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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/Cloze	33	
Comprehension (MCQ)	5	
Comprehension OE	10	
Total	48	

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Section A: Vocabulary (14 marks)

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

1. The mouse _____ across the floor when it heard the door open.
(1) ran (2) sprinted
(3) scurried (4) charged ()

2. The ballerinas _____ across the dance floor like butterflies.
(1) flew (2) flitted
(3) glided (4) leapt ()

3. The hikers used parangs to cut across the dense forest until they came to a _____ where they pitched their tents for the night.
(1) cave (2) swamp
(3) ridge (4) clearing ()

4. The boy scouts are going on a climbing _____ up Mt Kinabalu in Sabah and it should be very exciting.
(1) trip (2) expedition
(3) trek (4) journey ()

5. Britney Spears had a/an _____ wedding celebration because she was a famous singer.
(1) elaborate (2) simple
(3) touching (4) surprise ()

6. In order to join the Emperor's Imperial Army, Mulan had to _____ as a man to take her Father's place.
(1) pretend (2) imagine
(3) disguise (4) resemble ()

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) challenged	(B) overpower	(C) greatest	(D) important
(E) approached	(F) opponent	(G) trumpeted	(H) bellowed
(J) defeat	(K) ridiculous		

Tortoise thought that he was the most (7) _____ animal in the jungle and often went about boasting about his greatness but no one paid him any attention. In fact, Elephant and Hippopotamus laughed at his (8) _____ remarks.

Tortoise (9) _____ Elephant to a competition to see who was stronger and greater. Elephant (10) _____ loudly and accepted his challenge. Tortoise also (11) _____ Hippopotamus with the same challenge. They agreed to a tug-of-war to see who was more superior.

The next day, Tortoise cut a very long vine and carried one end to Elephant while he gave the other end of the vine to Hippopotamus who was waiting for him at the other end of the jungle. Both were not aware who their (12) _____ was. Tortoise told them that whoever could pull the other over would be considered greater. Each of them pulled with all their might but neither could (13) _____ the other. After several hours, Tortoise decided to cut the vine. Both Elephant and Hippopotamus fell with a great crash that shook the jungle. Both had no choice but to admit (14) _____.

From that day onwards, Elephant and Hippopotamus accepted Tortoise as their equal. Do you think they were really equal?

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. Harrish rushed to school only to realise that he _____ to bring his homework.
(1) forgets (2) forgot
(3) has forgotten (4) had forgotten ()
16. Both Selene and Peixin _____ playing the piano and listening to music.
(1) enjoy (2) enjoys
(3) are enjoying (4) were enjoying ()
17. "These are not my books," Peter pointed out to Mrs Tan.
(1) Peter pointed out to Mrs Tan that these are not his books.
(2) Peter pointed out to Mrs Tan that these were not his books.
(3) Peter pointed out to Mrs Tan that those are not his books.
(4) Peter pointed out to Mrs Tan that those were not his books. ()
18. Rashidah was ill on Children's Day _____ she could not go to the Science Centre with us.
(1) so (2) because
(3) since (4) although ()
19. Peter has played the _____ scrabble game of all. In fact, he is _____ than all the other players combined.
(1) good... better (2) better... best
(3) best... better (4) best... best ()
20. The train for Fantasy Island leaves _____ Exit H and will travel southwards.
(1) by (2) in
(3) at (4) on ()

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) while	(B) until	(C) therefore
(D) because	(E) and	(F) but

Dear journal

Last Monday, our class went on a Math and Science Trail at the zoo. Everything went smoothly (21)_____ we reached the Fragile Forest. The sun disappeared behind the dark clouds (22)_____ it started to rain heavily. We had a short break at the nearby Children's World (23)_____ waiting for the rain to stop. It was an enjoyable (24)_____ exhausting day for all of us.

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) Add	(B) Scoop	(C) Store
(D) Sift	(E) Freeze	(F) Bake

How to make a chocolate chip cookies

- Step 1 Beat butter, sugar, egg and vanilla essence in a mixing bowl until soft and creamy.
- Step 2 (25) _____ flour into mixing bowl.
- Step 3 (26) _____ nuts and chocolate bits.
- Step 4 Place two teaspoons of mixture on a greased baking tray.
- Step 5 (27) _____ at 160°C for 15 minutes or until golden brown.
- Step 6 Cool on a tray for 2-3 minutes.
- Step 7 (28) _____ in an airtight container.

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)

Although sharks are the biggest and most ferocious fish, it has not stopped people from (29) _____ it for its skin, teeth and fins. The Inuits of the Arctic made rope (30) _____ the skin of the Greenland shark and knives from its teeth. The Maoris of New Zealand wore the teeth of mako sharks as earrings. In China, sharks fin soup is an expensive (31) _____. Fishermen often remove the (32) _____ while the sharks are still alive. The sharks are then thrown away back into the water. Today, many species of sharks are (33) _____, so there are laws in many countries to protect them to ensure their survival.

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.

Do you know why pigs sniff with their snouts on the ground? According to a Norwegian folktale, it had to do with a woman who had seven hungry children. 1

The seven children loved eating pancakes. Since there were so many of them, their mother decided to cook one gigantic pancake to save time. So she took flour, milk, butter, eggs, sugar and a pinch of salt and made the thickest, fattest pancake you ever saw! 5

The children were so excited about the pancake, pushing one another around the kitchen just to catch a glimpse of the wonderful treat sizzling in the pan. They made such a commotion saying how beautifully thick and fat it was until the pancake thought to itself, "Well, I must be something very special. I am obviously too good to be eaten!" 10

With this thought, the pancake jumped out of the pan and ran out of the door. It ran down the road. The seven kids chased after it and yelled for it to stop. However, the pancake was too fast for them. 15

Suddenly, the pancake reached a calm river. It stopped because it could not get across. At that moment, a pig came by and offered to give the pancake a lift across the river. The pancake accepted with a *sigh* of relief.

No sooner had the pancake landed on the pig's snout than snap! The pig bit the pancake in half and swallowed it at once. The remaining half leapt onto the opposite bank and raced away. The pig tried to give chase but it was too fat and slow. 20

From that day onwards, pigs sniff with their snouts to the ground, hoping to find the other half of the deliciously fat, thick pancake. 25

Adapted from The Thick Fat Pancake retold by Bridget Hathaway

34. Why did the mother cook one huge pancake instead of seven normal-sized ones?

- (1) It used more ingredients.
- (2) It used fewer ingredients.
- (3) It was less time-consuming.
- (4) It was more time-consuming.

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35. How can you tell that the children were excited to eat the pancake?

- (1) They were hungry.
- (2) They loved eating pancakes.
- (3) They chased after the pancake.
- (4) They pushed one another in the kitchen.

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36. In line 19, why did the pancake sigh?

- (1) It could run very fast.
- (2) It could finally cross the river.
- (3) It had finally escaped from the children.
- (4) It was exhausted and could not catch its breath.

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37. Why did the pancake stop when it reached the river?

- (1) The river was too deep.
- (2) The pig was waiting for it.
- (3) The pancake could not swim.
- (4) The pancake was too fat and thick.

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38. This folktale tries to explain _____.

- (1) why pancakes are delicious
- (2) why pigs should not be trusted
- (3) why pigs often smell the ground
- (4) why children love eating pancakes

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Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended) (10 marks)

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

Akika had the most brilliant colourful feathers ever seen on a macaw. 1
In fact, sometimes, Akika shone so brightly that he had to be careful to hide from the hunters.

Living in the rainforest, Akika had a very important job. He had to screech loudly when he saw danger. It might be a panther or a huge snake looking for food. However, the most dangerous were on two legs – humans. If Akika saw a human, he would immediately look to see if it was carrying anything. Empty-handed, the humans were pretty useless and weak against the strengths of the forest. If the human carried a sling-shot and some stones, Akika merely gave a small screech but if a gun or rifle was spotted in its hands, Akika would take off while giving an ear-splitting screech. 5
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The worst weapon is fire. Akika had seen how it was used to destroy huge areas of Akika's home. The bitter, choking smell of burning leaves was more than the forest dwellers could bear. At least Akika could fly swiftly away from *it*. The frogs, lizards, sloths and all his other four-legged friends had to run for their lives. Many of them had since died. 15

Adapted from Akika's Story by Nicola Morgan

39. How did being brightly coloured cause problems for Akika?

40. What was the first thing that Akika did when a human was spotted?

41. When would Akika give an ear-splitting screech?

42. Why is fire considered the most dangerous weapon of all?

43. What does it in line 16 refer to?

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 8) **K** 9) **A** 10) **G** 11) **E** 12) **F** 13) **B** 14) **J**
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- Q39. Akika could easily be spotted seen by hunters.
 Q40. Akika checked to see if the human was carrying anything.
 Q41. Akika would give an ear-splitting screech if he saw the human carrying with a gun.
 Q42. Fire could destroy large areas of the forest.
 Q43. It refers to the bitter smell of burning leaves.