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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.

- Someone _____ on the door when I was cooking.
(1) knock (2) knocked
(3) knocks (4) knocking
- Mr Wong alighted from the bus at the shop _____ the junction.
(1) into (2) along
(3) before (4) above
- I _____ my bedroom. Don't disturb me.
(1) tidy (2) am tidying
(3) tidied (4) was tidying
- You cannot go into the storeroom _____ you have the key.
(1) if (2) for
(3) unless (4) however
- The quiet girl _____ contributes any idea during class discussions.
(1) never (2) usually
(3) always (4) frequently

6. Please deposit _____ money into the bank for me.
 (1) any (2) much
 (3) few (4) some
7. Siti _____ very hungry so she ate the whole cake.
 (1) is (2) was
 (3) are (4) were
8. Mother always _____ the floor in the afternoon.
 (1) sweep (2) swept
 (3) sweeps (4) sweeping
9. My friends told _____ not to be so careless again.
 (1) itself (2) himself
 (3) ourselves (4) themselves
10. "Having a cone of ice-cream _____ refreshing on a hot day like this," said Bali.
 (1) is (2) was
 (3) are (4) were

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 fierce and hungry tiger _____ at the goat.
 (1) crashed (2) caught
 (3) sprang (4) galloped
12. The _____ blew the whistle to start the game.
 (1) player (2) umpire
 (3) spectator (4) controller
13. Henry was _____ for returning the wallet to Mr Toh.
 (1) promoted (2) awarded
 (3) presented (4) rewarded
14. A _____ of lions performed at the Moscow Circus.
 (1) herd (2) litter
 (3) team (4) troop

15. My grandfather _____ his tea slowly because it was hot.

- (1) licked
- (3) gulped

- (2) sipped
- (4) sucked

16. The doctor listened to his patient's heartbeat with the _____.

- (1) binoculars
- (3) stethoscope

- (2) telescope
- (4) microscope

17. Be careful not to _____ on the fish bone.

- (1) choke
- (3) swallow

- (2) strangle
- (4) suffocate

18. We had a hard time finding the restaurant because of its remote _____.

- (1) position
- (3) direction

- (2) location
- (4) condition

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.

One evening, Lenny, a policeman was chasing a speeding car when he was distracted by a loud roar. He saw a flame coming down from the sky.

"What's that? I'd better find out," he thought as he gave up chasing the car and drove towards the hill.

Lenny saw two figures standing near a shiny vehicle. He could not see the figures clearly, but he could see that one of them was jumping up and down and looking down at him.

"There's been an accident. Those people need help. I must get up there fast," Lenny thought.

When Lenny got near the hilltop, he saw that the shiny vehicle was a huge oval-shaped object standing on four legs. The figures were nowhere to be seen.

Then, without any warning, the object rose from the ground and flew away.

Lenny was shocked. He had never seen anything like this before. He ran back to his car and called his colleague, Leo.

Leo found Lenny at the bottom of the hill, looking very pale.

"What's the matter? Have you seen ghosts?" he asked.

"Some aliens have just landed and left in a spaceship," Lenny replied.

"Aliens? Spaceship? You must be dreaming," Leo laughed.

19. Lenny drove towards the hill to find out _____

- (1) who the figures were
- (2) when the loud noise started
- (3) what had caused the loud roar
- (4) who the driver of the speeding car was

20. Lenny was sure that there had been an accident because _____

- (1) he could not see the figures clearly.
- (2) the two figures stood near a shiny vehicle
- (3) one of the figures was jumping up and down
- (4) both of the figures were looking down at him

21. The phrase 'nowhere to be seen' tells us the two white human-like figures were _____

- (1) aliens
- (2) ghosts
- (3) no longer there
- (4) in the oval-shaped object

22. The word 'this' in "He had never seen anything like this before." refers to the _____

- (1) flames that landed
- (2) aliens standing on the hill
- (3) oval-shaped object standing on four legs
- (4) oval-shaped object taking off from the ground

23. We know that Leo did not believe what Lenny said when he _____

- (1) saw Lenny looking pale
- (2) laughed at what Lenny told him
- (3) repeated exactly what Lenny had said
- (4) asked Lenny the purpose of his call

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

sees	see	saw	have seen	will see	was seeing
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David and his classmates were at the space centre in the Singapore Science Centre.

They were fascinated by what they (24) _____.

There were many spaceships and astronaut suits on display. Their guide told them to (25) _____ as many exhibits as possible because they would be shipped back to America the following week.

"Boys and girls, we (26) _____ a short documentary on an expedition to the planet Mars in twenty minutes. Please assemble outside the theatre after you (27) _____ the exhibits,"

Madam Yeoh, their Science teacher, reminded them.

Passage 2

and	so	but	or	because
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It was Saturday. The children did not have to go to school for any co-curricular activities. At breakfast, they talked about what they could do for the day. However, the children could not decide whether to go swimming (28) _____ watch a movie. They talked about the two options for a long time, (29) _____ they still could not come to a decision. Finally, they tossed a coin (30) _____ a decision was made. They would go swimming.

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

give	briskly	tired	anger
energy	exhaustion	delighted	pitched

It was a busy day. After a whole day of physical activity, the soldiers (31) _____ their tents in the forest. They worked (32) _____ to get their tents ready before the sun set. By the time they finished, they were very (33) _____. They simply had no more (34) _____ to go for their road march. Despite their (35) _____, they bravely set off for their march. They only returned at midnight.

Section F: Comprehension (5 X 2 marks)

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

Sam and Ahmad huddled close together behind the old cupboard. They tried very hard not to make a sound as they watched the robbers closely.

The men had robbed a jewellery store and were dividing the loot among themselves. The two boys saw many precious stones and all sorts of jewellery, like rings, bangles and necklaces. The leader of the gang was standing by the door, smoking a cigarette.

"Make sure you don't sell those too early. Otherwise you will be caught," he cautioned the others. He then stood up, put his share of the loot in his bag and said, "I'm going off now. Clear this place of evidence."

Suddenly, Sam, who had been holding his breath, sneezed. There was too much dust.

"Who's there?" shouted the leader. "You had better come out now or I will shoot you when I find you." The boys had no choice but to crawl out from their hiding place.

36. Where were Sam and Ahmad hiding?

37. Who else were in the hut?

38. What does the word 'those' in paragraph 3 refer to?

39. Who wanted to leave the hut first?

40. What would the leader do if the boys did not show themselves?

~The End~



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



ANSWER SHEETS

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- 2. 3
- 3. 2
- 4. 3
- 5. 1
- 6. 4
- 7. 2
- 8. 3
- 9. 4
- 10. 1
- 11. 3
- 12. 2
- 13. 4
- 14. 4
- 15. 2
- 16. 3
- 17. 1
- 18. 2
- 19. 3
- 20. 3
- 21. 3
- 22. 4
- 23. 2
- 24. saw
- 25. see
- 26. will see
- 27. have seen
- 28. or
- 29. but
- 30. and
- 31. pitched
- 32. briskly
- 33. tired
- 34. energy
- 35. exhaustion
- 36. They were hiding behind an old cardboard.
- 37. The men and their leader were in the hut.
- 38. The word 'those' refer to the precious stones and jewellery.
- 39. The leader of the gang wanted to leave the hut first.
- 40. He would shoot them when he found them.