arrived yet. They will be late if they don't leave for the concert in fifteen minutes.
- (1) has
(2) had
(3) have
(4) having
7. Pete refused to turn up for the training _____ Tom was coming along. They had agreed to participate in the sessions together.
- (1) except
(2) unless
(3) despite
(4) because
8. A number of interesting suggestions _____ made by the committee at the meeting. *They have decided to place a fountain at the entrance.*
- (1) is being
(2) has been
(3) have been
(4) were being
9. Living in a multi-cultural country like ours, we ought to learn to be more tolerant _____ the religions and practices of the various ethnic groups.
- (1) of
(2) to
(3) with
(4) about
10. The burglar had made _____ with some computer softwares at the headquarters before the police arrived.
- (1) up
(2) off
(3) out
(4) away

11. He has two aunts both of _____ were lawyers in the 1990s. They have retired ever since.

(1) who
(2) whose
(3) whom
(4) which

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12. When Mrs Tan arrived home from work, she realised that her maid _____ the room.

(1) swept
(2) has swept
(3) had swept
(4) has been sweeping

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For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(3 marks)

"I watched this competition on TV," Paul told his father. "You have to phone this number in England and give the answer. Then your name will be entered in a lucky draw for a million pounds. Can I phone this number (13) He showed his father a British phone number which started with 0905.

"No, I'm sorry but you can't," Mr Lim said. "I very much doubt whether anybody has a million pounds to give away."

"But there are hundreds of other prizes too (14) " Paul explained.

"Yes, there may be," his father told him (15) but you won't win one worth having. The phone call will cost you at least \$2 a minute and the person at the other end will ask you many questions to make the phone call a long one."

13. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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15. (1) [: "] colon and inverted commas
(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(3) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

16. Our pioneers went through grave _____ to ensure the survival of our country.
- (1) perils
 - (2) turmoils
 - (3) encounters
 - (4) experiences
17. In spite of the torrential downpour, our players' spirits were not _____. They went on to clinch the trophy.
- (1) drowned
 - (2) destroyed
 - (3) dampened
 - (4) diminished
18. The tsunami at Phuket caused such _____ damage that all efforts to rebuild the town had to be abandoned.
- (1) extensive
 - (2) enormous
 - (3) expansive
 - (4) tremendous
19. You did not write too well for this essay because there were too many _____ details.
- (1) substantial
 - (2) superfluous
 - (3) surreptitious
 - (4) superstitious
20. The hunter _____ his listeners with his vivid account of his encounters with the wildlife in Africa.
- (1) enthused
 - (2) engrossed
 - (3) enthralled
 - (4) enraptured

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The Aurora Borealis, or the Northern Lights, is nature's most beautiful light show. Encyclopedias define it as a colourful light phenomenon, which shows itself when charged particles, carried by

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solar winds, hit the upper parts of the Earth's atmosphere. These lights usually perform at a height of 100 kilometres. There are enormous changes in colour and form. One can easily observe the

(22)

Northern Lights as beams of light 'swaying' across the sky. Some observers pointed out that the

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Northern Lights also make sounds as they blaze across the sky. This however has not been scientifically proven. In order to see a proper showing of the spectacular Northern Lights, one

(24)

should spend at least one week in Lapland, Finland. The most anxious "Northern Lights tourists"

(25)

are the Japanese. They believe that the Northern Lights bring happiness to their family. Many guest groups in Lapland ask the night porters of hotels to wake them at any time of the night if the Northern Lights are to appear.

21. (1) depict
(2) discuss
(3) describe
(4) determine

22. (1) spot
(2) peer
(3) notice
(4) perceive

23. (1) claimed
(2) declared
(3) affirmed
(4) confirmed

24. (1) right
(2) decent
(3) precise
(4) suitable

25. (1) eager
(2) ardent
(3) nervous
(4) apprehensive

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Danelle Baillegee, 35, was a world-class endurance athlete who had run in over 500 long-distance competitions through deserts and mountains around the world.

Up ahead, Taz disappeared, but Danelle did not worry as she scrambled along a remote rocky trail to the top of a ridge of deep-coloured red rock. Near the summit, her foot hit a patch of ice. She scraped over solid stone as she fell over a steep cliff. She slammed feet first onto a narrow rock ledge and collapsed. 5

She could wiggle her toes but when she tried to stand, pain shot through her. Her pelvis and several of her vertebrae were shattered. The lower half of her body was a useless, dead mass.

Danelle looked at her watch. It was noon. She estimated she was ten kilometres from her truck and trapped high on a hidden desert ledge in winter. Alone. Then she heard Taz. 10

He ran down from the summit and huddled over her. Danelle stroked his thick coat. If she remained still, her pain subsided, and she could think her way out of this trap. She would follow Taz down the path to the canyon floor and crawl back to her truck.

She rolled onto her stomach and screamed so loudly Taz jumped. The canyon floor was hundreds of metres below, down a rocky path. Taz went ahead of Danelle who began clawing forward over rocks and patches of snow. Taz trotted down the trail, then back, wondering why Danelle was not running alongside him. Willing herself through the pain, she concentrated on her task. 15

Five hours later, Danelle reached the canyon bottom, scraped and bruised. She was 500 metres closer to her goal. She flopped onto her back, exhausted. Then she noticed an ice-covered hole. She leaned into the hole and drank deeply. She would need water if she was going to crawl out tomorrow. Danelle dipped her empty water bottle into the pool, but it came out full of silt. She used the lid to slowly scoop water from the surface. It took over 50 scoops to get enough. She finally stopped as spills were freezing her fingers. Danelle reached out to her companion and he curled into a ball next to her. Putting her arms around him, she felt his warmth, and held on. 20 25

As the hours wore on, Danelle tried to distract herself from the pain and cold. Danelle stared into the clear night sky, talked to Taz and counted shooting stars with him. It hurt incredibly to move but if she didn't, her core temperature would drop and she would die of hypothermia. So she flexed her muscles, tapped her feet and lifted her head off the rock in a small sit-up. Pain nagged constantly. She continued a series of crunches. Her abdomen ached. Throughout the night, she took sips of water, realizing that if she drank too much, she'd urinate and the liquid would freeze on her legs. 30

At Thursday's first light, Danelle turned over and dragged herself forward. She was barely moving now. She pushed hard, scraping her finger, knuckles and knees till they bled. She crawled from first light to 4pm but became dehydrated and had to return to the water hole. The day had been wasted. 35

As darkness and temperature fell, pain and hunger started to take their toll. Danelle was afraid of predators and called to Taz to stay close. 40

Adapted from *Rescue Dog* by Tom Haliman, Jr

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

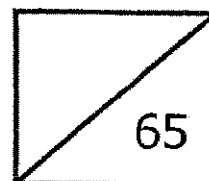
26. Which evidence from the 1st paragraph tells us that Danelle was an experienced athlete?
- (1) She always trained with her dog.
 - (2) She could endure many hardships.
 - (3) She had taken part in many competitions. ()
 - (4) She had trekked through deserts and mountains.
27. What was Danelle's 'task' (Line 19)?
- (1) It was to get to her truck.
 - (2) It was to walk down the rocky path.
 - (3) It was to follow Taz out of the forest. ()
 - (4) It was to run to the foot of the canyon.
28. What does 'It' (Line 24) refer to?
- (1) It refers to Danelle's bottle which was full of silt.
 - (2) It refers to Danelle using her bottle lid to scoop water. ()
 - (3) It refers to Danelle dipping her water bottle into the pool.
 - (4) It refers to the number of scoops of water needed to fill Danelle's bottle.
29. How did Danelle cope with her pain and cold?
- (1) She held on to Taz for protection.
 - (2) She counted the stars and talked to Taz..
 - (3) She flexed her muscles and tapped her feet. ()
 - (4) She did a few crunches and drank some water.
30. Which of the following statements is false?
- (1) Taz was her constant companion.
 - (2) Taz led her to the bottom of the canyon. ()
 - (3) Danelle fell when she was reaching the summit.
 - (4) Danelle had to drink a lot of water to prevent dehydration.

☺ End of Booklet A ☺



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Booklet B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

* This booklet consists of 10 pages altogether. (including this page)

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) above	(D) before	(G) for	(K) of	(N) whose
(B) also	(E) but	(H) in	(L) or	(P) while
(C) although	(F) by	(J) into	(M) still	(Q) when

Water on the Earth is turned into water vapour or steam by the Sun. The water vapour rises 31 the air and condenses into tiny droplets, forming clouds.

The droplets are 32 too small to fall – they float in the air – but as they

rise higher 33 the earth, the droplets group together, forming larger drops.

That is 34 they fall back to the Earth as rain. It takes many thousands of

water droplets to form together 35 this can happen.

Precipitation is the word used to describe all the various ways 36 which

water falls to Earth. Some of the moisture comes as dew or frost, 37

other forms are snow, sleet and hail.

These different forms 38 precipitation will be welcomed by farmers with

parched crops waiting for life-giving rain but cursed 39 the unfortunate

ones 40 houses, crops or cars are damaged by the icy hailstones that

plummet to the Earth like sheets of icy bullets and miniature bombs. Water can build as well as destroy.

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

The bell rang and Daud picked up his bag and went down to the school field. Today

(41)

was football training and tomorrow there was the big match - the semi-final in the Inter-schools competition.

(42)

Daud got changed and went out to the football pitch. A crowd of boys was loitterring

(43)

around the field, waiting for Mr. Mok, the sports teacher's arriving.

(44)

They kicked the ball around and **praktized** shots on goal. They had a really good goalie

(45)

(46)

called Warren. He looks like a stick insect, but he was **phinomennal** at stopping goals.

(47)

Barry Woon was the centre forward. He was an oportunisttic

(48)

poacher of goals. But only Barry wasn't so big-headed. Of course he was bigger and

(49)

stronger and faster than everyone else because that did not give him a reason to make fun of everyone else.

Daud really hated him.

'Goal...!'

(50)



Barry Woon sent another accurately placed shot into the back of the net. Daud didn't like him but he had to admit he was a good player.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Samy flapped his wings nervously. It was a long way _____ to the

(51)

beach. Everything was set. The feathers were glued on pretty well. The wooden struts were strong. But could he fly?

"Go on," said Jing Hui. "There's only one _____ to find out."

(52)

Dino barked loudly and ran around their legs, waiting _____ the fun

(53)

to begin. As if by magic, the canine stopped 'playing' and moved furtively to the side, waiting

patiently for whatever drama was going to _____

(54)

"It's all right for you," said Samy. "You're not going for the competition."

Suddenly he ran towards the edge of the stone wall facing the waters and jumped. He plunged into mid air and flapped his arms furiously. Panic _____ his face. He flapped

(55)

_____ harder. "No!" he yelled.

(56)

He plunged down, rolled _____ in the sand and lay still.

(57)

Jing Hui ran down to meet him. "Are you okay?" he shouted.

Samy lifted up a sandy face, spat up some granules of sand and nodded. He undid both

_____ and very calmly and deliberately left _____ on the sand.

(58)

(59)

"It'll never work," said Jing Hui. "You'll never" win the Birdman competition like that. You can't jump off the _____ of a jetty in those. You'll just drop
(60)
_____ a deadweight. An awfully wet deadweight," Jing Hui unsuccessfully
(61)
tried to stifle a giggle. Samy looked down at the ground as if in _____ but then
(62)
an almost eerie winning smile formed on his lips.

"It doesn't _____," said Samy. "I'm going to pick up my Uncle Jeremy's hang-glider
(63)
this afternoon. A real one. You watch me fly over the waves _____
(64)
get that. This year my archrival Ji Wei isn't going to win for once.

My uncle's aerodynamic and lightweight 'flyer' will beat Ji Wei's and anybody else's entry.

Nobody will stand a _____:
(65)
Dino barked once as if in agreement.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided.
Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as
the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 Hairul lost the cross country race. He trained all year.

_____ despite _____

67 If the guest of honour arrives late, the concert will not begin as scheduled.

Unless _____

68 "What time are we beginning our class party tomorrow?" Hui Han asked.

Hui Han wanted to know _____

69 The pupils' safety during the hill climb is the chief instructor's responsibility.

_____ for _____

70 Guna attended the week long seminar. He had been nominated to train his
department in new business strategies.

_____ who _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Jewell New excelled in persuading lions to ride motorcycles. New took six months coaxing his favourite lion, Kenneth, to join him on his bike. "At first the cat wouldn't go near the bike," he said, "then he wouldn't get off."

Kenneth was a mature four and a half year old specimen when he began to learn riding pillion. New was just beginning his career and did not have money to buy a suitable flashy motorcycle. He had to trade in his watch collection and a spare tyre in part exchange. Kenneth showed a **natural sense of balance** as New roared around the ring on the motorcycle, but his master sometimes complained of back strain after supporting the 190 kilo beast's head and paws on his shoulders.

New would spend the winter months in Florida training 15 male lions to go **through their paces** for a 10 minute act that he presented during the summer season for The Greatest Show on Earth, the showcase of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey. New always denied exploiting lions. "I take all the risks they do," he said.

This came home to him at a **ticklish moment** with another lion, Buddy. Although Buddy had been bottle fed by New from the age of two days, he proved less tractable than Kenneth. He turned awkward at the climax of the act, when New put his head inside his jaws.

"He just kept it there," New recalled. "He didn't bite me, he just held me in place with his teeth. When he decided at last to let me go, my groom asked me why I'd kept my head in there for such a long time." New decided in future to use a different lion for that particular trick.

New became fond of animals while working on his family's farm. His experience as a keeper at the city zoo in Dallas as a university student enabled him to find jobs with different jungle theme parks in the country after he graduated. New only learned lion taming by experiment after joining Ringling Brothers Circus World in Florida. "The first day I asked the groom to let them in the cage with me," he remembered, "and we got acquainted. I soon figured out what to look out for."

He **took to the road** for the first time with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey's 108th annual tour. He said that he felt more nervous in front of a circus audience than in a cage with a dozen Nubian lions. But his first triumph with Kenneth would always be the high point of his life.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What word in the first paragraph tells us that New was very good at his job?

72. How do we know that Kenneth enjoyed his ride on the motorcycle?

73. Explain clearly how Kenneth's 'natural sense of balance' (L7) helps New's motorcycle act.

74. What does it mean for the lions to "go through their paces"(L10 -11)?

75. Did all patrons who saw New's lion act approve of it? How do you know?

76. Why did New remain in Buddy's jaws for so long without making any attempt to escape?

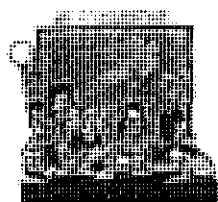
77. What 2 experiences in New's life prepared him for his circus work with the lions?

78. What does the phrase "took to the road" (L28) tell you about the circus New worked with?

79. What does the fact that he felt more nervous in front of people than in a cage with a dozen Nubian lions tell you about New?

80. What does the phrase "ticklish moment" (L14) tell us about New's feelings/attitude towards his encounter with Buddy?

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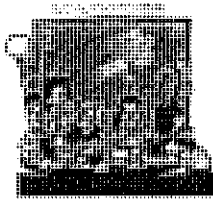
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44)practised		45)looked		46)phenomenal	
47)opportunistic		48)If		49)but	
50)accurately		51)down		52)way	
53)for		54)unfold		55)filled	
56)even		57)over		58)wings	
59)them		60)edge		61)like	
62)defeat		63)matter		64)when	
65)chance					

66)Hairu lost the cross country race despite training all year.

67)Unless the guest of honor arrives late, the concert will begin as scheduled.

68)Hui Huan wanted to know what time they were beginning their class party the next day.

69)The chief instructor is responsible for the safety during the hill climb.



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70)Guna who had been nominated to train his department in new business strategies attended the week long seminar.

71)The word is "excelled".

72)Kenneth did not want to get off the motorcycle after the ride.

73)New would be able to go on a higher speed.

74)It means the Lion practice the performance a few times.

75)No. Some of the patrons think that he is exploiting the lions.

76)New was afraid Buddy might hurt him.

77)Working on his family's farm and was a keeper at the zoo in Dallas.

78)The circus moves from place to place.

79)He is a shy person.

80)New took it good naturedly.

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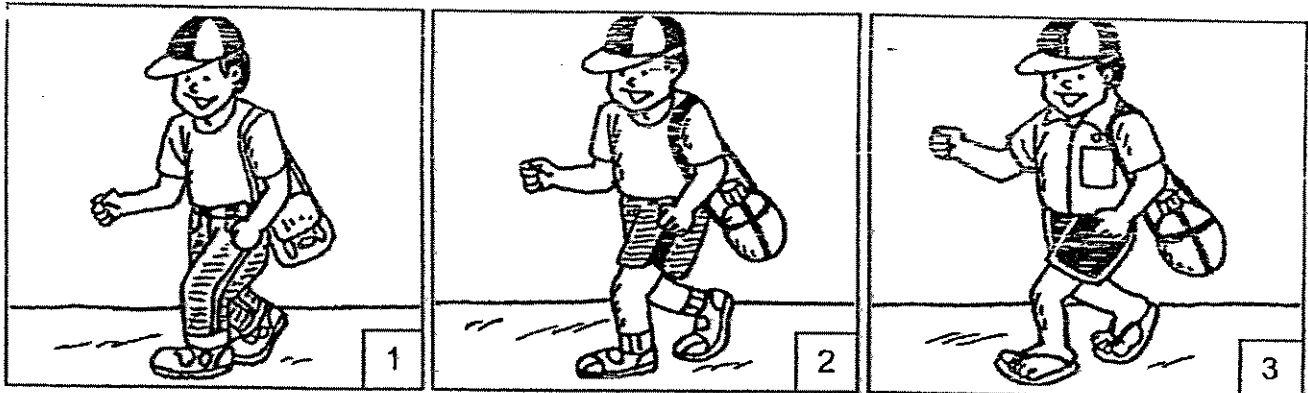
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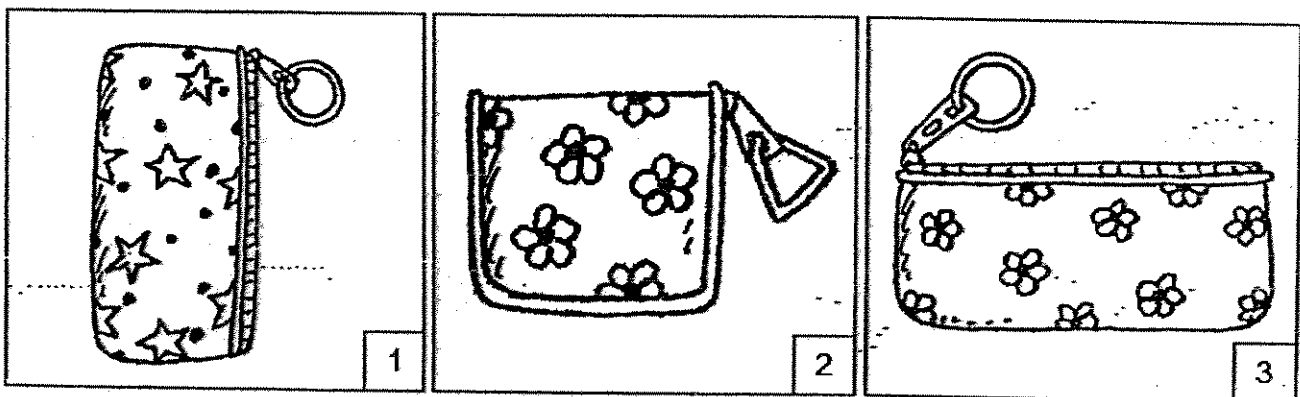
Text 1

Q1. Which one of the three boys is properly attired and prepared for the outing?



Text 2

Q2. Which one of the three wallets belongs to Anne?



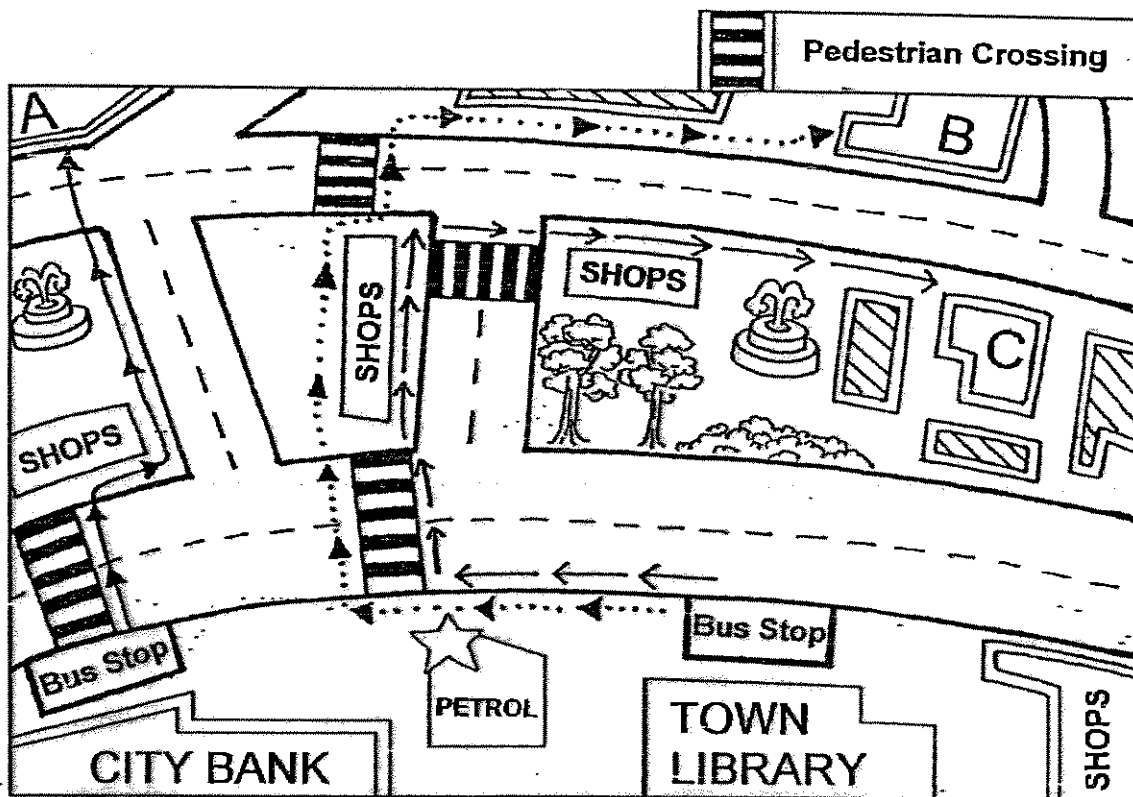
Text 3

Q3. Which is the Cultural and Fine Arts Building?

- (1) building A
- (2) building B
- (3) building C

Q4. How many rows of shops will one pass when walking from the bus stop to the Cultural and Fine Arts Building?

- (1) one
- (2) two
- (3) three

**Text 4**

Q5. Why was Lim Huat arrested?

- (1) for working with tribal people
- (2) for trading in endangered animals
- (3) for keeping wild animals as pets

Q6. What happened to the animals found in Lim's house?

- (1) they were taken away by the police
- (2) they were released into the jungle
- (3) they were sold

- Q7. Who provided Mr. Lim with the endangered animals?**
- (1) tribal people
 - (2) pet lovers
 - (3) smugglers
- Q8. What were some of the animals found in Mr. Lim's house?**
- (1) chinchillas, lizards and rare birds
 - (2) cobras, mousedeer and gibbons
 - (3) alligators, chinchillas and snakes

Text 5

- Q9. Who do you think Mrs. Sathi is?**
- (1) the hockey coach
 - (2) the school principal
 - (3) a player in the hockey team
- Q10. What is the main purpose of the Australian trip?**
- (1) to give the players an opportunity to befriend Australian boys
 - (2) to reward the players
 - (3) to allow the boys to compete overseas
- Q11. How many boys are there in the school hockey squad?**
- (1) 80
 - (2) 40
 - (3) 25
- Q12. Where will the money for the trip come from?**
- (1) the school
 - (2) the parents
 - (3) the school and the parents

Text 6.

- Q13. What was Zainab worried about?**
- (1) not having enough money to live on
 - (2) the family having no savings
 - (3) Rashid being retrenched again
- Q14. How old was Rashid when he was retrenched?**
- (1) 20 years old
 - (2) 30 years old
 - (3) 40 years old

Q15. How long was Rashid without a job?

- (1) one month
- (2) three months
- (3) one year

Q16. What was Rashid working as when he was able to earn as much as \$3 500 a month?

- (1) a taxi driver and a supervisor
- (2) a production worker and a tourist guide
- (3) a tourist guide and a taxi driver

Text 7.

Q17. Where are Mrs. Daliah and Mr. Tay?

- (1) in the visitor's lounge
- (2) in Jonathan's classroom
- (3) in the principal's office

Q18. Why has Mr. Tay gone to the school?

- (1) to inform the school that his children will be discontinuing their studies there
- (2) to apply for a transfer for his children to another school.
- (3) to collect some documents from his children's teachers

Q19. Who are saddened because the family is moving to Germany?

- (1) Jonathan and Mrs. Dahlia
- (2) Mr. and Mrs. Tay
- (3) Patricia and Jonathan

Q20. How long has Patricia been studying at the school?

- (1) 5 years
- (2) 2 years
- (3) less than a year

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PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

30 questions

30 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

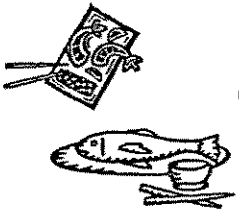
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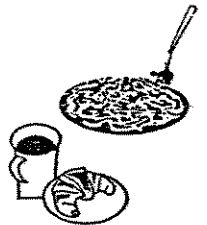
Answer all questions.

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.



Opening Special!

Celebrating the grand opening of
Delico Food Court
at Bishan Mall



DelicoFoodCourt \$5.50 Special Tempura Sushi Set Includes: - 4 pieces of Tempura - 2 sushi rolls - 1 Onigiri (Rice ball) * Offer at Sushi Stall 8	DelicoFoodCourt \$4.50 Korean BBQ Pork/Beef Hotplate Includes: - Pork/ Beef on Hotplate - Rice + kimchi + soup * Offer at Korean Delights Stall 12
DelicoFoodCourt \$1.60 For any 2 drinks Only for: Pepsi / Coke / Sprite / Tea / Coffee / Milo * Offer at Drinks & Dessert Stall 5	DelicoFoodCourt FREE Soup-of-the-day (worth \$1.50) For every main course purchased at Dave's Western Food Stall 7

Write your name and contact number at the back of the special meal coupons and stand to win attractive prizes in our grand opening **Lucky Draw** that will be held on 3rd March 2007, 10am at Delico Food Court, Bishan Mall.

Coupons are ONLY valid from 2nd February to 2nd March 2007.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. What is the purpose of this advertisement? It is to advertise _____.
 - 1) Bishan Mall's Opening Celebration
 - 2) Delico Food Court's Opening Celebration
 - 3) Delico Food Court's First Anniversary Celebration
 - 4) Bishan Mall's Food Court Opening Celebration

2. The meal coupons are only valid for _____.
 - 1) one day
 - 2) one week
 - 3) one month
 - 4) two months

3. Laura bought a Korean BBQ Pork Hotplate Set. It includes _____.
 - 1) pork, rice, and kimchi soup
 - 2) pork, rice, kimchi and soup
 - 3) beef, rice, kimchi and soup
 - 4) pork, beef, rice, kimchi and soup

4. Sara ordered fish and chips from Dave's western food stall. What special offer is she entitled to? She is entitled to _____.
 - 1) a lucky draw
 - 2) two free drinks
 - 3) a free soup-of-the-day
 - 4) a \$1.50 discount coupon

5. The lucky draw will be held _____.
 - 1) one day after the coupon's validity date
 - 2) one year after the coupon's validity date
 - 3) one week after the coupon's validity date
 - 4) one month after the coupon's validity date

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. The school encouraged the act of _____ our old books to the poor and needy children.

~~1) donate~~
~~2) donated~~
~~3) donating~~
~~4) donation~~

7. You can rely on Mr. Forest. He is a man _____ his word.

1) by
2) in
3) of
4) with

8. Gloria was the guest-of-honour for last night's event and she _____ a very grand entrance.

1) makes
2) made
3) was making
4) will be making

9. _____ Alan reached home, he shouted out to his mother to open the door.

1) Although
2) As
3) Despite
4) Since

10. To find the treasure, the travellers had to find their way through a route which was fraught _____ many dangers.

1) in
2) into
3) on
4) with

11. A terrible din _____ heard outside the school during recess just now.

- 1) are
- 2) is
- 3) was
- 4) were

12. The band of musicians gave _____ best performance ever during yesterday's concert.

- 1) her
- 2) his
- 3) their
- 4) them

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(3 marks)

In 1896, in a field in London(13) a large crowd gathered to see what magic a young Italian inventor could perform.

"It's not magic(14) Guglielmo Marconi explained to the crowd clearly. "My machine can send messages across space without using electrical wires(15)

13. 1) [.] full stop
2) [,] comma
3) [;] semi-colon
4) [:] colon

14. 1) [",] inverted comma and comma
2) [,"] comma and inverted comma
3) ["?] inverted comma and question mark
4) [?"] question mark and inverted comma

15. 1) [."] full stop and inverted comma
2) [".] inverted comma and full stop
3) [?"] question mark and inverted comma
4) [?"] inverted comma and question mark

For each question 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

16. I have not seen any of the previous episodes, so you will have to give me a brief _____.
- 1) symposium
 - 2) synopsis
 - 3) syntax
 - 4) synthesis
17. We spent the whole evening looking _____ at old photographs.
- 1) compassionately
 - 2) nostalgically
 - 3) philosophically
 - 4) satisfactorily
18. As we turned the corner, a scene of _____ beauty appeared before us.
- 1) indefinite
 - 2) ~~indisputable~~ insufficient
 - 3) infinite
 - 4) intrinsic
19. John repeatedly lied to his parents in order to get their money to _____ his gambler's desire.
- 1) achieve
 - 2) obligate
 - 3) rebuff
 - 4) satisfy
20. I awoke and saw a masked _____ in my bedroom. My room had been ransacked.
- 1) disciple
 - 2) follower
 - 3) imposter
 - 4) intruder

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Switzerland may be neutral but it is far from being (21)flavourless. The fusion of German, French and Italian ingredients has formed a robust national culture, and the country's alpine landscapes have enough (22)zing to reinvigorate the most jaded traveller.

Goethe summed up Switzerland (23)succinctly as a combination of 'the colossal and the well-ordered'. You can be sure that your trains and letters will be on time. The tidy, just-so precision of Swiss towns is tempered by the lofty (24)splendour of the landscapes that surround them.

Switzerland sits squarely in the belly of western Europe, landlocked by France, Germany, Liechtenstein, Austria and Italy. The Alps occupy the central and southern regions of the country and the modest Jura Mountains straddle the border with France in the northeast. The Bernese Mittelland - an area of hills, rivers and winding valleys - lies between the two mountain systems and has spawned Switzerland's most (25)populous cities.

Adapted from an article from Lonely Planet - Switzerland

21. (1) dull
(2) exciting
(3) offensive
(4) thrilling
22. (1) apathy
(2) dynamism
(3) lethargy
(4) limitation
23. (1) concisely
(2) eventually
(3) leisurely
(4) wordily
24. (1) dullness
(2) fineness
(3) magnificence
(4) simplicity
25. (1) densely inhabited
(2) deserted
(3) sparsely occupied
(4) well-known

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 26 to 30.

As they approached, Milo could see crowds of people pushing and shouting their way among the stalls, buying and selling, trading and bargaining. Huge wooden-wheeled carts streamed into the market square from the orchards, and long caravans bound for the four corners of the kingdom made ready to leave. Sacks and boxes were piled high waiting to be delivered to the ships that sailed the Sea of Knowledge, and off to one side a group of minstrels sang songs to the delight of those either too young or too old to engage in trade. But above all the noise and tumult of the crowd could be heard the merchants' voices loudly advertising their products.

"Get your fresh-picked ifs, ands, and buts."

"Hey-yaa, hey-yaa, hey-yaa, nice ripe wheres and whens."

"Juicy, tempting words for sale."

Milo had never thought much about words before, but these looked so good that he longed to have some. "Look, Tock," he cried, "Aren't they wonderful?"

"They're fine, if you have something to say," replied Tock in a tired voice, for he was much more interested in finding a bone than in shopping for words.

"Why not take a few pounds of 'happys'?" advised the salesman. "They're much more practical – and very useful for Happy Birthday, Happy New Year, happy days, and happy-go-lucky."

As they turned down the last aisle of stalls, Milo noticed a wagon that seemed different from the rest. On its side was a small neatly lettered sign that said, "DO IT YOURSELF," and inside were twenty-six bins filled with all the letters of the alphabet from A to Z.

"These are for people who like to make their own words," the man in charge informed him. "You can pick any assortment you like or buy a special box complete with all letters, punctuation marks, and a book of instructions. Here, taste an A; they're very good."

Passage extracted from 'The Phantom Tollbooth' by Norton Juster.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. What were the wooden-wheeled carts carrying?
- 1) letters
 - 2) people
 - 3) sacks and boxes
 - 4) fruits and vegetables
27. How were those not engaged in buying or selling entertained?
- 1) They sang songs.
 - 2) They listened to songs.
 - 3) They were entertained by all the noise and tumult of the crowd.
 - 4) They listened to the merchants' loud voices advertising their products.
28. Which of the following has a similar meaning to 'tumult' in the passage?
- 1) calm
 - 2) chaos
 - 3) outrage
 - 4) peace
29. The salesman suggested to Milo to buy some 'happys' because they were practical. In what way were they practical?
- 1) They are easier to spell.
 - 2) They are for the 'happy-go-lucky'.
 - 3) They can be used for birthday and New Year greetings.
 - 4) They can be used for forming words with 'happy' in them.
30. What was the main difference between the words sold in the wagon at the last aisle of stalls and the others?
- 1) The words came in a special box.
 - 2) The words from the store could be eaten.
 - 3) The words from the store could be personalised.
 - 4) All twenty-six letters of the alphabet were in different bins.

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2007

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY SIX

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PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

50 questions

65 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

~~(A)~~ across	~~(D)~~ from	~~(G)~~ despite	~~(K)~~ although	~~(N)~~ any
~~(B)~~ by	~~(E)~~ in	~~(H)~~ with	~~(L)~~ about	~~(P)~~ have
~~(C)~~ along	~~(F)~~ should	~~(J)~~ which	~~(M)~~ like	~~(Q)~~ now

Johor flood victims stay away from psychiatric help because they fear being labelled. Paramedics fanning out _____ Johor are finding it difficult to treat patients who are suffering _____ emotional trauma. This is considered a standard and vital part of _____ rescue process worldwide.

Flash floods occurred twice; December and January, resulting _____ more than 100,000 people made homeless. Two small towns located _____ 30 kilometres from Batu Pahat still _____ flood victims at their relief centres as flood waters are receding too slowly.

The victims are staying in community centres, multipurpose halls and schools _____ have been converted into relief centres. A tough and arduous task _____ awaits the paramedics as they have to travel from one centre to another. Medical workers are mostly treating victims for normal ailments _____ cough, cold and fever. Detecting psychiatric cases is not easy.

Another factor deterring patients from coming forward to seek any sort of treatment is the social stigma that comes _____ with it. _____ all that, the paramedics are trying their best to provide all the aid they can render to the flood victims.

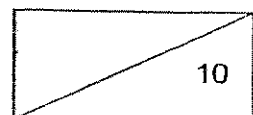
Adapted from The New Paper (28 Jan 2007)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.
Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Some explorers once went to find the Pit of Agonizing Death in central
(41) (42)
Africa. A **garverment** official told them that men had disappeared mistiriously in
(43)
a range of hills. The only news of them is that they had visited the Pit of
Agonizing Death -- and had never been seen again. The authority was anxious to
locate the Pit and solve the case.

(44) (45)
The men split up in pairs and comb the hills for **sevarel** months, visiting
(46)
hundreds of caves. Eventual one of the men, Gatti, found the Pit. His assistant,
Zamani, promised to wait at the top of the hole while Gatti lowered himself into
(47)
the Pit. During his **disssent**, Gatti slipped twenty feet and was left dangling at the
(48)
end of his rope, more than seventy feet at the top of the Pit.

Using his torch, Gatti saw that he was about ten feet from the bottom of
the Pit. The floor was covered with bones and skulls, some white and
comparatively recent, others yellow and very old. Gatti soon solved the mystery
(49)
of the Pit. It was used as an **eksekution** chamber by local chiefs. Many of the
(50)
skeletons have a hand missing, showing that a man had been punished for theft.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

On Tuesday, a powerful earthquake struck the western part of Honshu, the main island of Japan. It was Japan's _____ earthquake. It _____ the greatest loss of life and damage to buildings, roads, bridges and railways in Kobe. Osaka, Japan's second largest city also _____ significant damage. Those who died initially and the other fatalities brought the death toll to _____ five thousand.

_____ Japan is an earthquake-prone country. _____, the area around Kobe had not been known to be a danger zone. It is for this reason that many chose to reside there. Therefore, it was _____ that an earthquake of such magnitude had occurred.

There are seismographs and sensors which could _____ earthquakes. With such _____, people could be evacuated to safety. But in the case of Kobe, none was given.

Unexpectedly, it was the _____ roads and buildings that were damaged, unlike the older ones. These roads and buildings were especially engineered to _____ earthquakes. Fortunately, the Kobe nuclear power plant managed to _____ the mishap. If radioactivity had leaked, it would have _____ off severe and long-lasting damage on health and the environment.

The reconstruction of Kobe after the earthquake would be _____. The early-warning system has also been _____ especially so because another big earthquake is expected in the next twenty to thirty years, _____ to the earthquake researchers.

For each of the items 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).
(10 marks)

- 66 "I did not go cycling yesterday," Fatima said.

Fatima said _____

- 67 You must not enter a swimming pool without a float if you do not know how to swim.

Unless _____

- 68 The football team did not have many supporters. The football team won the game

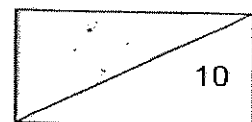
_____ in spite of

- 69 Tomoko was ill. She did not go on the excursion.

Due to _____

- 70 Karen is my neighbour. She had just spoken to you.

_____ whom



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

"This is the life for me," I thought to myself happily. On holiday in Malaysia, I was concealed inside a "hide" of tough thorns and gazed with interest at the scene in front of me. Some photographs of *seladang*, or wild cattle, were needed to illustrate an article I was writing, so I had chosen this likely place.

As the evening drew nearer, I watched a group of *seladang* which had been drawing slowly nearer to me. There were several cows in the herd, one or two young bulls and a few calves. For several minutes I quietly photographed the animals as they fed and I was impressed by the way in which they seemed constantly alert. A head would be raised suspiciously from time to time, and a young bull would glare round as if looking for an opponent to fight.

For another quarter of an hour I watched the peaceful scene in front of me. Then the situation changed abruptly. An evening breeze sprang up and it seemed to blow frivolously in all directions. The *seladang* became increasingly restless. The herd leader raised his head. He was evidently suspicious and began to move slowly in my direction. Then he stopped and I saw with relief that he was only watching real danger and the cause of the bull's uneasiness. Without a sound, a tiger had come out from the jungle and had just moved to a bush almost midway between me and the calf. If it had not moved as I watched, I should never have known that it was there.

I picked up my rifle and peered through the thorns. Even now the bull was not quite confident. Perhaps his instincts warned him of a danger to the calf although he could not see the tiger. He began to move again but in a hesitant manner, as if unsure what the danger was and from where it threatened.

Then it happened. There was a flash of colour and the tiger hurled itself forward. I fired almost in the same instant. The calf scampered hurriedly back to the safety of the herd, and the tiger thrashed around in the undergrowth. I tried feverishly to clear a jammed cartridge from my rifle, and mentally cursed myself for not checking the ammunition thoroughly.

At last I succeeded and looked up just in time to see the tiger pick itself up and bound towards the "hide". Whether it intended to attack me or was just fleeing in my general direction, I shall never know. Before I could raise my rifle again, the bull had intervened. It must have started its charge as soon as the calf moved. Hardly altering its direction, it caught the wounded tiger just as it tried to turn to face the new enemy. The powerful head and horns of the *seladang* hurled the tiger through the air and the bull was after it in a flash. I raised my rifle and then lowered it when I saw that it was not needed. The tiger lay where it had fallen, killed by one of its two enemies or perhaps by both. With a bellow of rage and disgust, the bull pawed at the tiger for a moment and then moved back to its herd. Following their leader, the *seladang* plunged noisily into the jungle.

Passage adapted from *Contact Book Two* by A.R.B. Etherton

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 Why did the author go to this particular place?

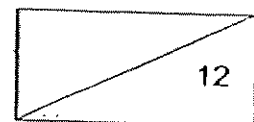
72 What are "seladang"?

73 Quote the phrase from paragraph two that suggests the author succeeded in obtaining the material needed.

74 How did the author know that the animals were alert?

75 Which word in the third paragraph has the same meaning as 'obviously'?

76 Explain fully why the author said that it was "with relief" (line 15) that the bull stopped moving towards the "hide"?

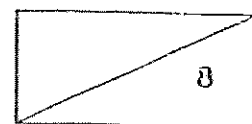


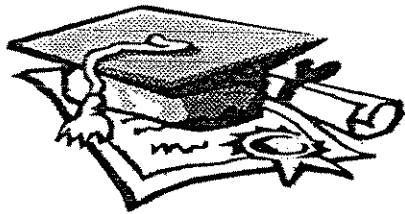
77 How did the author happen to notice the tiger?

78 What happened to the calf which the tiger had wanted to kill?

79 Why would the author never know whether the tiger intended to attack him or was just fleeing in his general direction?

80 Who were the tiger's "two enemies"? (line ³⁷~~36~~₃₂)





ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 2	33)N	65)according
2. 3	34)E	
3. 2	35)L	
4. 3	36)J	
5. 1	37)Q	
6. 3	38)M	
7. 3	39)C	
8. 2	40)G	
9. 2	41)government	
10. 4	42)mysteriously	
11. 3	43)was	
12. 3	44)combed	
13. 2	45)several	
14. 2	46)Eventually	
15. 1	47)descent	
16. 2	48)above	
17. 2	49)execution	
18. 3	50)had	
19. 4	51)worst	
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66)Fatimah said that she had not gone cycling the day before.

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69)Due to her illness,Tomoko did not go on the excursion.

70)The lady whom you had just spoken to is my neighbour,Karen.

71)The author needed some photographs of "seladang" or wild cattle to illustrate an article that he was writing.

72)"Seladang" are wild cattle.

73)The phrase is "I quietly photographed the animals."

74)He was that they were alert as a bull in the herd would raise its head from time to time to survey its surroundings.

75)The word is "evidently."

76)The bull moved towards the author's direction if it didn't stop moving,the bull had noticed the author.

77)He noticed the contrast of the colour of the tiger in the bushes when it hurled itself forward.

78)The calf scampered back to the safety of its herd.

79)The bull had interred and changed at the tiger killing it.

80)They were the author and the bull.

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**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

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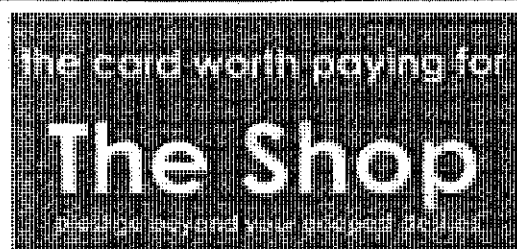
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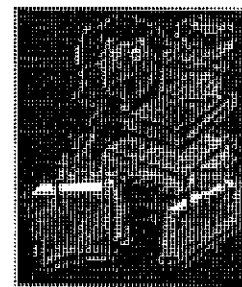
Study the leaflet below and then answer the questions that follow it.



is a privilege card that is offered by The Shop Shopping Mall. The annual membership offers unparalleled pleasures, gourmet cuisines, and rejuvenation benefits. There is also the chance to mingle with like-minded persons.

With The Shop card, you will enjoy these perks and more!

- free parking during off-peak* hours for all members
- free valet parking during peak** hours for Diamond & Ruby members
- discounts from all merchants within The Shop for Diamond members
- offers from selected merchants for Ruby and Opal members
- monthly free brunch for all The Shop card members
- Complimentary foot reflexology with \$300 spent in a single receipt



Enjoy **35% savings** if
you apply before 15 August 2007!

Additional 5% discount if you
are a Marchbank Gold card holder!



Types of Annual Membership
(prices are not inclusive of GST)

Diamond Class	
Length	Fees
1 year	\$3,000
2 years	\$5,000
Ruby Class	
1 year	\$1,800
2 years	\$3,300
Opal Class	
1 year	\$1,200
2 years	\$2,000

For more information, please visit www.theshop.com or call our customer service officers at 6123 4567. Alternatively, you may come down to The Shop and speak with our dedicated card consultants who will have the pleasure of discussing the privileges awaiting you.

*Off-peak hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays except public holidays

**Peak hours: All other times and days

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. The Shop card offers _____.
 - 1) discounts at all shops
 - 2) free parking at all hours for all members
 - 3) free brunch for all members once a month
 - 4) free valet parking during peak hours for all members

2. An applicant enjoys the greatest amount of membership fee discount if she _____.
 - 1) applies before 15 August 2007
 - 2) signs up for the Opal class membership
 - 3) signs up for the Opal class membership for a year
 - 4) applies before 15 August 2007 with the Marchbank Gold card

3. There are _____ types of card memberships.
 - 1) five
 - 2) ten
 - 3) three
 - 4) four

4. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - 1) Opal class members can enjoy free peak hour parking.
 - 2) Diamond class members can enjoy unlimited free brunch.
 - 3) Ruby class members do not have discounts at every merchant.
 - 4) Every member can enjoy free foot reflexology if she has spent \$300 in one day.

5. An interested applicant may find out more information by _____.
 - 1) calling up card consultants
 - 2) reading the leaflet
 - 3) visiting the library
 - 4) visiting the website www.theshop.com

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6. Conscientious students like yourself _____ always a pleasure to teach.

- 1) are
- 2) is
- 3) was
- 4) were

7. The three dollars that you see on the table now _____ to Seta.

- 1) belong
- 2) belongs
- 3) have belong
- 4) is belonging

8. Before I reached the opening ceremony, the Chairperson of the company _____ the ribbon.

- 1) had been cutting
- 2) has been cutting
- 3) had cut
- 4) is cutting

9. Do not be taken _____ by her charm and confidence. The product that she is selling may not be of a high quality.

- 1) away
- 2) in
- 3) off
- 4) on

10. Antonia was reduced _____ tears after being bullied by the rogues.

- 1) by
- 2) of
- 3) to
- 4) with

11. _____ the fact that she was ill, Nana cycled under the hot sun to visit the doctor.

- 1) As a result of
- 2) Due to
- 3) Notwithstanding
- 4) Unless

12. The woman _____ have just spoken to is my aunt.

- 1) which
- 2) who
- 3) whom
- 4) whose

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

After conducting a long operation, Wilhelmina felt she needed a quick bite and sped off in her bright blue surgeon uniform. For a while, she dug her arms into the deep pockets of her baggy pants in search of coins as she stood facing the vending machine in the hospital.

Unexpectedly, a voice came from the flight of stairs behind her (13) No change?"

She stopped short and half-turned around, body slightly slouched, with her lower arm still buried in her back pocket. Seeing Vivien, she asked in a tone of surprise, "So, are you sick (14)

"No, I'm here visiting my father," came Vivien's reply.

"Oh, I'm sorry. Is he sick?" enquired Wilhelmina.

"You could say that. He's sort of dead to the world (15) answered Vivien.

Based on Saving Face by Alice Wu

13. 1) [, "] comma and inverted comma
2) [" ,] inverted comma and comma
3) [. "] full stop and inverted comma
4) [" .] inverted comma and full stop
14. 1) [. "] full stop and inverted comma
2) [? "] question mark and inverted comma
3) [" .] inverted comma and full stop
4) [" ?] inverted comma and question mark
15. 1) [,] comma
2) [.] full stop
3) [, "] comma and inverted comma
4) [. "] full stop and inverted comma

For each question 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. Liyana has a very lean and lanky _____ as she often jogs and plays sports.

- 1) psychic
- 2) physical
- 3) physique
- 4) torso

17. The poor _____ suffocated in the cargo cabin of the ship.

- 1) busker
- 2) minstrel
- 3) nomad
- 4) stowaway

18. She is very submissive and is _____ to give in to others' requests.

- 1) coerced
- 2) happy
- 3) inclined
- 4) reluctant

19. When the war started, soldiers were _____ to the frontline to defend their country.

- 1) deployed
- 2) disembarked
- 3) dismissed
- 4) dispensed

20. Andrew, a _____ of an affluent businesswoman, was only seven when he met his benefactor at an orphanage and she started looking after his welfare.

- 1) prodigy
- 2) progeny
- 3) proponent
- 4) protégé

For each question 21 to 25, choose a suitable word to replace the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

The Singapore Zoo is an example of the 'open zoo' concept.

The animals are kept in (21)expansive, landscaped enclosures, (22)mimicking that of their natural habitat. They are separated from the visitors by dry or wet moats. The moats are concealed with (23)a variety of plants or dropped below the line of vision.

In the case of dangerous animals such as leopards and jaguars which can climb very well, moat (24)barriers are not used. Instead, these animals are housed in beautifully landscaped glass-fronted enclosures.

Oppressive cages which (25)are characteristic of old zoos, are absent. The end result is a feeling of openness.

Adapted from <http://www.zoo.com.sg/about/openconcept.htm>

21. 1) expensive
2) ludicrous
3) restricted
4) spacious
22. 1) imagining
2) mutilating
3) simulating
4) stimulating
23. 1) crops
2) herbs
3) vegetables
4) vegetation
24. 1) barrages
2) hazards
3) humps
4) obstacles
25. 1) follow
2) often
3) represent
4) typify

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 26 to 30.

Isabel did everything first. Read, write, cycle, play piano and all. And everything Isabel did, I did. She played piano, I played piano. She got her ears pierced, I did too. Then I got old enough to say "No". And I did. Sometimes. Isabel wanted to play the violin. We learned to play the violin. I really just wanted to use the bow as a stake. For her.

5

When Isabel was twelve, she wanted to go away to Music Camp for the Summer. I distinctly remember wanting to spend the holidays swimming in Simon Greene's new pool. But wherever Isabel went, I went. For an insane two months, I played more violin than I thought was possible. But that is not the memory that stands out most about Camp.

10

We must have been in the cafeteria for lunch. I had a piece of fried chicken that I did not want, so I asked Isabel if she would like to take it off me. She said okay. So I put the chicken on her plate and walked off to put my plate in the bin. Then Isabel yelled across the cafeteria as I was walking to say she did not want the chicken anymore. I gave her the "get out of my face" look and walked on. Isabel knows the look. She hates the look. Enraged that I would give her the look, she picked up the chicken and threw it at me. She has always had a good arm. It hit me spot on the back of my head, and everyone stopped to look. The cafeteria fell silent. Nobody saw it was Isabel. They just thought I must have been some awful girl to be targeted by a flying chicken wing like that. I was nine and scarred for life.

15

20

My sister Isabel.

Soon Isabel got really good on the violin. Good enough for the Royal School. So she left. And I would not follow. But Isabel remained Mum's yardstick. All my future achievements were measured up against her. Not that I ever measured up. Not that I ever cared to. Mum thought Isabel would motivate me. My sister Isabel. What a laugh.

25

Adapted from White Lilies by Surenee Somchit

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.** (5 marks)

26. Which statement is true?

- 1) The writer wanted to get her ears pierced.
- 2) The writer was happy to get her ears pierced.
- 3) The writer had no say in whether she got her ears pierced.
- 4) The writer told her mother that she did not want to get her ears pierced.

27. Isabel threw the chicken at her sister _____.

- 1) in envy
- 2) out of spite
- 3) in her enthusiasm
- 4) to practise her throwing

28. The writer's mother probably _____.

- 1) appreciated each daughter's individuality
- 2) felt the writer did not live up to expectations
- 3) knew that the writer disliked her sister's company
- 4) preferred to get rid of the writer by sending her to the Royal School

29. The statement 'What a laugh' in line 27 of the passage reflects the writer's _____ her sister.

- 1) love for
- 2) mistrust of
- 3) humour towards
- 4) resentment towards

30. Which of the following is the **main** idea of this passage?

- 1) The writer did not like to live in her sister's shadow.
- 2) The writer did not like to go wherever her sister went.
- 3) The writer wanted to reminisce about her memorable childhood.
- 4) The writer was very angry with her sister for what happened in the cafeteria.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) all	(D) from	(G) may	(K) their	(N) up
(B) but	(E) every	(H) must	(L) they	(P) were
(C) for	(F) her	(J) of	(M) until	(Q) would

Since at least the Middle Ages, wedding clothes have consisted of the best clothes that a bride and groom could afford to mark the occasion _____ their nuptials. These clothes _____ have been made especially for them, or purchased ready-made, or hired for the occasion. Until the nineteenth century, the clothes of both the bride and groom were often coloured. Being a popular colour in early nineteenth-century women's fashions, white became a natural choice _____ many brides. Gradually, the custom of a "white wedding" evolved _____ the association of a white wedding dress with a virgin bride was firmly established in the minds of many. In the nineteenth century, brides in mourning selected colours to reflect _____ bereavement.

Practical considerations also influenced the choice of wedding clothes. In the early nineteenth century, a bride _____ appear at subsequent social functions in her wedding finery so the wedding gown was often styled as an evening dress. Later in the century, when afternoon dresses _____ worn for the ceremony, a second dress - with a bodice suitable for evening wear - was sometimes made. Less prosperous brides often chose coloured wedding dresses which could double _____ as "best dress". Meanwhile, women in the highest social circles _____ ensure their wedding dresses were suitable for the post-nuptial court presentation. For brides in the later twentieth century, long wedding dresses have become a fantasy garment, replete with symbolic associations and far removed _____ everyday dress. As such, they are intended to be worn once only.

Adapted from *The Guide To Historic Costume* by Karen Badlewski (1995)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

A royal bout of shyness hit Meg as she stepped onto the Leus' porch. The door opened

(41)

and Mrs Leu yelled hello between the racket of the room. Francis nodded at Meg over his

(42)

shoulder as motioned for her to join him. "I'm filming death," he said. "You are just in time."

Meg came up behind Francis. From across the room, it appeared as if smoke were rising

(43)

from his head. Meg kraned her neck. Lifting herself up on her toes, she realised what it was -

(44)

steam roiling upwards from a huge pot on the stove. Mrs Leu's hand was poysed above it, clutching a lobster.

"Capital punishment for crustaceans," Francis chuckled as he aimed his camera for a close-up shot.

(45)

"Oh, hush," his mother gently reprouved. "Really."

Upon contact with the water, the lobster convulsed.

(46)

"Ooh," said a woman, turning away, her face pinched. "That always gave me the creeps.

(47)

Reminds me of epileptic cezures."

(48)

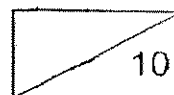
Meg had watched lobsters cook many times before alternate between the inexplicable

(49)

fasiination and shame for deriving a modicum of pleasure at the sight of lobsters struggling in

(50)

the water. She was teach how to paralyse a lobster before steaming it - by standing it upside down on its head and rubbing its back. A lot of good that would do the lobster!



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Maybe it was the anaesthetic that made me dream such a long dream as I never dreamed before. _____ when you sleep at night and you finish a dream, you turn over to the other side and start a next dream. Here, however, you cannot turn over and cannot wake up until the anaesthetic _____ off. You have no choice to go on with the dream. So, it happened that I spent the whole time wandering with Grandpa on a long trip that _____ to end, on paths in villages and cities that I never saw.

We walk in villages, marching along the blue rivers _____ light boats sailing in them. We climb _____ mountains and wash our bodies in the water that rushes down the waterfalls. From _____, we go on to a white city and walk through the streets, looking at the shops that are full of good things of the land. _____ greets us and we do not know any of the local people. Then, on the corner of the street that _____ the port, we sit down on a bench beside a tower with a big clock. And Grandpa tells me he was _____ a king.

I look at Grandpa and he is not dressed at all like a king. His clothes are old and _____. Alarmed, I look at my own clothes. They are also shabby and ragged, like Grandpa's clothes. I wonder how I _____ to notice this. Evening is approaching and I am very tired, hungry and thirsty from our _____. I ask Grandpa where we are going to eat, drink and rest. Grandpa does not answer. I ask Grandpa if he knows anybody in this country. Perhaps he will let us rest under his _____. Grandpa does not know a single soul here.

Looking at Grandpa, his _____ is full of sadness. More than tired and hungry, he looks like a man _____ down with great sorrow. My hunger and fatigue seem nothing in comparison.

Adapted from *Sarah and Yoram* by Daniela Camm (1994)

For each of questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

- 66 Many pupils were motivated to work harder after listening to the principal speak.

The _____ caused many

- 67 The pupils did not conform to the school rules. They were given demerit points.

Since _____

- 68 Mariam reminds the children not to play in the library. Rayyan lets them be.

Unlike _____

- 69 The defendant is prohibited from leaving the country. He has to produce the necessary papers first.

Until _____

- 70 "Did you finish the potato chips?" Sunil asked his sister as he held up the empty container.

Holding up _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

The contest between the two guards was brief. For a few minutes, they seemed to dance in circles, daggers in hand, watching for a careless move from their opponent that would allow them to strike a blow. While Mbembele and his soldiers egged them on with yells and whistles, the remaining spectators were silent. The Bantus were terrorised; they **realised that any one of them could be the next to be sentenced**. The people of Ngoube silently said their goodbyes. Only fear of Mbembele and intoxication from the palm wine prevented a revolt. Families were united through multiple blood ties; everyone watching the horrible tournament was a relative of the two young men with daggers. 5

When at last the combatants attacked, their blades glinted an instant in the light of the torches before flashing downward. Two simultaneous screams shattered the peace of the night. Both fell. One rolled about on the ground and the other landed on all fours, clutching his weapon. The moon seemed to stop in the sky as Ngoube held its breath. Long minutes passed. The youth on the ground shuddered a few times. Then, he lay motionless. The other contestant dropped his knife and huddled with his head touching the ground and his arms around his head, **convulsed with tears**. 10 15

Mbembele stood. With conscious deliberation, he walked to the ring. Using the tip of his boot, he turned over the body of the youth on the ground. Then, he unsheathed the pistol he wore at his waist and aimed at the head of the other combatant. At that moment, Angie Ninderera threw herself into the centre of the plaza and grabbed the commandant. She was so forceful and swift that she caught him off guard. The bullet buried itself in the ground - a few inches from the head of the "victor". An exhalation of horror ran through the crowd; it was absolutely forbidden to touch the commandant. No one, ever, had dared oppose him that way. Mbembele was so stunned by what Angie had done that it was several seconds before he could recover. That gave her time to position herself in front of the pistol, blocking a second shot. 20

"Tell King Kosongo that I agree to be his wife, and that I want the lives of these men as a wedding gift," she said in a firm voice. 25

Mbembele and Angie stared into each other's eyes, taking one another's measure like a pair of boxers before a match. The commandant was a good head taller and much stronger than she. But Angie was one of those persons who have **indestructible self-confidence**. She thought of herself as beautiful, clever and irresistible - and she had a bold way about her that helped her get anything her heart desired. She placed her hands on the chest of the despised commandant - and gave him a gentle shove. He was obliged to step back. Then, she dazzled him with a smile that would undo the most ferocious of men. 30

"Come on, Commandant. Now I will accept a drink," she said cheerfully.

In the meantime, Brother Fernando, followed by Kate and Joel, had gone to the ring and picked up the two young men. They dragged them to the hut where they were kept separated from the others. While the entire population of Ngoube **observed the scene with unparalleled astonishment**. 35

Excerpt from *Forest of the Pygmies* by Isabel Allende (2005)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What were the daggers in the guards' hands for?

72 How did the commandant and his men prompt the guards to fight?

73 The Bantus "realised that any one of them could be the next to be sentenced" (lines 4-5). In your own words, describe the nature of the sentence.

74 Whose screams shattered the silence?

75 The other contestant "convulsed with tears" (line 15). Suggest a possible reason for this.

76 What does "That" in line 24 refer to?

77 Angie was described as possessing "indestructible self-confidence" (line 29). Describe two acts that demonstrate this.

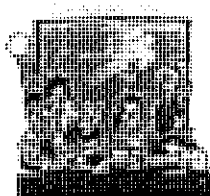
78 As Brother Fernando, Kate and Joel assisted the young men to the hut, which group, apart from the population of Ngoube, "observed the scene with ~~unparalleled~~ astonishment" (lines 37-38)? ~~unparalleled~~

79 Which word in Paragraph 1 has a meaning similar to "rebellion"?

80 Which **two-word** phrase tells us that the commandant was bent on ending the life of one of the combatants?

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41)above	42)and	43)craned
44)poised	45)reproved	46)gives
47)seizures	48)alternating	49)fascination
50)taught	51)usually	52)wears
53)refused	54)with	55)up
56)there	57)Nobody	58)faces
59)once	60)ragged	61)failed
62)trip	63)care	64)face
65)whose		

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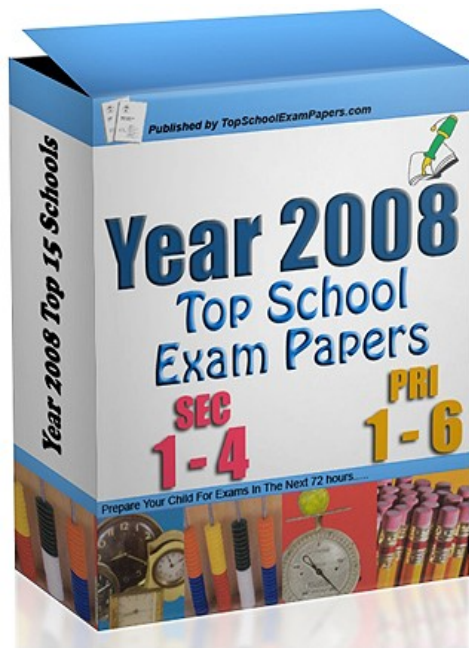


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- 71) They were used to hurt the opponents.
- 72) They yelled and whistles.
- 73) It meant that anyone could be the next one chosen to fight.
- 74) The screams of the two guards.
- 75) He was sad that he had killed someone.
- 76) It refers to the several seconds before he could recover from being stunned by what Angie had done.
- 77) She had dared to touch the commandant and to stare into the commandant's eye although he was a good head taller and stronger than she was.
- 78) The Bantus also observed the scene with unparalleled astonishment.
- 79) It is "revolt".
- 80) It is "conscious deliberation".



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