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Section A: Grammar (10 × 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1) My sister _____ uncontrollably when her pet dog died.

1) cry

2) cried

3) cries

4) crying

2) The plane was supposed to _____ fifteen minutes ago.

1) land

2) landed

3) lands

4) landing

3) The student was caught _____ during a Spelling test.

1) copy

2) copied

3) copies

4) copying

4) Sally does not have _____ money left to buy food during recess.

1) a few

2) any

3) many

4) some

5) Xiao Qing collects rare stamps. Many of them _____ valuable.

1) are

2) is

3) was

4) were

6) It's no use talking to him. He won't _____ to you.

1) listen

2) listened

3) listens

4) listening

7) Do you know _____ to solve these Mathematical problems?

1) how

2) when

3) which

4) why

8) Mary studied so hard for her examination _____ she still failed.

1) and

2) but

3) so

4) then

9) Natasha bought a pair of shoes that _____ her nearly two hundred dollars.

1) cost

2) costs

3) costing

4) will cost

10) Where did you buy this beautiful skirt _____?

1) along

2) around

3) for

4) from

Section B: Vocabulary (10 X 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

11) I drank a glass of lemonade to _____ my thirst.

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| 1) cure | 2) remove |
| 3) kill | 4) quench |

12) The pupils are told to _____ the building if a fire breaks out.

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| 1) escape | 2) evacuate |
| 3) retreat | 4) withdraw |

13) It is very _____ to interrupt when a person is talking. We should wait for our turn to speak.

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| 1) interesting | 2) rude |
| 3) selfish | 4) unreasonable |

14) The waves were so strong that the boat _____ in the middle of the sea.

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| 1) capsized | 2) drowned |
| 3) grounded | 4) skidded |

15) The _____ at the National Stadium were rather disappointed when the Singapore soccer team lost the match.

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| 1) audience | 2) bystanders |
| 3) onlookers | 4) spectators |

16. The huge house on top of the hill has been _____ for almost five years.

1) unfilled

2) unused

3) vacant

4) void

17) The campers are supposed to _____ in the hall at 12.30 p.m. sharp before setting off to the campsite.

1) assemble

2) depart

3) enter

4) leave

18) Jim is _____ to learn that his father is taking the family to Japan in June. He is looking forward to the trip.

1) disappointed

2) excited

3) nervous

4) unnerved

19) Jaclyn felt so _____ of herself when she managed to clinch the top prize in the competition.

1) ambitious

2) amused

3) proud

4) pleased

20) My friend, Melissa, is so _____ that she constantly gets tricked by cunning salesmen into parting with her money.

1) cunning

2) difficult

3) foolish

4) inconsiderate

Section C: Comprehension - MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

A woodcutter went out one morning to cut some firewood. He looked around for his favourite axe and discovered to his alarm that it was missing. He anxiously searched around the wood pile, behind his house and in his shed but could not find it anywhere.

The woodcutter became more worried the longer he spent trying to find his tool. Then, out of the corner of his eye, he noticed his neighbour's son standing near the woodshed looking at him. The woodcutter stared at the boy and thought, "Look at him sneaking around the shed, with his greedy hands stuffed into his pockets. What a guilty look on his face! I think he *must* have stolen my axe!"

The next day, the woodcutter found his axe beside a pile of firewood. "I remember now!" he exclaimed. "I left it there when I was splitting wood!"

The next time he saw his neighbour's son, the woodcutter looked at the boy. "How odd," he thought. "Somehow, between yesterday and today, that boy has lost his guilty look."

21) The woodcutter did not search _____ for his favourite axe.

- (1) the shed
- (2) the wood pile
- (3) behind his house
- (4) the neighbour's house

22) The woodcutter became more _____ when he could not find his axe.

- (1) guilty
- (2) excited
- (3) anxious
- (4) pleased

23) The woodcutter suspected his neighbour's son because the boy _____.

- (1) had greedy hands
- (2) had a mischievous look
- (3) stood near the woodshed
- (4) had his hands in his pockets

24) From the story, we can tell that the woodcutter was a _____ man.

- (1) guilty
- (2) fierce
- (3) careless
- (4) dishonest

25) Why did the woodcutter think differently of his neighbour's son in the end?

- (1) The boy did not steal his axe.
- (2) The boy had lost his guilty look.
- (3) The woodcutter thought the boy had stolen his axe.
- (4) The woodcutter looked at the boy on two different days.

Section D: Grammar Cloze Passage (10 X 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Use each word once only.

Passage 1

catch	catches	caught	catching	are catching	were catching
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Allison and Ben were in the park, trying to 26) _____ some spiders for their Science class. Suddenly, Allison shouted, "I think I've 27) _____ one! Come and see!" However, when she uncovered her hands, she found that she had missed it. Ben laughed.

"Since you think it's so funny," said Allison in a huff, "let's see who 28) _____ the most spiders!"

They were so excited while they 29) _____ the spiders that they forgot about the time. It was dark when they headed for home. When Ben got home, his mother was so angry that she said, "No more 30) _____ spiders for you!"

Passage 2

draw	draws	drew	drawing	will draw
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Michael is an artist. He loves to 31) _____. Ever since he was five, 32) _____ has been his favourite pastime. He likes to be alone when he 33) _____.

Last week, he won an art competition where he 34) _____ a picture of the zoo. Michael hopes that he 35) _____ good pictures in the future too.

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Use each word once only.

Passage 1

caring	camouflage	match	pleasant
special	studious	trusting	uniform

Liang Teck, my eldest brother, is nine years older than I am. He is a 36) _____ brother. He helps me with the difficult sums whenever I approach him. He has 37) _____ features, with big eyes and curly hair. He looks 38) _____ whenever he puts on his spectacles.

Liang Teck is a soldier with the Singapore Armed Forces. He has to put on a 39) _____ that has shades of brown and green on it. He says these colours help him 40) _____ himself among the trees and bushes without being noticed by the enemies.

Passage 2

bravest	equally	hunting	instructions
small	speech	strongest	walking

Long, long time ago, a lion, a tiger, a bear and a black panther met in the deep forest. They decided to go 41) _____. Soon after they caught a fat deer. The large deer was torn into four 42) _____ parts. Since the lion was the King of the jungle, he had control over the other animals. They had to listen to his 43) _____. "This first piece," said the lion, "is for me because I am the King of the jungle. The second piece is for the 44) _____ animal, and that's me again. The third piece is for the 45) _____ and I am definitely stronger than any of you. Finally, the last piece is for anyone who is cleverer than I!"

Section F: Comprehension – Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

The seahorse is a fish. Unlike most fish whose skeleton is inside their body, the seahorse has its skeleton on the outside. This acts like a bony suit of armour, protecting the seahorse from its enemies.

It has a head like a horse and a long, thin snout. On its head are two bulging eyes which can move and see in different directions from each other. No wonder they can get away from their enemies so quickly.

The most unusual thing about the seahorse is that the male carries the babies in a pouch, not the female!

The female places about 200 eggs inside the pouch which is on the male's stomach. The mother swims away, leaving the father to do the rest of the work.

After four to five weeks, the father breaks open the pouch before the babies can be born. One by one, they shoot out through the mouth of the pouch. They eat tiny sea creatures and grow very rapidly. They can be eaten by other fish. Therefore, not many babies can survive.

46) What is special about the seahorse's skeleton?

47) Why does the seahorse have eyes which can move and see in different directions from each other?

48) What does the male seahorse use the pouch on its stomach for?

49) What does the male seahorse have to do for the babies to be born?

50) Which sentence tells you only a few seahorse babies become adult seahorses?

~The End~



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



ANSWER SHEETS

1. 2
2. 1
3. 4
4. 2
5. 1
6. 1
7. 1
8. 2
9. 1
10. 4
11. 4
12. 2
13. 2
14. 1
15. 4
16. 3
17. 1
18. 2
19. 3
20. 3
21. 4
22. 3
23. 3
24. 3
25. 1
26. catch
27. caught
28. catches
29. were catching
30. catching
31. draw
32. drawing
33. draws
34. drew
35. will draw
36. caring
37. pleasant
38. studious
39. uniform
40. camouflage
41. hunting
42. small
43. instructions
44. bravest
45. strongest
46. The seahorse's skeleton is on the outside.
47. It can see its enemies better so that it can escape quickly.
48. It uses the pouch to carry its babies.
49. It has to break open the pouch for the babies to be born.
50. The sentence is "Therefore, not many babies can survive".