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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**BOOKLET A**

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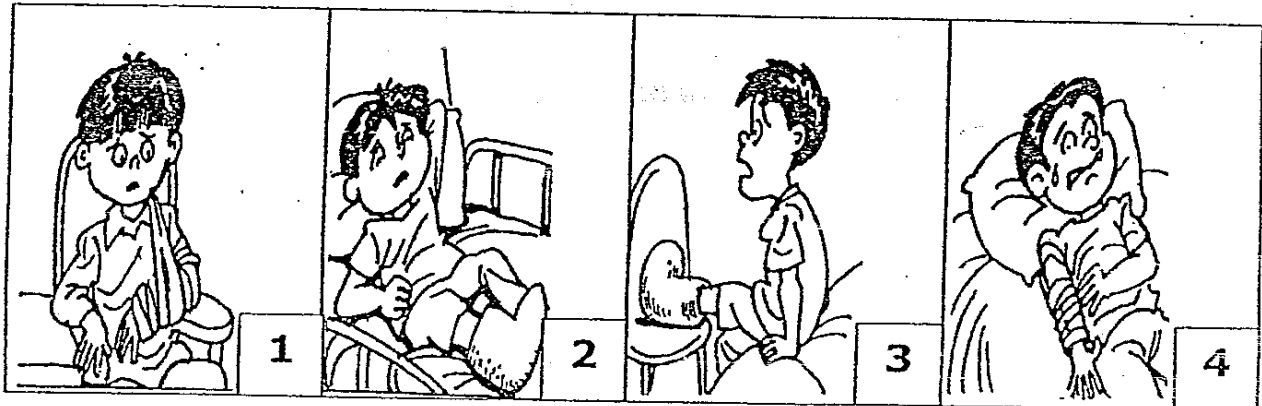
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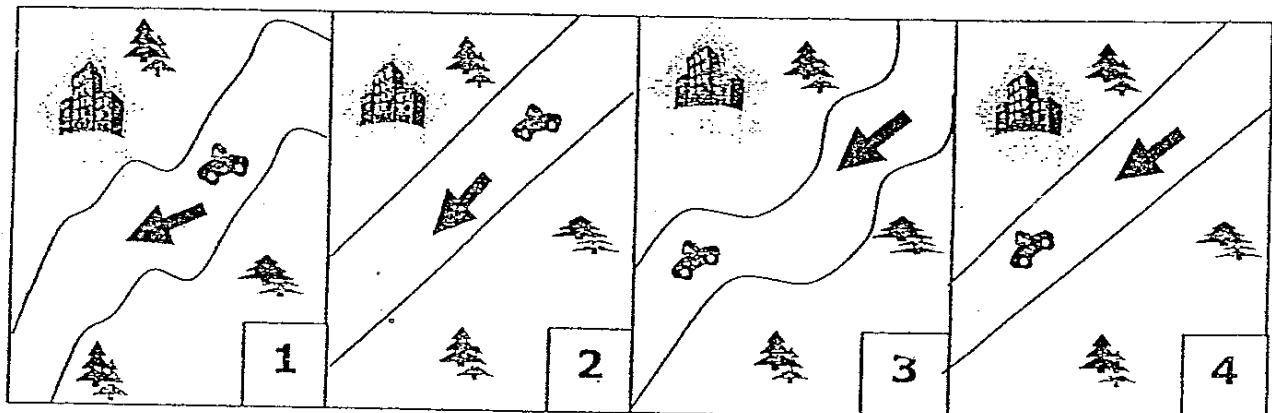
SECTION A: PICTURE MATCHING (4 X 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture which matches the statement(s) that he/she is going to read to you. **Shade the number of the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

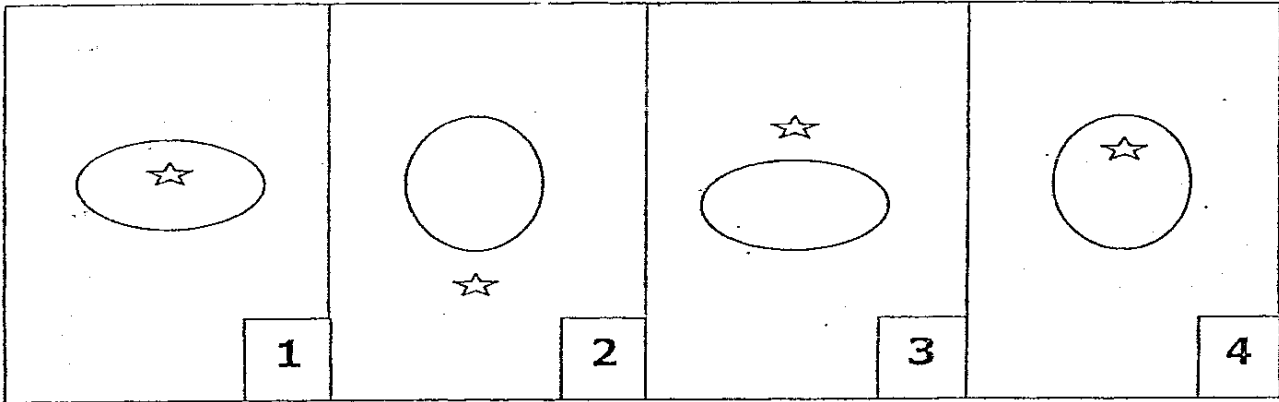
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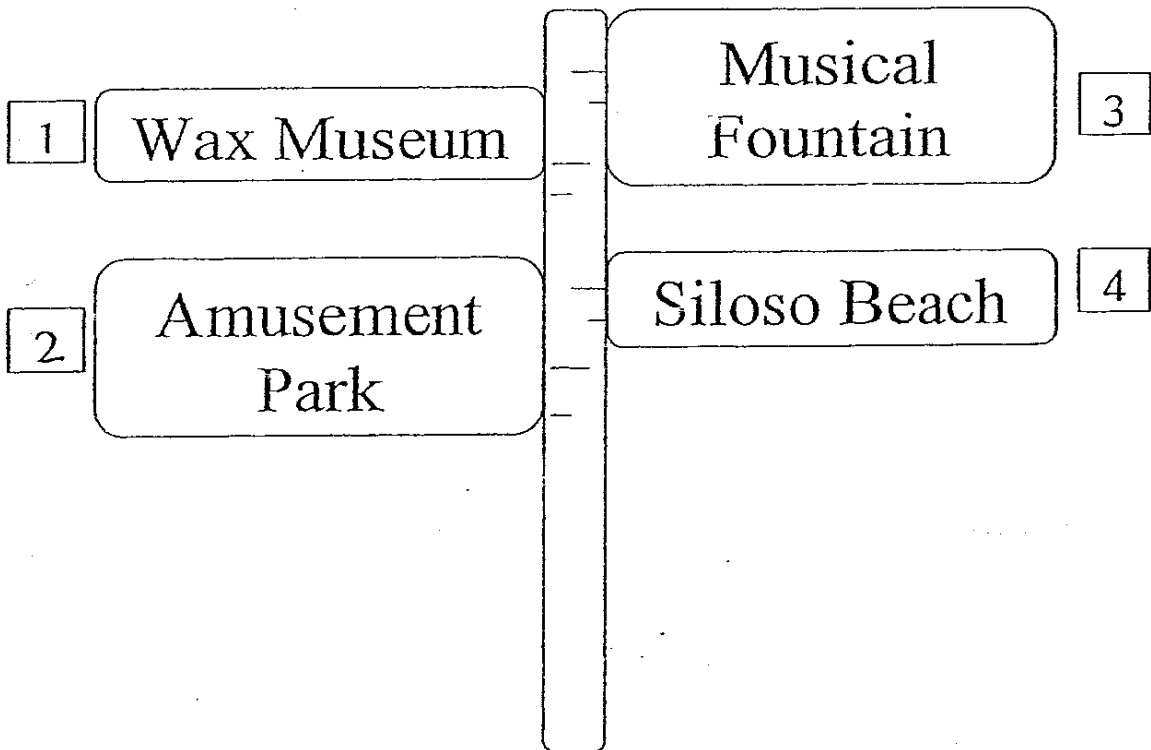
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For Sections B and C, please write the answers in this question booklet.

SECTION B: NOTE-TAKING (4 X 1 mark)

Listen carefully now. Do not write anything.

Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test.

Each blank in Q5 to Q8 should be filled with **ONE** word.  
Listen to the instruction as it is being read. Then fill in the blanks to complete the instruction.

5. Topic of project : _____ Animals
6. Maximum number of pupils allowed in a group : _____
7. Information to include : the animal's behaviour, appearance and _____
8. Project to be completed by : 15 _____

SECTION C: DICTATION (1 X 6 marks)

Take down the passage in full as you listen to it being read out.

Q9.

**Tom's ambition**

Tom's ambition is to become a teacher.

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**You would have completed Questions 1 to 4 from Booklet A: Listening.  
Continue with the next section, Section D.**

**SECTION D: GRAMMAR (5 X 1 mark)**

For each question from 5 to 9, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

5. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ his favourite television programme when the doorbell rang.
- (1) watches
  - (2) watched
  - (3) is watching
  - (4) was watching
6. "I \_\_\_\_\_ like a plate of fried rice, please," Meili said to the waiter.
- (1) could
  - (2) might
  - (3) would
  - (4) should
7. Bala and Tom \_\_\_\_\_ their visit to Sentosa yesterday.
- (1) enjoy
  - (2) enjoys
  - (3) enjoyed
  - (4) were enjoying
8. \_\_\_\_\_ and have a cup of tea. I have just brewed a pot of Chinese tea.
- (1) Come in
  - (2) Come to
  - (3) Come by
  - (4) Come round
9. Bernice said that she had \_\_\_\_\_ to hand in her homework.
- (1) forgot
  - (2) forgets
  - (3) forgotten
  - (4) forgetting

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 10 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

10. I referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ that gave me information about the animals in the zoo, like their feeding habits, habitats and lifespan.
- (1) map
  - (2) diary
  - (3) menu
  - (4) brochure
11. For a moment, the night sky was lit up by a \_\_\_\_\_ of lightning.
- (1) roll
  - (2) clap
  - (3) flash
  - (4) spray
12. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Chinese to give red packets to children during Chinese New Year.
- (1) rule
  - (2) habit
  - (3) custom
  - (4) manner
13. The lead actress won an award for her moving performance. The \_\_\_\_\_ cried after watching the movie.
- (1) visitors
  - (2) audience
  - (3) customers
  - (4) spectators
14. The author has finished writing his book. He needs an \_\_\_\_\_ to draw the pictures.
- (1) inventor
  - (2) in poster
  - (3) instructor
  - (4) illustrator

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (3 X 1mark)

For question 15 to 17, each circle  indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

15. "We are going to the Science Centre tomorrow, aren't we

children."

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

16. He likes to collect game cards  stamps and marbles.

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

17. "Look out for the cars  Mrs Tan warned Kelly sternly as they crossed the busy road.

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

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (3 X 1 mark)

For questions 18 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Dragonflies are large insects that hover over ponds and lakes. They catch smaller insects for food. Two pairs of powerful wings (18) enable them to fly fast. The prey is caught by the dragonfly's legs and sharp spines on the legs (19) prevent the victim from escaping. The prey is (20) usually eaten while the dragonfly continues flying.

18.

- (1) allow
- (2) cause
- (3) provide
- (4) encourage

19.

- (1) help
- (2) stop
- (3) permit
- (4) defend

20.

- (1) hardly
- (2) always
- (3) seldom
- (4) commonly



SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 21 to 24 that follow.

James has a unique hobby of growing plants in bottles. His father was the one who introduced him to this pastime.

James uses bottles of all shapes and sizes for his 'bottle gardens'. He also makes simple tools to help him in his work. Firstly, he collects some good soil. He wets it and pours it into a bottle, using a funnel. Then he presses the soil down. He uses a cork tied to one end of a stick to do this. Next, he makes holes in the soil with a stick and puts the seeds into **them**. Finally, he leaves the bottle in a cool place for the seeds to grow.

Like all good gardeners, James monitors the growth of his plants. However, James does not water his plants every day. He waters them when the soil becomes dry. The roots of the plants will rot if too much water is put in. Every few days, he loosens the soil of his 'garden' and adds a little fertiliser. He does this by using a small spoon with a long handle.

As these 'bottle gardens' do not require much maintenance, James uses them as decorations for his house. The plants never grow out of the bottles as there is too little soil for them to grow to that size. To date, James has created over twenty such 'bottle gardens'.

21. During his free time, James enjoys \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) collecting soil
  - (2) growing plants
  - (3) collecting bottles
  - (4) making simple tools
22. The word 'them' refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) holes
  - (2) seeds
  - (3) plants
  - (4) bottles
23. When the soil becomes dry, James \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) loosens it
  - (2) waters the plants
  - (3) adds fertilizer to it
  - (4) monitors the plants
24. James uses the 'bottle gardens' to decorate his house because \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) they are easy to maintain
  - (2) there is too little soil in the bottles
  - (3) he has made more than twenty of them
  - (4) the plants do not grow out of the bottles

SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 X 1 mark)

Read the passages below carefully. Choose the answers from the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to E). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY

<del>(A)</del> before	(B) over	(C) from
(D) into	(E) on	

Cindy invited Jia Li (25) \_\_\_\_\_ to her house for tea one afternoon.

Cindy prepared a cup of tea and some snacks for Jia Li. She took out a photo album (26) \_\_\_\_\_ a drawer and showed Jia Li the photographs she took during her trip to Disney Land. Just (27) \_\_\_\_\_ Jia Li left, Cindy gave Jia Li a Minnie Mouse soft toy that she bought from Disney Land. They had a great afternoon together.

**Passage 2**

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY

(A) collects	(B) collected	(C) had collected
(D) collecting	(E) has collected	

Ken has many hobbies. One of his hobbies is (28) \_\_\_\_\_

Pokemon cards. He (29) \_\_\_\_\_ forty cards last year. He treasures the cards and keeps them in albums.

**SECTION J: VOCABULARY CLOZE - WITH HELPING WORDS (5 X 1 mark)**

Read the passage below carefully. Choose the answers from the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to H). **Write the letter** for the correct word in each blank.

USE EACH WORD **ONCE** ONLY

(A) feeds	(B) whales	(C) heavier	(D) weighs
(E) eats	(F) although	(G) really	(H) fully

The largest living animal is the blue whale. When it is

(30) \_\_\_\_\_ grown, it is an amazing thirty metres long and

(31) \_\_\_\_\_ more than 1500 grown men! Like all other

(32) \_\_\_\_\_, the blue whale is a mammal. (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the

blue whale lives completely in water, it was once a land animal. The blue whale

(34) \_\_\_\_\_ on krill, a tiny creature found in the sea.

SECTION K: MODIFIED CLOZE (4 X 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The children were talking happily as they boarded the bus. They were so excited about their (35) \_\_\_\_\_ to the zoo that they could not sit still.

Their form teacher, Mr Tan, told them about the different animals in the zoo.

At the zoo, the children saw monkeys swinging from one branch to

(36) \_\_\_\_\_. They also enjoyed watching the animals being

(37) \_\_\_\_\_ during feeding time. They (38) \_\_\_\_\_ many

interesting things about animals at the zoo. On their way back to school, the

children could not stop talking about the animals they saw at the zoo.

SECTION L: EDITING - SPELLING (4 X 1 mark)

There are 4 words that are underlined in the sentences below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

39. Leena's favorit movie is "Finding Nemo".

40. Bin Hong loves to read adventue stories.

41. I love to watch movies with a mystery to serve.

42. The animation in the movie "Lion King" was fantistac.

SECTION M: SENTENCE COMBINING (2 X 1 mark)

Rewrite the two sentences of each question below into a sentence by using the word given.

43. Robert did not turn up. We waited for him.

\_\_\_\_\_ but

\_\_\_\_\_

44. All the guests have arrived. The concert will begin.

\_\_\_\_\_ when

\_\_\_\_\_

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

For each question from 45 to 49, read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ming Hui and his brother piled enthusiastically into the car. Everything that they needed for the camping trip was in the trunk of the car. After a day on the road, they eventually reached the campsite in Malaysia, completely worn out. They were surprised to see several small tents flapping in the wind. Campers who had arrived earlier than them were busy cooking dinner. The air was filled with the aroma of barbecued meat and it made Ming Hui and his brother hungry.

Without wasting much time, they quickly unloaded the things from the car. Ming Hui's parents started pitching the tent on the bare, rocky ground. Ming Hui and his brother were to carry out **the task** entrusted to them by their busy mother. When they returned carrying armfuls of firewood, Ming Hui's mother began heating up some tins of baked beans. Ming Hui's brother went to fill up the kettle from the only tap in the campsite. Ming Hui needed to use the toilet and his father pointed to a distant cubicle with a queue in front of it.

It was drizzling by the time he got back to the tent. The drizzle soon turned into a downpour. The campfire hissed and went out. After their hurried dinner of baked beans and bread, they crept into their sleeping bags.

Ming Hui lay awake for a long time in his damp sleeping bag. He could hear his brother snoring, much to his envy. The wind was howling outside and the downpour had not stopped. Suddenly, the tent collapsed on them. They were soaked, and Ming Hui's brother started sneezing. The family packed their things hastily and headed for a hotel nearby to spend the night.

Write your answers in complete sentences.

45. Which word in the first paragraph tells you that the boys were excited at the start of the camping trip?

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46. How long did Ming Hui's family take to reach the campsite?

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47. What was "the task" (in paragraph 2) given to Ming Hui and his brother?

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48. What caused the campfire to go out?

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49. Why was Ming Hui envious of his brother?

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**Answer Sheets**  
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5) 4	6) 3	7) 3	8) 1	9) 3
10) 4	11) 3	12) 3	13) 2	14) 4
15) 3	16) 1	17) 3	18) 1	19) 2
20) 4	21) 3	22) 1	23) 2	24) 1
25) B	26) C	27) A	28) D	29) B
30) H	31) D	32) B	33) F	34) A

35) trip	36) another	37) fed	38) learnt
39) favourite	40) adventure	41) solve	42) fantastic

- Q43. We waited for Robert but he did not turn up.  
Q44. The concert will begin when all the guests have arrived.  
Q45. The word is "*enthusiastically*".  
Q46. It took Ming Hui's family a day to reach the campsite.  
Q47. "The task" given to Ming Hui and his brother was collecting firewood.  
Q48. The downpour caused the campfire to go out.  
Q49. Ming Hui was envious of his brother because his brother could sleep but he cannot.