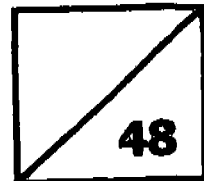




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Instructions to Pupils:

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
Section A: Vocabulary	14	
Section B: Grammar	14	
Section C: Comprehension Cloze	5	
Section D: Graphic Stimulus (MCQ)	5	
Section E: Comprehension OE	10	

\* This paper consists of 11 pages altogether.

**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. Everyone dislikes her as she is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a peacock.  
(1) gentle (2) tall  
(3) proud (4) colourful ( )
2. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ of chickens in the coop.  
(1) nest (2) herd  
(3) pack (4) brood ( )
3. The young of a horse is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) foal (2) cub  
(3) lamb (4) calf ( )
4. All the ballerinas \_\_\_\_\_ gracefully across the stage.  
(1) slide (2) glide  
(3) slither (4) cruise ( )
5. The prince puts on a wig and beard to \_\_\_\_\_ himself so that the villagers will not recognise him.  
(1) attract (2) impress  
(3) disguise (4) improve ( )
6. A loud \_\_\_\_\_ sound was heard as the wooden logs were set on fire.  
(1) twinkling (2) crackling  
(3) wheezing (4) screeching ( )

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) travel	(B) relax	(C) attraction	(D) trek
(E) people	(F) explore	(G) experience	(H) enjoy
(J) mountaineers	(K) surroundings		

If you want to have a more adventurous holiday or be in a cool natural surrounding, then visit Kinabalu Park. It will take you less than two hours to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from Kota Kinabalu. The Park is a paradise for naturalists, botanists, bird watchers, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and those who simply admire nature.

The main (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of the park is Mount Kinabalu, rising majestically to a height of 4100 metres above sea level. It is no wonder that, long ago, the Kadazan (10) \_\_\_\_\_ named it "Aki Nabalun" or "Home of the Spirits of the Departed". As no climbing (11) \_\_\_\_\_ is required, the energetic visitor can successfully climb Mount Kinabalu if the main route to the summit is taken.

If you are interested in 'natural health spas', do not miss out on the famous Poring Hot Springs where you can (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in open-air Japanese-style baths. Besides these activities, you can (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the jungles, go rafting and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ the caves. You may even come across the Proboscis monkeys with their long red noses!

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**Section B: Grammar (14 marks)**

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

15. Adam decided to go home after he \_\_\_\_\_ all his money.  
(1) spends (2) spent  
(3) has spent (4) had spent ( )
16. The little girl refused to stop crying \_\_\_\_\_ her mother reached home.  
(1) until (2) while  
(3) even (4) despite ( )
17. Please move \_\_\_\_\_ box over there into the storage closet.  
(1) this (2) that  
(3) these (4) those ( )
18. I agree \_\_\_\_\_ Peter who said that this race is more exciting than last year's.  
(1) by (2) from  
(3) with (4) about ( )
19. "These boys \_\_\_\_\_ be in class and not playing football when school has already started!" said the angry principal.  
(1) could (2) might  
(3) would (4) should ( )

20. I wish I had \_\_\_\_\_ Anna's advice and stayed in the hospital for further check-ups.

(1) take

(2) took

(3) taken

(4) taking

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 EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 X 1 mark)

<del>(A)</del> write	<del>(B)</del> writes	<del>(C)</del> wrote
<del>(D)</del> writing	<del>(E)</del> written	<del>(F)</del> has written

Misa loves to write stories. She (21) \_\_\_\_\_ whenever she has free time.

Last year, she (22) \_\_\_\_\_ many stories for the school's monthly magazine.

One story that she had (23) \_\_\_\_\_, entitled "My Admirable Grandmother",

won the silver medal in the Grand Stories competition held earlier this year.

Misa told us in an interview that she would continue to sharpen her

(24) \_\_\_\_\_ skills and aims to become a well-known writer someday.

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)

<del>(A)</del> us	<del>(B)</del> they	<del>(C)</del> ourselves
<del>(D)</del> our	<del>(E)</del> their	<del>(F)</del> themselves

We went to Jurong Bird Park for a class excursion. Just before the trip, our form teacher, Mrs Lim, reminded us to behave (25)\_\_\_\_\_.

At the park, we were surprised to see many different types of birds and (26)\_\_\_\_\_ were of different sizes and colours. Mrs Lim also took (27)\_\_\_\_\_ to the Bird Show. The parrots were well-trained. We were impressed to see that the eagles and the hawks obeyed (28)\_\_\_\_\_ trainers' commands faithfully. After the show, we visited the other parts of the park. Soon, it was time to head back to school. It was indeed an enjoyable outing.

**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)**

Rays of early morning sunshine spread their way through the clearing fog. The sound of a kookaburra laughing at his own jokes could be (29) \_\_\_\_\_

as it echoed its way around the forest. The nocturnal owl, tired from hunting for food all

(30) \_\_\_\_\_, disappeared into his home in a tree to catch up on

some sleep. The daylight creatures came out to take their turn at searching for

(31) \_\_\_\_\_.

Tiny (32) \_\_\_\_\_ sat quietly by their webs, like fishermen

waiting for a catch in their fishing nets. A (33) \_\_\_\_\_ of bees can

also be seen leaving their hive. They are busy searching for the nearest bed of flowers

to collect nectar.

**Section D: Graphic Stimulus (MCQ) (5 marks)**

Read the following information carefully. Then answer questions 34 to 38 by choosing the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

(5 X 1 mark)

**Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM)  
Birthday Celebrations 2005**

**Exciting events lined up for you...**

<b>Date</b>	19 – 28 March	2 April – 4 July	25 April
<b>Sponsors</b>	HSBC Private Bank	National Gallery of Australia	Discovery Channel
<b>Synopsis</b>	A visual feast of more than 10 popular films by famous directors.	Sari to Sarong explores the rich culture of India and Indonesia.	ACM Birthday Party! Free souvenirs, gifts, birthday cakes, lucky draws, games, entertainment and more!

\*\*Tickets are sold at all SISTIC outlets.

**JOIN US!**

*Brought to you  
specially by  
Asian Civilisations Museum*



34. The organiser of these events is \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Discovery Channel
- (2) HSBC Private Bank
- (3) Asian Civilisations Museum
- (4) National Gallery of Australia ( )

35. The Asian Civilisations Museum showcases \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) lifestyles of all Asians
- (2) works of famous artists
- (3) Asian culture and traditions
- (4) models of Asian monuments ( )

36. If you want to join in and have fun in the ACM Birthday party, you will have to visit the museum on \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) 19<sup>th</sup> March 2005
- (2) 28<sup>th</sup> March 2005
- (3) 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2005
- (4) 25<sup>th</sup> April 2005 ( )

37. The Indian Odyssey features more than ten \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) famous directors from India
- (2) popular films by famous directors
- (3) most popular Indian actors and actresses
- (4) popular traditional dishes prepared by Indian directors ( )

38. You can get the tickets to the ACM Birthday Party from \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Discovery Channel
- (2) all SISTIC outlets
- (3) HSBC Private Bank
- (4) the Asian Civilisations Museum ( )

**Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)**

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

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This story begins within the walls of a castle, with the birth of a mouse.

"Where are my babies? Show them to me," said the exhausted mother.

"There is only this one," Father said, holding the mouse up high. "The others are dead. Will you name him?"

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"All of that work for nothing," sighed Mother. "It is so sad. It is such a disappointment." She was a French mouse who had arrived at the castle long ago. "Disappointment" was one of her favourite words. She used it frequently.

"Of course I will name him, but he will only die like the others. Oh, so sad. Oh, such tragedy."

10

Mother held a handkerchief to her nose and then waved it in front of her face. She sniffed and named the mouse Despair, for all the sadness she felt for her dead baby mice.

15

The other, older mice gathered around to stare at Despair. One of them spotted that Despair had ears that are unusually big for a baby mouse. Another exclaimed to Father that Despair's eyes are open, when they should have been closed.

"There's something wrong with him," said Father. "Leave him alone."

"This is the last," Mother proclaimed. "I will have no more babies. Most of them die at birth. They are hard on my body and ruin my good looks. This is the last one. No more."

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"The last one," said Father. "And he'll be dead soon. He can't live. Not with his eyes open like that."

But, reader, he did live.

*(Adapted from The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo)*

39. Where was Despair born?

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40. Find the word in the passage which has the same meaning as the word "tired".

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41. What does "it" in line 10 of the passage refer to?

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42. How was Despair different from other baby mice?

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43. Why did Mother mouse not want to give birth to any more baby mice?

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- 1) 3                    29) heard
- 2) 4                    30) night
- 3) 1                    31) food
- 4) 2                    32) spiders
- 5) 3                    33) swarm
- 6) 2                    34) 3
- 7) A                    35) 3
- 8) J                    36) 4
- 9) C                    37) 2
- 10) E                   38) 2
- 11) G                   39) He was born within the walls of a castle.
- 12) B                   40) The word is "exhausted".
- 13) D
- 14) F                   41) "It" refers to the handkerchief.
- 15) 4
- 16) 1                    42) His ears are unusally big for a baby mice  
and his eyes were open when they should be  
closed.
- 17) 2
- 18) 3                    43) Most of them died of birth and caring baby  
mice would ruin her beauty.
- 19) 4
- 20) 3
- 21) B
- 22) C
- 23) E
- 24) D
- 25) C
- 26) B
- 27) A
- 28) E