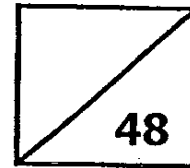




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Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar/Vocabulary	28	
Comprehension (MCQ)	10	
Comprehension OE	10	
Total	48	

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6. This is a _____ bus-stop. The actual bus-stop will only be completed in six months' time.

(1) fixed

(2) temporary

(3) permanent

(4) sheltered

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For questions 7 to 14, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion. USE A WORD ONLY ONCE.
(8 X 1 mark)

(A) entering

(B) surrounding

(C) medicine

(D) translated

(E) modern

(F) building

(G) traditional

(H) remove

(J) interesting

(K) funny

Dear journal,

Last week, we went on a field-trip to Kampong Glam. Do you know that Kampong Glam got its name from the "gelam" trees that used to grow there? This tree is very useful because its leaves can be made into (7) _____ to cure headaches and the trunks are used for (8) _____ boats.

There are many shops around Kampong Glam, including a heritage centre and a mosque. Before (9) _____ the mosque to pray, you must perform ablution, a cleansing process. You must also (10) _____ your shoes:

The (11) _____ shops sell many (12) _____ toys such as spinning tops, five stones and chapteh which were games popular long ago. The street names are also very (13) _____. They can be (14) _____ into English, for instance, "Jalan Kledek" means sweet potato street and "Jalan Kelapa" means coconut street.

I learnt many new things during the field-trip and was very excited to share with my parents when I went home.

Section B: Grammar (14 marks)

For questions 15 to 20, choose the most suitable answer and write the number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)

15. While the boys _____ soccer in the field, it started to rain.

- (1) play
(2) played
(3) are playing
(4) were playing ()

16. "_____ must do this project by yourselves," the teacher told the pupils.

- (1) She
(2) We
(3) You
(4) They ()

17. "Have you _____ the movie 'I Not Stupid 2'?" Cindy asked me.

- (1) watch
(2) watched
(3) watches
(4) watching ()

18. "_____ oranges are sweeter than those over there," Nigel told his mother

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

19. "Can you _____ me to the nearest MRT station?" the tourist asked Paul.

- (1) direct
(2) directed
(3) directs
(4) directing ()

20. The twins usually _____ to their grandparents' house on weekends.

- (1) go
(2) goes
(3) went
(4) are going ()

For questions 21 to 24, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 X 1 mark)

(A) of	(B) inside	(C) for
(D) along	(E) to	(F) at

During the March holidays, I went (21) _____ Bali with my family. We stayed (22) _____ a beach resort for three days.

I enjoyed walking (23) _____ the beach, picking seashells and feeling the soft sand beneath my feet. The water was very clear and we saw many species (24) _____ reef fishes when we went snorkelling. It was an unforgettable experience.

For questions 25 to 28, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 X 1 mark)

(A) he	(B) she	(C) they
(D) we	(E) I	(F) it

Last weekend, Nurlizah and her parents went to watch a horror movie at Tampines Mall. After buying the tickets, her parents bought a large popcorn and drink. "(25) _____ can't wait to watch the movie. My classmates told me (26) _____ was so horrifying that they had nightmares after that," (27) _____ told her parents. After hearing this, her parents decided to take her home as they realized that the movie was rated Mature Audience(MA) and was not suitable for Nurlizah at

all. "In future, (28) _____ must check the movie ratings before going to the cinema," they said.

Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

For questions 29 to 33, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 X 1 mark)

Stamp-collecting is a very interesting (29) _____. I started collecting stamps at a very (30) _____ age. My father, who (31) _____ in an airline company, gives me stamps which he gets from his mail.

I (32) _____ the stamps according to different countries in my album. Sometimes, I even exchange stamps with my friends. Now, I have a very big (33) _____ of stamps.

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable option and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (5 X 1 mark)

Meiling and Ramu were watching a film entitled "Livelihood of Simple Villagers". *It* was filmed on location in a rural village of Taiwan. This documentary showed a typical workday of its people going about their way of life.

Some villagers were basket weavers. Everyday, they weaved rattan strips carefully in their bare attap huts. A television was considered a rare item in such huts. The baskets were sold in a large nearby city as souvenirs. Although they earned very little, the villagers were always cheerful and carefree. Their meals were simple and consisted of rice, leafy vegetables and poultry which were cheap and plentiful. 5

Then the film focused on other villagers with different jobs. Many were farmers and grew rice, leafy vegetables and sweet potatoes. Buffaloes helped them on the farms. These farmers watered the land using water from nearby streams. At lunch time, their wives brought them their lunch boxes filled with simple food that they ate heartily. 10

On a typical weekend, all the villagers stopped work and rested at home. They lived a simple life rarely worrying about money. 15

Meiling and Ramu found the film show educational. They had learnt many new things about one of Singapore's neighbours.

34. The word "it" in line 2 refers to _____.

- (1) the villagers
- (2) the livelihood
- (3) the rural village
- (4) the documentary

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35. The villagers' houses were bare _____.

- (1) due to their hatred of the people living in the city.
- (2) because they were too satisfied with their way of life.
- (3) since they could not afford to buy modern appliances.
- (4) as their houses were too cluttered with rattan baskets.

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36. Buffaloes were _____.

- (1) waiting idly on the farms.
- (2) very useful to the farmers.
- (3) a waste of money for the farmers.
- (4) often exchanged with others for a supply of fish.

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37. According to the text, the villagers might not be wealthy but _____.

- (1) their crime rate was low.
- (2) they lived longer than those living in the city.
- (3) they were blessed with plenty of food all year round.
- (4) their houses were strong enough to withstand a typhoon.

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38. The villagers worked _____ in a week and rested on weekends.

- (1) six days
- (2) five days
- (3) four days
- (4) three days

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Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the following passage carefully. Then write the answers for questions 39 to 43. (5 X 2 marks)

The Temenggong got up from his chair. Carefully, he studied the faces of the villagers he was addressing. 1

"Those blood-thirsty pirates!" the leader said. "Our poor village is getting a bad name because of them. None of our ships can sail to Temasek or Siam. How are we going to trade?" 5

The villagers listened intently to the Temenggong. He ordered them to fight the pirates. However, the people were afraid. Was it worth risking their lives?

The villagers went home, fearful they would lose the fight. One of them was Pak Ali.

"Atan, please get my pipe. I need to think," Pak Ali told his first-born. 10

As Pak Ali smoked the pipe, he thought of the evil pirates who surrounded their island. He always did his best thinking when he was puffing on his pipe.

"Pa, why don't we ask the British to help us?" Atan suggested. Pak Ali looked at Atan. He thought about what Atan had just mentioned. Could it work? Would it work? With a feeble smile, he said, "You are indeed getting wiser by the day." 15

The next day, Pak Ali cautiously approached the Temenggong with the idea. After some discussion, the villagers agreed whole-heartedly with the suggestion. 20

The next time the pirates attacked, the British came to the villagers' aid. The pirates did not stand a chance. Therefore, they set sail immediately.

"You are a genius, Atan. A father couldn't be any prouder!" Pak Ali hugged Atan tightly with tears in his eyes.

39. Why were the villagers not willing to do what the Temenggong wanted?

40. What does the word "it" in line 7 of the passage refer to?

41. How were Atan and Pak Ali related ?

42. Which sentence in the text tells you who lost the fight?

43. Why was Pak Ali teary-eyed when he hugged Atan?

**** End of paper****
Have you checked your work?

Answer Sheets
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| 1) 4 | 2) 2 | 3) 1 | 4) 3 | 5) 3 | 6) 2 | 7) C |
| 8) F | 9) A | 10) H | 11) B | 12) G | 13) J | 14) D |
| 15) 4 | 16) 3 | 17) 2 | 18) 3 | 19) 1 | 20) 1 | 21) E |
| 22) F | 23) D | 24) A | 25) E | 26) F | 27) B | 28) D |
| 29) hobby | 30) young | 31) works | 32) arrange | 33) collection | | |
| 34) 4 | 35) 3 | 36) 2 | 37) 3 | 38) 2 | | |

- Q39. The villagers were afraid to risk their lives.
Q40. It refers to fighting the pirates.
Q41. Atan was Pak Ali's eldest son.
Q42. The sentence is "The pirates did not stand a chance."
Q43. Pak Ali was very proud of Atan and was overcome with happiness.