



Maha Bodhi School
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English Language (Paper 2)

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Section A: Grammar MCQ (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. "I _____ to someone. Don't interrupt," my mother told me.
(1) talk
(2) talks
(3) am talking
(4) was talking
2. My father had _____ porridge for breakfast before he left for work this morning.
(1) any
(2) few
(3) much
(4) some
3. Eating fruits and vegetables every day _____ us healthy.
(1) kept
(2) keep
(3) keeps
(4) keeping
4. "Is the gate _____? I want to go inside the house to look for a friend," Sue asked.
(1) lock
(2) locks
(3) locked
(4) locking
5. Kok Siong could not _____ the television programme because there was a blackout.
(1) watch
(2) watches
(3) watched
(4) was watching

6. The red car, _____ the parking lot, belongs to my father.
(1) at
(2) on
(3) over
(4) under
7. The dancers took _____ their shoes when they entered the dance studio.
(1) on
(2) off
(3) up
(4) out
8. When I _____ my hamsters, I heard a knock on the front door.
(1) fed
(2) feed
(3) was feeding
(4) were feeding
9. My mother _____ sweeps the floor as she likes to use the vacuum cleaner.
(1) always
(2) seldom
(3) frequently
(4) sometimes
10. "Don't _____ so loudly. Your classmates are still doing their work," said the teacher.
(1) giggle
(2) giggles
(3) giggled
(4) giggling

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (8 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. The astronauts were taking a walk on the planet when they were _____ by aliens who asked them to leave immediately.
- (1) rejected
 - (2) opposed
 - (3) welcomed
 - (4) confronted
12. In order to find her lost pet dog, Mrs Tan has placed a/an _____ in the newspaper.
- (1) notice
 - (2) report
 - (3) invitation
 - (4) advertisement
13. A poisonous gas leak killed more than three thousand people in Bombay last year. It was one of the world's worst _____ in recent years.
- (1) riots
 - (2) disasters
 - (3) happenings
 - (4) misadventures
14. I was watching the rocket when it _____ off in a trail of thick white smoke.
- (1) burst
 - (2) blasted
 - (3) erupted
 - (4) exploded
15. In the sky, the hungry falcon _____ over the injured mouse deer.
- (1) rolls
 - (2) spins
 - (3) dives
 - (4) whirls
16. Emma _____ with her mother to let her go to the playground.
- (1) begged
 - (2) pleaded
 - (3) debated
 - (4) appealed
17. The boys had a close _____ with a python last night.
- (1) conflict
 - (2) contact
 - (3) encounter
 - (4) engagement
18. The teacher gave Patrick such a stern look that he _____ in embarrassment.
- (1) gasped
 - (2) grinned
 - (3) squealed
 - (4) squirmed

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.

Once upon a time, there lived a young handsome man named Gabriel. High up on the tall mountains lived a witch who owned a magic lamp. This lamp would grant its owner any wish when it was rubbed. Gabriel wanted the lamp for himself.

One day, Gabriel decided to climb the mountain to search for the witch and the lamp. After several weeks, he found the witch in a cave. Gabriel had a great shock when he saw her. She was the ugliest person he had ever seen. She had long greenish hair which was very unkempt. She had a crooked mouth, long razor-sharp teeth and wrinkled skin.

When Gabriel told her that he wanted to have the magic lamp, she agreed but on one condition. She wanted Gabriel to marry her. He agreed but he had secretly thought of a plan.

The witch handed Gabriel the magic lamp. He took it and quickly turned around to dash out of the cave. The witch was very alert and caught hold of him.

"Young man, what about your promise to marry me?" demanded the witch angrily.

Gabriel laughed and replied, "Marry you? I'd rather marry a creepy crawly than to marry you! Let me go!"

The witch immediately snatched the magic lamp from Gabriel and rubbed it. She asked for Gabriel to be turned into a scaly lizard. That is why there are lizards on earth today.

19. What caused Gabriel to be stunned?

The _____ caused him to be stunned.

- (1) sight of the lamp
- (2) height of the mountains
- (3) beauty of the magic lamp
- (4) witch's physical appearance

20. What was Gabriel's request when he found the witch?

It was to _____

- (1) marry her
- (2) escape from the cave
- (3) marry a creepy crawly
- (4) possess the magic lamp

21. How do you know Gabriel was not serious in marrying the witch?

He planned to _____

- (1) turn himself into a lizard
- (2) marry a creepy crawly instead
- (3) marry the witch first, then run away
- (4) run away the moment he got hold of the lamp

22. How did the witch feel when she knew she had been tricked?

- (1) furious
- (2) grieved
- (3) surprised
- (4) disappointed

23. Which one of the following words best describes Gabriel's character?

- (1) truthful
- (2) dishonest
- (3) respectable
- (4) mischievous

Section D: Grammar Cloze (7 x 1 mark)

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

Passage 1

paint	painted	has painted
paints	painting	was painting

Judith, a young artist, has already held two art exhibitions although she is only twelve years old. She started (24) _____ when she was only two. She likes to (25) _____ portraits of people around her. When she was in lower primary, her teachers said that the pictures which she (26) _____ were very lifelike. Of all the pictures she (27) _____ over the years, she loves the portrait of her grandmother the most.

Passage 2

beside	for	of
up	next	with

Whenever I go to Chinatown, I always see a bearded old man pushing a cart on the roads. His cart is loaded (28) _____ colourful masks which he makes himself. Each day, he parks his cart (29) _____ a temple and waits for his customers. They are usually tourists who buy his masks (30) _____ a few dollars each. The masks remind them of their visit to Singapore.

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

amusing	conveyed	popular	shows
attention	displays	sent	rare

A cartoon is a humorous drawing. It is used to express a message. Cartoons are (31) _____ in newspapers because cartoonists know that people will get a message more quickly from a cartoon than by reading the news. The message can be (32) _____ through words and drawings or through drawings alone. It is an interesting and (33) _____ way to comment on events and news. Usually cartoon characters are drawn with oversized heads. This is done to draw our (34) _____ to important facial expressions. For example, a cartoon character with raised eyebrows (35) _____ that he is angry. Or a character with a pout indicates that he is unhappy. Different cartoonists use different techniques in their drawings.

Section F: Comprehension Open End (5 x 2 marks)

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

Wilfred's cousin was killed in a car accident a year ago. She appeared in one of Wilfred's dreams and told him that she was not dead but was only sleeping. She wanted to put a brooch on his palm but he refused to take it.

"Why? You don't believe I'm still alive, do you? Keep this to remember me," she said in an angry tone. With those words, she pricked Wilfred's palm with the pin of the brooch.

Just as the pin pierced his skin, Wilfred gave a loud scream. Just then, he woke up. Looking around in his room frantically, he could not see his cousin. He then pinched himself hard on his hand to make sure that it was a dream. However, it had all seemed so real that he pulled his blanket over his head, trembling in fright.

His scream had alerted his parents who came running into his room. They asked him what had happened. He told them that he saw his cousin but they assured him that it was only a dream. Although Wilfred was relieved that it was only a dream, he could not go back to sleep.

36. How do you know that Wilfred did not believe what his cousin had said?

37. What did Wilfred do **once** he woke up?

38. What does 'it' in "However, it had all seemed so real..." (Paragraph 3) refer to?

39. Why did Wilfred's parents go to his room?

40. Why do you think Wilfred could not go back to sleep?

~The End~



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



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 8) 3 9) 2 10) 1 11) 4 12) 1 13) 2 14) 2
 15) 4 16) 2 17) 3 18) 4 19) 4 20) 4 21) 4
 22) 1 23) 2
- 24) **painting** 25) **paint** 26) **painted** 27) **has painted**
 28) **with** 29) **beside** 30) **for** 31) **popular** 32) **conveyed**
 33) **amusing** 34) **attention** 35) **shows**

- Q36. He refused to take her brooch that she put on his palm.
 Q37. Wilfred looked around his room frantically once he woke up.
 Q38. It refers to the '*dream.*'
 Q39. They heard him screamed and wanted to find out what had happened.
 Q40. He was afraid he would dream of his cousin again.