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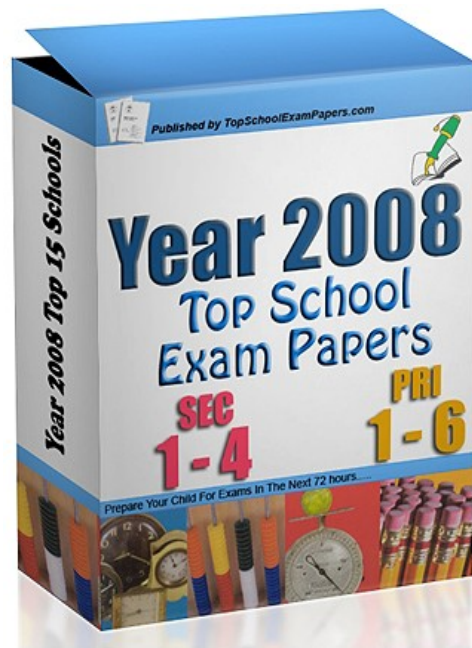
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**AI TONG SCHOOL
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**CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT ONE
PRIMARY 4
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2**

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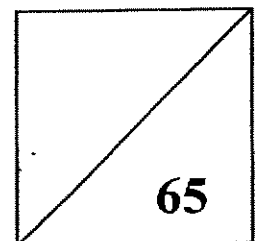
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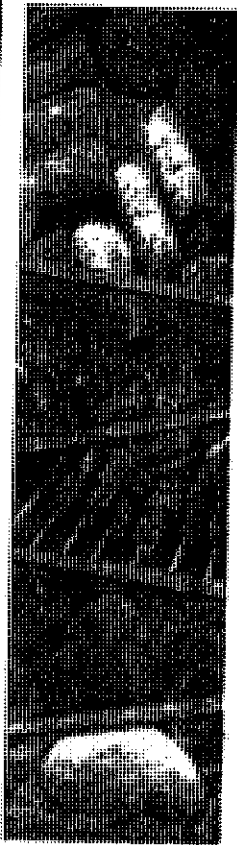
Section A: Graphic Stimulus (4 x 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and then use it to answer questions 1 to 4.

SINGAPORE

Food Festival

A celebration of Singapore Cuisine



FREE ADMISSION

Event Highlight

Singapore Delights

Date : 29th to 31st July 2007
 Venue : Singapore Expo
 Time : 11am to 9pm

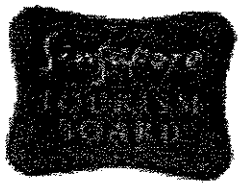
Singapore Delights brings together a showcase of our local delights.

Guaranteed Win!
 Everyone walks away with a prize at the SPIN & WIN from 2pm to 5pm daily! Up to \$20,000 worth of prizes to be won!

1-for-1 Offers!
 Don't miss out on great buffet deals with 1-for-1 offers from 11am to 12 noon!

Cooking Demonstrations @ Live Kitchen
 Winners of the New Dish Creation Competition 2007 will demonstrate their winning dishes at the Live Kitchen.

Main Organizer



Held In



Event Sponsor



Official Town Gas Provider



Official Radio Station



For each question from 1 to 4, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. Singapore Food Festival 2007 is organised by _____.
(1) City Gas (2) Del Monte
(3) Uniquely Singapore (4) Singapore Tourism Board

2. The event highlight, Singapore Delights, will be held at _____.
(1) Live Kitchen (2) Singapore Expo
(3) The Radio Station (4) Town Gas

3. If you want to enjoy 1 for 1 buffet offers and also win a prize at the event, Singapore Delights, you must be there at _____.
(1) 11 am to ^{5pm}~~12 noon~~ (2) 12 am to 1 pm
(3) 1 pm to 4 pm (4) 2 pm to 5 pm

4. Which of the following food will **not** likely be showcased at the Singapore Food Festival?
(1) Satay (2) Italian Risotto
(3) Nonya Kueh (4) Laksa

Section B: Grammar MCO (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 5 to 9, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

5. There was so _____ sand on his shorts because he was playing at the beach.

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| (1) few | (2) many |
| (3) much | (4) some |

6. This is an excellent guide book for the information which you needed _____ Japan.

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| (1) to | (2) at |
| (3) with | (4) on |

7. Samy was born in a leap year so he _____ his birthday once every four years.

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| (1) celebrate | (2) celebrates |
| (3) celebrating | (4) celebrated |

8. Mr Lim does not eat prawns because he _____ allergic to seafood.

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| (1) is | (2) are |
| (3) was | (4) were |

9. Jane and I will get to the restaurant by _____.

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| (1) herself | (2) himself |
| (3) ourselves | (4) themselves |

Section C: Punctuation (3 × 1 mark)

For each question from 10 to 12, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Melissa's parents bought her a pet for Christmas. It was a cute little hamster. She kept the hamster in a cage and took good care of it. However, she was careless and often forgets to lock the cage.

One morning, when Melissa went to feed her pet, she found that the cage was empty. "My hamster isn't in the cage (10) yelled Melissa.

Alan, Melissa's brother noticed that the door of the cage was ajar. "It has probably escaped from the unlocked cage and might be under the bed (11) said Alan. Melissa was near to tears.

Alan got down on both hands and knees and looked under the bed. He saw something moving but was not sure what it was (12) Melissa promptly handed ^{her} ~~his~~ brother a flashlight.

10. (1) [.] full stop
 (2) [?] question mark
 (3) [."] full stop and inverted commas
 (4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
11. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
 (2) [.""] full stop and inverted commas
 (3) [?""] question mark and inverted commas
 (4) [!""] exclamation mark and inverted commas
12. (1) [-] dash
 (2) [,] comma
 (3) [.] full stop
 (4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D: Vocabulary (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

13. During the flood, the villagers were _____ to leave their homes because they did not want to leave their valuables behind.

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| (1) reluctant | (2) excited |
| (3) enthusiastic | (4) determined |

14. The _____ dog was put to sleep after it bit a child to death.

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| (1) tough | (2) ferocious |
| (3) ruthless | (4) poisonous |

15. The recent earthquake in Indonesia was a/an _____ that killed thousands and left many homeless.

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|-----------------|---------------|
| (1) hazard | (2) accident |
| (3) catastrophe | (4) emergency |

16. Tiger Woods is a world _____ golfer who has won many prestigious awards.

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|--------------|----------------|
| (1) familiar | (2) infamous |
| (3) renowned | (4) noticeable |

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 17 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s).

Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Long ago in China there lived a boy named Ma Liang who loved to draw but was too poor to buy a brush. "If I have a brush, I need not have to draw on the ground with twigs," he said in his most (17) pathetic voice.

One night, when Ma Liang was fast asleep, an old man woke him with a gentle tap. "I have brought you a magic brush. Use it to (18) help the poor in your village," said the old man.

When morning came, Ma Ling went to find out what the villagers needed. "There has been (19) a long period of dry weather and our crops are dying," complained some farmers. Ma Liang took out magic brush and drew a pool of water on a rock. It immediately (20) changed into rain drops.

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| 17. | (1) pitiful | (2) regretful |
| | (3) painful | (4) mournful |
| 18. | (1) donate | (2) gain |
| | (3) assist | (4) reward |
| 19. | (1) flood | (2) drought |
| | (3) famine | (4) dehydration |
| 20. | (1) transformed | (2) evolved |
| | (3) modified | (4) swapped |

Section F: Comprehension MCO (5 × 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25.

Congkak is a popular Malay game amongst women and children. This game is believed to have been first played by digging holes in the ground with sticks for placing stones. These stones were later replaced by rubber seeds. Today, the stones and rubber seeds have been replaced by multi-coloured marbles which are commonly available from neighbourhood shops.

Congkak players of today no longer need to dig holes in the ground as *congkak* boards which are made of wood can be bought from handicraft shops. The ordinary *congkak* boards are flat but there are some with designs of animals and vehicles.

It is an interesting game which is easy to play. Basically, two players will move simultaneously. If either of the player reaches a hole with no more playing seeds, the player has to stop. The player who has the most number of seeds wins the game.

There are three types of *congkak*. The five-hole *congkak* are popular with children while the seven-hole, with adults. The nine-hole set is mainly for display and rarely played because it takes up too much time.

Congkak is believed to have been played for at least two centuries. The exact date when it was first played is not known as there are no historical records of the game.

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

21. A *congkak* player of today needs a _____ to play this game.
- (1) stick
 - (2) stone
 - (3) rubber seed
 - (4) *congkak* board

22. Which type of *congkak* would you expect to see in a museum?
- (1) Three-hole *congkak*.
 - (2) Five-hole *congkak*.
 - (3) Seven-hole *congkak*.
 - (4) Nine-hole *congkak*.
23. How many players are needed to play the *congkak*?
- (1) One.
 - (2) Two.
 - (3) Three.
 - (4) Four.
24. *Congkak* is a _____ game.
- (1) new
 - (2) modern
 - (3) difficult
 - (4) traditional
25. Which of the following is **not** likely to be the design of a *congkak* board?
- (1) Ship.
 - (2) Boat.
 - (3) Swan.
 - (4) House.

Part 2

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (6 × 1 mark)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 26 to 31, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) much	(B) many	(C) little	(D) some	(E) in
(F) to	(G) more	(H) for	(J) with	(K) as

Obesity is defined as an excess amount of body fat in our body. Generally, it is the result of consuming (26) _____ food than the body needs. The unused calories from food will be stored as body fats.

Being obese has (27) _____ consequences. The extra weight that obese people carries puts stress on their joints and results in leg pain, making simple activities such as walking difficult. Obesity is also associated (28) _____ heart disease, high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

Scientists and doctors recommend that prevention of obesity begins early in life. (29) _____ of the primary ways to prevent obesity is to consume healthy food and exercise regularly. Have a balanced diet and eat (30) _____ moderation. Eating a variety of food ensures the intake of protective nutrients such as vitamins and minerals. Exercising at least twice a week helps (31) _____ build healthy bones and muscles and maintain healthy body weight.

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (8 × 1 mark)

For each question from 32 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Nearly 90,000 people were made homeless when heavy rain and floods ravaged southern

(32)

Malaysia last month. However, the unexpected tourist industry has sprung up in Johor. Boatmen

(33)

in Kota Tinggi are charging between five and ten dollars for 'tours' of the town, which was severely affected by the flood.

(34)

Many people flocked to the town out of **kuriocity** as it was reported that the town has been completely submerged by flood waters.

(35)

One tourist, 28-year-old Jane, said she makès her way to the flooded town immediately

(36)

after reading the news reports. She said she felt sorry for the **viktims** after witnessing the situation first-hand.

(37)

These 'tour boats' are easily identified by their **pasingers**, who usually do not wear life

(38)

jackets despite police advice to do so for their own safety. They also bring with their cameras to

(39)

take pictures. Police said that these disaster tourists are unaware that their **präsence** is hindering rescue work.

Adapted from The Electric New Paper, 16th January 2007

Section 1: Comprehension Cloze (8 × 1 mark)**Passage 1**

- There are 4 blanks, numbered 40 to 43, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) life	(B) prevent	(C) drinking	(D) durable	(E) encourage
(F) lives	(G) ability	(H) allow	(J) eating	(K) water

'Jamel' is an Arabic word for camel which means God's gift. Indeed, the Jamel has been very important in the (40) _____ of a desert dweller. The camel is suited to desert condition. Its lips and mouths are thick and tough. The camel has double sets of eyelids on each eye, which have long curly lashes to (41) _____ sand from being blown into its eyes. The camel's nostrils and mouth can be closed tightly. The ears of the camels have thick hair to filter sand.

Perhaps the most important is the camel's (42) _____ to travel with heavy loads for many days without water. When water is available, it drinks in large amounts. It does not sweat as many animals do. The camel's milk can be used for (43) _____ and the hair for weaving.

Nowadays, the camel is not used as it once was. Modern transportation such as the four-wheel drive has replaced the camel.

Passage 2

There are 4 blanks numbered 44 to 47, in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The emperor strode into an inn after a tiring day of hunting. He was extremely (44) _____ and demanded that the cook prepare something special for him to eat. The cook scuttled off to the kitchen and realised that he had no food left except some left-over vegetables. He turned pale as he thought of the (45) _____ that lay in store for him if he failed to provide a tasty dish for the emperor.

He cut up the vegetables and threw them into a big pot together with some tamarind spice and hot chillies. When the dish was ready, he (46) _____ it before the emperor and returned to the kitchen to pray.

Suddenly, he felt a hand on his shoulder. He turned and saw the beaming face of the emperor's chief minister who announced that the emperor adored the dish. He became famous as everyone wanted to have a (47) _____ of the emperor's favourite dish, *Chop-Choy*.

Today, during festive times, when there are plenty of left-overs, the Chinese families will prepare this delicious dish that was invented hundreds of years ago by a worried but lucky cook.

Section J: Synthesis (4 × 2 marks)

For each of the questions 48 to 51, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

48. That is the girl. She fell down during recess.

_____ who

49. Andy did not come to school. He was not feeling well.

_____ because

50. He appeared behind the curtains. He gave us a fright.

_____ and

51. Let me show you some photographs. I took them at my party.

_____ which

Section K: Comprehension Open Ended (5 × 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer Questions 52 to 56.
Your answers must be based on the passage.

Mr Tan, lived in a room in Chinatown. Recently, he had fallen ill and lost his job. As a result, he owed the landlady two months rent. One day, the landlady swaggered towards Mr Tan's room and screamed at the top of her voice. She demanded that Mr Tan pay what he owed her immediately.

The witty man began playing on his recorder. "Please excuse me. I have to play on my recorder for an hour. Otherwise money will not grow in my wallet and I won't be able to pay you my rent," explained Mr Tan politely. "You mean, the recorder can provide you with the money you need simply by playing on it?" asked the curious landlady.

"Certainly. This is a magic recorder," said Mr Tan.

The gullible landlady believed Mr Tan. "If you give me your instrument, I shall forget your debt," she said.

Mr Tan handed the recorder to the landlady. "Remember this! You must keep the recorder for a week before you can play on it or else you will not get any money," warned Mr Tan.

The landlady could not wait and spent the whole day at home blowing on her recorder. Hour after hour, she checked her purse. Nothing appeared! Shaking with rage, she confronted Mr Tan. He asked if she had obeyed his instructions. The landlady turned red with embarrassment and admitted that she was impatient. Mr Tan chided her for her impatience. He was laughing to himself for tricking the greedy and unsympathetic landlady.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

52. What happened when Mr Tan became ill?

53. What did the landlady want in exchange for the rent owed by Mr Tan?

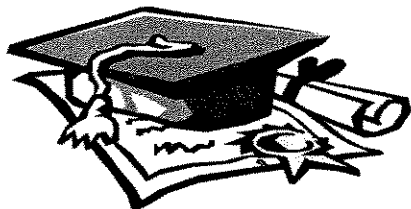
54. Which word in the passage tells you that Mr Tan was clever?

55. Why was the landlady 'shaking with rage'?

56. Why did the landlady want the recorder as payment for the two months rent?

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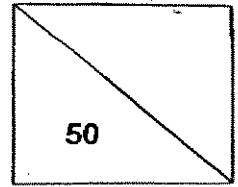
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| 2. 2 | 32) an | 41) D |
| 3. 1 | 33) to | 42) G |
| 4. 2 | 34) curiosity | 43) C |
| 5. 3 | 35) made | 44) hungry |
| 6. 4 | 36) victims | 45) punishment |
| 7. 2 | 37) passengers | 46) presented |
| 8. 1 | 38) along | 47) taste |
| 9. 3 | 39) presence | |
| 10. 4 | | |
| 11. 1 | 48) That is the girl who fell during recess. | |
| 12. 3 | | |
| 13. 1 | | |
| 14. 2 | 49) Andy did not come to school because he was not feeling well. | |
| 15. 3 | | |
| 16. 3 | | |
| 17. 1 | 50) He appeared behind the curtains and gave us a fright. | |
| 18. 3 | | |
| 19. 2 | | |
| 20. 1 | 51) Let me show you some photographs which I took at my party. | |
| 21. 4 | | |
| 22. 4 | | |
| 23. 2 | 52) He lost his job and owed the landlady two months rent. | |
| 24. 4 | | |
| 25. 4 | | |
| 26. G | 53) The landlady wanted to exchange a recorder for the rent owed by Mr Tan. | |
| 27. B | | |
| 28. J | | |
| 29. D | 54) The word is "witty." | |
| 30. E | | |
| | 55) She had spent the whole day at home blowing on her recorder but no money appeared. | |

56) The landlady wanted the recorder as payment for two months rents as she wanted to have a lot money. 17

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P4 Continual Assessment 1 2007
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SECTION A: GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. There isn't _____ porridge left in the pot.

- (1) few
- (2) many
- (3) much
- (4) some

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2. We chose not to _____ the party as we had a meeting that evening.

- (1) attend
- (2) attends
- (3) attending
- (4) attended

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3. Since it is raining so heavily, we won't be able to go for the picnic,
_____ we?

- (1) will
- (2) won't
- (3) would
- (4) wouldn't

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4. Despite the teacher _____ the pupils to lower the noise level, some of them continued to talk loudly.

- (1) remind
- (2) reminds
- (3) reminded
- (4) reminding

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5. Your watch has the same design as _____, except that it is of a different colour.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) my
- (4) mine

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6. The lady standing on the red carpet is _____ actress who had won the Oscar award yesterday.

- (1) a
- (2) an
- (3) the
- (4) any

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7. Your exams have already started this week. _____ you be reading comics or revising your work?

- (1) Must
- (2) Could
- (3) Would
- (4) Should

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8. Tim is a very quiet boy. He _____ talks to his classmates.

- (1) hardly
- (2) usually
- (3) regularly
- (4) occasionally

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9. Debbie and I _____ wondering what to have for lunch when Jenny suggested that we could try the food at the new Korean restaurant down the street.

- (1) am
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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10. They decided among _____ the role each of them would play in the upcoming musical.

- (1) himself
- (2) ourselves
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

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SECTION B: VOCABULARY (10 MARKS)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

11. To solve the crime, the police have sent out a/an _____ for eye-witnesses.

- (1) appeal
- (2) request
- (3) demand
- (4) announcement

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12. The bank robber and his _____ could not escape the ambush by the police.

- (1) peer
- (2) supporter
- (3) colleague
- (4) accomplice

()

13. I was convinced to watch the film, after reading the _____ in the newspaper yesterday.

- (1) news
- (2) report
- (3) review
- (4) editorial

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14. She is a _____ writer having had more than a hundred books published.

- (1) prolific
- (2) bountiful
- (3) abundant
- (4) flourishing

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15. The commuters shouted _____ for help when they were trapped in the burning bus.

- (1) excitedly
- (2) frantically
- (3) vigorously
- (4) effortlessly

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16. Mr Tan _____ his fruit shop because he could not cope with the increase in the rent.

- (1) put down
- (2) burnt down
- (3) closed down
- (4) turned down

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17. Alice and Susan have _____ with each other over a minor issue.
They don't talk to each other anymore.

- (1) fallen in
- (2) fallen out
- (3) fallen over
- (4) fallen upon ()

18. Kelly stomped out of her room _____ to herself about the chores she had to do.

- (1) muttering
- (2) stuttering
- (3) whispering
- (4) stammering ()

19. The golfer who continued his game despite being warned not to play in the rain was _____ dead by lightning.

- (1) hit
- (2) struck
- (3) cracked
- (4) whipped ()

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20. You can view his _____ of rare seashells at the exhibition.

- (1) collection
- (2) selection
- (3) compilation
- (4) combination

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SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

<p>Bees flitting from one flower to another is a familiar sight in a field of brightly-coloured flowers. There are about twenty thousand different species of bees and they are found almost everywhere, except in Antarctica. There are two general groups of bees: social bees which live together in colonies, and solitary bees, so named because of the way they live.</p>	5
<p>Bees gather nectar and pollen for food. The honey we like to eat comes from this nectar. Bees also produce beeswax, which is used to make cosmetics and candles. Bees are important to plants as they pollinate flowers by spreading pollen from one flower to another. The abdomen of the bee has two very important features: one is a special sac for carrying the nectar it collects and the other is the sting, a weapon of defence.</p>	10
<p>There are three different kinds of bees in a colony: the queen, the drones and the worker bees. The queen bee lays all the eggs in the colony while the drones fertilise them. The worker bees are all female but they do not lay eggs. Instead, they are responsible for providing food as well as looking after the safety and the maintenance of the colony. Interestingly, the life span of a worker bee depends very much on the season. In autumn and winter, where there is little work to do, a worker bee may live for several months. However, in summer, it lives for only five to six weeks.</p>	15 20
<p>When a bee returns from a food hunt, it tells the other bees about the food source by performing a kind of dance. If the food is near the hive, the bee will do a circular dance. If it is not, the bee will dance in a figure-of-eight pattern, to describe the distance of the food in relation to the position of the sun. Bees also communicate by using body secretions.</p>	25
<p>The bees which attend to the queen bee, regularly take a substance from her body and share it with the rest of the bees in the colony. If the queen is missing, the other bees will notice her absence within a few hours. They will try to locate her and, if their efforts prove futile, they will immediately replace her with a new queen bee.</p>	30

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21. The abdomen of the drone stores _____.

- 1) eggs
- 2) pollen
- 3) nectar
- 4) beeswax ()

22. Bees are useful to plants because they _____.

- 1) gather nectar
- 2) produce honey
- 3) pollinate flowers
- 4) produce beeswax ()

23. The lifespan of a worker bee depends on the _____.

- 1) the extent of their hunt
- 2) amount of work they do
- 3) temperature of the colony
- 4) lifespan of the queen bee ()

24. Bees dance in a figure-of-eight pattern when the location of the food is _____.

- 1) near a field
- 2) near a colony
- 3) related to the position of the sun
- 4) related to the position of the moon ()

25. If the queen bee is missing, the other bees in the hive will immediately _____.

- 1) try to find her
- 2) leave the colony
- 3) locate her within a few hours
- 4) replace her with a new queen bee ()

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ MARKS)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) a	(B) for	(C) to	(D) up
(E) over	(F) of	(G) after	(H) down

It was a fine Saturday morning. Hamid and his sister decided to go to the bank to deposit their monthly savings. When they reached the bank, they noticed that there was a long queue (26) _____ people waiting to be served. All the bank tellers were busy.

(27) _____ joining the queue, Hamid and his sister discussed what they should do during the rest of the school holidays. As they were talking, they heard a faint cry (28) _____ help. Turning around, they saw an old woman behind them collapsing (29) _____ the floor.

"Help! Help!" shouted Hamid as he knelt (30) _____ beside the old woman. "This lady has fainted. Quick, call for an ambulance!" he said. Hamid's sister stood behind him dumbfounded.

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SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ MARKS)

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.

(A) run	(B) ran	(C) has been running
(D) will run	(E) has run	(F) was running

Mr Tan is a long-distance runner who has participated in many marathons. He is going to (31) _____ in a marathon tomorrow. He (32) _____ in nine marathons so far.

Despite his knee injury, he (33) _____ in the last marathon and won a consolation trophy. He is not the only one who is taking part in the race tomorrow, my brother and I (34) _____ with him as well.

He (35) _____ for the past one month to prepare for his big day tomorrow. He is confident that he will win.

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SECTION F: SYNTHESIS (2 MARKS)

Rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

36. Raveen likes to play soccer. His brother likes to play soccer too.

Both _____

37. Alice wants to watch a movie. She must complete her homework first.

_____ but _____

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SECTION G: VOCABULARY CLOZE (8 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a correct word.

There are many species of birds which are on the endangered species list. One such species of birds is the Penguin and they are in great danger of becoming (38) _____.

Penguins are greatly loved with their human-like stance and waddling gait. It is rather fascinating that these birds can (39) _____ in some of the coldest and most inhospitable places on Earth.

One threatened species of penguins is the Humbolt penguins. This type of penguin is about sixty-nine centimetres (40) _____ and lives along the Pacific coastlines of Chile and Peru. The total population of the Humbolt penguin was estimated at twenty thousand in the early 1980s and in the 1900s it was probably (41) _____ to around ten thousand individuals.

The main (42) _____ for this decrease is human exploitation. The decline of these penguins (43) _____ when the intensive activity of guano collectors disturbed and damaged nesting areas. Guano, the excrement of animals such as birds and bats, is much (44) _____ after for fertiliser.

In the past too, penguins were heavily (45) _____ for their meat, oil and skins. People even collected penguin eggs.

Unless they are protected, penguins might soon disappear from the face of the Earth. Therefore, it is our responsibility to ensure that these birds continue to exist in their natural habitats.

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SECTION H : COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

When Ben woke, the moon was fully up. A weird, pale light whitened the walls of the cave. But it was not the moonlight that had wakened him. It was the hollow booming of the sea.

He sat up wondering. There was another boom, like a roll of drums. A sharp wind flew into the cave like an icy breath and the flaky ashes of the fire flurried up like snow. It was followed by a new sound, a long, rushing sigh as the first wave trickled into the cave and sank into the sand beneath them. 5

"Wake up!" Ben shouted. Two startled faces, eerie in the moonlight, turned towards him. He leapt up and ran to the mouth of the cave.

What he saw turned his bones to jelly. The wind was high, hurling the sea against the cliff. Ben stepped outside the cave. The wind slammed into his chest like a giant fist and a ridge of yellow foam curled up to meet him. The sea sucked round his knees. For a moment, he thought he would be dragged down but he fought his way back, against the heavy pull of the current and stumbled against Lil just inside the mouth of the cave. 10
15

"What's the matter?" she asked, rubbing her eyes, still only half awake.

Ben did not answer. He dived frantically for the torch, and swung the beam round the cave. It showed him what he should have noticed before: the seaweed, clinging high up on the walls. He stretched up to touch it. It was scabby and dry: the sea only reached here at a very high tide. 20

But this was a high tide....

"We are caught by the tide." His voice squeaked high with alarm.

"What is a tide?" Thomas asked. He was not frightened. He knew nothing about the sea. 25

But there was no time to give him a geography lesson. Ben said quickly, "The sea is coming in. We've got to get out."

"But we can't," Lil wailed from the mouth of the cave. She was wide awake now. "The sea's all round. We'll be drowned."

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Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

46. What ^{made} woke Ben wake up?

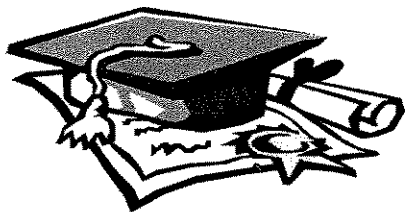
47. Why did Ben wake the other two children?

48. What did Ben learn from observing the seaweed on the wall of the cave?

49. Which phrase in paragraph 4 tells us that Ben was terrified?

50. Why couldn't the children escape from the cave?

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ANSWER SHEET

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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20. 1
21. 3
22. 3
23. 2
24. 3
25. 1
26. F
27. G
28. B
29. C
30. H
- 31) A
- 32) E
- 33) B
- 34) D
- 35) C
- 36) Both Raveen and his brother like to play soccer.
- 37) Alice wants to watch a movie she must complete her homework first.
- 38) extinct
- 39) survive
- 40) tall
- 41) decreased
- 42) reason
- 43) began
- 44) sought
- 45) hunted
- 46) The hollow booming of the sea made Ben wake up.
- 47) The high tide was coming into the cave and they had to get out quickly otherwise they would drown.
- 48) He learnt that when the seaweed clung high up on the walls of the cave, it meant there was a very high tide.
- 49) The phrase is 'turned his bones to jelly.'
- 50) The sea was all around them and they would be drowned.



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

BOOKLET A: LISTENING

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.**

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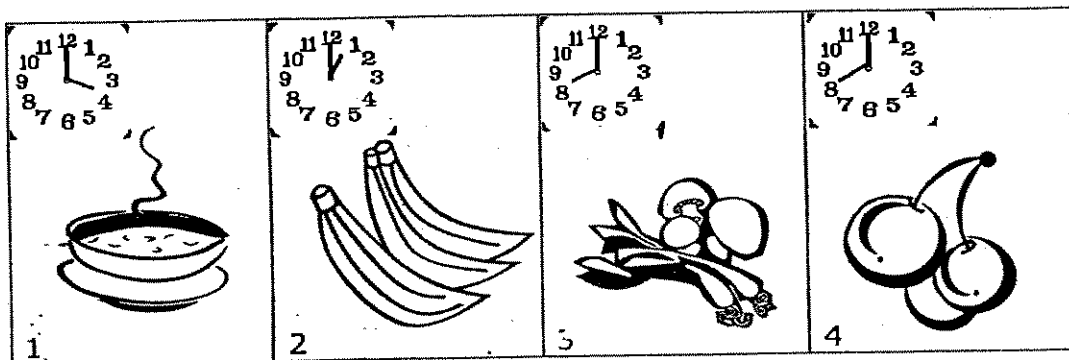
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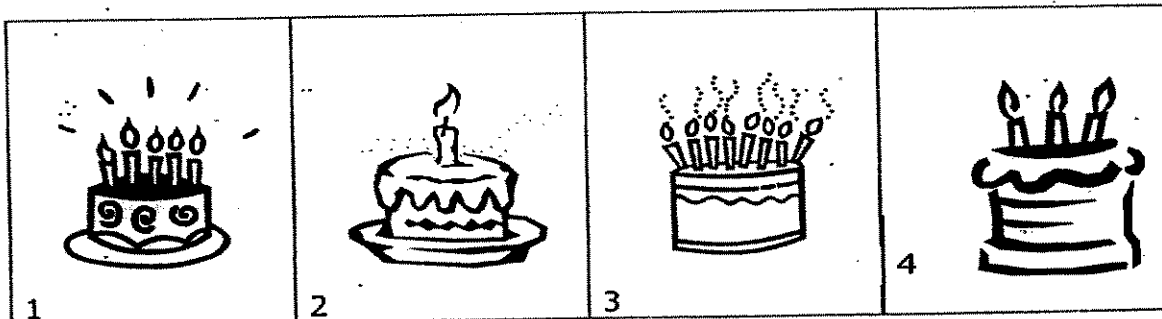
SECTION A: PICTURE MATCHING (4 X 1 mark = 4 marks)

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture which matches the statement(s) that he/she is going to read to you. **Shade the number of the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

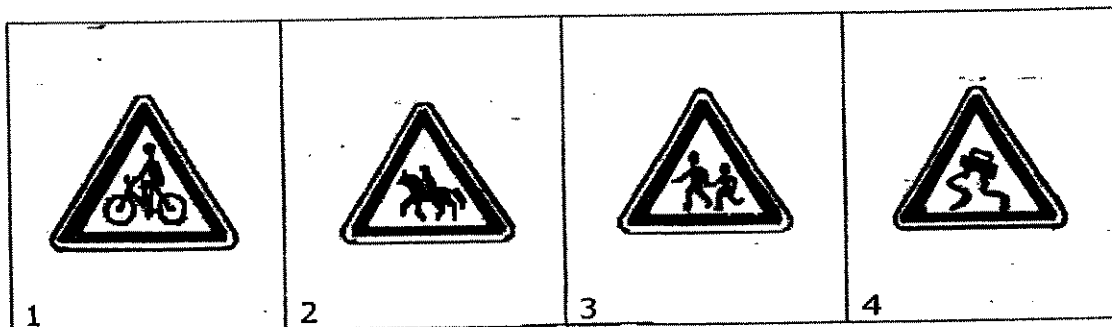
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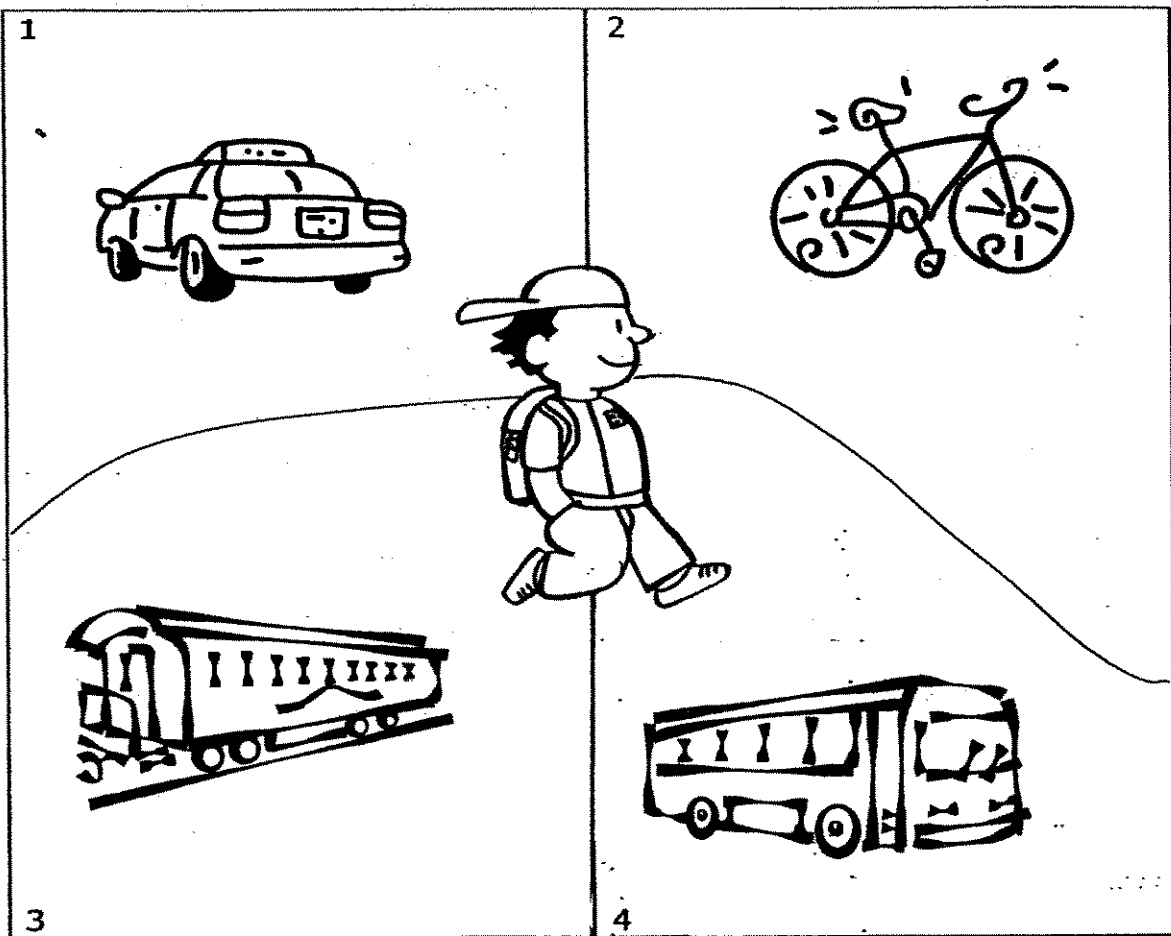
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3.



4.



For Sections B and C, please write the answers in this question booklet.

SECTION B: NOTE-TAKING (4 x 1 = 4 marks)

Listen carefully now.

Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test.

You are listening to an advertisement on a musical over the radio. You are to take down the details of this text as you listen.

Each blank in Q5 to Q8 should be filled with **one** word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

Musical

Q5. Title of the musical: The Frog Princess and the _____ Ball.

Q6. Total number of performances for the three days: _____
performances

Q7. Place of Performance: _____ Concert Hall

Q8. Price of family package includes: Tickets for 2 adults and _____
children



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**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND
COMPREHENSION (MULTIPLE CHOICE
QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

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**You would have completed Questions 1 to 4 from Booklet A: Listening.
Continue with the next section, Section D.**

SECTION D: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 m = 8 marks)

For each question from 5 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

5. Ming Ming enjoys cycling but her sisters _____ swimming.

- 1 prefer
- 2 prefers
- 3 preferred
- 4 will prefer

6. The mischievous child always _____ tricks on others.

- 1 play
- 2 plays
- 3 will play
- 4 is playing

7. There seems to be _____ rain this month than last month.

- 1 less
- 2 little
- 3 least
- 4 lesser

8. There isn't _____ grass in the field during the dry season.

- 1 little
- 2 some
- 3 many
- 4 much

9. I am new to this neighbourhood, so _____ people here know me.

- 1 few
- 2 little
- 3 many
- 4 a lot of

10. All the furniture _____ destroyed in the warehouse fire last night.

- ① is
- ② was
- ③ are
- ④ were

11. There is a camp for the pupils next week and _____ are expected to attend.

- ① all
- ② anyone
- ③ nobody
- ④ everyone

12. Mr. Lim discovered that what he had bought was _____ ordinary vase and not anything special.

- ① a
- ② an
- ③ the
- ④ this

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 X 2 m = 10 marks)

For each question from 13 to 17, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

13. During my _____ time, I would rather go for a jog than watch a movie.

- ① last
- ② free
- ③ usual
- ④ precious

14. My aunt has just remarried two days ago after being a _____ for five years when my uncle passed away of cancer.

- ① widow
- ② spinster
- ③ widower
- ④ bachelor

15. We found this twisted fairy tale very _____. All of us had a good laugh.

- ① boring
- ② amusing
- ③ interesting
- ④ unbelievable

16. If you want to sell your house, one of the best ways to do it is to _____ in the newspapers.

- ① notify
- ② report
- ③ advertise
- ④ announce

17. The mother _____ her crying daughter to comfort her.

- ① shook
- ② struck
- ③ battered
- ④ embraced

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (4 x 1 m = 4 marks)

For question 18 to 21, each circle ○ indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

18. Beware ○ There is a puddle of water in front of you.

- ① [,] comma
- ② [.] full stop
- ③ [?] question mark
- ④ [!] exclamation mark

19. "Could you pass me that bottle of chilli sauce ○ asked Peter.

- ① [?] question mark
- ② [, ?] comma and question mark
- ③ [, "] comma and close inverted commas
- ④ [? "] question mark and close inverted commas

20. There is an old photograph of a big, beautiful stone castle.

- 1 [,] comma
- 2 [.] full stop
- 3 [?] question mark
- 4 [!] exclamation mark

21. "Look Cinderella looks so stunning in her gown," cried the handsome Prince.

- 1 [!] exclamation mark
- 2 [, !] comma and exclamation mark
- 3 [, "] comma and close inverted commas
- 4 [! "]-exclamation mark and close inverted commas

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (4 x 1 m = 4 marks)

For question 22 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

The toad is a (22) useful creature in any garden. Its remarkable tongue is a most efficient tool for catching the (23) enormous number of insects it (24) requires daily. When not in use, this tongue remains coiled like a spring inside the toad's mouth. With lightning speed, this amphibian can shoot out its tongue towards (25) unwary insects that wander within its range.

22. useful

- ① rare
- ② unique
- ③ special
- ④ helpful

23. enormous

- ① large
- ② gigantic
- ③ impressive
- ④ outstanding

24. requires

- ① needs
- ② acquires
- ③ deserves
- ④ demands

25. unwary

- ① daring
- ② cautious
- ③ careless
- ④ impatient

5.

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 X 2 m = 8 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 26 to 29 that follow.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

One bright morning, a small bear cub was following his mother through the sunshine in a pine-scented New Mexico mountain forest. Suddenly, his mother stopped, sniffed the air, and began to flee with all of the other forest creatures.

Left behind, the puzzled little cub watched as choking smoke and searing flames came nearer to him. Finally, not knowing what else to do, he climbed a pine tree and remained there while the forest fire roared and crackled below him. The flames scorched his tender paws a little. The little cub was very frightened.

After the fire had passed through the forest, a ranger went out to check the damage. He was surprised to find a bear cub clinging to the top of a burnt pine tree. The ranger rescued the cub and took him to the game warden's home. There, the warden and the rangers cared for the cub while he recovered from his ordeal.

26. The mother bear stopped suddenly and sniffed the air because _____

- ① the morning air was fresh
- ② she detected the smell of smoke
- ③ they were in a pine-scented forest
- ④ she detected other forest creatures nearby

27. The bear cub did not flee with his mother because he _____

- ① wanted to stay behind
- ② was fascinated by the searing flames
- ③ did not understand what was happening
- ④ was very frightened by what was happening

28. During the forest fire, the bear cub was _____

- ① fatally injured
- ② seriously hurt
- ③ slightly injured
- ④ completely unharmed

29. The bear cub was rescued by a ranger who _____

- ① happened to find him
- ② was there to put out the fire
- ③ knew he was on the pine tree
- ④ was there to rescue the forest creatures



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PRIMARY FOUR

**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND
COMPREHENSION (OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

Name: _____ ()

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Note-taking and Unseen Dictation:	/ 14
MCQ:	/ 38
OE:	/ 48
Total:	/ 100

SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (6 X 2 m = 12 marks)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 30 to 35. From the words given in the box, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) on the blank. **Each word can be used once only.**

- | | | |
|---------|-------------|----------|
| (A) if | (B) towards | (C) but |
| (D) the | (E) then | (F) when |
| (G) why | (H) from | |

I loved adventures. Once, I went hunting on the edge of a sea. I was among cliffs and shrubs, chasing a hare. When I lost (30) _____ hare, I began to look around and saw smoke rising (31) _____ the cracks of rock. I went over to the place to see (32) _____ there was smoke, and the ground gave way under me. I fell right down till I was on the floor of the cave. Fortunately, I fell on sand and was not hurt.

I was trying to find my way home out of the cave (33) _____ I heard some noise coming (34) _____ me. It was the tramping of the giant's feet. I was looking for a suitable place to hide, (35) _____ in my hurry, I could not find one. I broke out in cold sweat as the noise grew louder.

SECTION J: MODIFIED CLOZE (8 x 1 m = 8 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Some people walk in their sleep. The things people do while they are sleepwalking can be funny; however, (36) _____ can be dangerous. For example, in one amazing (37) _____, an eleven-year-old boy (38) _____ in his sleep one (39) _____ and was found the next morning (40) _____ one hundred miles from his (41) _____. The police who discovered him were somewhat amused, (42) _____ they did not think it a laughing matter when they discovered (43) _____ the boy had taken a train ride while he was asleep!

It is fortunate that only a small number of people walk while they are asleep.

SECTION K: EDITING – SPELLING (5 X 2 m = 10 marks)

There are 5 wrongly spelt words which are underlined in the passage below.
Correct them in the boxes provided.

(44)

During the school hoilidays, Ahmad would catch up on his reading. He loves to read

(45)

story books, expecialy those on knights and castles. He has many books from the

(46)

library and he cannot wait to finish reading them. Reading not only helps build up

(47)

knowledge but also improves his language abieletis. He can also play with his

(48)

computer games. His father usually borows educational computer games for him to

play.

SECTION I: SENTENCE COMBINING (3 x 2 m = 6 marks)

Rewrite the two sentences in each question below into a sentence by using the word given.

49. You should get ready now. You do not want to be late for school.

If _____

50. It has been raining. There is no need to water the plants.

_____ as

51. Mr Nair does not make much money. He donates to charity regularly.

_____ although

SECTION M: COMPREHENSION (6 x 2 m = 12 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

"I tell you, no! I will not keep this miserable donkey another day!" Hodja glared at the little grey donkey that was patiently swishing off the myriad flies as it waited for Hodja to fasten on the piece of old rug that served as a saddle.

"A new donkey might be just as stubborn," suggested Fatima.

"This creature is more than stubborn!" stormed Hodja. "It eats like an elephant but grows skinnier every day. It is as slow as a tortoise, lazy as a pig, and as stubborn as a – as a – as a donkey!"

Fatima patted the little donkey which rubbed its head affectionately against her striped sleeve. Fatima said nothing. She had argued with her husband enough times to know that it would only make him angrier.

"Say your goodbyes to the creature! Next time you see it, someone else will be riding it. You shall see what a fine donkey I shall ride home from the animal market. I can sell this donkey for enough money to buy a fine one, and still have a gold piece left over."

Hodja rode the donkey through the street gate, and on toward the marketplace. His long legs dangled at the donkey's sides, his feet sometimes touching the cobblestones of the narrow street. He nodded to the right and to the left at his many friends in the marketplace, but kept straight on until he reached the animal market.

Adapted from a story by Alice Geer Kelsey

Write your answers to the following questions in complete sentences.

52. How can we tell that Hodja was preparing to set off for somewhere on his donkey?

53. What were **two** of Hodja's complaints about his donkey?

54. Which sentence tells us that Fatima had a good relationship with the donkey?

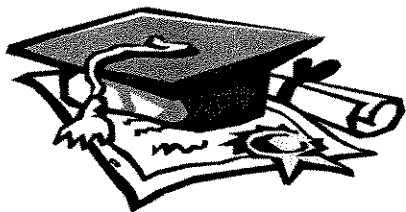
55. What would happen if Fatima had said something about the donkey?

56. Where was Hodja going with the donkey?

57. What did Hodja plan to do there?

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**PLEASE CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY
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ANSWER SHEET

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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| 5) 1 | 36) they | 44) holidays |
| 6) 2 | 37) incident | 45) especially |
| 7) 1 | 38) walked | 46) library |
| 8) 4 | 39) night | 47) abilities |
| 9) 1 | 40) about | 48) borrows |
| 10) 2 | 41) home | |
| 11) 1 | 42) but | |
| 12) 2 | 43) that | |
| 13) 2 | | |
| 14) 1 | 49) If you do not want to be late for school, you should get ready now. | |
| 15) 2 | | |
| 16) 3 | 50) There is no need to water the plants as it was been raining. | |
| 17) 4 | | |
| 18) 4 | 51) Mr Nair donates to charity regularly although he does not make much money. | |
| 19) 4 | | |
| 20) 1 | 52) He was fastening the saddle on the donkey's back. | |
| 21) 1 | | |
| 22) 4 | 53) The donkey was stubborn and slow. | |
| 23) 1 | | |
| 24) 1 | 54) The sentence is "Fatima patted the little donkey which rubbed its head affectionately against her striped sleeve." | |
| 25) 3 | | |
| 26) 2 | | |
| 27) 3 | 55) Hodja would get angrier and angrier Fatima had said something about the donkey. | |
| 28) 3 | | |
| 29) 1 | | |
| 30) D | | |
| 31) H | | |
| 32) G | | |
| 33) F | | |
| 34) B | | |
| 35) C | | |

56) Hodja was going to the animal market with the donkey.

57) Hodja planned to sell the donkey and buy a new one.



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**PRIMARY FOUR
BOOKLET A: LISTENING**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

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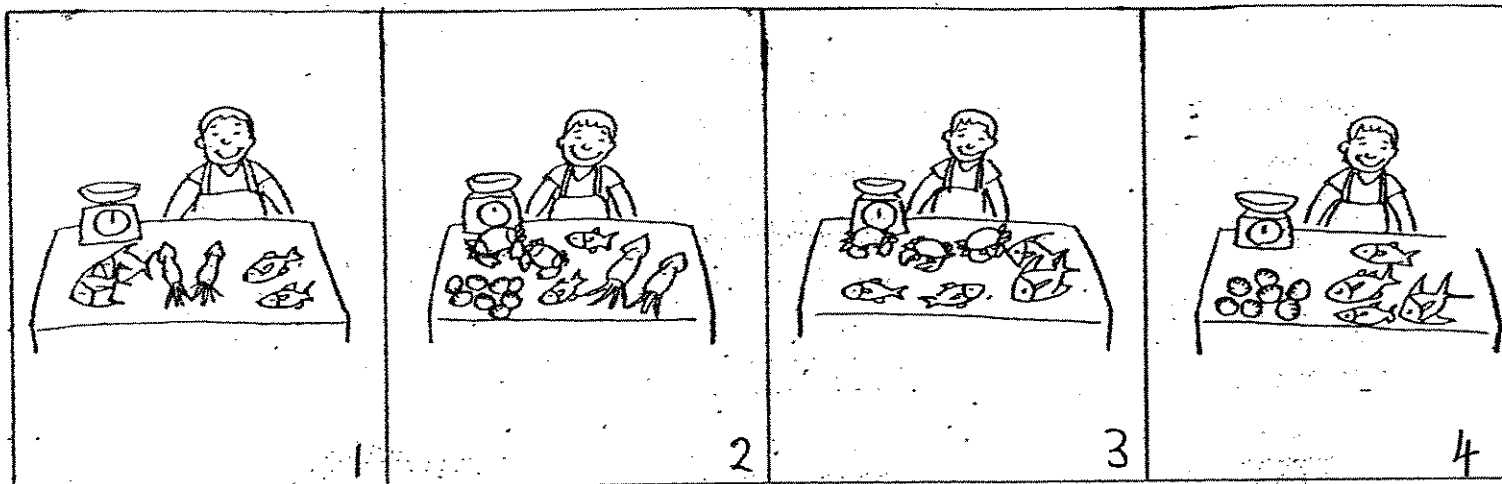
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SECTION A: PICTURE MATCHING (4 X 1 mark = 4 marks)

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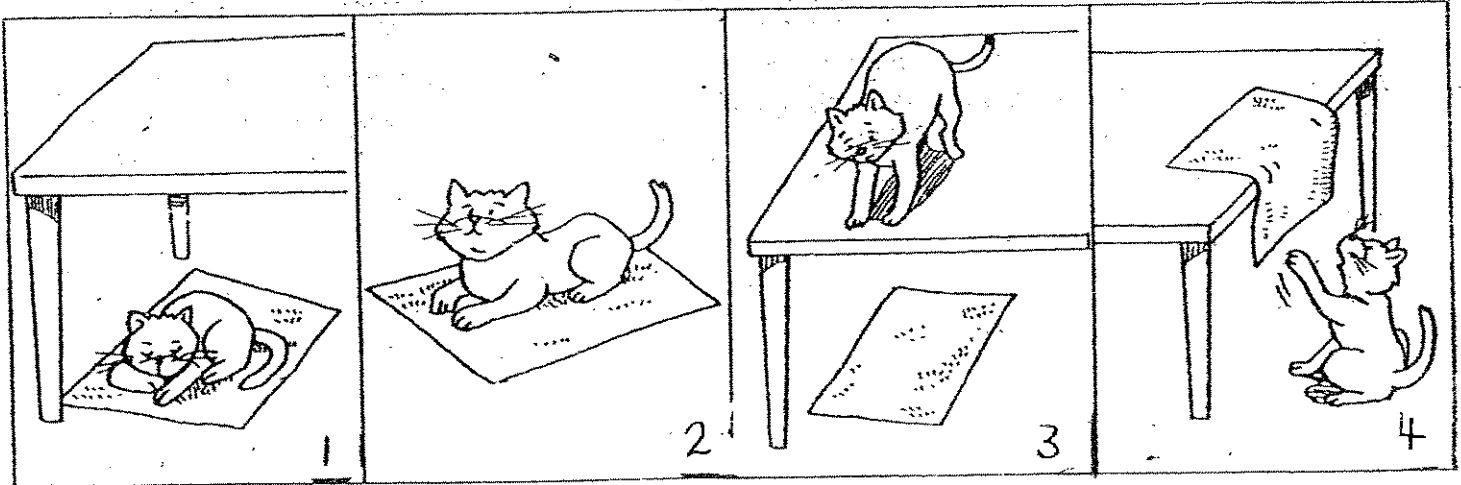
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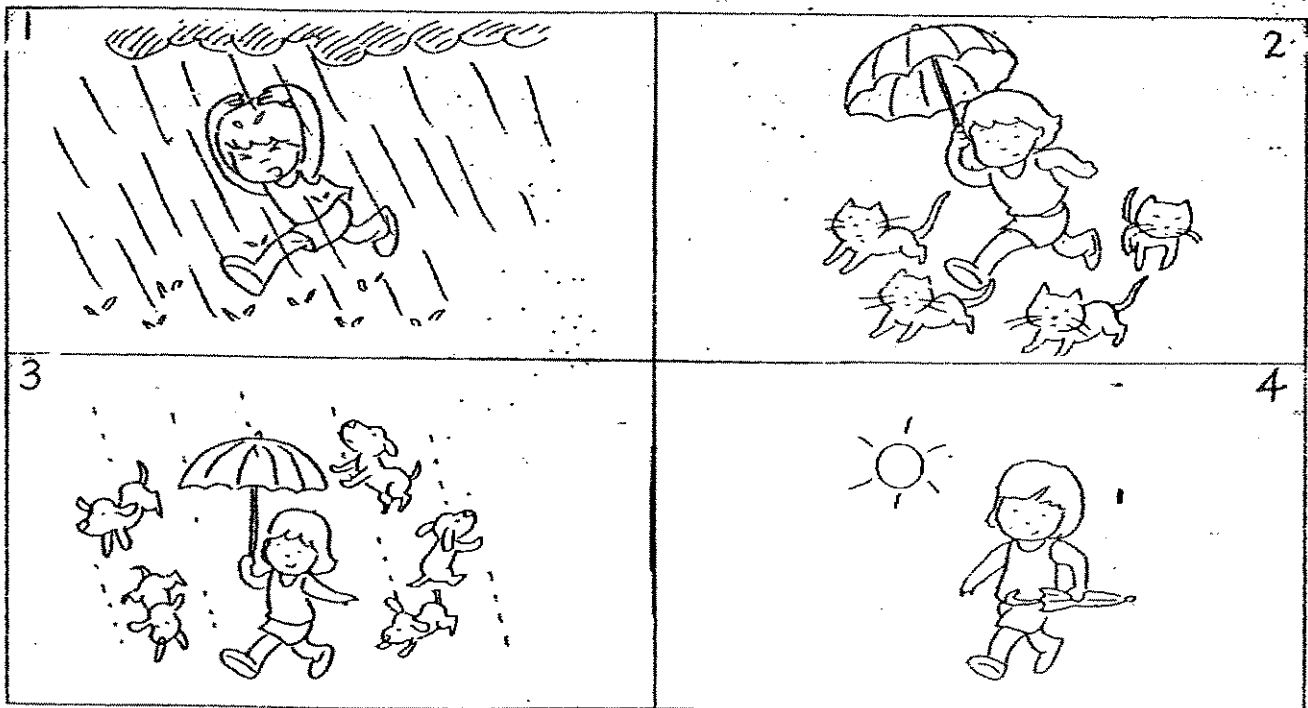
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For Sections B and C, please write the answers in this question booklet.

SECTION B: NOTE-TAKING (4 x 1 m = 4 marks)

Listen carefully now. Do not write anything. Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test.
Q9 is a dictation test.

Peter was not at home when his friend, Adam, called. Peter's sister, Mary, took down the message to inform Peter of what Adam wanted.

Each blank in Q5 to Q8 should be filled with **one** word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

<u>Telephone Message</u>	
Q5.	Type of sport : _____
Q6.	Meeting place : _____ Coffee Shop
Q7.	Time to meet : _____ p.m.
Q8.	Reminder : Wear _____ T-shirt



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2007 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND
COMPREHENSION (MULTIPLE CHOICE
QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr 4 ()

Parent's Signature: _____

**You would have completed questions 1 to 4 from Booklet A: Listening.
Continue with the next section, Section D.**

SECTION D: GRAMMAR (5 x 1 m = 5 marks)

For each question from 5 to 9, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

5. He has been here _____ six o'clock this morning.

- 1 if
- 2 since
- 3 unless
- 4 because

6. Jill did not try hard enough _____ she failed her test.

- 1 so
- 2 but
- 3 yet
- 4 though

7. One of the pupils _____ receiving a prize later.

- 1 is
- 2 are
- 3 was
- 4 were

8. Do you know the difference _____ a butterfly and a moth?

- (1) in
- (2) of
- (3) among
- (4) between

9. What _____ Alice usually _____ at home in the evening?

- (1) is do
- (2) will doing
- (3) does do
- (4) does does

SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 x 1 m = 5 marks)

For each question from 10 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

10. Pele faced many challenges, but he _____ them to become a great footballer.
- (1) overtook
 - (2) defeated
 - (3) mastered
 - (4) overcame
11. The athlete received a _____ for winning the competition.
- (1) medal
 - (2) coupon
 - (3) voucher
 - (4) donation
12. Alvin was _____ by the police for his bravery.
- (1) awarded
 - (2) commended
 - (3) reprimanded
 - (4) recommended
13. We could feel the _____ of the earthquake which lasted for a few seconds.
- (1) tremor
 - (2) eruption
 - (3) twitching
 - (4) explosion
14. You should report any strangers who look _____ to the principal.
- (1) anxious
 - (2) doubtful
 - (3) secretive
 - (4) suspicious

SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (3 x 1 m = 3 marks)

For questions 15 to 17, each circle indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. "What a stupid thing to do " exclaimed Anne.

- (1) [,] comma
- (2) [.] full stop
- (3) [?] question mark
- (4) [!] exclamation mark

16. Although Mr Lim is seventy years old he still looks fit and healthy.

- (1) [:] colon
- (2) [,] comma
- (3) [.] full stop
- (4) [!] exclamation mark

17. "Where are my keys asked Mrs Tan.

- (1) [, "] comma and close inverted commas
- (2) [. "] full stop and close inverted commas
- (3) [? "] question mark and close inverted commas
- (4) [! "] exclamation mark and close inverted commas

SECTION G: SYNONYMS (3 x 1m = 3 marks)

For questions 18 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Pupils from Mr. Lee's class are chosen to (Q18) showcase their projects at the school's (Q19) annual Science Fair. Their projects include models, drawings, and even a recipe for a new way to make ice cream. At the fair, they have to display their work and explain what they have done to a (Q20) panel of judges. The best project chosen will represent their school in the National Science Fair.

18. (1) expose
 (2) present
 (3) perform
 (4) advertise

19. (1) daily
 (2) yearly
 (3) monthly
 (4) half-yearly

20. (1) group
 (2) cluster
 (3) selection
 (4) category

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 21 to 24 that follow.

For questions 21 to 24, shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Uncle Alm went out early to see what kind of day it was going to be. There was a reddish gold light over the higher peaks. A light breeze was starting up and the branches of the fir trees were moving gently to and fro. The sun was on its way. The old man went in to call Heidi and Clara.

Peter came up from the valley at this moment, but the goats did not gather around him as trustingly as before. They seemed to avoid him. The angry and bitter boy had been using his stick more frequently and very unnecessarily lately. The blows, where they landed, would have been very painful.

For weeks now, Peter had not had Heidi all to himself. When he arrived in the mornings, Heidi was already fully occupied with Clara, her **invalid** friend, and it was the same thing when he came down in the evenings. Heidi had not joined him and the goats on the mountain once over the summer. She was always sticking by the other girl's side the whole time. This made Peter particularly cross.

Adapted from 'Heidi' by Johanna Spyri

21. When Uncle Alm went out to check on the weather, it was _____.
- (1) dawn
 - (2) dusk
 - (3) night
 - (4) evening
22. The goats used to gather around Peter _____ when he came up.
- (1) hungrily
 - (2) trustingly
 - (3) hesitantly
 - (4) cautiously
23. Another word for "invalid" in the third paragraph is _____.
- (1) sickly
 - (2) lonely
 - (3) happy
 - (4) healthy
24. What made Peter particularly cross?
- (1) Clara was unhappy with him.
 - (2) The goats had been avoiding him.
 - (3) Uncle Alm had given him too much work.
 - (4) Heidi had not spent time alone with him for a long time.



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY FOUR

**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
(OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

Name: _____ () Parent's Signature: _____

Class: Pr 4 ()

Booklet A: Note-taking and Unseen Dictation	/10
Booklet B (Including Listening MCQ)	/24
Booklet C:	/30
Writing	/20
Oral	/16
Total	/100

SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 X 1m = 5 marks)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 25 to 29. From the words given in the box, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) on the blank. **Each word can be used once only.**

(A) then

(B) the

(C) of

(D) up

(E) for

(F) when

(G) to

(H) also

After being separated for thirty-one years, a mother and her daughter met again on Friday morning in Kuala Lumpur on television.

Housewife Minah, 53, had pined for (25) _____ baby girl she was forced to give up (26) _____ adoption in 1963.

Being jobless (27) _____, she had no choice but to let Jamaliah be adopted by a Malaccan family. She then returned (28) _____ her hometown in Negri Sembilan.

Years passed and Jamaliah grew (29) _____. When she was seventeen, she learnt that she was an adopted child and started to search for her natural mother with the help of the mass media.

SECTION J: MODIFIED CLOZE (8 x 1m = 8 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Ganesan was like an elder brother to us. As he took (30) _____ round his overgrown garden, he pointed out a jackfruit tree to us.

"You can tell a ripe jackfruit from the (31) _____ it makes," he said.

"What sound? (32) _____ a jackfruit make noise?" I asked.

He was patient with my childish (33) _____. "No, but if you hit it, and it is (34) _____, the sound is hollow. But if it is not (35) _____ to be eaten yet, there is no sound coming back to you."

On learning this fact, we (36) _____ a lot of time tapping jackfruits. Ganesan's garden was enormous. It was not only (37) _____ of fruit trees but also mosquitoes. We always wore long pants and long-sleeved shirts when we walked in the garden.

SECTION K: EDITING – SPELLING (3 X 1m = 3 marks)

There are 3 words that are underlined in the passage below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

(38)

Last Thursday, Alice was doing an experement in the science

(39)

laporatory. She was trying to prepare a salt solution in a test tube. Her classmate,

(40)

Susan, bumped into her ascidental and the test tube broke into pieces.

SECTION L: SENTENCE COMBINING (2 x 2 m = 4 marks)

Rewrite the two sentences of each question below into a sentence by using the word given.

41. Rosma did not receive the parcel. You sent her the parcel last week.

_____ which

42. Jane is taking part in the contest. Alice is taking part in the contest.

Both _____

SECTION M: COMPREHENSION (5 x 2 m = 10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

"I'm not sure this is a good idea," Parvana said to Shauzia at her house the next morning. She had her blanket and her father's writing things with her. She had not dared to tell her mother about going bone-digging.

"I'm glad you brought the blanket. We can use it to drag away the bones," said Shauzia ignoring Parvana's objections. "Come on. We'd better hurry or we'll get left behind," she continued. Parvana obediently fell in behind Shauzia as they ran to catch up with the boys.

The sky was dark with clouds.² They walked for almost an hour, down the streets Parvana did not recognize. Finally, they came to an area of Kabul most heavily destroyed by rockets. There was not a single building in the whole area, just piles of broken bricks and stones.

Bombs had fallen on the cemetery too. The explosions had shaken up the graves in the ground. Here and there, white bones of the dead stuck up out of the rusty-brown earth.³ Flocks of larger black grey crows cawed and pecked at the ground around the ruined graves of the newer section of the graveyard. The slight breeze carried a rotting stench to where Parvana and Shauzia were standing, on the edge of the cemetery's older section. They watched the boys spread out across the graveyard and start digging.

Parvana noticed a man setting up a large weighing scale next to the partially destroyed wall of a building. "Who's that?"

"That's the bone broker. He buys the bones from us."

"What does he do with them?"

"He sells them to someone else. What do we care, as long as we get paid." Shauzia handed Parvana one of the rough boards she had brought along to use as a shovel. "Come on, let's get busy."

Adapted from 'Parvana' by Deborah Ellis.

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. Why did the girls need a blanket?

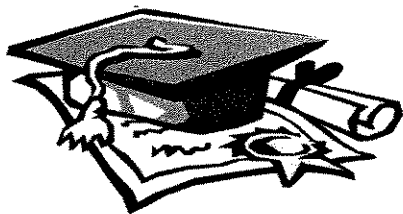
44. How far was the cemetery from Parvana's house?

45. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the place was in ruins?

46. What do you think the crows were pecking at?

47. What did the girls plan to do with the bones they dug up?

Setters : Miss J. Lim
Mrs M. Menon



ANSWER SHEET

NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

- 5) 2
6) 1
7) 1
8) 4
9) 3
10) 4
11) 1
12) 2
13) 1
14) 4
15) 4
16) 2
17) 3
18) 2
19) 2
20) 1
21) 1
22) 2
23) 3
24) 4
25) B
26) E
27) A
28) G
29) D
30) us
31) sound
32) Does
33) question
34) ripe
35) ready
36) spent
37) full
38) experiment
39) laboratory
40) accidentally
41) Rosma did not receive the parcel which you sent her last week.
42) Both Jane and Alice are taking part in the contest.
43) They could use it to dray the bones away.
44) It was almost a one hour's walk from Parvana's house to the cemetery.
45) The sentence is "There was not a single building in the whole area, just piles of broken bricks and stones."
46) They were pecking at decomposing bodies.
47) They decided to sell the bones to the bone broker and get paid.



**AI TONG SCHOOL
2007**

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

DURATION : 1 hour 45 minutes

DATE : 10 May 2007

INSTRUCTIONS

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions.

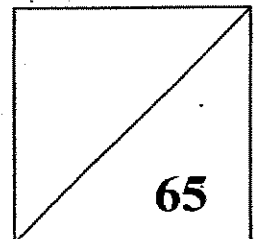
Answer all questions.

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary _____

Parent's Signature : _____

Date : _____



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Part 1

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (4 × 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and then use it to answer questions 1 to 4.

***Sunshine Body Cleansing Gel
has a gentle moisturizer that
leaves your skin silky soft
and smooth.***



Easy to Enter! Easy to Win!

Simply paste the Sunshine Logo contest sticker found on the back of any 300ml pack on the official entry form. Answer a simple question and send in your entry.

PRIZES

- 1st Prize: Trip for 2 to Sydney, Australia worth \$3800
- 2nd Prize: Trip for 2 to Bangkok, Thailand worth \$1200
- 3rd Prize: Trip for 2 to Bali, Indonesia worth \$500
- 20 consolation prizes: 1 spa treatment worth \$80 each

Rules and Regulations

1. This contest is open to all except staff and families of Sunshine(S) Pte Ltd.
2. You may submit as many entries as you wish but each entry must be on an official entry form with the Sunshine logo attached.
3. Closing date for entries is 15 May 2007.
4. The draw will be held on 1 June 2007 at Sunshine(S) Pte Ltd.
5. All winners will be notified by post.
6. Prizes are not exchangeable for cash.
7. Judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entertained.

**Buy
Sunshine
Body
Cleansing
Gel now
and win
fabulous
prizes!**

For each question from 1 to 4, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. The moisturizer in the cleansing gel makes the skin _____.

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| (1) fair | (2) smooth |
| (3) shiny | (4) gentle |

2. The closing date for entries is _____.

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|-----------------|------------------|
| (1) 1 May 2007 | (2) 15 May 2007 |
| (3) 1 June 2007 | (4) 15 June 2007 |

3. The top prize for the contest is a trip for 2 to _____.

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|---------------|---------------|
| (1) Japan | (2) Thailand |
| (3) Australia | (4) Indonesia |

4. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) All prizes are worth more than \$500.
- (2) Participants can only submit one entry each.
- (3) Winners cannot exchange their prizes for money.
- (4) Participants must call the company to find out the results of the draw.

Section B: Grammar MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 5 to 9, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

5. When water _____, it changes into ice.

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|-----|---------|-----|-------------|
| (1) | froze | (2) | freeze |
| (3) | freezes | (4) | will freeze |

6. They won't be meeting us at the museum, _____?

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|-----|------------|-----|-------------|
| (1) | are they | (2) | will they |
| (3) | won't they | (4) | aren't they |

7. "Did you both enjoy _____ at the carnival?" my father asked Rick and me.

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|-----|-----------|-----|------------|
| (1) | itself | (2) | yourself |
| (3) | ourselves | (4) | yourselves |

8. Mei Ying is very good _____ Mathematics. She always obtains the highest score in the subject.

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|-----|-----|-----|------|
| (1) | for | (2) | in |
| (3) | on | (4) | with |

9. I will not be able to buy you that toy. I have only _____ dollars left.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------|-----|----------|
| (1) | some | (2) | much |
| (3) | a few | (4) | a little |

Section C: Punctuation (3 × 1 mark)

For each question from 10 to 12, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

One day, the doorbell rang when I was reading a book in the living room. Mother asked me to see who it was (10) I pretended not to hear her.

“Thomas!” Mother raised her voice. “Did you hear what I said (11)

“Yes, Mum,” I answered reluctantly and half rose from my seat. My eyes were still glued to the story book.

“Thomas!” Mother’s voice had become louder. I quickly put down my book and looked out of the window to see who was at the door. Since I saw no one (12) I went back to my book.

10. (1) [.] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
11. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas
(2) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
12. (1) [-] dash
(2) [.] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D: Vocabulary (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

13. We heard the loud _____ of brakes on the road.
- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| (1) banging | (2) breaking |
| (3) crashing | (4) screeching |
14. Patrick does not enjoy jogging, so he jogs only _____.
- | | |
|------------------|----------------|
| (1) daily | (2) frequently |
| (3) occasionally | (4) regularly |
15. I _____ my heavy luggage to the nearest taxi.
- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| (1) hauled | (2) placed |
| (3) managed | (4) directed |
16. Food with _____ colouring should be avoided as they are harmful to health.
- | | |
|------------|----------------|
| (1) no | (2) light |
| (3) bright | (4) artificial |

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (4 × 1 mark)

For each question from 17 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

In the 15 January raid, four men were arrested and 25,300 packets of duty-unpaid cigarettes seized.

Customs officers found contraband cigarettes in a specially-constructed compartment of a lorry in Jalan Halus. (17)

A total of 205 peddlers at Chua Chu Kang Industrial Estate were apprehended between January and August last year.

Whoever is discovered to be storing, possessing and dealing in contraband cigarettes can be jailed, fined up to a maximum of 20 times the amount of duty evaded, or both. (18)

During the same period, 153 people were arrested and fined for buying illegal cigarettes. Those caught with duty-unpaid cigarettes face a minimum fine of \$200 or prosecution. (19)
(20)

Adapted from The New Paper, 24 March 2007

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| 17. | (1) boot | (2) engine |
| | (3) section | (4) department |
| 18. | (1) stored | (2) avoided |
| | (3) cheated | (4) accumulated |
| 19. | (1) fake | (2) harmful |
| | (3) unlawful | (4) tax free |
| 20. | (1) held | (2) found |
| | (3) trapped | (4) summoned |

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25.

“Roald Dahl is without question the most **successful** children’s writer in the 1
world,” wrote Brian Appleyard in “The Independent” in 1990. Roald himself said,
“I’m probably more pleased with my children’s books than with my adult short stories.
Children’s books are harder to write. It’s tougher to keep a child interested because a
child doesn’t have the concentration of an adult. The child knows the television is in the 5
next room. It’s tough to hold a child’s attention, but it’s a lovely thing to try to do.”

He first became interested in writing children’s books by making up bedtime
stories for his daughters Olivia and Tessa. This was how “James And The Giant
Peach” came into being. The book was published in America in 1961 and the UK in
1967. 10

His second book, “Charlie And The Chocolate Factory” also debuted in the
USA (in 1964) before being published in the UK (in 1967). It was a significant success
on both sides of the Atlantic.

Adapted from <http://www.roalddahlclub.com/>

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

21. Which of the following sentence best describes Roald Dahl as “the most successful children’s writer”?
- (1) Roald Dahl is the richest writer in the world.
 - (2) Roald Dahl’s children’s books are the best sellers in the world.
 - (3) Roald Dahl wrote the most number of children’s books in the world.
 - (4) Roald Dahl is the only person who can write difficult children’s stories.
22. According to Roald Dahl, why are children’s books harder to write?
- (1) Children prefer to watch television.
 - (2) Children only read stories at bedtime.
 - (3) Children’s books are longer in length.
 - (4) Children cannot concentrate as well as adults.
23. How did Roald Dahl become interested in writing children’s books?
- (1) He was always interested in writing books.
 - (2) His daughters enjoyed writing children’s books.
 - (3) He was always telling stories to his own children.
 - (4) He wanted to be successful on both sides of the Atlantic.
24. The “Charlie And The Chocolate Factory” story was published in the UK _____ it was published in America.
- (1) four years after
 - (2) four years before
 - (3) three years after
 - (4) three years before
25. Children enjoy Roald Dahl’s books because _____.
- (1) he is a successful writer.
 - (2) his stories are interesting.
 - (3) his daughters loved his books.
 - (4) his books are both published in the USA and the UK.

Part 2

Name: _____ ()

Date: _____

Class: Pr 4 _____

Marks: _____ / 40

Section G: Grammar Cloze (6 × 1 mark)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 26 to 31, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) can	(B) up	(C) in	(D) for	(E) of
(F) until	(G) to	(H) from	(J) with	(K) as

Ever wish you could be as muscular as a superhero or your favourite professional athlete?

Big muscles are not impossible (26) _____ children.

Boys, especially, might wish for bigger muscles, but their bodies cannot build that kind of grown-up muscles (27) _____ they are older. On the bright side, both boys and girls can do a lot (28) _____ build strong muscles. Playing, running, jumping and riding your bicycle (29) _____ make your muscles stronger. Any physical activity you like to do can make you stronger. Push-ups, sit-ups and chin-ups also help build strong muscles.

You might think you need a lot of foods that contain protein (such as meat and eggs) or foods that contain iron (30) _____ order to have strong muscles. There is, however, no one magical food that helps build muscles. Your muscles and your entire body will be strong and healthy if you eat a variety (31) _____ nutritious foods.

Adapted from <http://www.kidshealth.org>

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (8 × 1 mark)

For each question from 32 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Getting children to take part in sports activities is not just about making sure they
 (32)
 have enough exercises. For the good workout, the children also learn about getting along with
 others and getting to know themselves better. That is how more sports clubs and classes in
 (33)
 Singapore are now open to kids.

At the Kallang Tennis Club, the Singapore Tennis Association runs a youth training
 (34)
 programme. Players between 6 and 18 years old get to compete **ageinz** other youngsters
 from the region.

(35)
 The Singapore Tennis Association saw the secondary school education system as
 stifling players. By the time the players are 14 years old and in Secondary Two, they will be
 (36)
 too busy to work to train and play.

(37)
 Still, it is clear that clubs are the breeding ground of **futche** players. So the Singapore
 Sports Council is working with the Ministry of Education to start a new programme which
 (38)
 aims to increase **interzt** in sports in schools.

So getting your child into sports could mean you are grooming the next big star. But even
 if that is not the end objective, the process of getting there would help the child develop
 (39)
 valuable **physikal** and social skills.

Adapted from <http://www.channelnewsasia.com>, 18th March 2007

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 × 1 mark)**Passage 1**

There are 4 blanks, numbered 40 to 43, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) located	(B) prevented	(C) enjoying	(D) remained	(E) built
(F) holidaying	(G) recorded	(H) resumed	(J) damaged	(K) retained

Rescue workers on Sunday searched for survivors after a flash flood killed at least 35 holidaymakers bathing in two waterfalls in southern Thailand. Authorities (40) _____ the hunt at dawn after a torrent of water poured over the two waterfalls on Saturday afternoon in Trang, a seaside province, south of Bangkok.

"Seven more dead bodies were brought to hospital this morning, bringing the death toll up to 35," said Sinchai Rongdej, hospital director at Yantakhao district where the waterfalls are (41) _____.

He said that 15 of the victims were children. "Of the 35 victims, one was a Laos national, while the rest were Thai," Sinchai said.

Police said about 10 holidaymakers (42) _____ missing.

About 100 people, who were (43) _____ the five-day holiday weekend celebrating the Buddhist New Year, were swimming at the Sairung and Prai Sawan waterfalls, which are about five kilometres apart, when the flood struck.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 15 April 2007

Passage 2

There are 4 blanks numbered 44 to 47, in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Tan family consists of four members. They are Mr Tan, Mrs Tan, Martin and Mark. They live in a five-room flat.

Mr Tan works in a hospital. His work requires him to work till the wee hours of the (44) _____. As such, his family members seldom see him at (45) _____. However, during the weekends, he would spend most of his time at home if possible.

Mrs Tan is a housewife. She takes good care of the family. Her husband and children love her very much.

Martin and Mark are twins. They are ten years old. They (46) _____ studying at a school near their flat. They are even in the same class. Their teachers have problems telling them (47) _____ because they look very alike.

Section J: Synthesis (4 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 48 to 51, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

48. I was completely exhausted. I went home straight after work.

_____ so

49. You do not hand in your work on time. You will be punished.

If _____

50. I gave Paul a push. Paul fell into the water.

_____ and

51. The singer sang out of tune. She was embarrassed.

_____ when

Section K: Comprehension Open Ended (5 × 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer Questions 52 to 56.
Your answers must be based on the passage.

Much has been said about the dog being man's best friend, but it does not seem to be the case when a dog bit a man's girlfriend.

In this case, the man retaliated by hitting the dog – which belonged to his girlfriend's brother with a broken pole.

As the owner and the victim are siblings, it blew up into a big family row.

Mr Wee Tong Soon, 32, was sentenced yesterday to a week in jail and was fined \$2000.

He had been reported to the Agri-Food Veterinary Authority (AVA) by the Australian Alsatian's owner, Mr Amos Tay, 29, for hitting it with a broken bamboo pole.

Mr Wee Tong Soon is the boyfriend of Mr Tay's sister, Miss Juliana Tay, 27.

Miss Tay recounted yesterday that, on 16 May last year, the couple were at her parents' home in Eunos Crescent. Mr Wee was sitting with his two friends on a bench opposite the house when Miss Tay was bitten while feeding the dog, Rodney, at the car porch.

"I tried to pull back my hand and when Rodney released it, I rushed to clean the wound. I broke out in cold sweat and then I felt faint," said Miss Tay.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 6 March 2007

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

52. Who was the dog's owner?

53. Why did Wee Tong Soon hit the dog?

54. What was his penalty for hitting the dog?

55. What was Miss Tay doing when she was bitten?

56. Why do you think Miss Tay broke out in cold sweat?

~ End of Paper ~

~ Please check your work carefully ~



ANSWER SHEET

AI TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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| 1. 2 | 31) E | 41) A |
| 2. 2 | 32) a | 42) D |
| 3. 3 | 33) why | 43) C |
| 4. 3 | 34) against | 44) morning |
| 5. 3 | 35) sees | 45) home |
| 6. 2 | 36) with | 46) are |
| 7. 4 | 37) future | 47) apart |
| 8. 2 | 38) interest | |
| 9. 3 | 39) physical | |
| 10. 2 | 40) H | |
| 11. 3 | | |
| 12. 2 | 48) I was completely exhausted so I | |
| 13. 4 | went home straight after work. | |
| 14. 2 | | |
| 15. 1 | 49) If you do not had in your home | |
| 16. 4 | work on time, you will be punished. | |
| 17. 3 | | |
| 18. 2 | 50) I gave Paul a push and he fell into | |
| 19. 3 | the water. | |
| 20. 2 | | |
| 21. 2 | 51) She was embarrassed when she sang | |
| 22. 4 | out of tune. | |
| 23. 3 | | |
| 24. 3 | 52) It was Mr Amos Tay/Miss Juliana's | |
| 25. 2 | Tay brother. | |
| 26. D | | |
| 27. F | 53) The dog bit his girlfriend/Miss Tay | |
| 28. G | | |
| 29. A | 54) He was in jail for a week and fined | |
| 30. C | \$2000. | |
| | 55) Mrs Tay was bitten while she was | |
| | feeling the dog. | |
| | 56) This was because the dog had | |
| | frightened her and also her would | |
| | was painful. | |

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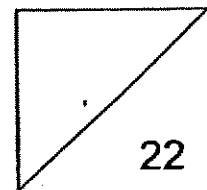
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Booklet A

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CLASS: P4. _____

DATE: 7 May 2007



SECTION A: GRAMMAR (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. After _____ attempts, Geetha finally found the solution to the Mathematics problem.

- (1) any
- (2) many
- (3) much
- (4) a little

2. Nelly _____ flu yesterday. She could not finish her literature project.

- (1) came in for
- (2) came out with
- (3) came down with
- (4) came up against

3. Either Jason or the girls _____ the school bus home this afternoon.

- (1) is taking
- (2) are taking
- (3) was taking
- (4) were taking

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4. Tara likes to eat durians, _____ she?

- (1) isn't
- (2) hasn't
- (3) doesn't
- (4) mustn't

5. Each game _____ of four stations. The players have to score well in all the stations in order to move ahead.

- (1) consist
- (2) consists
- (3) consisted
- (4) consisting

6. He strongly proposed that girls _____ be allowed to join the scuba diving club.

- (1) can
- (2) shall
- (3) could
- (4) should

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SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

7. The _____ ^{were} was very excited when they discovered the ancient burial site while excavating artefacts.

- (1) curators
- (2) architects
- (3) geologists
- (4) archaeologists

8. Everybody likes Jenny because she is always cheerful and optimistic. She also has a positive _____ on life.

- (1) opinion
- (2) outlook
- (3) character
- (4) personality

9. That boy has a very short attention span so his ability to _____ information is limited.

- (1) retain
- (2) detain
- (3) sustain
- (4) maintain

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10. The _____ of the plane that exploded in mid-air scattered over a wide area.

- (1) debris
- (2) rubble
- (3) scraps
- (4) residue

11. Mark's legs were _____ after the terrible car accident and he had to depend on prosthetic legs to walk.

- (1) fractured
- (2) disjointed
- (3) dislocated
- (4) amputated

12. People have always been _____ by mysteries and strange happenings around them.

- (1) charmed
- (2) intrigued
- (3) absorbed
- (4) tantalized

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SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There once lived two brothers. One day, they set off together to town. The rich brother, Demetrius, rode a stallion and the poor brother, Lysander, a young mare.

At dusk, they stopped beside an inn and tethered their horses outside. The next morning, they saw three horses outside. The newcomer was a foal.

"It belongs to me!" exclaimed Demetrius.

"Whoever heard of a stallion having a foal? It was born to my mare!" Lysander retorted.

"No! It was standing close to the stallion, so it's the stallion's foal!"

The brothers decided to bring the matter to the Emperor. When the Emperor heard about the dispute, he knew the foal belonged to Lysander. However, Lysander had a twitch in his eye, which annoyed the Emperor. He then said to the brothers, "I will award the foal to whoever can solve the following riddles: what is the fastest thing in the world? What is the fattest? What's the softest and what is the most precious?"

Demetrius decided to seek advice from a woman who owed him some money. She promptly demanded that her whole debt be wiped out in exchange for the answers.

"The fastest thing in the world is my husband's bay horse," she said. "The fattest is our pig! The softest is the quilt I made for my bed and the most precious thing in the world is my three-month old baby!" Demetrius was glad that he could take the solutions back to the Emperor, otherwise he would be punished.

In the meantime, Lysander had gone back to his humble cottage, where he lived with his small daughter, and confided in her. The child firmly said, "Tell the Emperor that the fastest thing in the world is the cold north wind in winter. The fattest is the soil in our fields where crops have given life to men and animals alike, the softest thing is a child's caress and the most precious is honesty."

The day came when the two brothers were to return before the Emperor. The Emperor roared with laughter at Demetrius' answers. When Lysander spoke, his wise replies made the Emperor feel embarrassed, especially the one about honesty. The Emperor knew perfectly well that he had been dishonest in his dealings with the poor brother, for he had denied him justice.

When Lysander told the Emperor that his daughter was the one who gave him the answers, the Emperor said, "You have a wise and clever daughter. You shall be awarded the foal, together with a hundred silver ducats."

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Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

13. The two brothers reached the inn _____.
- (1) at dawn
 - (2) at midnight
 - (3) in the evening
 - (4) in the morning
14. Demetrius said that the foal belonged to him because the _____.
- (1) mare was too young
 - (2) mare could not have given birth
 - (3) stallion was standing close to the foal
 - (4) stallion was stronger than the young mare
15. The Emperor decided to give the riddles to the brothers to solve because he _____.
- (1) wanted to know which brother was wiser
 - (2) could not decide who should have the foal
 - (3) knew who the rightful owner of the foal was
 - (4) was angered by the twitch in Lysander's eyes
16. Which of the following **best** describes the Emperor when he gave the riddles to settle the dispute? He was _____.
- (1) fair and wise
 - (2) clever and noble
 - (3) bored and foolish
 - (4) difficult and partial

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17. The poor man's wise replies made the Emperor feel embarrassed because the Emperor realised that _____.

- (1) he could not punish Lysander
- (2) Lysander had solved the riddles
- (3) he was not being fair to Lysander
- (4) Lysander had a wise and clever daughter

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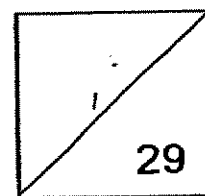
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Booklet B

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SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 marks)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) for	(B) by	(C) to	(D) in
(E) with	(F) at	(G) of	(H) from

"Daniel, are you done with your homework?" Mum called (18) _____
downstairs. "I need help (19) _____ an errand."

"Oh no! Not again!" I thought (20) _____ despair. "Yes, Mum. I am
coming right now," I replied and went downstairs reluctantly.

At the launderette, I usually have to wait (21) _____ at least an hour for
the whole washing and drying cycle to be completed. To alléviante my boredom, my
mum sometimes gives me extra money to buy myself magazines and sweets...

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SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 marks)

Read the following 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.

(A) ~~sing~~

(B) ~~sings~~

(C) ~~sang~~

(D) ~~singing~~

(E) ~~will sing~~

(F) ~~has sung~~

Daddy bought a karaoke set recently. Every day, my sister, Janice,

(22) _____ along to the music videos. Janice likes to (23) _____

different genre of songs. In fact, she (24) _____ all the songs on the video compact discs that we have at home.

She (25) _____ for her school concert next month. The whole family is very excited and will be there to support her.

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SECTION F: SYNTHESIS (3 marks)

Rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

26. Xiaomei was not feeling well. She had to walk all the way home.

Although _____

27. It was raining heavily. The soccer practice was cancelled.

_____ as

28. Beatrice is caring and helpful. She is well-liked by her friends.

_____ because _____

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SECTION G: CLOZE PASSAGE (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

Today, one out of every ten people walking down the street is left-handed. In the past, young students who used their left hands to (29) _____ were punished for doing so. Some of them eventually learnt to write with their right hand, but only after putting in much (30) _____.

These days, parents and teachers are far more accepting and understanding. In almost every school in the world, students who are left-handed are (31) _____ to continue using their left hand to write.

An interesting (32) _____ to ask is whether there is any connection between left-handed people and creative genius. Some of history's most creative minds have been left-handed. In the category of music, Ludwig van Beethoven was left-handed. In the field of (33) _____ and technology, Benjamin Franklin and Albert Einstein were left-handed. In the (34) _____ of art, you have Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. Each of these persons had a mind so exceptional as to be head and (35) _____ above anyone else in their field.

So even though it may be more (36) _____ for a left-handed person to live in a world designed for right-handed people, lefties can know that they are in good company.

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Sheila looked at the audience through an opening in the curtain. Her mother had not arrived at the school hall. She looked around her and the backstage was bustling with activities. Sheila watched enviously as the dancers put on their make-up. She need not put any make-up on her face since it was completely concealed by her costume. Sheila quickly consoled herself that nobody would know even if she had stage fright later.

The seats started to fill up as more and more people arrived. Sheila quickly stepped into her bear costume and before she could put on her bear head, she had to help Lily into her bear costume and set the head on her shoulders. Lily was ready. Sheila looked around for her bear head. She was shocked when she could not find it anywhere.

Sheila searched in the big box containing all the costumes. She found a pair of wings, a magician's cloak and the closest thing to what she was looking for was the head of a parrot. She put it on and looked at herself in the mirror. She looked absolutely comical. Sheila became anxious as the minutes ticked by and the missing bear head was nowhere in sight. It was too late to get another costume.

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Sheila told her teacher, Mrs Foong, about her problem. Mrs Foong looked at her and made a quick decision. She pulled the neck of her costume over her head and pinned it with some safety pins. Then she cut two holes for Sheila to find her way around. The costume was uncomfortable, but it did not spoil the fun for Sheila on the stage.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

37. Why did Sheila look at the audience through the opening in the curtain?

38. Which two-word phrase tells you that Sheila would like make-up on her face?

39. When did Sheila realise that her bear head was missing?

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40. What made Sheila look comical?

41. How did the two holes help Sheila?

*******The End*******

Have you checked your work?



ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

1. 2 26) Although Xiaomei was not feeling well, she had to walk all the way home.
2. 3
3. 2
4. 3
5. 2 27) The soccer practice was cancelled as it was raining heavily.
6. 4
7. 4
8. 2 28) Beatrice is well-liked by her friends because she is caring and helpful.
9. 1
10. 1
11. 4 29) writer 34) category
12. 2 30) effort 35) shoulders
13. 3 31) allowed 36) difficult
14. 3
15. 1 32) question
16. 1 33) science
17. 3 37) She wanted to know whether her mother had arrived in the school hall.
18. H
19. E
20. D 38) The two-word phrase is 'watched enviously.'
21. A
22. B
23. A 39) She realized it was missing when she was looking for it after she had helped Lily into her bear costume and the head on her shoulders.
24. F
25. E
- 40) Putting on the head of a parrot and her bear costume made Sheila look comical.
- 41) The two holes helped Sheila to find her way around.

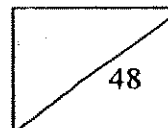
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Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Keep away from the spider! Its sting may be _____ and result in death.

(1) frantic	(2) tearful	
(3) inconvenient	(4) fatal	()

2. Mindy is scared of everything. It is no wonder she _____ when we were heading towards the haunted house.

(1) wolfed down	(2) crowed about	
(3) fished for	(4) chickened out	()

3. Peihua _____ needs to raise some money for her grandmother who is stricken with cancer in order to allow her to get the best medical treatment as soon as possible.

(1) reluctantly	(2) desperately	
(3) miserly	(4) freely	()

4. Look! There is a _____ of cattle grazing in the meadows.

(1) parliament	(2) herd	
(3) swarm	(4) school	()

5. I would be a fool if I were to _____ on this chance to join the team.

(1) pass up

(2) pass over

(3) pass out

(4) pass off

()

6. The couple hired a professional _____ to take their wedding photographs.

(1) illustrator

(2) photographer

(3) sculptor

(4) painter

()

Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. We were planning on going to the beach today _____ one of our friends fell sick.

(1) but

(2) if

(3) or

(4) so

()

8. I would like _____ sugar for the cup of tea. It is not sweet enough.

(1) more

(2) most

(3) many

(4) any

()

9. The pride of lions _____ ~~resting~~ under the tree this very moment.

(1) is resting

(2) was resting

(3) are resting

(4) were resting

()

10. All the pupils at the field _____ watching a soccer match an hour ago.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

()

11. Devi panted breathlessly because she had just _____ ten laps in the pool.

(1) swims

(2) swimming

(3) swum

(4) swam

()

12. These books belong to Ahmad and I. We bought them with _____ money.

(1) him

(2) her

(3) our

(4) me

()

Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) as	(C) by	(E) of	(G) to
(B) at	(D) from	(F) on	

Some dogs are trained as guard dogs (13) _____ peacetime by the United States Army and other military services. As a result of their keen sense of smell, dogs are used (14) _____ police to track down escaped prisoners. Law enforcement agencies also rely (15) _____ the dog's acute sense of smell to uncover illegal drugs. Specially trained dogs serve (16) _____ the "eyes" of the blind, guiding the steps of their sightless masters around obstacles and hazards.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) although	(C) however	(E) since	(G) when
(B) but	(D) or else	(F) that	

Simple Simon is a very gullible man. He is not smart, (17) _____ he is very lucky. He is so lucky (18) _____ he manages to strike lottery at least once every year. With such luck, he should be a millionaire by now.

(19) _____, Scheming Steven always manages to cheat him of his winnings. Poor Simple Simon! He has to be wary of Scheming Steven. (20) _____, he will be a poor man for the rest of his life.

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) bent	(D) diseased	(G) process	(K) survival
(B) check-up	(E) injured	(H) refilled	(L) treatment
(C) damaged	(F) material	(J) restored	(M) updated

A few months ago, a turtle in Thailand was seriously (21) _____ when it was run over by a truck. The animal hardly seemed to have any chance of (22) _____. However, with the immediate help of the Thai Animal Guardians Association, it did survive. The Association admitted the turtle to Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University for medical (23) _____. (22) _____.

The plucky little survivor was named Jikko and the Bangkok Post (a local newspaper) kept readers (24) _____ on the animal's progress. According to veterinarian Nantarika Chansue, Jikko is now quite fit and a fibre-glass shell has been placed over its outer shell which was (25) _____ in the accident. This was to speed up the healing (26) _____.

This means that Jikko is the ~~only~~ only turtle in Thailand (and possibly in the world) to have a fibre-glass shell! This artificial shell is made from a (27) _____ that would crack and fall off when the natural shell is fully (28) _____.

Section E: Comprehension MCO (5 x 2marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

A creek runs through the bush near our house. On summer afternoons, my brother John and his friend Lucas – and me, of course – go down there to see what we can do.

One Saturday morning, we took some sheets of tin from our old house, some pine from the crate that our new piano came in, some nails, a hammer and a saw and went down to the creek to make a canoe. I had prepared the drawings for the vessel during the week, getting my inspiration from the book *Robinson Crusoe*. 5

We did not finish the boat that day since I had to play the piano at our school concert and Lucas had to visit his grandmother. However, the next day, which was Sunday, we got up early. We made some sandwiches and lime cordial with ice cubes. We went straight back to the creek to get on with the job. 10

By the time all the sandwiches were gone, we were ready to launch the boat. I had brought a tin of azure blue paint that my mother did not want and a brush from my water-colour set, so I painted the name 'Joy' on the side. I named it after myself since it was my idea to build it. 15

The three of us pushed the Joy into the water, waiting for her official launching. Then we all got in. We did not settle to the bottom, or tip over, as Lucas said we would. "The Joy floated beautifully," I thought.

We passed our swimming hole beneath the trees. We passed the storm-water pipe that Lucas reckoned was a sewer. However, around the next bend, the creek narrowed suddenly and bubbled and splashed over a little weir* made out of rocks. It was misty there. A rainbow shimmered in the sunlight, arching right across the creek from one bank to the other. 20

*weir – a low structure built across a river or stream to control the flow of water

29. What did Lucas do on Saturday?

- (1) He visited his grandmother.
- (2) He played the piano.
- (3) He read *Robinson Crusoe*.
- (4) He went to a school concert.

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30. Who is the narrator of this passage?

- (1) Lucas
- (2) John
- (3) Joy
- (4) Joy's mother

()

31. The children saw the rainbow _____.

- (1) before they reached the swimming hole
- (2) as they launched the boat
- (3) as they reached the weir
- (4) after they had crossed the rocky beach

()

32. The word from the passage that means "glistened" is _____.

- (1) inspiration
- (2) shimmered
- (3) bubbled
- (4) splashed

()

33. Which of the following statements is supported by evidence in the passage?

- (1) Lucas thought that the canoe would not float.
- (2) John helped draw up the plans for the canoe.
- (3) Joy's mother did not approve of the canoe.
- (4) The canoe was built using pine from the old shack.

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Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

My name is Geoffrey Hobbes-Smith. I am an expert in antique musical instruments. I live in Oxford where I have a small but important business. I buy and sell antique musical instruments. It is necessary for me to travel a lot because of my work. I frequently visit France, Italy and Germany, and sometimes I go as far as America or even Japan. 5

Six months ago, I was in Italy. I had been invited to attend a festival of early music on the island of Ischia. Ischia in the spring was beautiful. An island as green as an emerald, and around it, a sea as blue as the sky above. I stayed in an enormous villa, which once belonged to a famous English composer. It had a huge garden, with hundreds of lemon trees. The lemons in Ischia were as big as footballs. I do not like travelling, but sometimes being in a different place is a pleasure. 10

The music festival was very boring. There were a lot of enthusiastic students there, but there were not any famous or important musicians. I only like listening to famous and important musicians. Students should stay at home and practise – not play their instruments in public! After one or two concerts, I was bored. I preferred to stay in my lovely garden and look at the deep blue sea and the dark green trees. 15

When the last night of the festival arrived, I was happy. "Tomorrow, I will be able to go back home!" I thought. As I had not been to many of the concerts, I thought that I should at least attend the final one. I arrived when the small orchestra was tuning up, and mentally prepared myself for another boring evening. I even closed my eyes and thought about sleeping. 20

Unfortunately, things became more complicated. The organiser of the music festival noticed my presence. Before I knew it, my name was announced and I was invited to play a piece on the violin. The crowd applauded as they waited for me to make my way up the stage. I felt queasy as I dragged my reluctant body towards the violin which they had prepared especially for me. I took a deep breath and played my favourite self-composed piece. 25

The crowd loved it. Various shouts for an encore echoed through the concert hall. The organiser was delighted. In fact, he was so delighted that he invited me to play for his personal party which was to be held two days later. I could not reject his offer, ~~for it~~ for it would have been rude. However, I knew I wanted to return home where my heart was. So it was with a heavy heart that I accepted his offer. 30

Answer in complete sentences.

34. What did the author do for a living?

35. Which sentence from the passage tells you that the author is **not completely** against travelling?

36. Write down the word from the passage which has a similar meaning to:

(a) difficult to deal with : _____

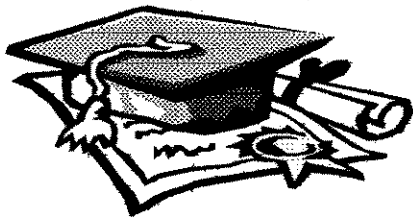
(b) uninteresting : _____

37. What would the author have preferred to watch at the music festival?

38. Why did the author stay on to watch the final concert even though he thought the music festival was boring?

The End

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ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

- 1.4 34)The author bought and sold
2.4 antique Musical instruments.
3.2
4.2 35)The sentence is "I do not like
5.1 travelling, but sometimes being
6.2 in a different place is a pleasure".
7.1
8.1 36)a)complicated
9.1 b)boring
10.4
11.3 37)The author would have preferred
12.3 listening to famous and important
13.B musicians.
14.C
15.F 38)The author had not attended many
16.A of the concerts, so the thought
17.B he should attend the final one.
18.F
19.C
20.D
21.E
22.K
23.L
24.M
25.C
26.G
27.F
28.J
29.1
30.3
31.3 ---end---
32.2
33.1



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2007

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8 May 2007 ENGLISH (PART 1)

Att: 1 h 15 min
(Part 1 and 2)

Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

- She cooked the delicious dinner, _____ she?
 - didn't
 - hadn't
 - wasn't
 - doesn't
- None of the pupils _____ how to play the guitar.
 - know
 - knows
 - have known
 - are knowing
- Have another plate of rice _____ you are hungry.
 - if
 - so
 - but
 - unless
- Joan prefers playing Freeze Tag _____ playing Squat Tag.
 - to
 - over
 - than
 - against

5. I was eager to read the story that J.K. Rowling had _____.
- (1) wrote
 - (2) writes
 - (3) writing
 - (4) written
6. Could you please tell me _____ I can get to the Esplanade? I have lost my way.
- (1) how
 - (2) what
 - (3) which
 - (4) where

Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

7. Jane cleaned the floor _____ as her mother had nagged at her non-stop.
- (1) softly
 - (2) surely
 - (3) rightfully
 - (4) reluctantly
8. If we want to be healthy, we must eat _____ food.
- (1) useful
 - (2) valuable
 - (3) nutritious
 - (4) beneficial
9. We will not be _____ into the theatre if we do not have tickets.
- (1) entered
 - (2) admitted
 - (3) received
 - (4) assigned
10. "We are ready to meet the _____ of the next few years," said the Prime Minister in his National Day speech.
- (1) problems
 - (2) difficulties
 - (3) opponents
 - (4) challenges

11. The wailing of the toddler attracted the _____ glances of some shoppers at the supermarket.
- (1) rare
 - (2) lively
 - (3) curious
 - (4) shocking
12. The _____ of the bedsheet was so bad that Susan had to wash it.
- (1) problem
 - (2) disorder
 - (3) condition
 - (4) production

Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

<p>Harry and Ron were eager to set off at dawn. They were both dressed warmly and Ron had a big bag of food with him. They had spotted an island from the window of the beach house they had rented. It looked rather interesting, so they had decided to explore it.</p>	1
<p>They had hired a fisherman to take them to the island. As soon as the boat drew near the island, the fisherman shut off the engine of the boat and told Harry and Ron that he could not go any closer. Harry paid him and waded ashore with Ron. The water reached up to their waists. Harry could see shoals of fish swimming among the rocks. It was such a lovely sight.</p>	5 10
<p>The island looked desolate. There were only rocks and trees on it. Harry could see his footprints clearly on the sand. Ron tied the bag of food to a branch and they started hiking around the island. They did not encounter anyone, which was what they had expected after they had reached the island. They were quite exhausted by lunchtime and decided to take a rest.</p>	15
<p>Suddenly, Ron and Harry heard someone shouting. They looked out to the sea and noticed the fisherman and his boat approaching. He was calling out to them at the top of his voice. He shouted, "A storm is approaching! You must leave immediately!"</p>	20

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

13. Which one of the following sentences is correct?

- ~~(1)~~ Harry lived on the island.
- ~~(2)~~ Harry and Ron were fishermen.
- ~~(3)~~ It was cold when Harry and Ron set off.
- ~~(4)~~ Harry and Ron went to the island empty-handed.

14. Which one of the following phrases tells you that the water was clear?

- ~~(1)~~ 'waded ashore'
- ~~(2)~~ 'such a lovely sight'
- ~~(3)~~ 'could see shoals of fish'
- ~~(4)~~ 'see his footprints clearly on the sand'

15. Why did the boys decide to rest?

- ~~(1)~~ They felt tired.
- ~~(2)~~ They were hungry.
- ~~(3)~~ They did not encounter anyone.
- ~~(4)~~ They heard someone screaming.

16. What does the word 'desolate' in line 11 mean in the passage?

- (1) It means the island was beautiful.
- (2) It means the island was very small.
- (3) It means nobody lived on the island.
- (4) It means there were fish in the water

17. When did the fisherman go to the island again?

- (1) He went to the island again at night.
- (2) He went to the island again at dawn.
- (3) He went to the island again in the evening.
- (4) He went to the island again in the afternoon.



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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze(8X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) completed	(B) cured	(C) heart
(D) incident	(E) mind	(F) outdoors
(G) poured	(H) recovered	(J) shed
(K) special	(L) spread	(M) surgery

Ryan was the only child of his parents who doted on him. He loved the (Q1)_____. He often went hiking, trekking and mountain climbing. However, there was something (Q2) _____ about Ryan. He had only one leg.

Almost a decade ago, Ryan became very ill with cancer. He was a young man and he had just (Q3) _____ his university education. He had to undergo (Q4) _____ to remove part of his right leg to stop his cancer from spreading. Ryan made up his (Q5) _____ that he would fight the cancer as hard as he could.

Two years later, Ryan's doctor told him that his cancer was (Q6) _____. Ryan (Q7) _____ tears of happiness. He was determined to live life as normally as possible. Looking back, Ryan realised that though the (Q8) _____ had cost him one of his legs, he had gained something. Even though he was a handicap, he knew that as a person, he was complete.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|-------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|
| (A) plans | (B) plan | (C) have planned | (D) am planning |
| (E) planned | (F) planning | (G) has planned | |

Jane realised that Mary's birthday was around the corner. "What do you (Q9) _____ to do on your birthday?" Jane asked Mary.

"Last week, I (Q10) _____ to hold a birthday party. Now, I (Q11) _____ a barbecue instead," Mary replied. Jane felt excited. She enjoyed barbecuing chicken wings, hotdogs, potatoes and marshmallows. "Since I (Q12) _____ my guest list, let me show it to you. You are definitely invited," Mary said happily.

"Thank you, Mary. I will surely be there," Jane assured Mary.

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) although	(B) and	(C) as	(D) however
(E) or	(F) so	(G) unless	

Karim was looking forward to the weekend. He had arranged for a game of soccer with his friends. On Sunday morning, the weather did not look promising. The boys still decided to play soccer (Q13) _____ the sky was overcast. They were eager to begin the game when they arrived at the stadium.

The field was muddy (Q14) _____ it had been raining for the past few days. The boys still had a great time playing. Their T-shirts, shorts (Q15) _____ boots were dirty at the end of the game. (Q16) _____, the boys were not bothered by that.

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.
Write your answers in complete sentences.**

Joe was tall for his age. He had just celebrated his tenth birthday. Joe had thick black hair which had been carefully combed with the ends sticking out from his low forehead. There was a big scar on his left cheek. He smiled readily.

When Joe was eight, he was injured in an accident which made him unable to use the left side of his body. Since then he did everything with his right hand. The other useless one hung by his side. He walked with a limp and he usually dragged his left foot along. His movements were slow but every step he made showed his determination.

People used to stare at Joe, and the neighbourhood children used to tease him wherever he went. In fact, when Joe limped, they giggled loudly and called him a clown. However, Joe was patient and always looked cheerful. People eventually grew to like him as he was so easy to get along with.

At school, Joe did well in his studies. He often played games with his friends. Once during a basketball match, Joe's team-mate, Tom, asked him, "Joe, how are you able to be so happy though you can't move around like we do?" For that Joe flashed a smile and replied, "I have always told myself to be hardworking and never allow my handicap to hinder me in the things I do." These were exactly the reasons why Joe's friends admired him and took him as a role model.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Q17. What special mark did Joe have on his face?

Q18. Why did Joe do everything with his right hand?

Q19. What does the word 'one' in line 7 refer to?

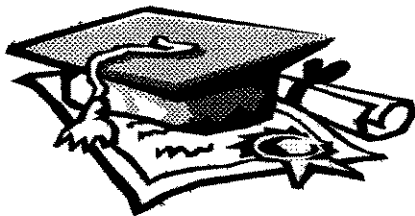
Q20. Was Joe upset when the neighbourhood children teased him? Which sentence in the passage tells you so?

Q21. Why did Joe's friends admire him and take him as a role model?

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- 17. 4

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- 1) F
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- 3) A
- 4) M
- 5) E
- 6) B
- 7) J
- 8) D
- 9) B
- 10) E
- 11) D
- 12) C
- 13) A
- 14) C
- 15) B
- 16) D
- 17) Joe had a big scar on his left cheek.
- 18) Joe met with an accident at the age of eight which made him unable to use the left side of his body.
- 19) It refers to Joe's left hand.
- 20) Joe wanted to be hard working and did not allow his handicap to hinder Joe in the things Joe did.

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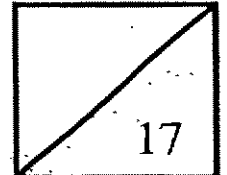




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## Booklet A

### Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 17 questions (Questions 1 to 17)
4. Shade the correct answer in the OAS provided.
5. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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**Section A: Grammar (6 marks)**

For items 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number in the OAS provided. (6 x 1 mark)

- 1) Everyone in class \_\_\_\_\_ that Sir Edmund Hillary's determination drove him to become the first man to climb to the top of Mt Everest in 1953.
- (1) agree (2) agrees  
(3) is agreeing (4) are agreeing ( )
- 2) The stranger \_\_\_\_\_ told me that I was going in the wrong direction.
- (1) himself (2) myself  
(3) ourselves (4) themselves ( )
- 3) "I don't have \_\_\_\_\_ money to lend you," Patrick told Bob.
- (1) any (2) many  
(3) some (4) little ( )
- 4) "Look at those monkeys! They \_\_\_\_\_ the bananas that the tourists threw," exclaimed Ming Li excitedly.
- (1) peel (2) is peeling  
(3) peeled (4) are peeling ( )
- 5) Grandfather gave my brother and \_\_\_\_\_ a huge ang pow for Chinese New Year.
- (1) I (2) her  
(3) me (4) mine ( )
- 6) Mrs Tan seems rather upset, \_\_\_\_\_ she?
- (1) do (2) don't  
(3) does (4) doesn't ( )

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

For each question 7 to 12, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number in the OAS provided. (6 x 1 mark)

- 7) Amelia Earhart's \_\_\_\_\_ finally paid off when she became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic in 1932.
- (1) resistance (2) persistence  
(3) inspiration (4) adventure ( )
- 8) The soldiers fought on courageously in the face of \_\_\_\_\_ as they were loyal to their country.
- (1) terror (2) triumph  
(3) danger (4) trouble ( )
- 9) Despite the many \_\_\_\_\_ of rock-climbing, Jane refuses to try the sport because of her fear of heights.
- (1) benefits (2) offers  
(3) advantages (4) disadvantages ( )
- 10) The recent \_\_\_\_\_ was organised by the Singapore Sports Council to promote a healthy lifestyle among Singaporeans.
- (1) schedule (2) endeavour  
(3) routine (4) campaign ( )
- 11) The contestant gives the judges a/an \_\_\_\_\_ look, hoping the judges in the Singapore Idol will give him another chance.
- (1) upset (2) pathetic  
(3) painful (4) sly ( )



12) Lance Armstrong pushed himself to win the Tour de France as he wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ his friend who was killed in a terrible accident.

(1) respect

(2) glorify

(3) honour

(4) overcome

( )

**Section C: Comprehension (MCQ)**

Read the following passage carefully. Then answer questions 13 to 17 by choosing the most suitable answer and shade the correct number in the OAS provided. (5 x 1 mark)

As Sam continued his way inland aimlessly, he heard rifle shots ringing in the air. "Are the Japanese after me?" he whispered to himself.

He picked up speed and soon he found himself in a rubber plantation. He decided to hide in the plantation until the coast was clear. He hid amongst some bushes and stayed there until night fell.

When it was dark, Sam came out of his hiding place and tried to get out of the plantation. Suddenly he heard gunshots and dogs barking. He became very scared. "Please don't let them catch me," he prayed silently.

It was soon midnight but in the darkness Sam had lost his way. After an unsuccessful attempt to find his way out, he decided to spend the night lying under some thick bushes. He spent an uneasy night because of his fear. Besides, the ground was damp and the night air was chilly.

The next morning, Sam awoke to the loud sound of a motor. He realised that he was near a mill. He saw a river ahead and chose to follow it upstream hoping that it would lead him to his camp.

When he finally reached the camp, he collapsed in exhaustion. His camp-mates had to carry him to the medical centre to receive immediate medical attention. He was lucky to be alive.

- 13) Sam was escaping from \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) dogs  
(2) gunshots  
(3) the Japanese  
(4) the darkness ( )
- 14) In Line 4, "the coast was clear" means \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) it was safe  
(2) it was daylight  
(3) the sea was clear  
(4) the river was clean ( )
- 15) Sam waited until it was night before leaving the plantation because he \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) had enough rest  
(2) could move faster in the dark  
(3) he heard gunshots and dogs barking  
(4) thought it was dark and he would not be seen easily ( )
- 16) Sam did not sleep well that night because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) he was lost in the plantation  
(2) he was afraid of being caught  
(3) he did not find a safe place to sleep  
(4) he had an uncomfortable place to sleep ( )
- 17) A suitable title for this passage is "\_\_\_\_\_".  
(X) A hiking trip  
(2) Lost in the jungle  
(3) Escape from the enemy  
(4) An adventure in the forest ( )

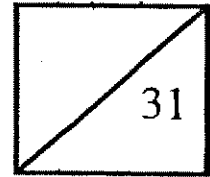
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## Booklet B

### Instructions to Pupils:

5. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
6. Follow all instructions carefully.
7. This booklet consists of questions (Questions 18 to 43)
8. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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**Section A : Grammar (8 marks)**

For questions 18 to 21, 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)

|                 |             |                  |
|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| (A) hardly      | (B) briefly | (C) frequently   |
| (D) immediately | (E) usually | (F) occasionally |
| (G) daily       |             |                  |

Dear Aunty Sue,

I am sorry I have not written for weeks. I have been busy with my CCA as my teacher has selected me to represent the school in the District Karate Competition. I (18) \_\_\_\_\_ have my CCA on Tuesdays but due to the coming competition, I have to go more (19) \_\_\_\_\_. The instructor is very firm and does not allow us to take long breaks but (20) \_\_\_\_\_ he will give us a treat and buy drinks for us. I enjoy the training but nowadays, I (21) \_\_\_\_\_ have enough time to complete my homework although I try my best. Fortunately, my form-teacher is very understanding and allows me to hand in my homework late. I've got to go for my training now. Write to you another day.

Love,  
Lynn

For questions 22 to 25, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. Use EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

|            |           |          |
|------------|-----------|----------|
| (A) beside | (B) out   | (C) away |
| (D) on     | (E) along | (F) over |
| (G) up     |           |          |

Cindy and Ron always spent their summer vacation at Atlantis Beach Club. One day, they were taking a stroll (22) \_\_\_\_\_ the beach when they saw something in the sand. They were curious and walked nearer to see what it was. They saw a rusty key lying in the sand. They picked it up and brushed (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the grains of sand. They turned the key (24) \_\_\_\_\_ and found a few faint symbols and words inscribed on it. The children could hardly make (25) \_\_\_\_\_ the words as the key was badly scratched and rusty. Could this key unlock the mysterious treasure chest which old Mrs Smith was telling them about?

**Section B: Vocabulary (8 marks)**

For questions 26 to 33, read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to Q) in each blank. The letter 'I' and O has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (8 x 1 mark)

|                          |                           |                           |                        |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <del>(A)</del> including | <del>(B)</del> from       | <del>(C)</del> persistent | <del>(D)</del> past    |
| <del>(E)</del> against   | <del>(F)</del> determined | <del>(G)</del> experience | <del>(H)</del> results |
| <del>(J)</del> perform   | <del>(K)</del> present    | <del>(L)</del> developing | <del>(M)</del> member  |
| <del>(N)</del> infect    | <del>(P)</del> although   | <del>(Q)</del> history    |                        |

Jonas Salk was born in New York City. His parents did not have an education but they were (26) \_\_\_\_\_ to see their children succeed by encouraging them to study hard. Jonas Salk was the oldest of three sons and the first (27) \_\_\_\_\_ of his family to go to college. He entered the City College of New York planning to study law, but soon became interested in medical science.

In 1947, he began to work on a vaccine that would guard (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the three types of polio virus. The vaccine would "kill" the virus so that it no longer had the power to (29) \_\_\_\_\_ or spread to others. At the same time, the "killed" virus could make antibodies in the blood.

(30) \_\_\_\_\_ the vaccine took eight long years of hard work. Dr Salk tried the vaccine on monkeys first. It worked. Then he tried it on 1000 children, (31) \_\_\_\_\_ his own. Again it worked. In 1954, the big test came. 40 000 children were given the vaccine. In 1955, the (32) \_\_\_\_\_ of the test were made known. Of the unvaccinated group, 750 had gotten polio and 15 persons died. In the vaccinated group, there were only 113 cases and no deaths. Soon polio would become a disease of the (33) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)**

For questions 34 to 38, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

**YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE ONE WORD FOR EACH BLANK.**

You have probably heard or read quite a lot about "healthy eating": don't eat too much of this and eat a bit more of that. But there are really (34) \_\_\_\_\_ important rules for healthy eating.

(35) \_\_\_\_\_, eat a good variety of different sorts of food. The best way to be sure you eat a good variety is to (36) \_\_\_\_\_ from each of the three main food groups: carbohydrates, protein groups and fruits and vegetables.

The second rule to remember is the (37) \_\_\_\_\_ of food that you eat. Don't eat too much of certain foods, for example, try not to eat too much sugar, fat or salt. Follow these rules and you will have a healthy and (38) \_\_\_\_\_ diet.

Eating well does not mean that we will be fit. We must also have enough sleep and regular exercises in order to keep fit.



**Section E: Comprehension (OE)**

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

Every good climber wants to climb Mount Everest which is 8 848 metres above sea level and the highest mountain in the world. It stands between Nepal and Tibet, in the Himalayas. It is in fact quite a "young" mountain, only about two million years old. The Tibetans call it *Chomolungma*, "The Mother of the World."

By 2004, more than 2 000 people have climbed to the top of Mount Everest. You cannot climb the mountain without special permission from the government of Nepal. You can only climb it in May or October every year and you must have a booking for your expedition. At the moment, there are no more bookings available for the next ten years!

Mountain climbers who have climbed Mount Everest used tents, oxygen bottles and other climbing equipment. Many have left their old equipment behind. According to some estimates, more than 50 tons of non-biodegradable trash was abandoned on the mountain between the 1950s and the mid-1990s. Littering is now a serious problem high up on the mountain.

The government of Nepal has taken steps toward protecting Mount Everest. Thanks to a 1992 law, if climbers leave any non-biodegradable trash such as plastic containers on the mountain, they lose a \$4,000 pre-expedition deposit. Expedition teams must bring down the same amount of gear and supplies that they took up.

Although more people are climbing Mount Everest, modern equipment and professional expertise cannot eliminate the challenge or the difficulties. Climbing Mount Everest remains, to this day, a formidable challenge as climbers continue to push the limits of human endurance.

39) Where is Mount Everest found?

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40) What do you need to get from the Nepalese government before you can climb Mount Everest?

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41) Which sentence in the passage tells you that climbing Mount Everest is very popular now and in the future?

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42) Why do you think the Nepalese government requires all expedition teams to put up a \$4 000 pre-expedition deposit

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43) Which word in the last paragraph has the same meaning as "remove completely"?

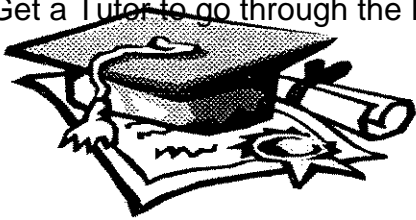
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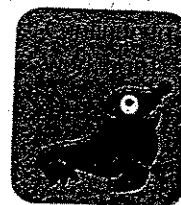
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2. 1            35) First  
3. 1            36) choose  
4. 4            37) amount  
5. 3            38) balanced  
6. 4            39) Mount Everest is found between Nepal  
7. 2            and Tibet, which is in Himalayas.  
8. 3  
9. 1            40) You must get special permission from  
10. 4           the Nepalese government before you can  
11. 2           climb Mount Everest.  
12. 3  
13. 3           41) The sentence is "At the mount, there are  
14. 1           no more booking available for he next  
15. 4           ten years.  
16. 2  
17. 3           42) All expedition teams must not leave  
18. E           behind only litter or they would lose  
19. C           their \$4000 deposit.  
20. F  
21. A           43) The word is "eliminate."  
22. E  
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**SECTION A: VOCABULARY (10 X 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Tom had a shock of his life when he realised that he had disturbed a \_\_\_\_\_ of angry bees.  
 (1) herd (2) flight  
 (3) flock (4) swarm ( )
  
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ boy kicked the table aside and challenged the teacher to call his parents.  
 (1) diligent (2) defiant  
 (3) despised (4) disinterested ( )
  
3. Mr Li's children have been properly \_\_\_\_\_. They are well-mannered.  
 (1) brought up (2) brought round  
 (3) brought back (4) brought forward ( )
  
4. As Clement does not have the skills for the job, he has to do all the \_\_\_\_\_ in the office.  
 (1) dog's life (2) homet's nest  
 (3) lion's share (4) donkey's work ( )
  
5. The new \_\_\_\_\_ hosted the variety show very well and the viewers were very pleased.  
 (1) actor (2) comedian  
 (3) compere (4) puppeteer ( )

6. From the evidence gathered, the detectives \_\_\_\_\_ that the man was killed by more than one person.  
 (1) deduced (2) convinced  
 (3) observed (4) hypothesised ( )
7. We should not \_\_\_\_\_ all the children to go for the overseas trip as they are still young.  
 (1) con (2) compel  
 (3) content (4) commit ( )
8. The clumsy boy \_\_\_\_\_ along the narrow corridor, almost knocking the flower pots over.  
 (1) aped (2) waddled  
 (3) galloped (4) lumbered ( )
9. The teacher reminded the pupils to return the \_\_\_\_\_ in its proper place before they leave the science laboratory.  
 (1) tools (2) materials  
 (3) supplies (4) apparatus ( )
10. The row of old shophouses were \_\_\_\_\_ to make way for a new highway.  
 (1) altered (2) collapsed  
 (3) renovated (4) demolished ( )

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR (10 X 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

11. Jane \_\_\_\_\_ ten dollars in her wallet but it will be used up in no time.  
 (1) had (2) is having  
 (3) has (4) have ( )
12. At the rate the children are going, they \_\_\_\_\_ be able to complete their project on time.  
 (1) can (2) must  
 (3) ought (4) should ( )
13. Susan has not been eating well \_\_\_\_\_ she came down with food poisoning last week.  
 (1) since (2) when  
 (3) while (4) before ( )
14. Both the children were wrong but \_\_\_\_\_ of them admitted their mistake.  
 (1) each (2) either  
 (3) some (4) neither ( )

15. Get a full page from any of the Papers [www.yestuition.sg](http://www.yestuition.sg)  
The doorbell rang loudly. I was watching television.  
(1) but (2) while  
(3) although (4) so ( )
16. On learning Mother had to work late, my brother and I decided to prepare dinner all by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) herself (2) ourselves  
(3) himself (4) themselves ( )
17. "You have not done your best in the test. There is \_\_\_\_\_ room for improvement," the teacher advised.  
(1) most (2) less  
(3) much (4) least ( )
18. The rich lady was \_\_\_\_\_ by the behaviour of the rude salesgirl that she walked out of the shop without buying anything.  
(1) put off (2) put in  
(3) put out (4) put down ( )
19. "Mabel has gone to the doctor's, \_\_\_\_\_ she?" asked Mother.  
(1) has (2) hasn't  
(3) have (4) haven't ( )
20. \_\_\_\_\_ Timothy was injured, he insisted on completing the entire race.  
(1) As (2) Since  
(3) Although (4) However ( )



Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

### The Bundle of Sticks

There once lived an unhappy, old businessman. He knew that he was growing older and weaker every day. He wanted to pass on the business to his three sons. The man knew that they would not agree with each other and not be able to manage the business. "How can I stop them from arguing?" he asked his wife worriedly. Although the man's wife was a clever woman, she had no answer to his question. 5

But, the old man and his wife had a servant named Aesop, who had been listening quietly to their problem. "Perhaps you can tell your sons the story of 'The Bundle of Sticks,'" he said. The old couple listened intently as Aesop narrated the story. When he had finished, the old man looked pleased. That evening after dinner, he asked his sons to gather twenty sticks, all about the thickness of a man's finger. He then instructed them to tie the sticks together in a bundle. "My sons," said the old man. "Can any of you break this bundle of sticks?" The sons were taken aback by the strange request. Perhaps this was a test to see who would gain control of the business. Each son tried his hardest to break the bundle of sticks but the bundle did not break. 10 15

The young men were even more surprised when the father took out three separate sticks from the bundle. He asked each son to break it and they did it easily. Their father then said, "You see how much harder it is to break the sticks when they are held together? My sons, if you stand by each other and help one another, you will be like this bundle. Your enemies cannot harm you. However, if you are divided among yourselves, you will be broken as easily as these three sticks." 20

The three sons understood their father's meaning – "union is strength".

21. The old businessman was worried and concerned because \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) he was dying
  - 2) his sons could not work together
  - 3) he could not manage his business
  - 4) his sons did not want to help him in his business ( )
22. The word "he" in line 9 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) the father
  - 2) the servant
  - 3) the old businessman
  - 4) one of the three sons ( )
23. When the man asked his sons to break the bundle of sticks, they thought that \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) it was a very silly request
  - 2) it should be the servant's job to break the sticks
  - 3) their father wanted to know how strong they were
  - 4) it was a test to find out who could take over the business ( )
24. The word \_\_\_\_\_ has the same meaning as the phrase "taken aback" in line 14.
- 1) worried
  - 2) amused
  - 3) surprised
  - 4) disappointed ( )
25. The \_\_\_\_\_ was/were the wisest character/s in the whole story.
- 1) servant
  - 2) three sons
  - 3) old businessman
  - 4) businessman's wife ( )

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to L) in each blank.

USE A WORD **ONCE ONLY**.

|                          |                          |                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <del>(A)</del> available | <del>(B)</del> purchase  | <del>(C)</del> popular   | <del>(D)</del> customers |
| <del>(E)</del> fruits    | <del>(F)</del> wrap      | <del>(G)</del> kind      | <del>(H)</del> pungent   |
| <del>(I)</del> delicious | <del>(J)</del> varieties | <del>(K)</del> abundance | <del>(L)</del> people    |
| <del>(M)</del> need      | <del>(N)</del> favourite | <del>(O)</del> fragrant  | <del>(P)</del> decorate  |

Mention bananas and the thought of long, bright yellow fruits will come into one's mind. These fruits are grown in great (26) \_\_\_\_\_ in our neighbouring countries like Malaysia and Thailand. The banana is one fruit which is (27) \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the year.

In Malaysia alone, over forty (28) \_\_\_\_\_ of bananas are grown in the country. The two most (29) \_\_\_\_\_ types grown in gardens and plantations are the "Rastali" and "Pisang Raja". This is because they (30) \_\_\_\_\_ little care and are easier to maintain. The banana plant is also a very useful plant. Its leaves can be used to (31) \_\_\_\_\_ cakes and rice. Many Indian restaurants also use banana leaves as plates to serve rice to their (32) \_\_\_\_\_.

Some of the other popular (33) \_\_\_\_\_ of Malaysia and Thailand are durians, rambutans and mangoes. Among these, the durian is the (34) \_\_\_\_\_ of many local people. However, most foreigners dislike the thorny fruit because of its (35) \_\_\_\_\_ smell.

**SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 X 1 mark)**

Get a Tutor to go through the Papers  
 Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to I) in each blank.

**Passage 1****USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

|          |          |           |
|----------|----------|-----------|
| (A) with | (B) so   | (E) while |
| (D) as   | (C) of   | (F) for   |
| (G) in   | (H) when | (I) up    |

The children were overjoyed (36) \_\_\_\_\_ they heard that the famous circus was coming to town. They pleaded (37) \_\_\_\_\_ their mother, Mrs Lee, to take them to the performance. (38) \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs Lee was an animal lover, she refused to buy the tickets at first. She thought it was cruel to force animals to perform tricks. She only gave (39) \_\_\_\_\_ to her children's request when she found out that no animals were involved in the circus performance. The show consisted mainly (40) \_\_\_\_\_ acrobatic and clown acts.

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to I) in each blank.

**Passage 2****USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.**

|            |           |              |
|------------|-----------|--------------|
| (A) each   | (B) many  | (C) much     |
| (D) others | (E) a few | (F) a little |
| (G) all    | (H) more  | (I) none     |

A famous author went to a school to give a talk. Although the talk was over, (41) \_\_\_\_\_ students stayed behind in the hall. Some of them had stayed behind to ask the author for autographs; (42) \_\_\_\_\_ were just waiting for their friends. By this time, a long queue had formed next to the author. (43) \_\_\_\_\_ person in the queue was holding a copy of his latest book. (44) \_\_\_\_\_ of the students in the hall were busy taking photographs of the author as a memento. It was not until (45) \_\_\_\_\_ later before the hall was finally cleared.

**SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPELLING** (10 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes.

46)

Fishing is probably the worlds most popular hobby. However, it is also

47)

an expensive pastime. Just imagine how many people have to spend on

48)

49)

boats, fishing ediment, bait and fuel. Though it is costly  people who love

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fishing believe their hobby are worth it. To them, fishing is a relaxing and fun

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activity, thus it lessens stress. People who are relaxed are generally healthy

52)

and are much nicer to be with. One can also develop patient and

determination when fishing. Those who disagree with fishing say that it is

53)

damaging the envirement. Thoughtless fishing in rivers, lakes, streams and

54)

oceans has decreasing the number of some fishes thus endangering them.

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This could also lead to extinction of some spicees.

**SECTION G: SYNTHESIS (5 X 2 marks)**

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

56. May loves baking cakes. May loves eating cakes.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

57. It was a public holiday. Nathan decided to go cycling with his friends.

Since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

58. John could choose to play tennis with the children. John could sing with the children.

\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

59. Diana watched a sad movie and cried uncontrollably.

Watching \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

60. Lisa learnt Japanese. She wanted to communicate with her pen pal.

\_\_\_\_\_ so that \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE** (7 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 61 to 67.

Dan was a discourteous boy. He was completely self-centred and very spoilt. His parents had to give him everything that he wanted. Otherwise, he would kick and scream till he was red in the face. His parents felt embarrassed because of his poor behaviour.

One day, Dan was alone on the beach in a new, expensive swim suit and swim fins which he had demanded from his parents. They went indoors to rest. A while ago, Dan had kicked up a fuss when they told him it was too dangerous to go into the water alone in a foreign place. "Dangerous?" he scowled. "You are mean and horrible parents who try to stop me from having fun! Try stopping me and I'll scream. His parents could not stop him."

"What are you doing?" a deep voice boomed from behind. Dan jumped. He had not noticed the stranger on the beach.

"Why?" he answered rudely. "I'm going diving of course."

"You had better not," the stranger advised. "There's a storm coming up."

"Nonsense! You should mind your own business. Nobody's going to change my mind!" Dan replied. He waded into the shallow water.

"If you go out, you'll be sorry," the stranger called after him.

Dan slipped into the water. He saw beautiful water plants and fish. He dived happily until the strong waves came and made it difficult to breathe. Why had he not listened to the advice? He panicked and began to scream. Just as Dan thought he was drowning, he felt a strong grip on his arm. The stranger pulled Dan over the side of the boat and growled, "Looks like I arrived just in time. I hope you've learned a lesson. You put us both in danger!" Dan sat quietly in a corner after thanking the man. He was grateful to be alive. As the duo headed back to shore, he silently resolved to mend his ways.

61. What **would** Dan do when his parents did not give him what he had wanted?

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62. Which **word** in paragraph 1 **has** the same meaning as 'ashamed'?

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63. Why **did** Dan insist on going to the beach against his parents' wishes?

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64. **Were** Dan and his family on holiday? Which **two-word phrase** **tells** you so?

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65. Dan "felt a strong grip on his arm" (line 21). Who **gripped** him?

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66. Which **sentence** tells you that Dan would change for the better?

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67. Who do you think the word "duo" in line 24 refer to?

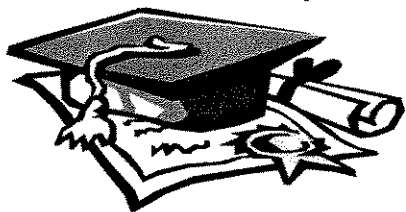
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**End-of-Paper**







# ANSWER SHEET

NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH 2007  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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|-------|----------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. 4  | 31) F                                  | 41) B         |
| 2. 2  | 32) D                                  | 42) D         |
| 3. 1  | 33) E                                  | 43) A         |
| 4. 4  | 34) N                                  | 44) E         |
| 5. 3  | 35) H                                  | 45) C         |
| 6. 1  | 36) H                                  | 46) world's   |
| 7. 2  | 37) A                                  | 47) much      |
| 8. 4  | 38) D                                  | 48) equipment |
| 9. 4  | 39) G                                  | 49),          |
| 10. 4 | 40) E                                  | 50) is        |
| 11. 3 |                                        |               |
| 12. 4 | 51) healthier                          |               |
| 13. 1 | 52) patience                           |               |
| 14. 4 | 53) environment                        |               |
| 15. 2 | 54) decreased                          |               |
| 16. 2 | 55) species                            |               |
| 17. 3 | 56) May loves baking and eating cakes. |               |
| 18. 1 |                                        |               |
| 19. 2 | 57) Since it was a public holiday,     |               |
| 20. 3 | Nathan decided to go cycling with      |               |
| 21. 2 | his friends.                           |               |
| 22. 2 |                                        |               |
| 23. 4 | 58) John could choose to play tennis   |               |
| 24. 3 | or sing with the children.             |               |
| 25. 1 |                                        |               |
| 26. K | 59) Watching a sad movie, Diana cried  |               |
| 27. A | uncontrollably.                        |               |
| 28. J |                                        |               |
| 29. C | 60) Lisa learnt Japanese so that she   |               |
| 30. M | could communicate with her pen pal.    |               |

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62) The word is "embarrassed."

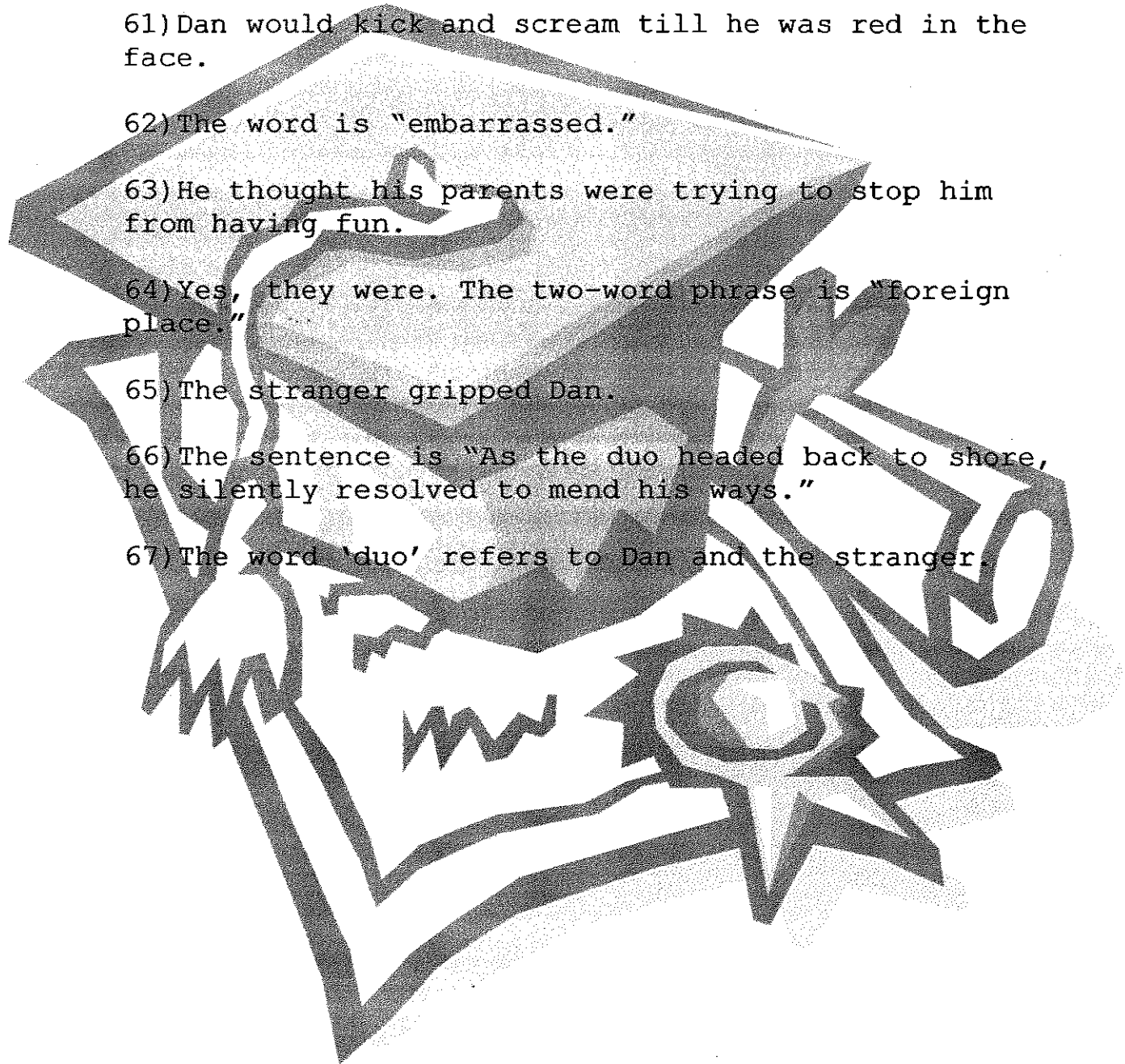
63) He thought his parents were trying to stop him from having fun.

64) Yes, they were. The two-word phrase is "foreign place."

65) The stranger gripped Dan.

66) The sentence is "As the duo headed back to shore, he silently resolved to mend his ways."

67) The word 'duo' refers to Dan and the stranger.



**CHRIST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL**

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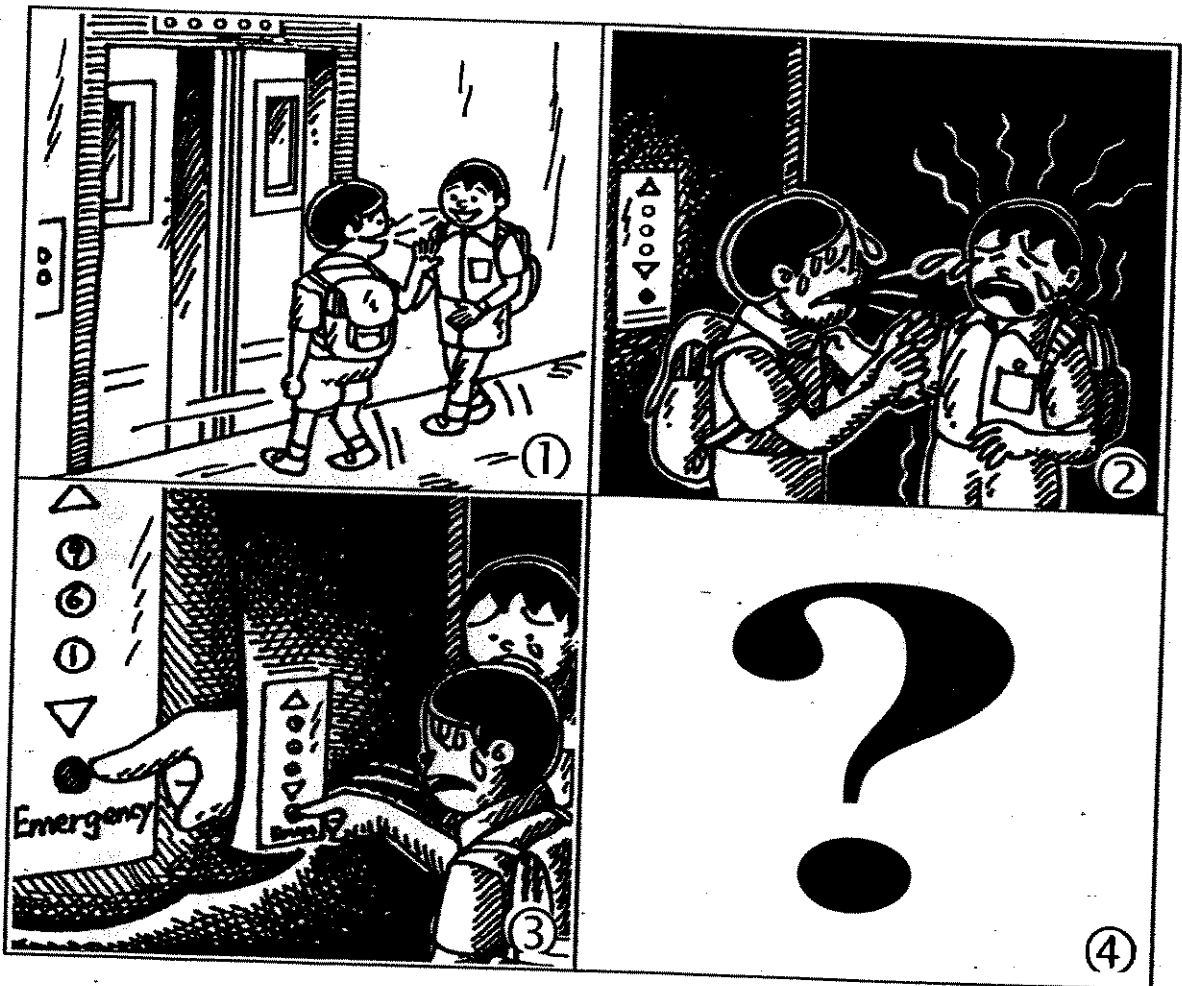
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Duration: 50 mins

Marks: \_\_\_\_\_ / 20

**Choose only one question.**

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rescue

panicked

burst into tears

idea

relieved

darkness

perspiration

(b) During the school holidays, you had an outing with your family. Not long after, all of you realised that your four-year-old brother was missing.

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Make use of the following points in your composition. You may re-order the points. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

- worried
- combed the entire place
- called the police
- heard someone wailing
- a stranger
- called for help
- relieved
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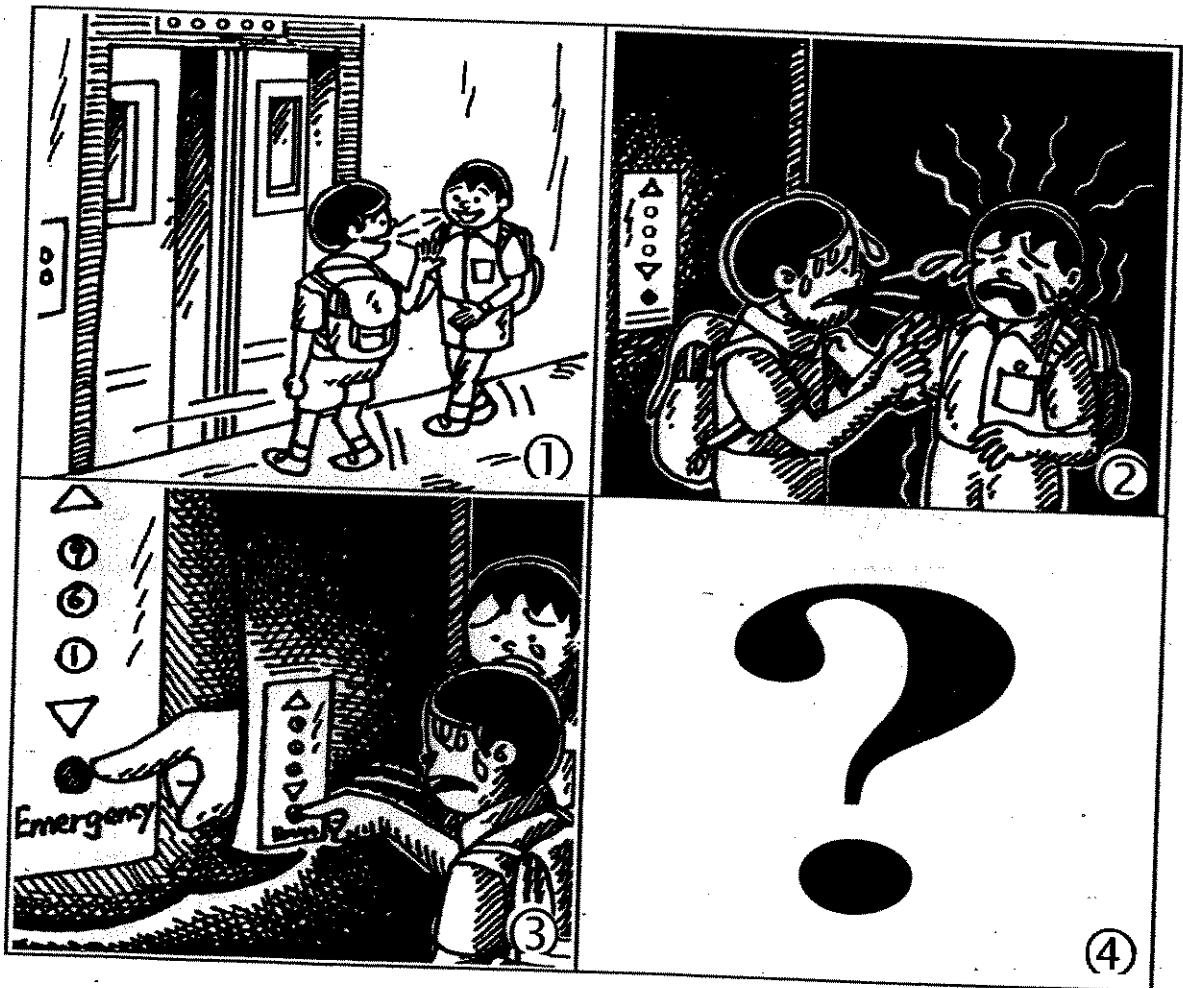
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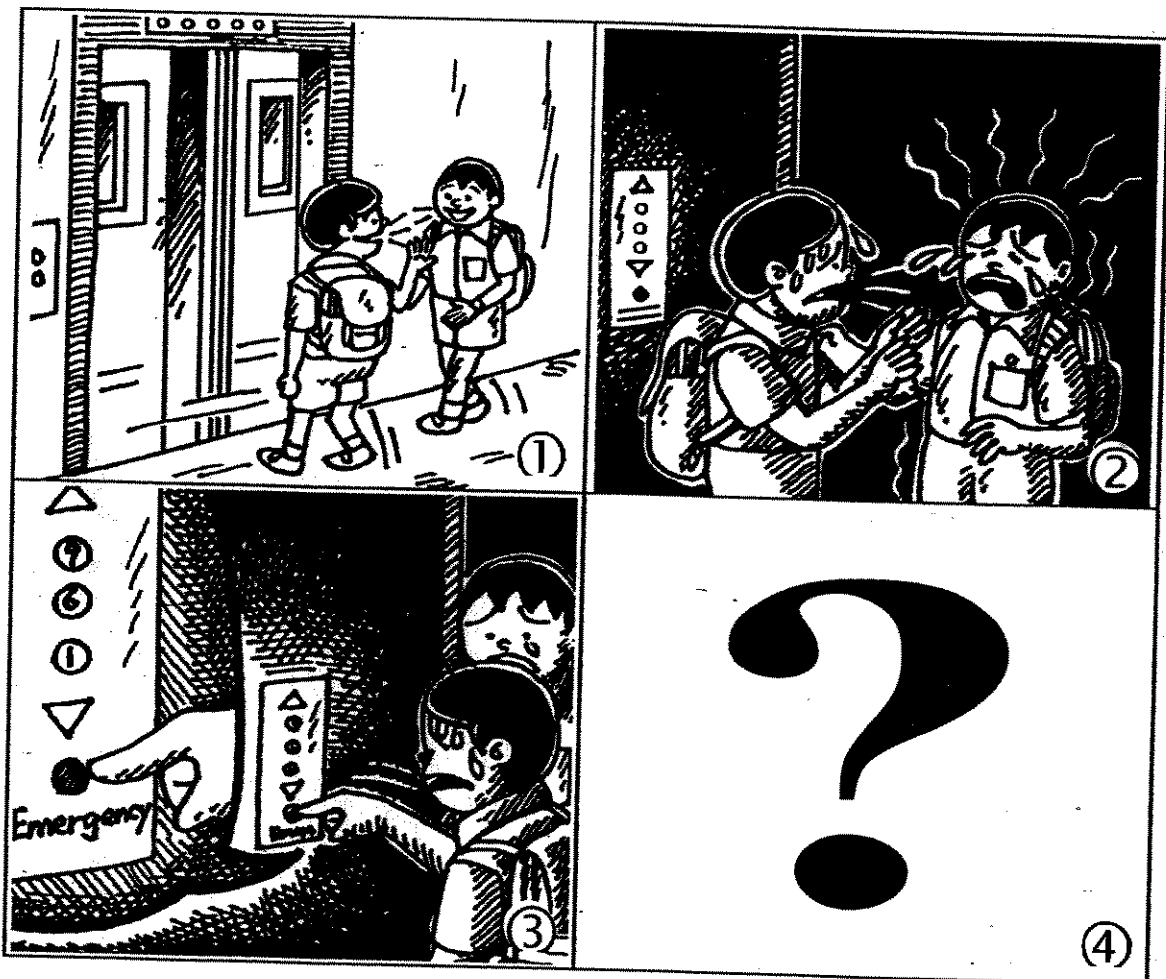
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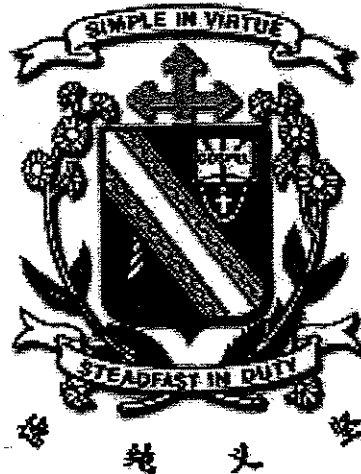
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**Primary 4**

**Semestral Assessment 1 – 2007**

**English Language**

**PAPER 2**

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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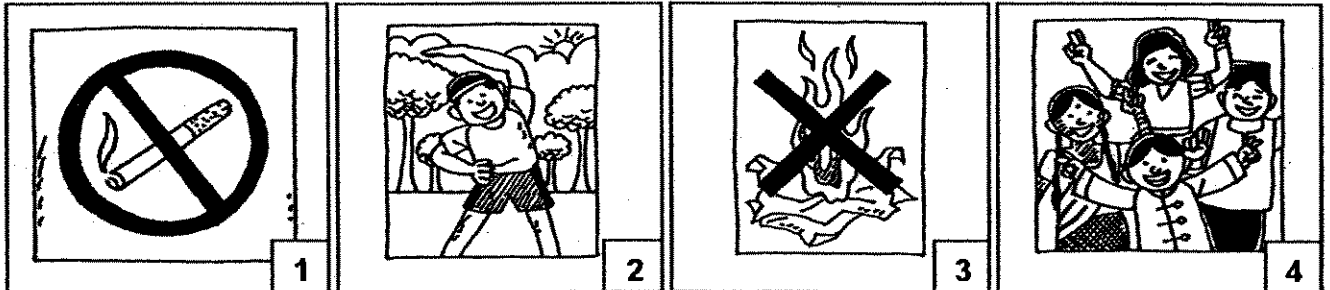
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Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.  
Follow all instructions carefully.

**Section A – Picture Matching (4 x 1 mark)**

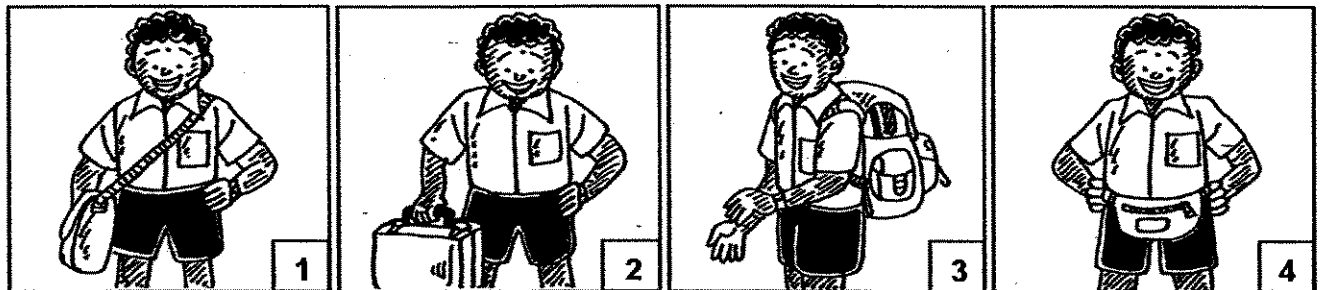
Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that describes what has been read. Then choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

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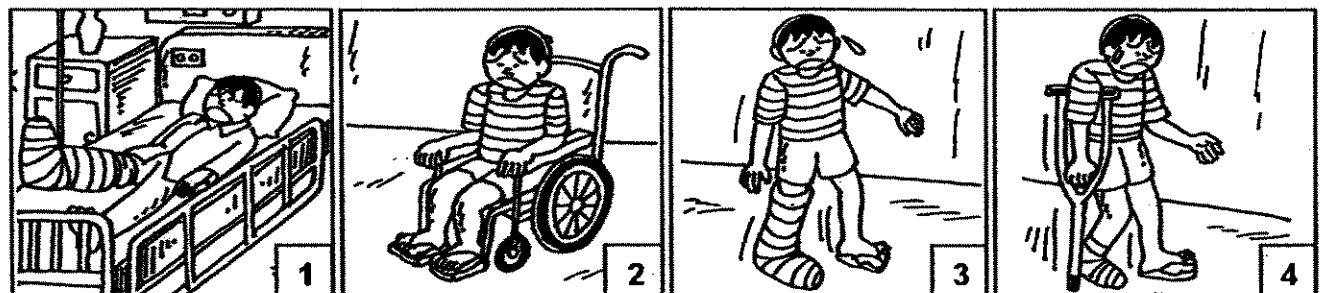
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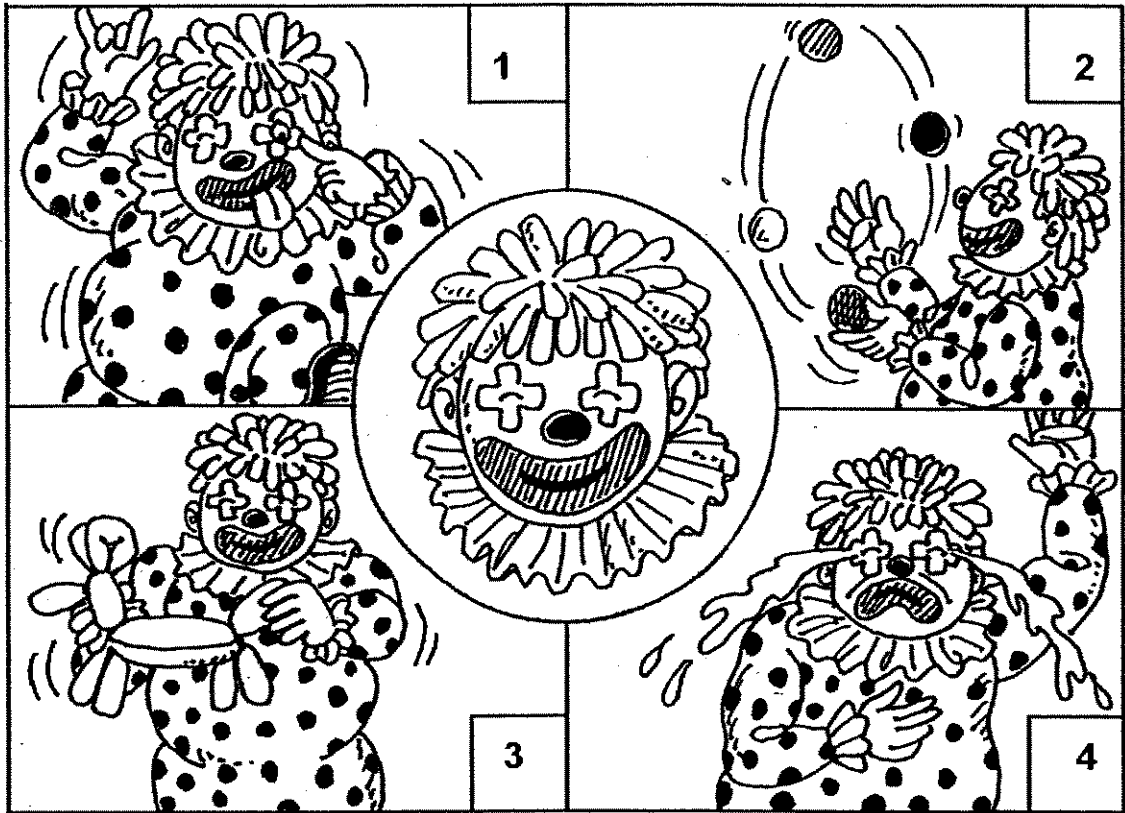
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**Section B – Vocabulary Multiple Choice Questions (7 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

5. The police are appealing to all \_\_\_\_\_ to come forward to assist them in the investigation of the bank robbery that happened two weeks ago.
- (1) onlookers                      (2) passers-by  
(3) spectators                      (4) witnessess                      (     )
6. Nina was angry with the man who had stepped on her shoe. She \_\_\_\_\_ at him.
- (1) glared                              (2) glanced  
(3) sneered                              (4) sniggered                      (     )
7. Many houses in Thailand were \_\_\_\_\_ in the heavy floods during the recent monsoon.
- (1) demolished                      (2) displaced  
(3) drenched                              (4) drowned                      (     )
8. The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ that he had taken the watch from the customer's handbag.
- (1) denied                              (2) ignored  
(3) pleaded                              (4) refused                      (     )
9. It was such a \_\_\_\_\_ to hear that your elderly uncle did not suffer major injuries from the fall.
- (1) pain                                      (2) relief  
(3) regret                                      (4) pleasure                      (     )
10. Jane's mother waited \_\_\_\_\_ for her to come home as it was getting late. She appeared worried.
- (1) happily                              (2) excitedly  
(3) anxiously                              (4) impatiently                      (     )
11. After the battle, the \_\_\_\_\_ were buried and the injured were taken to the hospital.
- (1) deceased                              (2) disadvantaged  
(3) wronged                              (4) wounded                      (     )

**Section C – Grammar Multiple Choice Questions (8 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

12. When I saw the school bag in the canteen, I knew \_\_\_\_\_ it was.  
(1) who (2) when  
(3) which (4) whose ( )
13. The book \_\_\_\_\_ I read last week is very interesting. Would you like to read it?  
(1) who (2) whom  
(3) which (4) whose ( )
14. The motorcycle sped \_\_\_\_\_ my uncle's shop before screeching to a halt.  
(1) pass (2) passed  
(3) past (4) passing ( )
15. Katie asked me to help \_\_\_\_\_ to the food on the table.  
(1) herself (2) himself  
(3) itself (4) myself ( )
16. Either Lina or I \_\_\_\_\_ to be blamed for the damage of the piano.  
(1) is (2) am  
(3) are (4) were ( )
17. I told the waitress to add \_\_\_\_\_ sugar in my coffee.  
(1) any (2) many  
(3) a few (4) a little ( )
18. To the surprise of \_\_\_\_\_, Mr Thomas suddenly began to sing.  
(1) anybody (2) everybody  
(3) nobody (4) somebody ( )
19. The children insisted on going to Pulau Ubin \_\_\_\_\_ it was raining cats and dogs.  
(1) although (2) because  
(3) if (4) even ( )

**Section D – Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)**

Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

**Millenium Community Club**  
**Activities**

**LEARNING TO BOWL**

Great News For Retirees Who Want to Learn How To Bowl

For Whom : Millenium Community Club Members

When : Course starting in early July 2007

Where : Super Bowl

Fee : Free

**GET CREATIVE WITH PLANTS**

Are you planning to re-design your garden or balcony and need some fresh ideas? This course covers overall design, choice of plants, garden materials & advice for supervising contract work.

Date/Time: Session A - Saturday 21/7/07 2 pm to 5 pm  
Session B - Sunday 29/7/07 10 am to 1 pm

Venue : Botanical Gardens

Fee : \$24 (member)  
\$30 (non-member)

**PAINTING CLASS**

Open to children between 5 – 8 years old

Make your very own bookmarks out from paper castings that you will paint. You will be given two button pictures to paint which can be made into pins and magnets. You'll also be given a box of activity paints upon registration!

Date : 14/7/07

Time : 2.30 pm to 4 pm

Venue: Art & Craft Room (Level 2)

Fee : \$6 (member)  
\$10 (non-member)

**BASIC CANOEING**

**Certificate Course**

Participants will be trained (Theory and Practical) based on a syllabus and you may then register for the test upon completion of the three sessions.

Date : 28/7/07, 4/8/07, 11/8/07

Time : 8.30 am to 11.30 am

Venue : East Coast Park

Fee : \$65 (member)  
\$85 (non-member)

**Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

20. The bowling course is most likely to take place on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) 7 July 2007
  - (2) 14 July 2007
  - (3) 21 July 2007
  - (4) 28 July 2007
- ( )
21. You need to attend \_\_\_\_\_ sessions in order to be eligible to take a test on canoeing.
- (1) 1
  - (2) 2
  - (3) 3
  - (4) 4
- ( )
22. Those with green fingers will be interested to sign up for the \_\_\_\_\_ course.
- (1) Painting
  - (2) Basic Canoeing
  - (3) Learning to Bowl
  - (4) Get Creative with Plants
- ( )
23. In the Painting Class, each participant is given \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) a bookmark
  - (2) paper castings
  - (3) pins and magnets
  - (4) a box of activity paints
- ( )
24. Certificates will be given to participants of the \_\_\_\_\_ course.
- (1) Painting
  - (2) Basic Canoeing
  - (3) Learning to Bowl
  - (4) Get Creative with Plants
- ( )



**Section E – Comprehension Multiple Choice Questions (5 x 1 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Leeches are worm-like creatures which live in damp, dark places. These creatures attach themselves to any passing human or animal and begin to suck blood from them. Usually the person has no idea that he has a leech on him until some time later when he or his friends notice a patch of blood on his clothing.

Several decades ago, Dr Roy Sawyer, an American researcher recognised the potential benefits of “leech therapy” and started one of the world’s first leech farms. In Dr Sawyer’s farm, leeches are fed on a steady diet of blood from the local abattoirs. These leeches are often sold to scientists who want them for research. Some, however, are bought by doctors for use in surgery because leeches have been used successfully in operations where patients had to have their fingers stitched back on. Today, the company provides tens of thousands of leeches every year to hospitals in dozens of countries.

Leeches release certain chemicals into their victim’s bloodstream as they suck blood from them. Doctors have found that some of these chemicals seem to help restore damaged cells in the body. Others encourage the blood to flow more freely. It is these chemicals that doctors find useful in surgery.

Not long ago, Dr Sawyer’s leeches came to the rescue of a five-year-old boy in the United States. The boy’s ear had been ripped off by a dog. Surgeons stitched on the boy’s ear but there was still a problem—the blood would not flow from his body to his stitched-on ear. A batch of leeches was flown from Wales to America. Two were attached to the boy’s ear. To the doctors’ delight, the leeches immediately began to swell up with blood. This showed that they were causing the blood to flow back to the boy’s ear.

Dr Sawyer feels that there is a bright future for leeches as life-savers, and he thinks that they will offer hope to people who suffer from heart attacks.

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

25. Leeches look like \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) worms
  - (2) animals
  - (3) creatures ( )
  - (4) human-beings
26. Leeches are often sold to \_\_\_\_\_ and scientists.
- (1) doctors
  - (2) farmers
  - (3) abattoirs
  - (4) companies ( )
27. Leeches help heal wounds of victims by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) damaging cells in the body
  - (2) feeding on a steady diet of food
  - (3) restoring damaged cells in the body
  - (4) releasing chemicals into the bloodstream ( )
28. What was the problem faced by the five-year-old boy after the surgery?
- (1) There was no blood flow to his ear.
  - (2) His ear had been ripped off by a dog.
  - (3) Two leeches were attached to his ear.
  - (4) The leeches swelled up with blood from him. ( )
29. The surgeon was \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw blood swelling in the leeches.
- (1) surprised
  - (2) frustrated
  - (3) overjoyed
  - (4) disappointed ( )

**Section F – Vocabulary Cloze (6 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word in the box and write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY**

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|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (A) <del>blast</del>   | (C) blaze               | (E) <del>charred</del> | (G) <del>control</del>        | (J) <del>decomposed</del> |
| (B) <del>engaged</del> | (D) <del>engulfed</del> | (F) <del>flie</del>    | (H) <del>investigations</del> | (K) <del>swept</del>      |

A fire occurred in Queenstown yesterday evening. The (30) \_\_\_\_\_ broke out in a two-storey textile factory in Queenstown Drive. It is believed that the fire had started from the kitchen on the ground floor and had spread to the upper floor. The deadly fire (31) \_\_\_\_\_ through the entire ground floor. Many of the workers were caught unprepared and were unable to (32) \_\_\_\_\_ as the only exit of the factory was being blocked by the fire.

Firefighters fought hard to bring the flames under (33) \_\_\_\_\_. They described the fire as "racing" as it (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the area within minutes. According to them, the victims ran to the rear end of the building but were unable to escape because the wall was too high. They found the (35) \_\_\_\_\_ bodies of two people there. At least twenty-five people were killed in this accident. All were taken to the Singapore General Hospital.



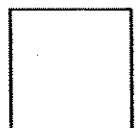
**Section G – Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Lawrence Sudirman is a veterinarian who came from Indonesia. He became a veterinarian (36)\_\_\_\_\_ of his love for animals. He is concerned for the well-being (37)\_\_\_\_\_ animals. He also feels that he has to (38)\_\_\_\_\_ them of their diseases and ease their suffering.

Lawrence lived with his family in Sumatra when he was young. They lived in a big house just outside a village. According to him, two animals helped to shape his ambition to become a veterinarian. The first animal was a kitten he (39)\_\_\_\_\_ from a drain. Lawrence took it home and asked his mother whether he could keep it. At first, she refused (40)\_\_\_\_\_ the kitten mewed so pitifully that she agreed. He named his kitten "Drinn" because he had found it in a drain. Drinn became Lawrence's best companion and it had never once left his side (41)\_\_\_\_\_ when he went to school. Lawrence was terribly sad when Drinn was (42)\_\_\_\_\_ over by a car.

The other animal that was special to him was Browne, a cow that lived in a farm behind his house. She was white with two big brown (43)\_\_\_\_\_ on the right side of her body. Whenever she saw Lawrence, she would go to him with a loud 'moo' and lick him just like a dog would!



**Section H – Comprehension (5 x 2 mark)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

On 26 March 1991, Singapore Airlines Flight SQ117 was hijacked at 10.15 pm. The Airbus, carrying more than one hundred passengers and crew members, was flying from Kuala Lumpur to Singapore. Shortly after its departure from Kuala Lumpur, four men, who were passengers on the flight, took control of the plane. They were armed with explosives and knives. It was the first time this had happened to Singapore Airlines.

The plane touched down at Changi International Airport and was immediately surrounded by police officers. The four hijackers, who claimed to be members of the Pakistan People's Party, issued a list of demands. These included the release of certain prisoners in Pakistan and for the aircraft to be refuelled and flown to Australia.

The area in the vicinity of the plane was cordoned off and darkened as lights around the airport police station were turned off. Journalists and photographers were told to leave. Two crew members were thrown out of the plane, sustaining bruises and minor injuries. The hijackers gave a five-minute deadline, beyond which they threatened to kill one passenger every ten minutes if their demands were not met.

Racing against time, with only three minutes to the deadline, the Singapore government sent an order to storm the plane. Armed with weapons, a team of Singapore Armed Forces Commandos stormed the plane and mounted a swift rescue operation; they opened the doors of the aircraft from the exterior and entered it swiftly. Then, shouting at the passengers and crew to lower their heads, the commandos opened fire and all the four hijackers were shot dead!

All the other passengers and crew escaped unhurt. They slid down the emergency evacuation chutes near the wings of the aircraft which were lowered. They were later driven to the Airport Terminal in three buses. While all these were taking place, there was the usual early morning calm at the airport. In fact, many of the passengers checking in for their flights were unaware of the drama.

Later in that day, the Minister of Home Affairs held a press conference to announce the success of the rescue operation.

(Adapted from <http://www.infopedia.nl.gov.sg>).

**Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.**

44. Where did the hijackers board the Singapore Airlines aircraft?

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45. What does the word "this" in the first paragraph refer to?

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46. Why did the hijackers hold the passengers and crew as hostages?

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47. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "speedily"?

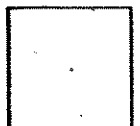
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48. How did the passengers and crew evacuate from the hijacked aeroplane?

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**Section I – Note-Taking and Dictation (12 marks)**

Q49 – Q54 is a note-taking test (6 x 1 mark)

Q55 is a dictation test.

Peter was not at home when his friend, Adam called. Peter's sister, Mary, took down the message to inform Peter of what Adam wanted.

Each blank from Q49 to Q54 should be filled with **ONE** word.

As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

**Telephone Message**

49. Message is taken for \_\_\_\_\_.

50. Name of caller: \_\_\_\_\_.

51. Football match: Brazil's opponent: \_\_\_\_\_.

52. Meeting place: \_\_\_\_\_ Coffee Shop.

53. Time to meet: \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

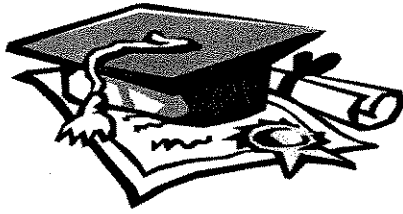
54. Reminder: Wear \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt to support your favourite team.











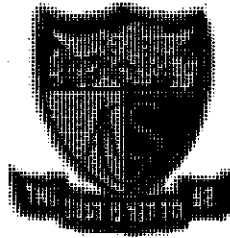
# ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. 2  | 30) C                                                                                              |
| 2. 3  | 31) K                                                                                              |
| 3. 4  | 32) F                                                                                              |
| 4. 1  | 33) G                                                                                              |
| 5. 4  | 34) D                                                                                              |
| 6. 1  | 35) E                                                                                              |
| 7. 4  | 36) because                                                                                        |
| 8. 1  | 37) of                                                                                             |
| 9. 2  | 38) cure                                                                                           |
| 10. 3 | 39) saved                                                                                          |
| 11. 1 | 40) but                                                                                            |
| 12. 4 | 41) even                                                                                           |
| 13. 3 | 42) run                                                                                            |
| 14. 3 | 43) patches                                                                                        |
| 15. 4 | 44) They boarded the plane at Kuala Lumpur.                                                        |
| 16. 2 |                                                                                                    |
| 17. 4 |                                                                                                    |
| 18. 2 | 45) It refers to the plane being hijacked.                                                         |
| 19. 1 | 46) They wanted the Singapore government to meet their demands.                                    |
| 20. 1 |                                                                                                    |
| 21. 3 | 47) It is "swiftly."                                                                               |
| 22. 4 | 48) They evacuated by sliding down the emergency evacuation chutes near the wings of the aircraft. |
| 23. 4 |                                                                                                    |
| 24. 2 |                                                                                                    |
| 25. 1 | 49) peter                                                                                          |
| 26. 1 | 50) Adam                                                                                           |
| 27. 3 | 51) Italy                                                                                          |
| 28. 1 | 52) Yummy                                                                                          |
| 29. 3 | 53) 9.30                                                                                           |
|       | 54) blue                                                                                           |

55) It was really exciting to watch the match with so many other soccer fans like me. I shouted for joy when my favourite team, Italy, scored the winning goal before the final whistle. I would definitely watch other matches at the café in future.



**Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)**

**P4 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2007**

**MID-YEAR EXAMINATION**

**PAPER 2 - BOOKLET A**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Class:** Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 7 May 2007


**Duration of paper:** 1h 15 min

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## Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark each = 5 marks)

Study the pamphlet below and then answer the questions that follow it.



**Go stargazing at Faber Peak**  
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**Come Face to Face with the Famous**  
 See and be seen with over 100 incredibly life-like wax figures of all your favourite celebrities.

**Highlights:**

- Movie Town featuring stars of screen and stage
- Hall of the Great featuring historical & current leaders
- Celebrity Line-up showcasing international superstars & music legends
- Souvenir Shop selling miniature figurines of your favourite celebrity

**Bring Your Camera**  
 You are encouraged to get up close and personal with your favourite celebrity figures and be photographed with them, so bring your camera! Compare and contrast heights, sizes and even wrinkles on the world's most famous people.

We also provide our own photography service to capture those special moments for you. The first photograph souvenir is included in the entrance fee but additional photographs are chargeable.

| <u>Opening hours</u>             | <u>Entrance fee</u>                                                                 | <u>For ticket bookings</u>                                                                                                 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Open daily<br>11am to 8pm        | Adult \$25<br>Child (below 12) \$18<br>Special rates for groups<br>above 10 persons | Phone +65 6789 1011<br><br>or visit our website:<br><a href="http://www.madamtoosards.com.sg">www.madamtoosards.com.sg</a> |
| Public Holiday<br>10am to 8.30pm |                                                                                     |                                                                                                                            |

- Guided tours with commentary available from 2pm to 7pm at a charge of \$2 per person. Please make enquiries at the ticket office. For bookings, please visit the ticket office personally.

Adapted from Madame Tussards, HK Pamphlet

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.  
(5 marks)

1. Which one is not a highlight at Madam Toosard's?
  - (1) Listen to songs by music legends
  - (2) Buy miniature souvenirs of celebrities
  - (3) Take photographs with the wax figures
  - (4) See the lifelike wax figures of famous movie stars
  
2. How much would a 12-year-old boy have to pay if he wants to have a guided tour?
  - (1) \$18
  - (2) \$20
  - (3) \$25
  - (4) \$27
  
3. If you want to have a guided tour, what time is the earliest tour that you can join?
  - (1) 10.00 am
  - (2) 11.00 am
  - (3) 2.00 pm
  - (4) 7.00 pm
  
4. What does the entrance fee include?
  - (1) A music CD
  - (2) A guided tour
  - (3) A miniature celebrity souvenir
  - (4) One photograph with any celebrity wax figure
  
5. How can you book a guided tour for your parents?
  - (1) Visit the website
  - (2) Call the company
  - (3) Ask the tour guide
  - (4) Approach the ticket office

**Section B: Grammar (10 x 1 mark each = 10 marks)**

For each question from 6 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

6. It takes Alice at least \_\_\_\_\_ hour to travel to school each morning.
- (1) a
  - (2) an
  - (3) the
  - (4) some
7. It \_\_\_\_\_ since this morning.
- (1) rains
  - (2) rained
  - (3) has been raining
  - (4) have been raining
8. We cannot have too \_\_\_\_\_ luggage because we do not want to exceed the weight limit.
- (1) few
  - (2) little
  - (3) much
  - (4) many
9. The car belongs to your father, \_\_\_\_\_ it?
- (1) is
  - (2) isn't
  - (3) does
  - (4) doesn't
10. None of our rugby players hurt \_\_\_\_\_ during the match yesterday.
- (1) itself
  - (2) yourself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves

11. Founders' Day \_\_\_\_\_ on 1 March every year.
- (1) fall
  - (2) fell
  - (3) falls
  - (4) is falling
12. The traffic police booked all the cars that were illegally parked \_\_\_\_\_ the busy road.
- (1) at
  - (2) along
  - (3) beside
  - (4) around
13. Training for his race was hard work, \_\_\_\_\_ holding the gold medal in his hands made it all worthwhile.
- (1) but
  - (2) lest
  - (3) since
  - (4) instead
14. \_\_\_\_\_ he continues to misbehave, he will be caned.
- (1) If
  - (2) Since
  - (3) Should
  - (4) Although
15. His condition has worsened. He is in a \_\_\_\_\_ state now than last week.
- (1) critical
  - (2) more critical
  - (3) most critical
  - (4) as critical as



**Section C: Vocabulary (10 x 1 mark each = 10 marks)**

For each question from 16 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. Although Nathan has always been the top student in school, he remains \_\_\_\_\_ about his achievements.

- (1) honest
- (2) modest
- (3) moderate
- (4) composed

17. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for air when he reached the top of the mountain.

- (1) puffing
- (2) gasping
- (3) grasping
- (4) breathing

18. The statue has been placed in a \_\_\_\_\_ location so that everyone can see it.

- (1) glaring
- (2) deserted
- (3) secluded
- (4) prominent

19. Jane was unable to \_\_\_\_\_ her bag which had fallen into the lake.

- (1) take
- (2) bring
- (3) fetch
- (4) retrieve

20. Thomas \_\_\_\_\_ when he saw that the Discipline Master had worn his shirt inside out.

- (1) stiffened
- (2) shivered
- (3) sputtered
- (4) sniggered

21. As Janna had forgotten to water the plants for a week, they turned brown and began to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) bloom
  - (2) shrivel
  - (3) weather
  - (4) transform
22. She took a glance at the pupils and was \_\_\_\_\_ enough to identify the culprits.
- (1) shrewd
  - (2) cunning
  - (3) appropriate
  - (4) manipulative
23. Pauline \_\_\_\_\_ that they walked to school to avoid the traffic jam.
- (1) offered
  - (2) accepted
  - (3) wondered
  - (4) suggested
24. The Government has recently \_\_\_\_\_ a campaign to promote healthy living among Singaporeans.
- (1) made
  - (2) fulfilled
  - (3) launched
  - (4) celebrated
25. The weather in Antarctica is so cold and \_\_\_\_\_ that no one lives there permanently.
- (1) inflexible
  - (2) indifferent
  - (3) insensitive
  - (4) inhabitable

## Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks each = 10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

Earlier today, as Andy was walking home from school, he had seen a jet-black car parked outside William's house. "Did William's father buy him another car?" he wondered. He shrugged his shoulders and walked into his house.

Andy had missed his recess break because he was 5 reprimanded by his teacher for having played a prank on William in class. It was just a silly joke but William had to make such a big fuss out of it.

Just as he sat down to eat a sandwich, Andy heard a muffled cry from outside. He ran to the window just in time to see a boy being pushed into the black car. It sped down the road even before the doors of 10 the car were closed.

Andy ran out of the house quickly, jumped onto his bicycle and pedalled hard to catch up with it. Soon, the car became just a tiny dot and eventually disappeared.

Refusing to give up, Andy cycled around the neighbourhood in 15 search of the car. He had never been to this part of his cosy neighbourhood.

"Where could it have gone?" he muttered to himself. Just then, he spotted the same black car parked in the garage of a dilapidated house. As quietly as he could, he parked his bicycle behind a nearby 20 bush and began to creep towards the house. As he approached, he could hear raised voices.

"Who's there?" whispered one man suddenly. He peered out of the window and saw a cat dashing off as it let out a loud mew. "It's just a silly cat," he muttered. 25

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

26. Andy did not eat during his recess break as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he was not hungry
  - (2) William was crying
  - (3) his teacher held him back
  - (4) he was quarrelling with William
27. In line 13, 'just a tiny dot' means that the car was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) small
  - (2) shrinking
  - (3) very far away
  - (4) travelling very fast
28. In lines 16-17, the phrase "never been to this part of his cosy neighbourhood" tells you that Andy \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) lived far away
  - (2) had new neighbours
  - (3) was in a new neighbourhood
  - (4) was unfamiliar with the neighbourhood
29. Andy parked his bicycle behind a bush because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) was in a hurry
  - (2) had no place to park it
  - (3) did not want to block the driveway
  - (4) did not want anyone to know he was there
30. Andy knew that he was safe when \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he heard raised voices
  - (2) he spotted the jet-black car
  - (3) the man looked out of the window to investigate
  - (4) the man thought it was the cat that was making noise



## Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

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PAPER 2 - BOOKLET B

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| Paper                           | Maximum Marks | Marks Obtained |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Composition                  | 30            |                |
| 2. Language Use & Comprehension | 85            |                |
| 2.1 OAS (Booklet A)             | 35            |                |
| 2.2 Vocabulary Cloze            | 7             |                |
| 2.3 Grammar Cloze               | 7             |                |
| 2.4 Editing (SPG)               | 7             |                |
| 2.5 Comprehension Cloze         | 13            |                |
| 2.6 Comprehension               | 16            |                |
| 3. Listening Comprehension      | 15            |                |
| 4. Oral Communication           | 20            |                |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>150</b>    |                |

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## Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (7 x 1 mark each = 7 marks)

There are 7 blanks, numbered 31 to 37, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

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- |               |              |             |               |
|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| (A) gardens   | (D) type     | (G) roads   | (K) variety   |
| (B) backpacks | (E) ancient  | (H) modern  | (L) developed |
| (C) carried   | (F) entrance | (J) weighed | (M) jetty     |
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Granite rocks stand like guards at the main entry point to Pulau Ubin.

Before the \_\_\_\_\_ was built, one had to walk across the sand from the boat  
(31)

to land. It is easy to spot the islanders who are \_\_\_\_\_ down by supplies,  
(32)

the campers who have their \_\_\_\_\_, or the cyclists with their mountain  
(33)

bikes. To the visitor who is used to the comforts of \_\_\_\_\_ living, Pulau  
(34)

Ubin seems to be of a different time. This was what Singapore was like before

she was \_\_\_\_\_ and industrialised. Unlike the carefully manicured  
(35)

\_\_\_\_\_ in urban Singapore, natural areas in Ubin are a little wild, and  
(36)

relatively undisturbed. These areas support a large \_\_\_\_\_ of plants and  
(37)

animals. Pulau Ubin is a feast for the five senses.

Adapted from "Pulau Ubin. Ours to Treasure" by Chua Ee Kiam

## Section F: Grammar Cloze (7 x 1 mark each = 7 marks)

There are 7 blanks, numbered 38 to 44, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

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|          |          |         |            |
|----------|----------|---------|------------|
| (A) and  | (D) from | (G) a   | (K) during |
| (B) with | (E) even | (H) of  | (L) in     |
| (C) an   | (F) to   | (J) for | (M) off    |

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Marathons are held all over the world. Competitors range in age from the teen years \_\_\_\_\_ people in their nineties. Far \_\_\_\_\_ collapsing at the finish line, most participants finish the race with a sense \_\_\_\_\_ accomplishment and triumph. In fact, they are eager to begin training \_\_\_\_\_ the next race the following year. Some even take the trouble to travel to another country \_\_\_\_\_ order to run a different route. Clearly, the marathon has become \_\_\_\_\_ event for a wide variety of people, and one that is here to stay. Some enthusiasts progress from running marathons to taking part in biathlons and \_\_\_\_\_ triathlons.

Adapted from "How to Train and Run Your Best Marathon" by Gordon Bakoulis Bloch  
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## Section G: Editing (7 x 1 mark each = 7 marks)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation is denoted by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word (in terms of usage, spelling and form) in each of the boxes.

Singapore is known as a garden city – clean and green. There are litter bins everywhere and signs to remind us not to litter or we face a \$500 fine, if not

(45)

more. Yet  in certain parts of the island, people are beginning to litter

(46)

again. The authorities concerns have put in a tremendous amount of effort to

(47)

manetane the image of Singapore as a garden city. Those who commit the

(48)

offense and hope to get away with it are not doing a service to our country at

(49)

all. They should not only be fined if caught  In fact, the offenders are

sometimes ordered to pick up trash at the East Coast Park. Though some

(50)

people disagree with the disision of the authorities to punish the litter bugs in

(51)

this manner, there were many who agree with the authorities.



## Section H: Comprehension Cloze (13 x 1 mark each = 13 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Thiru was on his way out of his classroom when his schoolmates were screaming and howling with joy. They ran about, chasing one another and (52) \_\_\_\_\_ games on the glistening green field. Some of the children were at the edge (53) \_\_\_\_\_ the field, where the trees lined the fence.

It was right after the morning (54) \_\_\_\_\_ had ended. From the canteen, Thiru could (55) \_\_\_\_\_ the silhouette of a tall man with four children seated before him at the edge of the field. It was Mr. Lee and he was telling a (56) \_\_\_\_\_. Immediately, Thiru (57) \_\_\_\_\_ his bag close to his chest and (58) \_\_\_\_\_ his way across the field quickly. He would not (59) \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Lee's stories, not for the world.

(60) \_\_\_\_\_ was amiss. As Thiru approached the group, he noticed that there seemed to be something wrong with the (61) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr. Lee was standing. He was bending (62) \_\_\_\_\_ slightly with one hand on his stomach. His teeth were clenched and he appeared to be in (63) \_\_\_\_\_. Thiru had seen Mr. Lee like this. He looked around for help but there was no (64) \_\_\_\_\_ adult around. Thiru decided that he would have to do something fast.

Adapted from 'Thiru's Story' by A. Rajendran

## Section I: Comprehension (8 x 2 marks each = 16 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 65 to 72.

The person at the front door turned out to be Garrett. He seemed extremely worried and kept wringing his hands and shifting from one foot to the other.

"What's the matter, Garrett?" Roy asked slowly.

"Remember our conversation in class last week about what I was planning to do? Well, I ... I did it." 5

"You, what?" Roy almost shouted. "You did it? Even after I told you the possible consequences?"

Garrett had planned to welcome their new classmate, Ethan, by playing what he called a "classic prank" on him. He had started off extremely excited until Roy talked some sense into him. He appeared to have been convinced by Roy to be sensible, so it was surprising that he had gone ahead with it. 10

"Gosh! I don't know what got into me. I ... I should have heeded your advice and ignored Ethan!"

In his stuttering fashion, Garrett explained that he had invited Ethan over to his place to play some computer games. Upon arrival, Ethan walked to the half-open door and pushed it open. That was when the bucket filled with ice-cold water had fallen on him. 15

"It worked beautifully!" Garrett managed to smile as he said this.

"So, what's the problem? Why are you so worried?" Roy shot him a quizzical look. 20

"It wasn't only the water that hit Ethan. He's lying unconscious in my house right now." Garrett started sobbing as Roy gasped in horror. 207

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

65. What was the relationship between Roy and Ethan?

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66. State in your own words **two** actions which tell us that Garrett was anxious when he first met Roy.

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67. "...I did it." (line 6). What was Garrett referring to?

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68. Explain clearly why Roy advised Garrett against carrying out the plan.

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69. Explain clearly why Roy was surprised that Garrett had carried out the plan.

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70. Quote a group of five words from the passage to show that Garrett regretted what he had done.

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71. Why did Roy give Garrett a quizzical look?

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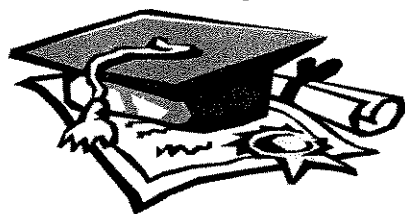
72. What do you think caused Ethan to become unconscious?

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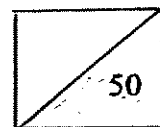
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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. 1  | 31) M                                 | 41) J         | 51) are       |
| 2. 4  | 32) J                                 | 42) L         | 52) playing   |
| 3. 3  | 33) B                                 | 43) C         | 53) of        |
| 4. 4  | 34) H                                 | 44) E         | 54) session   |
| 5. 4  | 35) L                                 | 45) ,         | 55) see       |
| 6. 2  | 36) A                                 | 46) concerned | 56) story     |
| 7. 3  | 37) K                                 | 47) maintain  | 57) clutched  |
| 8. 3  | 38) F                                 | 48) offence   | 58) made      |
| 9. 4  | 39) D                                 | 49) .         | 59) miss      |
| 10. 4 | 40) H                                 | 50) decision  | 60) Something |
| 11. 3 |                                       |               |               |
| 12. 2 | 61) way                               |               |               |
| 13. 1 | 62) Forward                           |               |               |
| 14. 1 | 63) pain                              |               |               |
| 15. 2 | 64) other                             |               |               |
| 16. 2 | 65) Roy and Ethan were classmates.    |               |               |
| 17. 2 |                                       |               |               |
| 18. 4 | 66) He wring his hands constantly and |               |               |
| 19. 4 | shifted from one foot to the other.   |               |               |
| 20. 4 |                                       |               |               |
| 21. 2 | 67) He was referring to the prank he  |               |               |
| 22. 1 | played on than.                       |               |               |
| 23. 4 |                                       |               |               |
| 24. 3 | 68) The prank was too dangerous and   |               |               |
| 25. 4 | someone could get hurt.               |               |               |
| 26. 3 |                                       |               |               |
| 27. 3 | 69) Garrett appeared to have changed  |               |               |
| 28. 4 | his mind after Roy persuaded him      |               |               |
| 29. 4 | to drop the idea.                     |               |               |
| 30. 4 |                                       |               |               |
|       | 70) The five words are "should have   |               |               |
|       | heeded your advice."                  |               |               |

71) Roy could not understand why Garrett looked so worried if the prank worked so well.

72) The bucket must have fallen and hit Ethan head.

**HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**2007 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PRIMARY 4**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

**SECTION A: VOCABULARY (5 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. The two girls \_\_\_\_\_ to each other. I wonder what they were talking about.

- (1) shrieked
- (2) snapped
- (3) whispered
- (4) whistled

( )

2. My brother went to the \_\_\_\_\_ to get a new pair of spectacles.

- (1) doctor
- (2) optician
- (3) physician
- (4) veterinarian

( )

3. The National Day Parade is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ event. Our school choir takes part in this event every year.

- (1) annual
- (2) biannual
- (3) fortnightly
- (4) weekly

( )

4. Eunice has no difficulty \_\_\_\_\_ a crocodile from an alligator.

- (1) comparing
- (2) distinguishing
- (3) identifying
- (4) recognizing

( )



5. My father is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ driver as he has never met with any accidents in his twenty years as a taxi driver.

- (1) careless
- (2) cautious
- (3) experienced
- (4) reckless

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**SECTION B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

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6. This brood of chickens \_\_\_\_\_ imported from Malaysia.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) has
- (4) have

( )

7. These are \_\_\_\_\_ while those are \_\_\_\_\_. Please do not mix them up.

- (1) our ; him
- (2) my ; hers
- (3) mine ; their
- (4) ours ; theirs

( )

8. Glen \_\_\_\_\_ his homework after his dinner.

- (1) will do
- (2) is doing
- (3) has done
- (4) have done

( )

9. \_\_\_\_\_ the children were playing in the garden, they saw a snake on a tree.

- (1) So
- (2) Since
- (3) While
- (4) Although

( )

10. Mr Tan, \_\_\_\_\_ money was stolen, reported the theft to the police.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) whose

( )

11. "You are telling the truth, \_\_\_\_\_ you?" asked Mr Ho.

- (1) isn't
- (2) aren't
- (3) wasn't
- (4) weren't

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Read the following passage and select the best answer for each question. Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

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A merchant named Dylan set off to travel abroad. Before he left, he asked his neighbour, Ken, to keep a bar of gold for him while he was away.

Months later, Dylan returned. He went to his neighbour's house to get his bar of gold. However, the greedy Ken told him, "My friend, I am very sorry to inform you that mice have eaten your bar of gold."

Dylan could hardly believe his ears. Still, he knew it was pointless to argue with Ken. Thus, he went away peacefully.

A few days later, Ken's son accompanied Dylan to the city. On the way back, Dylan led the boy to a cave nearby. He gave the boy some food and water and told him to rest in the cave. Then Dylan closed the mouth of the cave with a rock.

When he reached home, his neighbour, Ken, greeted him and asked him where his son was.

Dylan replied in a sad tone, "I am sorry to tell you this. On our way back, a large eagle flew down and carried your son away. I could not do anything to stop it."

"How can an eagle carry a big boy like my son away?" Ken asked angrily.

"Well, if mice can eat gold, an eagle can carry a boy," Dylan calmly replied.

Ken realised that he had wronged his friend. He apologised to Dylan and returned the gold bar to him.

12. Dylan was away on his first trip for a few \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) days
  - (2) months
  - (3) weeks
  - (4) years
- ( )
13. Dylan wanted Ken to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) sell his bar of gold
  - (2) buy his bar of gold
  - (3) keep his bar of gold
  - (4) feed the mice with his bar of gold
- ( )
14. Ken told Dylan that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he had sold the bar of gold
  - (2) the bar of gold had been lost
  - (3) he fed the mice with the bar of gold
  - (4) the bar of gold had been eaten by mice
- ( )
15. What happened to Ken's son?
- (1) He was killed on his way home.
  - (2) He was carried away by an eagle.
  - (3) He was hidden in a cave by Dylan.
  - (4) He was pushed into a well on his way home.
- ( )
16. Which one of these words best describes Ken's character?
- (1) lazy
  - (2) trustworthy
  - (3) diligent
  - (4) dishonest
- ( )

**SECTION D: Vocabulary Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

(A) Choose the correct word from the box to fill in each blank in the passage. Use each word ONCE only.

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| include | lower  | choices  | decrease | healthy |
| exclude | choice | increase | best     | disease |

Research has shown that Singaporeans have a much lower daily calcium intake than the rest of the world. This is the reason why many people suffer from the bone-thinning (17) \_\_\_\_\_, also known as osteoporosis. Although taking more dairy products will (18) \_\_\_\_\_ your calcium intake, it will also add on to your weight. Therefore, it is better to (19) \_\_\_\_\_ other calcium-rich food such as sardines and beancurd in your diet. Vegetables such as kale, broccoli and turnip are good (20) \_\_\_\_\_ too. You may like to try cereals and grain products which make a (21) \_\_\_\_\_ meal for breakfast. This would be a good start for the day.

(B) Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

The accident took place last week. It was a Monday afternoon and I was on my way home when I (22) \_\_\_\_\_ a loud noise. I turned to look at the direction where the noise came from and saw that a lorry had (23) \_\_\_\_\_ with a car. Soon, a lot of people had (24) \_\_\_\_\_ around the accident area. One of the drivers was badly (25) \_\_\_\_\_. Someone dialled for the ambulance and it (26) \_\_\_\_\_ shortly. The injured driver was helped onto a stretcher and carried into the ambulance.

**SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

(A) Choose the correct word from the box to fill in each blank in the passage. Use each word ONCE only.

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| up | under | into | on  | onto |
| at | to    | in   | out | of   |

**On-The-Spot Drawing Contest**

The annual on-the-spot drawing contest is here again! The contest will be held (27) \_\_\_\_\_ the Singapore Zoological Gardens. It is open (28) \_\_\_\_\_ all students aged between 7 to 12 years old. It will be held (29) \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2007, from 8 am to 4 pm. Children who wish to participate must cut (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the coupons from the Zoo News. Participants are to fill (31) \_\_\_\_\_ their particulars on the entry form and submit it on the day of the contest. Participants are also required to bring their own drawing materials.

(B) Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

Jade, Kym and Linda are triplets. They (32) \_\_\_\_\_ born on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 1997. They are (33) \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Four this year. The three of them look alike. Teachers have difficulties trying to tell (34) \_\_\_\_\_ apart. Once, their mother tried to give each of them a different hairstyle so that it (35) \_\_\_\_\_ be easier to tell them apart. The triplets were horrified. The girls were happy (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the way they were and did not want to change. No one ever tried to change them again.

**SECTION F: Comprehension Open Ended (7 x 2 marks)**

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

June was on her way home from school last Friday. She was feeling tired as she had just finished her supplementary class after a long day. As she was waiting for her bus, she noticed a wallet on the seat at the bus-stop. June suspected that someone had left the wallet behind accidentally. She picked up the wallet hoping to find a way to return the wallet to its owner.

She was delighted to see an address card in the wallet. She decided to bring the wallet personally to the address found on the address card since there was no Neighbourhood Police Post nearby for her to hand the wallet to.

When June reached the place, she rang the door bell. No one answered the door. June decided to wait for the owner to return. An hour later, June's perseverance finally paid off when a middle-aged housewife walked towards the door she was waiting at.

"Good afternoon, Madam. Are you Mrs. Lee?" asked June.

"Yes, I am. Is there anything I can do for you?" the lady answered.

June showed the wallet to her and said, "I think you dropped this at the bus-stop earlier today."

"Thank you very much for making the effort to bring it to me. I did not think I would get it back. It's getting late, you better go home now," replied the surprised Mrs. Lee.

Little did June expect ~~that~~ Mrs. Lee to call the school to praise her for her honesty. The principal commended June for being a model pupil to her fellow schoolmates.

37. Why was June tired?

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38. What did June intend to do when she picked up the wallet?

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39. How did June find out where the owner lived?

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40. Why did June return the wallet to its owner personally?

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41. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'determination'?

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42. Why was Mrs. Lee surprised?

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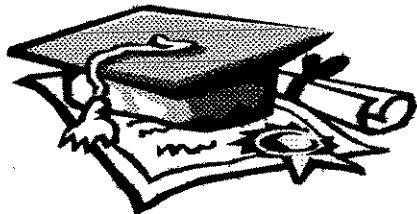
43. Which sentence in the passage tells you that June did not expect any rewards?

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**The End**  
**Remember to check your work!**

**Setters: Mdm Wong and Miss Wong KF**



# ANSWER SHEET

HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH 2007  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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| 1.3   | 17) disease  | 33) in    |
| 2.2   | 18) increase | 34) them  |
| 3.1   | 19) include  | 35) would |
| 4.2   | 20) choices  | 36) with  |
| 5.2   | 21) healthy  |           |
| 6.1   | 22) heard    |           |
| 7.4   | 23) collided |           |
| 8.1   | 24) crowded  |           |
| 9.3   | 25) injured  |           |
| 10. 4 | 26) arrived  |           |
| 11. 2 | 27) at       |           |
| 12. 2 | 28) to       |           |
| 13. 3 | 29) on       |           |
| 14. 4 | 30) out      |           |
| 15. 3 | 31) in       |           |
| 16. 4 | 32) were     |           |

- 37) June was tired because she had just finished her supplementary class after a long day.
- 38) She was hoping to find possible ways to return the wallet.
- 39) She found it on the address card.
- 40) There was no Neighbourhood Police station near by.
- 41) The word is 'perseverance'.
- 42) She did not expect to get her wallet back.
- 43) The sentence is 'Little did June expect Mrs Lee to call the school to praise her for her honesty.'

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2007**

**CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT TWO  
PRIMARY 4  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2**

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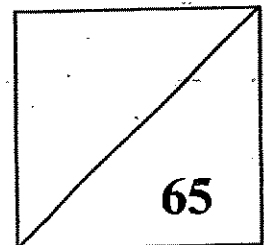
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**Class : Primary** \_\_\_\_\_

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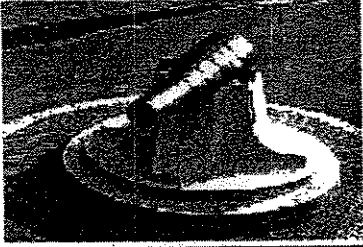
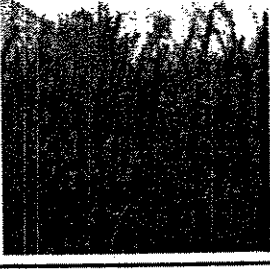
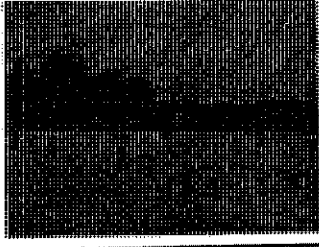
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Part 1

**Section A: Graphic Stimulus (4 x 1 mark)**

Study the following advertisement and then use it to answer questions 1 to 4.

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| <a href="#">HOME</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <a href="#">EXPLORE SENTOSA</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="#">HOTELS &amp; SPAS</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">EVENTS &amp; PROMOTIONS</a> |
| <h1 style="font-family: cursive;">Songs of the Sea</h1> <p>Prepare to be enchanted at Sentosa!</p> <p>World's first permanent show set in the sea.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Explore now &gt;&gt;</a></p>                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                             |                                         |
| <h2>Upcoming Events</h2>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                         |
| <p><b>Fort Siloso Tours</b></p> <p>Find Asia's largest artillery collection here</p>  <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Activities &gt;&gt;</a></p> | <p><b>Herb and Spice Garden</b></p> <p>Join our Green Pharmacy &amp; Culinary Guided Tours</p>  <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Nature &gt;&gt;</a></p> | <p><b>Palawan Beach</b></p> <p>Soak up the sun at Singapore's Finest Family Beach</p>  <p style="text-align: right;"><a href="#">Beaches &gt;&gt;</a></p> |                                         |
| <a href="#">PRIVACY POLICY</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <a href="#">SITEMAP</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <a href="#">FAQ</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <a href="#">CONTACT US</a>              |
| <a href="#">USEFUL LINKS</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                         |

For each question from 1 to 4, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. This is most likely a webpage for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) the Army (2) Sentosa  
(3) gardeners (4) sea lovers.
  
2. Ahmad enjoys music very much. He would definitely visit the \_\_\_\_\_ if he has a chance.  
(1) Palawan Beach (2) Fort Siloso tours  
(3) Songs of the Sea Show (4) Herb and Spice Garden
  
3. Users at this webpage can choose to view the contents in \_\_\_\_\_ language(s).  
(1) one (2) two  
(3) three (4) four
  
4. If Sally needs to look for a telephone number for enquiries, she can click on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) Sitemap (2) FAQ  
(3) Contact Us (4) Useful Links

**Section B: Grammar MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 5 to 9, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

5. Mary \_\_\_\_\_ a glass of milk every night before she goes to bed.  
(1) drink (2) drinks  
(3) drank (4) is drinking
6. Tom loves drawing. He \_\_\_\_\_ draws a picture every evening.  
(1) never (2) seldom  
(3) usually (4) rarely
7. Su Ling was sitting \_\_\_\_\_ a cafe when her handphone rang.  
(1) in (2) on  
(3) around (4) along
8. It is not safe to walk in this dark alley \_\_\_\_\_ you do not have a companion.  
(1) but (2) or  
(3) so (4) if
9. My uncle ate all the chips, so there wasn't \_\_\_\_\_ left.  
(1) some (2) any  
(3) no (4) none

**Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 10 to 12, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Janet was at a crowded fast food restaurant. When it was her turn to order, she politely asked, "May I have a fish burger meal, please (10) The unfriendly-looking counter staff prepared the meal very quickly and demanded, "\$5.50!"

"I have already given you \$10," Janet replied. The staff stared hard at Janet and shouted at her rudely, "You didn't give me any money (11)

The two of them started to squabble and it attracted the attention of the manager. As he walked over to handle the commotion, he suddenly bent down and picked up a red note.

The squabble stopped immediately and the staff's eyes were cast on the ground. After the manager apologised to Janet, she got a free fish burger meal and her ten dollars back (12)

10. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas  
 (2) [." ] full stop and inverted commas  
 (3) [?" ] question mark and inverted commas  
 (4) [!" ] exclamation mark and inverted commas

11. (1) [,"] comma and inverted commas  
 (2) [." ] full stop and inverted commas  
 (3) [?" ] question mark and inverted commas  
 (4) [!" ] exclamation mark and inverted commas

12. (1) [,] comma  
 (2) [.] full stop  
 (3) [?] question mark  
 (4) [!] exclamation mark



**Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (4 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

13. The fisherman cast his \_\_\_\_\_ into the sea in the hope of scooping more fishes.
- |          |          |
|----------|----------|
| (1) net  | (2) rod  |
| (3) hook | (4) bait |
14. It is important to eat \_\_\_\_\_ food to maintain a healthy diet.
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|----------------|----------------|
| (1) nutritious | (2) beneficial |
| (3) delicious  | (4) useful     |
15. Mr Tan had to overcome a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ before he became a millionaire.
- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| (1) sorrow       | (2) persistence   |
| (3) difficulties | (4) determination |
16. Blizzards are dangerous because they cause snow to \_\_\_\_\_ into huge piles.
- |           |            |
|-----------|------------|
| (1) drift | (2) swirl  |
| (3) bury  | (4) freeze |

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 17 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

It was early in the morning. Joanne woke up for school as usual. Something was different that morning when she looked out of the window. The streets were empty except for a few passers-by walking around the neighbourhood. (17)

Scratching her head, Joanne started to dress for school and went to take her breakfast. Strangely, there was no food on the table. "Oh no!" she thought frantically. Her mother must have overslept again. (18)

Rushing to her mother's room, she shook her mother's arms hard, hoping to rouse her from her deep sleep. (19)

Finally, her mother muttered in a low voice, "What do you want now? It's Sunday, you know?" (20)

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|-----|---------------|---------------|
| 17. | (1) blank     | (2) barren    |
|     | (3) hollow    | (4) deserted  |
| 18. | (1) worriedly | (2) madly     |
|     | (3) quickly   | (4) excitedly |
| 19. | (1) agitate   | (2) stir      |
|     | (3) shake     | (4) call      |
| 20. | (1) whispered | (2) croaked   |
|     | (3) mumbled   | (4) hissed    |

**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25.

Walter leaned on the railings and watched the children zoom past. At the young age of five, they sped around the rink in their rollerblade shoes. He looked on with envy. It looked quite easy for him to pick up the sport. Well, if they could do it, there was no reason why a young chap like him should fail.

He walked towards the rental store and picked out a pair of blue rollerblade shoes. Next, he chose a helmet that fitted his head. Then, he dug through the basket for protection guards. Finally, he proceeded to the cashier and paid for the equipment with his credit card.

Walter sat down and began to put on the gears. He had no problem with the shoes, helmet and wrist guards. However, he could not differentiate between the elbow and knee guards. He inspected the four guards but he was still clueless. Feeling frustrated, he started to compare them. He found that two of them were slightly bigger; those must be for the knees.

Walter was ready. He stood up gingerly as he tried to balance on his wheels. Then he bent down and stood up again. He repeated these actions several times until he was ready to take his first step after five minutes of hard work!

—He put a foot out. Zoom! Walter fell with both legs in the air.

Walter had rented the equipment at 11.15 am. He returned them at 11.30 am!

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

21. Why did Walter look on at the children with envy?
- (1) He wished he were five years old.
  - (2) He did not know how to rollerblade.
  - (3) He was not sure if he could pick up the sport.
  - (4) He was sure that the children had picked up the sport very easily.

22. Why did he inspect the four guards?
- (1) He wanted to check for damages.
  - (2) He wanted to make sure that they were clean.
  - (3) He wanted to identify the elbow guards from the knee guards.
  - (4) He wanted to make sure that all four guards were of the same size.
23. Walter bent down and stood up several times to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) steady himself
  - (2) straighten his legs
  - (3) pick up his fallen coins
  - (4) check the rollerblade shoes
24. How do you think Walter felt after he took his first step?
- (1) He felt sorry.
  - (2) He felt happy.
  - (3) He felt excited.
  - (4) He felt embarrassed.
25. Walter returned the equipment after fifteen minutes because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he gave up learning the sport
  - (2) he had something urgent to attend to
  - (3) he had succeeded in learning the sport
  - (4) he had managed to rollerblade very quickly

~ End of Part 1 ~

~ Please check your work carefully ~

## Part 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Pr 4

Marks: \_\_\_\_\_ / 40

Section G: Grammar Cloze (6 x 1 mark)

There are 6 blanks numbered 26 to 31, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

|                   |                        |                    |                     |                     |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <del>(A) a</del>  | <del>(B) and</del>     | <del>(C) the</del> | <del>(D) or</del>   | <del>(E) with</del> |
| <del>(F) as</del> | <del>(G) because</del> | <del>(H) on</del>  | <del>(J) over</del> | <del>(K) so</del>   |

One quiet evening, I was alone at home watching television. I was watching a very boring show because there were no other programmes (26) \_\_\_\_\_ television and I had nothing else to do. Lazing on the couch (27) \_\_\_\_\_ a glum look on my face, I felt myself slipping into a slumber.

Suddenly, I heard loud knocks on the door. I sprang upright immediately (28) \_\_\_\_\_ as a result, the glass in my hand fell to the floor and shattered into bits. Feeling frustrated, I tried to avoid the sharp shards on the floor (29) \_\_\_\_\_ I made my way to the door.

Just then, a cockroach ran (30) \_\_\_\_\_ my foot. In my fright, I withdrew my foot and accidentally stepped onto the glass bits. I groaned. Thankfully, I sustained only a minor cut.

Meanwhile, the knocks were still loud and fast. I managed to hobble to the door and open it. A girl in (31) \_\_\_\_\_ red T-shirt smiled and asked, "Auntie, do you want to buy some biscuits? They are freshly baked and cheap."

I slammed the door.

**Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (8 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 32 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Tsunami is a Japanese word which means harbour waves. A tsunami is a series of huge waves  
 (32)   
 that **hapern** after an undersea disturbance, such as an earthquake or volcano eruption. The waves  
 travel in all directions from the area of disturbance. They are like the ripples that occur after a rock is  
 (33)   
throw into the water.

The waves may travel in the open sea as fast as 724 kilometres per hour. As a big waves  
 (35)   
 approach **shalow** waters along the coast, they grow to a great height and smash into the shore. They  
 (36)   
 can be as high as 30 metres. They can cause a lot of **distruktion** on the shore.

They are sometimes mistakenly called "tidal waves" but a tsunami has nothing to do by the  
 (37)   
 tides.

Hawaii is a state which is frequently hit by a tsunami. They get about once a year, with a  
 (38)   
 damaging tsunami happening about once every seven years. Alaska is also at high reesk. California,  
 (39)   
 Oregon and Washington experienced a damaging tsunami about every eighteen years.

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)****Passage 1**

There are four blanks, numbered 40 to 43, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

|             |            |               |           |            |
|-------------|------------|---------------|-----------|------------|
| (A) release | (B) stayed | (C) surrender | (D) save  | (E) feared |
| (F) kill    | (G) afraid | (H) die       | (J) lived | (K) lose   |

Edward "Blackbeard" Teach was undoubtedly one of the most feared and most despised pirates of all times. Edward Teach is thought to have (40) \_\_\_\_\_ in England before his pirate career. He was named "Blackbeard" as his large black beard almost covered his entire face.

To strike terror in the hearts of his enemies, Blackbeard would weave hemp into his hair, and light it during battle. Edward Teach was an unusually large man, carrying two swords, numerous knives, and pistols - he was (41) \_\_\_\_\_ by his own crew.

At the sight of this pirate, many of his victims were quick to (42) \_\_\_\_\_ without a fight. He would often just take their valuables, rum and weapons before allowing them to sail away. However, if they fought back, he would either (43) \_\_\_\_\_ the crew or abandon them on a deserted island. Blackbeard needed to maintain his devilish image in order to maintain the respect of his crew.

**Passage 2**

There are four blanks, numbered 44 to 47, in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

You have probably heard of the Yellow River in China, but have you heard of the Orange River?

The Orange River is the longest river in South Africa (44) \_\_\_\_\_ a total length of 2200 km. It was first discovered by the local Nama people. It was named the Orange River in honour of William of Orange. A popular but incorrect belief is that the river was named after the supposedly orange colour of its (45) \_\_\_\_\_

For people who like rafting, they can spend a few days at the Orange River where they will explore the magnificent desert eco-system. There are many (46) \_\_\_\_\_ of plants and insects to discover. Other than hiking and fishing, they can also experience the various river activities. As they will go through fast-flowing waters, there are guides providing them with useful knowledge to ensure their (47) \_\_\_\_\_ so that they can have fun without putting themselves in danger.



**Section J: Synthesis (4 x 2 marks)**

**For each of the questions from 48 to 51, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).**

48. Michael will buy a present for Mother. James will buy a present for Mother.

Either \_\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_\_

49. Yasmine is going to the kitchen. She will get you a drink.

\_\_\_\_\_ since  
\_\_\_\_\_

50. There was a traffic jam. Mr Ong was late for work.

As a result \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

51. It was raining heavily. Penny was late for the concert.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K: Comprehension Open Ended (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer Questions 52 to 56.  
Your answers must be based on the passage.

Helen Keller was born a healthy baby in America on 27 June 1880. Her disabilities were caused by a fever when she was 19 months old. After that, Helen had problems communicating with her family because they could not understand each other.

Slowly, she invented over sixty different signs that she could use to communicate with her family. Shortly after, her mother contacted a school for the Blind. The school sent a teacher called Anne Sullivan to teach Helen. Anne was visually impaired and only 20 years old. It was the beginning of a 49-year long period of working together.

First, Anne got permission from Helen's father to keep her away from the rest of the family in a little house in their garden. She wanted to instill discipline in the <sup>54</sup>(spoilt girl). Anne was able to teach Helen to think and to speak by touching the lips of others as they spoke. She also learnt to read several languages in Braille. After that, Helen started to attend school. Anne accompanied her. In 1904, Helen became the first deaf and blind person to graduate from a college.

Helen became a world-famous speaker and author and she made it her life's mission to help the handicap. Helen did it by travelling all over the world to over 39 countries to spread messages to get support for the handicapped people.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

52. What were Helen's disabilities?

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53. How did Helen communicate with her family?

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54. Why did Anne keep Helen away from her family to instill discipline in her?

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55. Which sentence tells you that Helen achieved a special place in history as a student?

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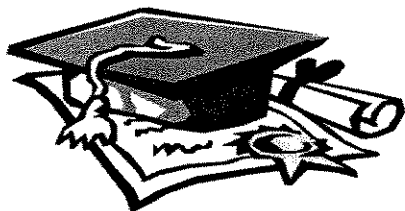
56. How do you think Helen became a world-famous speaker and author?

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~ End of Part 2 ~

~ Please check your work carefully ~



# ANSWER SHEET

AI TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH 2007  
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (2)

- |       |                                                                                               |            |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. 2  | 31) A                                                                                         | 41) E      |
| 2. 3  | 32) happen                                                                                    | 42) C      |
| 3. 2  | 33) thrown                                                                                    | 43) F      |
| 4. 3  | 34) the                                                                                       | 44) with   |
| 5. 2  | 35) shallow                                                                                   | 45) water  |
| 6. 3  | 36) destruction                                                                               | 46) types  |
| 7. 1  | 37) with                                                                                      | 47) safety |
| 8. 4  | 38) risk                                                                                      |            |
| 9. 2  | 39) experience                                                                                |            |
| 10. 3 | 40) I                                                                                         |            |
| 11. 4 |                                                                                               |            |
| 12. 2 | 48) Either Michael or James will buy a present for Mother.                                    |            |
| 13. 1 |                                                                                               |            |
| 14. 1 |                                                                                               |            |
| 15. 3 | 49) Yasmine will get you a drink since she is going to the kitchen.                           |            |
| 16. 2 |                                                                                               |            |
| 17. 4 |                                                                                               |            |
| 18. 4 | 50) As a result of a traffic jam, Mr Ong was late for work.                                   |            |
| 19. 2 |                                                                                               |            |
| 20. 3 |                                                                                               |            |
| 21. 4 | 51) Penny was late for the concert because it was raining heavily.                            |            |
| 22. 3 |                                                                                               |            |
| 23. 1 |                                                                                               |            |
| 24. 4 | 52) She was deaf and blind.                                                                   |            |
| 25. 1 |                                                                                               |            |
| 26. H | 53) She communicated with her family by using over sixty signs that she had invented.         |            |
| 27. E |                                                                                               |            |
| 28. B |                                                                                               |            |
| 29. F |                                                                                               |            |
| 30. J | 54) Helen was a spoilt girl.                                                                  |            |
|       | 55) The sentence is "In 1904, Helen became the first deaf person to graduate from a college." |            |

56)Helen traveled all over the world to more than 39 countries to spread messages to get support for the handicapped people.

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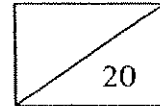
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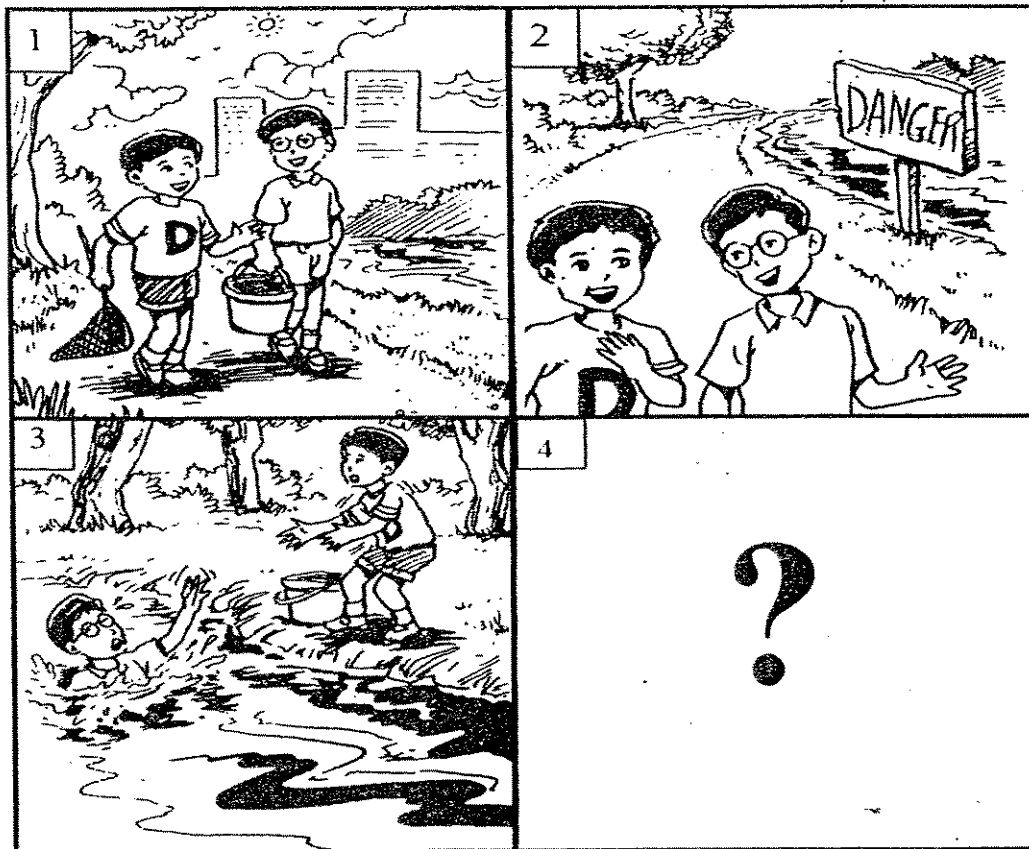
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There are two questions in this paper. Answer only **ONE** of them.

**Question 1**

Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words and phrases in the box. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.



|             |                  |            |                         |
|-------------|------------------|------------|-------------------------|
| fishing net | chatting happily | pail       | a sign                  |
| lake        | slipped and fell | frightened | struggling in the water |

**Question 2**

One evening, you and your friends were playing in the park. Suddenly, you heard a noise coming from the bushes.

Write a composition of at least 120 words based on the above situation.

Make use of the following points in your composition. You may re-order the points. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

- how you and your friends felt
- what you and your friends did
- what happened in the end

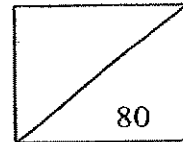
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**Section A: Vocabulary (13 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Susie liked Siti's new bag. She looked at it with \_\_\_\_\_ and wished that she had a similar one too.

- (1) envy (2) despair  
(3) disgust (4) respect ( )

2. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ when they heard strange sounds coming from the unoccupied room. They turned pale and their hair stood on ends.

- (1) elated (2) thrilled  
(3) terrified (4) humiliated ( )

3. The grocer needed a/an \_\_\_\_\_ to cope with the extra number of customers patronizing his shop during the festive season.

- (1) warden (2) assistant  
(3) invigilator (4) caretaker ( )

4. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in amusement as she read the letter because it was rather funny.

- (1) moaning (2) swearing  
(3) chuckling (4) arguing ( )



5. Everyone hurried past the lost boy as if he was \_\_\_\_\_. No one gave any thought to his plight.
- (1) unmistakable (2) invisible  
(3) uneasy (4) irreplaceable ( )
6. It was almost \_\_\_\_\_ to get a table at the food centre during lunch time. The place was crowded with people.
- (1) imaginable (2) improper  
(3) immobile (4) impossible ( )
7. The soldier was \_\_\_\_\_ as he had saved a baby trapped in a burning building. He was awarded a medal for that.
- (1) dishonourable (2) appalling  
(3) courageous (4) mischievous ( )
8. My baby cousin is so cute and \_\_\_\_\_ that we feel like cuddling her whenever we see her.
- (1) irritable (2) adorable  
(3) charitable (4) dispensable ( )
9. Mr Tsang \_\_\_\_\_ for the necklace. It was a very expensive gift for his beloved daughter.
- (1) turned a deaf ear (2) split his sides with laughter  
(3) paid through the nose (4) was on pins and needles ( )
10. As the fish was wet and \_\_\_\_\_, I could not hold onto it. It swam away quickly.
- (1) as hard as a stone (2) as soft as silk  
(3) as delicate as a swan (4) as slippery as an eel ( )
11. The doctor used a \_\_\_\_\_ to take my temperature to see if I had a fever.
- (1) tong (2) funnel  
(3) thermometer (4) stethoscope ( )

For Questions 12 and 13, choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s).

12. The crew took leave of the ship when it started to sink rapidly.

- |                |               |     |
|----------------|---------------|-----|
| (1) relocated  | (2) boarded   |     |
| (3) terminated | (4) abandoned | ( ) |

13. The platoon commanders could not comprehend what the captain had just said to them.

- |             |                |     |
|-------------|----------------|-----|
| (1) accept  | (2) explain    |     |
| (3) dispute | (4) understand | ( ) |

**Section B: Grammar MCQ (12 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

14. We have been practising basketball \_\_\_\_\_ 10 am. We are very tired.

- |           |           |     |
|-----------|-----------|-----|
| (1) as    | (2) for   |     |
| (3) since | (4) while | ( ) |

15. Just add \_\_\_\_\_ drop of colouring from this bottle into \_\_\_\_\_ mixture.

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|--------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) a...an   | (2) a...the  |     |
| (3) an...the | (4) the...an | ( ) |

16. The lion jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the deep moat that blocked its way and escaped from the zoo.

- |           |             |     |
|-----------|-------------|-----|
| (1) over  | (2) along   |     |
| (3) below | (4) through | ( ) |

17. \_\_\_\_\_ the pupils was present today.

- |                  |          |     |
|------------------|----------|-----|
| (1) A few of     | (2) Both |     |
| (3) Every one of | (4) All  | ( ) |

18. "She saw you, \_\_\_\_\_?" said Meili.
- (1) does she (2) did she  
(3) don't she (4) didn't she ( )
19. That particular herd of elephants \_\_\_\_\_ heading towards the watering hole when a lion appeared before the entire group.
- (1) is (2) are  
(3) was (4) were ( )
20. "Is there \_\_\_\_\_ food in the house? I'm starving!" Sam exclaimed.
- (1) a few (2) many  
(3) any (4) much ( )
21. Anne and her brother told Leo that \_\_\_\_\_ like English more than any other subjects.
- (1) it (2) he  
(3) she (4) they ( )
22. The members of the Drama Club \_\_\_\_\_ once a week to discuss the play.
- (1) meet (2) meets  
(3) is meeting (4) was met ( )
23. Mary: Whose shoes are these?  
Ahmad: ~~They are my brothers'.~~ They are \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) his (2) ours  
(3) yours (4) theirs ( )
24. Jack did not \_\_\_\_\_ with the bank robbery. He could not outwit the police.
- (1) get up (2) get off  
(3) get away (4) get by ( )

25. Direct Speech: "I am buying a teddy bear for Devi tomorrow," Karen said.  
Indirect Speech: \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Karen said that she was buying a teddy bear for Devi tomorrow.
- (2) Karen said that she was buying a teddy bear for Devi the next day.
- (3) Karen said that she is buying a teddy bear for Devi tomorrow.
- (4) Karen said that she is buying a teddy bear for Devi the next day.

( )

**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the list of words given below and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

**Passage 1****USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY**(A) ~~exciting~~(C) ~~realised~~(E) ~~snake~~(G) ~~trip~~(B) ~~humorous~~(D) ~~rivers~~(F) ~~transport~~(H) ~~walk~~

The state of Sarawak is known as the land of many rivers. On my flight from Singapore to Sibul, I (26) \_\_\_\_\_ why. Looking out of the aeroplane window, I had seen a myriad of (27) \_\_\_\_\_, both large and small bodies of water. They seemed to (28) \_\_\_\_\_ their way through rainforests and small towns as if never-ending. One of these lively towns is Sibul, on the banks of Sarawak's mighty Rejang River. "We're going on a (29) \_\_\_\_\_ up the river," my friend said early one morning. "We're going to stay in an Iban longhouse just beyond the Pelagus Rapids." That sounded like a really (30) \_\_\_\_\_ journey.

**Passage 2****Fill each blank with a suitable word.**

James is a litterbug. Despite repeated reminders by his parents and friends, he still continued to (31)\_\_\_\_\_. He always found it more convenient to throw whatever rubbish he had wherever he was rather than walk to the nearest rubbish (32)\_\_\_\_\_.

One fine day, he was at a park enjoying some snacks all by himself. He was standing near a "No Littering" (33)\_\_\_\_\_. Soon, a heap of rubbish consisting of sweet wrappers, empty food packets and banana peel had formed at the (34)\_\_\_\_\_ of the pole where the sign was. If he was ever caught littering, he would have to pay a (35)\_\_\_\_\_ of five hundred dollars.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct answer from the list of words given and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

**Passage 1**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

|                     |                      |                      |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <del>(A)</del> how  | <del>(C)</del> when  | <del>(E)</del> which | <del>(G)</del> whose |
| <del>(B)</del> what | <del>(D)</del> where | <del>(F)</del> who   | <del>(H)</del> why   |

“Would you like to earn some money?” the man in the brown jacket asked Sam. Sam nodded and said, “Sure, (36) \_\_\_\_\_ do I have to do?” The man smiled. “Just sell this pig for me,” he whispered. Sam looked at the thin pig and asked, “(37) \_\_\_\_\_ should I go to sell the pig?” The man pushed the pig over to Sam. “Sell it at the market,” he suggested. Sam patted the pig and asked, “(38) \_\_\_\_\_ is the best time for me to sell the pig?” “Now, young man. Go now,” the man replied.

“(39) \_\_\_\_\_ would he want to sell his pig? It’s a thin pig. (40) \_\_\_\_\_ would want to buy it?” Sam wondered.

**Passage 2**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

|                   |                    |                   |                     |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <del>(A)</del> a  | <del>(C)</del> are | <del>(E)</del> on | <del>(G)</del> the  |
| <del>(B)</del> an | <del>(D)</del> at  | <del>(F)</del> in | <del>(H)</del> were |

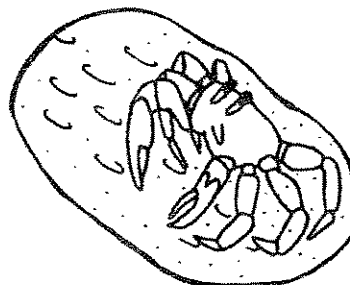
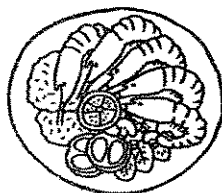
Mr Wong lives on a vegetable farm. It is built (41) \_\_\_\_\_ the hillside of a little hillock near a town. Mr Wong helps out on the farm daily. He has to water the vegetables and help (42) \_\_\_\_\_ the harvesting. Mr Wong wakes up (43) \_\_\_\_\_ six o’clock on harvest days. The ripe vegetables (44) \_\_\_\_\_ plucked and placed in baskets. These vegetables will be sold to the people living in the town. (45) \_\_\_\_\_ early start is required to ensure the vegetables sold are fresh. Only then will customers buy them.

**Section E: Graphic-Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)**

Look at the advertisement below and answer questions 46 to 50. Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

# Marine Cove Restaurant

The big name in seafood that's on everyone's lips. If you have not tasted seafood at Marine Cove Restaurant, you haven't tasted the best.



- **Exquisite HongKong, Thai and Korean Cuisine**
- **Renowned master chefs from all these three countries**

20% off the total bill during weekday lunch!

Restaurant large enough for:

- Weddings
- Birthdays
- Company Functions
- Special Occasions



Special treat!  
10% off the total bill (for lunch and dinner) on weekends in the month of August!

Special requests:

- Vegetarian Meals
- Invitation Cards
- Packed meals for Companies

30 Queens Road  
#01-888 Singapore 534881  
Opens daily: 11.30 am- 2.30pm  
6.00 pm- 11.30pm



Having a private function but hate to cook and clear up the mess? Call Marina Cove catering services now! We are an answer to all your catering needs. Marina Cove catering services: Tel 63331111  
We deliver food right to your doorstep.  
Anytime. Anywhere. Call us!

46. Marine Cove Restaurant is famous for \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (1) birthday celebrations
  - (2) packed meals
  - (3) vegetarian meals
  - (4) seafood dishes ( )
47. The phrase ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' tells us that Marine Cove Restaurant is able to provide food for any social event .
- (1) vegetarian meals
  - (2) catering services
  - (3) company functions
  - (4) other special occasions ( )
48. Which of the following statements is correct?
- (1) The customers have to pick up the food themselves.
  - (2) The food is cooked at the customers' premises.
  - (3) The food is delivered to the customers' homes.
  - (4) The customers have to go to the restaurant to collect their order. ( )
49. According to the advertisement, Marine Cove Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (1) is open for breakfast only
  - (2) caters for different functions
  - (3) has many outlets in Singapore
  - (4) employs only well-known Hong Kong chefs ( )
50. Customers can have 10 % off the total bill when they \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (1) have lunch any time of the year
  - (2) have lunch during weekends in the month of August
  - (3) have dinner during weekdays in the month of August
  - (4) have dinner during weekends and public holidays ( )



**Section F: Editing (10 x 1 mark)****Passage 1**

Each of the circles contains a wrong or missing punctuation mark. Each of the underlined words contains a spelling mistake. Put the correct punctuation mark or the correct spelling of the word in each of these boxes.

(51) 

My family lives in a flat opposite Ang Mo Kio Park. My brother and I cycle at

the park every evening.

(52) 

One day, when we were cycling in the park, we witnesed a robbery. We saw an old

woman shouting after a young man who was running away from her.

(53) (54) 

“Help  Thief!” screamed the old woman. My brother heard that and said  “I must

go after the thief, I really must.” My brother quickly cycled after the thief and

(55) 

cauhgt the young man. My brother’s act of bravery was featured in the newspaper the

next day.

**Passage 2**

Each of the underlined words contains a grammatical mistake. Write the correct word in the boxes.

(56)

Uncle Wang was sitting on a wooden bench in almost total darkness. He was smoke a

cigarette when he heard a sound. It seemed to be made by a snake. He heard it as a faint

(57)

(58)

rustling noise and immediately hold his breath. Should he drew hard on his cigarette and use

(59)

its light to see the snake? The cigarette had burn almost to the tip. As he listened, he realised

that the snake was gliding slowly towards him. He felt the hair on his neck stiffening as a

(60)

fresh rustle told him it were only a few centimetres away.

**Section G: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write its number in the brackets provided.

**ANCIENT ELEPHANT**

Your leather skin is  
a crumpled paper bag;  
sun-shrivelled, mud-caked.  
Your foot plods and sways  
on a tree trunk leg;  
the ground trembled in fear;  
and you never forget.

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Old, blind elephant,  
your eyes are like pearl drops.  
Opal colours, swish and  
wash together.  
Your window to the world  
is almost shut  
but you never forget.

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Wise old creature;  
gentle giant;  
if only I could learn  
your wisdom  
and hear the beat of  
jungle secrets  
that you never forget.

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Adapted from Sheryl Perrson

61. In this poem, the elephant's skin is compared to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) an opal
  - (2) pearl drops
  - (3) caked mud
  - (4) a crumpled paper bag ( )
62. The words 'Your foot plods and sways' in line 4 refer to the way the elephant \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) feels
  - (2) moves
  - (3) thinks
  - (4) remembers ( )
63. The poet describes the elephant as a 'gentle giant'. This suggests that the elephant is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) feared by people everywhere
  - (2) lively despite its age
  - (3) harmless despite its size
  - (4) different from other male elephants ( )
64. The words 'never forget' are repeated at the end of each verse. These words most likely show that the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) elephant has a good memory
  - (2) elephant has seen the poet before
  - (3) poet knows the elephant's secrets
  - (4) poet wants readers to remember the elephant's life ( )
65. In this poem, the poet \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) thinks that the elephant has been poorly treated
  - (2) wants to visit the place where the elephant was born
  - (3) wants to find out where the elephant gathers each day
  - (4) thinks the elephant has much knowledge and wisdom of the jungle ( )

**Section H: Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

'Come on!' yelled Mum, 'Your tea is ready.'

I was not interested in tea. I was not interested in anything except this fantastic remote control. It seemed to be able to make animals and insects freeze or go fast forward. I looked through the kitchen door at Dad. He had already started eating. Long pieces of spaghetti dangled from his mouth. He was chewing and sucking at the same time. 5

Now do not get me wrong. I love Dad. I always have. He is a terrific person. However, one thing that he did really irritated me. It was the way he ate spaghetti. He sort of made slurping noises and the meat sauce gathered around his lips as he sucked used to get on my nerves. I believed that was why I did what I did. I knew it was a weak excuse. I shivered. Then I pointed the control at him and hit the 'pause' button. 10

Dad stopped eating. He turned rock solid and just sat there with the fork halfway up to his lips. His mouth was wide open. His eyes stared. The spaghetti hung from his fork like worms of concrete. He did not blink. He did not move. He was as stiff as a tree trunk. 15

Mum looked at him and laughed. 'Good one,' she said, 'You'd do anything for a laugh, Arthur.'

Dad did not move.

'Okay,' said Mum, 'That's enough. You're setting a bad example for <sup>Matthew</sup> Mathew by fooling around with your food like that.' 20

My frozen father never so much as moved an eyeball. Mum gave him a friendly push on the shoulder and he started to topple. Over he went. He looked just like a statue that had been pushed off its mount. Crash! He lay on the ground. His hand still halfway up to his mouth. The solid spaghetti hung in the same position. Only now it stretched out sideways pointing at his toes. 25

Mum gave a little scream and rushed over to him. Quick as a flash, I pointed the remote control at him and pressed 'forward'. The spaghetti dangled downwards. Dad sat up and rubbed his head. 'What happened?' he said.

'You had a little turn,' said Mum in a worried voice, 'You had better go straight down to the hospital and have a check-up. I'll get the car. Matthew, you stay here and finish your tea. We won't be long.' 30

I was going to tell them about the remote control but something made me stop. I had a thought. If I told them about it, they would take it off me. It was the last I would see of it for sure.

Answer in complete sentences.

66. Why did Matthew think that the remote control was fantastic?

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67. Why was Matthew annoyed with his father?

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68. Write down the sentence that tells you that Matthew does not have a good reason to use the remote control.

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69. Why was Mum not worried when Dad first became frozen while eating spaghetti?

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70. Write down the word from the passage which has a similar meaning to:

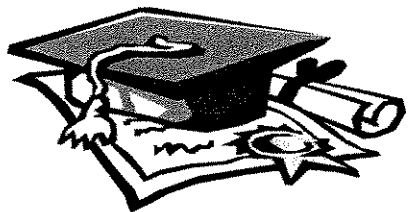
(a) hung loosely : \_\_\_\_\_

(b) fall over : \_\_\_\_\_

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|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. 1  | 31) litter                                                                                                                  | 51) opposite  |
| 2. 3  | 32) bin                                                                                                                     | 52) witnessed |
| 3. 2  | 33) sign                                                                                                                    | 53) !         |
| 4. 3  | 34) bottom                                                                                                                  | 54) ,         |
| 5. 2  | 35) fine                                                                                                                    | 55) caught    |
| 6. 4  | 36) B                                                                                                                       | 56) smoking   |
| 7. 3  | 37) D                                                                                                                       | 57) help      |
| 8. 2  | 38) C                                                                                                                       | 58) draw      |
| 9. 3  | 39) H                                                                                                                       | 59) burned    |
| 10. 4 | 40) F                                                                                                                       | 60) was       |
| 11. 3 | 41) E                                                                                                                       | 61) 4         |
| 12. 4 | 42) F                                                                                                                       | 62) 2         |
| 13. 4 | 43) D                                                                                                                       | 63) 3         |
| 14. 3 | 44) C                                                                                                                       | 64) 1         |
| 15. 2 | 45) B                                                                                                                       | 65) 4         |
| 16. 1 | 46) 4                                                                                                                       |               |
| 17. 3 | 47) 2                                                                                                                       |               |
| 18. 4 | 48) 3                                                                                                                       |               |
| 19. 3 | 49) 2                                                                                                                       |               |
| 20. 3 | 50) 2                                                                                                                       |               |
| 21. 4 |                                                                                                                             |               |
| 22. 1 | 66) The remote control seemed to be able to make animals and insects freeze or go fast forward.                             |               |
| 23. 4 |                                                                                                                             |               |
| 24. 3 |                                                                                                                             |               |
| 25. 2 |                                                                                                                             |               |
| 26. C | 67) Matthew's father ate spaghetti in a way that got on Matthew nerves as he did not like the way his father ate spaghetti. |               |
| 27. D |                                                                                                                             |               |
| 28. E |                                                                                                                             |               |
| 29. G |                                                                                                                             |               |
| 30. A | 68) The sentence is " I knew it was a weak excuse."                                                                         |               |



69) Mum thought that Dad was trying to be funny.

70) a) dangled.

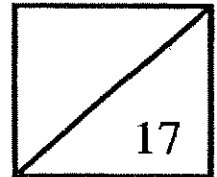
b) topple.



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## Booklet A

### Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 17 questions (Questions 1 to 17)
4. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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**Section A: Grammar (6 marks)**

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

1) Don't put too \_\_\_\_\_ sugar into the coffee.

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|----------|----------|-----|
| (1) many | (2) more |     |
| (3) most | (4) much | ( ) |

2) The Minister of Education \_\_\_\_\_ an important announcement in a few days' time.

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|---------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) makes     | (2) made     |     |
| (3) will make | (4) has made | ( ) |

3) The café charged them 5 per cent more \_\_\_\_\_ their service.

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|----------|---------|-----|
| (1) by   | (2) of  |     |
| (3) with | (4) for | ( ) |

4) Tom was the boy \_\_\_\_\_ represented his school in this competition.

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|-----------|-----------|-----|
| (1) which | (2) where |     |
| (3) who   | (4) whose | ( ) |

5) Despite the \_\_\_\_\_ weather, the skilful captain managed to navigate the ship safely to port.

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|-----------|------------|-----|
| (1) bad   | (2) worse  |     |
| (3) worst | (4) worsen | ( ) |

6) Neither Peter nor his friends \_\_\_\_\_ handed in their homework today.

(1) has

(2) have

(3) had

(4) having

( )

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

For each question 7 to 12, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (6 x 1 mark)

7) Many people fell sick when a dengue epidemic \_\_\_\_\_ in the country.

(1) broke down

(2) broke up

(3) broke away

(4) broke out

( )

8) The school's basketball team is excited to have won the match in the Inter-School Tournament as this is its first \_\_\_\_\_ in ten years.

(1) recognition

(2) prize

(3) victory

(4) championship

( )

9) Ten fishermen were \_\_\_\_\_ on a deserted island in the South China Sea after their fishing vessel sank in a typhoon.

(1) marooned

(2) swept

(3) whirled

(4) washed

( )

10) Although the passenger cruise ship sank about a week ago, the rescuers refused to \_\_\_\_\_ the search for survivors.

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|-------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) reject  | (2) leave    |     |
| (3) abandon | (4) abundant | ( ) |

11) The wolf \_\_\_\_\_ its prey before it pounces on the animal.

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|-------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) patrols | (2) contacts |     |
| (3) follows | (4) stalks   | ( ) |

12) The hikers \_\_\_\_\_ across the shallow river and reached the other side safely.

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|--------------|-------------|-----|
| (1) lumbered | (2) flitted |     |
| (3) tumbled  | (4) waded   | ( ) |

**Section C: Comprehension (MCQ)**

Read the following passage carefully. Then answer questions 13 to 17 by choosing the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

(5 x 1 mark)

Lightning disrupted part of the MRT train service on the north-bound line for 80 minutes during the evening peak period on 24 May 1991. It struck a track near the Bishan Station and affected power supply to the train service. Train service between the Toa Payoh and Ang Mo Kio stations was stopped between 6.30 pm and 7.50 pm.

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This was the second day that train service had been disrupted. On Tuesday, train service on the east-bound line between Clementi and Commonwealth Stations was stopped for nearly an hour. This was caused by a signalling fault on a train at Clementi Station.

Many irate passengers called the Straits Times to lodge a complaint against the SMRT for poor train service. An accounts clerk, Jenny Tan, who lives in Bishan, said that she had to get off at the Toa Payoh Station at 6.20 pm. "Many passengers left to wait for buses or taxi. I didn't get home until 9 pm. I was in a foul mood and couldn't eat," she said.

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Miss Elaine Lim, a systems analyst, was frustrated that the passengers on her train were not told that train service had resumed. "Most of us got off at Toa Payoh at 8.15 pm. But we saw many new passengers rushing into the train. Then only did I realise it could go beyond Toa Payoh," she said.

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Mr John Frank, another disappointed passenger, said that the south-bound train he boarded at Yishun at 6.15 pm. took an hour to reach Ang Mo Kio where service was then discontinued. On Tuesday, the east-bound line was disrupted for 50 minutes from 6.50am to 7.40am.

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- 13) What does the word it in line 2 refer to?
- (1) Train
  - (2) Lightning
  - (3) Signalling
  - (4) Train service ( )
- 14) The disruption of the MRT train service between Clementi and Commonwealth Stations was caused by a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) faulty train
  - (2) peak period
  - (3) signalling fault
  - (4) lightning strike ( )
- 15) The disruption of the MRT train service benefited the taxi drivers as they could \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) stop work at 9 pm.
  - (2) get more business.
  - (3) send passengers to Bishan Park Station
  - (4) send passengers to Toa Payoh and Ang Mo Kio stations. ( )
- 16) In the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph the word "irate" suggests that the passengers are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) gloomy
  - (2) annoyed
  - (3) miserable
  - (4) disappointed ( )

17) Miss Elaine Lim was unhappy with the MRT train service because

\_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) it was late.
- (2) many passengers rushed into the train.
- (3) she was not informed that the service on her train was resumed.
- (4) many passengers had to get off at Toa Payoh Station to take a bus. ( )

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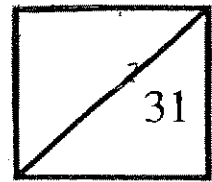




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## **Booklet B**

### **Instructions to Pupils:**

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**
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- 3. This booklet consists of questions (Questions 18 to 43)**
- 4. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**

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**Section A : Grammar (8 marks)**

For questions 18 to 21, read the passage carefully, choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

Use EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

**EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY**

|          |           |          |
|----------|-----------|----------|
| (A) by   | (B) to    | (C) on   |
| (D) for  | (E) until | (F) into |
| (G) from |           |          |

"Why do I have to go to bed? Sleeping is boring!" You may lament. However, sleep is more important than you think. (18) \_\_\_\_\_ the end of the day, your body needs a break. Sleep allows your body to rest for the next day.

Sleep is necessary (19) \_\_\_\_\_ your body as well as your brain. When you are asleep, your brain stores information, replaces chemicals and solves problems. Experts agree that most children need 10-12 hours of sleep each night.

When your body does not have enough hours of rest, you may feel tired and cannot think clearly. You may have a difficult time focusing (20) \_\_\_\_\_ your lessons.

If you do not get enough sleep, you may not grow well. Researchers believe that too little sleep can affect your growth and immune system, which keeps you (21) \_\_\_\_\_ getting sick.

For questions 22 to 25, read the passage carefully, choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. Use EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY

|         |             |                 |
|---------|-------------|-----------------|
| (A) as  | (B) if      | (C) as a result |
| (D) so  | (E) however | (F) or          |
| (G) but |             |                 |

Somewhere along a distant shore, there lived a young fisherman named Ahmad. He took his boat out to sea every day, even when there is a storm, (22) \_\_\_\_\_ he had to support his family.

One day, Ahmad went out to catch fish as usual. (23) \_\_\_\_\_, not a single fish swam into his net. This went on until evening and he decided to try his luck one last time before going home. He threw his net into the sea. When he hauled in his net, it felt light (24) \_\_\_\_\_ he knew he had caught nothing again.

Inside the net, Ahmad found a single flat seashell. He examined it sadly and wondered what his wife would say (25) \_\_\_\_\_ he went home empty-handed.

**Section B: Vocabulary (8 marks)**

For questions 26 to 29, read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. (4 x 1 mark)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

|                |                |              |
|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| (A) broke      | (B) discovered | (C) realised |
| (D) glittering | (E) burying    | (F) burst    |
| (G) digging    | (H) glowing    |              |

A farmer's wife once lost a diamond ring in the farmyard. She searched for it everywhere, but as darkness fell, she (26) \_\_\_\_\_ sadly that it was probably lost for good.

A few days later, a rooster was scratching the ground among the stones when he saw something (27) \_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight. He pecked at it eagerly, thinking that it might be some kind of grain, but it was so hard that it almost (28) \_\_\_\_\_ his beak.

"Well," he said to himself, (29) \_\_\_\_\_ it in the earth again, "You may be a fine stone to some people, but you are of no use to me. Just give me a good grain of barley any day."

**For questions 30 to 33, choose the most suitable answer and write its answer in the brackets provided. (4 x 1 mark)**

Dear Diary,

Yesterday was an unforgettable day. We went on a cruise and were enjoying ourselves happily. Suddenly, the captain made an (30) \_\_\_\_\_ announcement that pirates had hijacked our liner!

We did not know what to do, as we had only seen pirates in the movies. In no time, the pirates came aboard our liner and circled around us (31) \_\_\_\_\_. We were worried at the way they looked at the ladies in our group. We remained (32) \_\_\_\_\_ and prayed silently.

The pirates searched the liner thoroughly and took all the valuables that they could find. They even (33) \_\_\_\_\_ us to empty our pockets and took away everything that we had – even our passports!

It was an experience that I would remember forever.

30. (1) absurd (3) abrupt  
(2) absolute (4) abusive ( )

31. (1) menacingly (3) meticulously  
(2) miraculously (4) mercilessly ( )

32. (1) controlled (3) committed  
(2) composed (4) compassionate ( )

33. (1) conveyed (3) briefed  
(2) requested (4) ordered ( )

**Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)**

For questions 34 to 38, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

**YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE ONE WORD FOR EACH BLANK.**

The sea was calm. The water had only reached up to my chest and I could still wade through the water. Suddenly, without warning, I found that I could not feel the (34) \_\_\_\_\_ beneath my feet. I moved my feet frantically, hoping to step onto some kind of ground. I was trying to get back to where I was standing just seconds ago.

Then it dawned on me that I was in danger of (35) \_\_\_\_\_. I could not swim. I started kicking my legs in all directions, fighting to stay afloat, but to no avail. I felt myself sinking and the strong (36) \_\_\_\_\_ swept me further away from the shore.

I tried to shout for help but ~~ending~~<sup>ended</sup> up (37) \_\_\_\_\_ seawater when I opened my mouth. I tried to raise my arms to (38) \_\_\_\_\_, but only succeeded in splashing stinging seawater into my eyes.

I was desperate. I needed air! At that point, I blanked out.

**Section E: Comprehension (OE)**

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

Helen Keller, a woman from the small farm town of Tuscumbia, Alabama, taught the world to respect people who are blind and deaf. Her whole life was devoted towards that mission. She was born in 1880. When she was about two years old, she was extremely ill and lost both her vision and hearing. It was like entering into a different world with completely new rules. She got very frustrated and by the time she was seven, her parents knew they needed help. Therefore, they hired a tutor named Anne Sullivan.

Anne was strict, but she had a lot of energy. In just a few days, she taught Helen how to spell words with her hands. The trouble was, Helen did not understand what the words meant. Until one day, Anne had Helen hold one hand under the water. Then she spelled "W-A-T-E-R" into Helen's other hand. It was electric! Helen was finally able to relate the word to the object. Immediately, Helen bent down and tapped the ground. Anne spelt "earth" into her hand again. Helen's brain flew and on that day, she learnt 30 words.

From then on, Helen's mind raced ahead. She learnt to speak when she was ten by feeling her teacher's mouth when she talked. Often, people found it hard to understand her, but she never gave up trying. Meanwhile, she learned to read French, German, Greek, and Latin in Braille. When she was twenty, she entered Radcliffe College, the women's branch of Harvard University. Her first book, called 'The Story of My Life', was translated into fifty languages. She wrote ten more books and a lot more articles.

Helen Keller travelled round the world to give speeches and raise money for many organisations. She received dozens of awards, such as the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest honor that an American civilian can receive. However, she died in her sleep in 1968, at the age of 87.

39) What was Helen Keller's mission in life?

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40) What happened to Helen Keller when she was about two years old?

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41) How did Helen Keller understand what Anne Sullivan was trying to teach her?

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42) Which phrase in the third paragraph shows that Helen Keller was a determined person?

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43) What were two of Helen Keller's accomplishments?

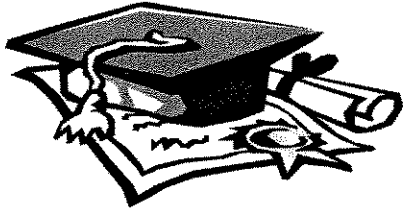
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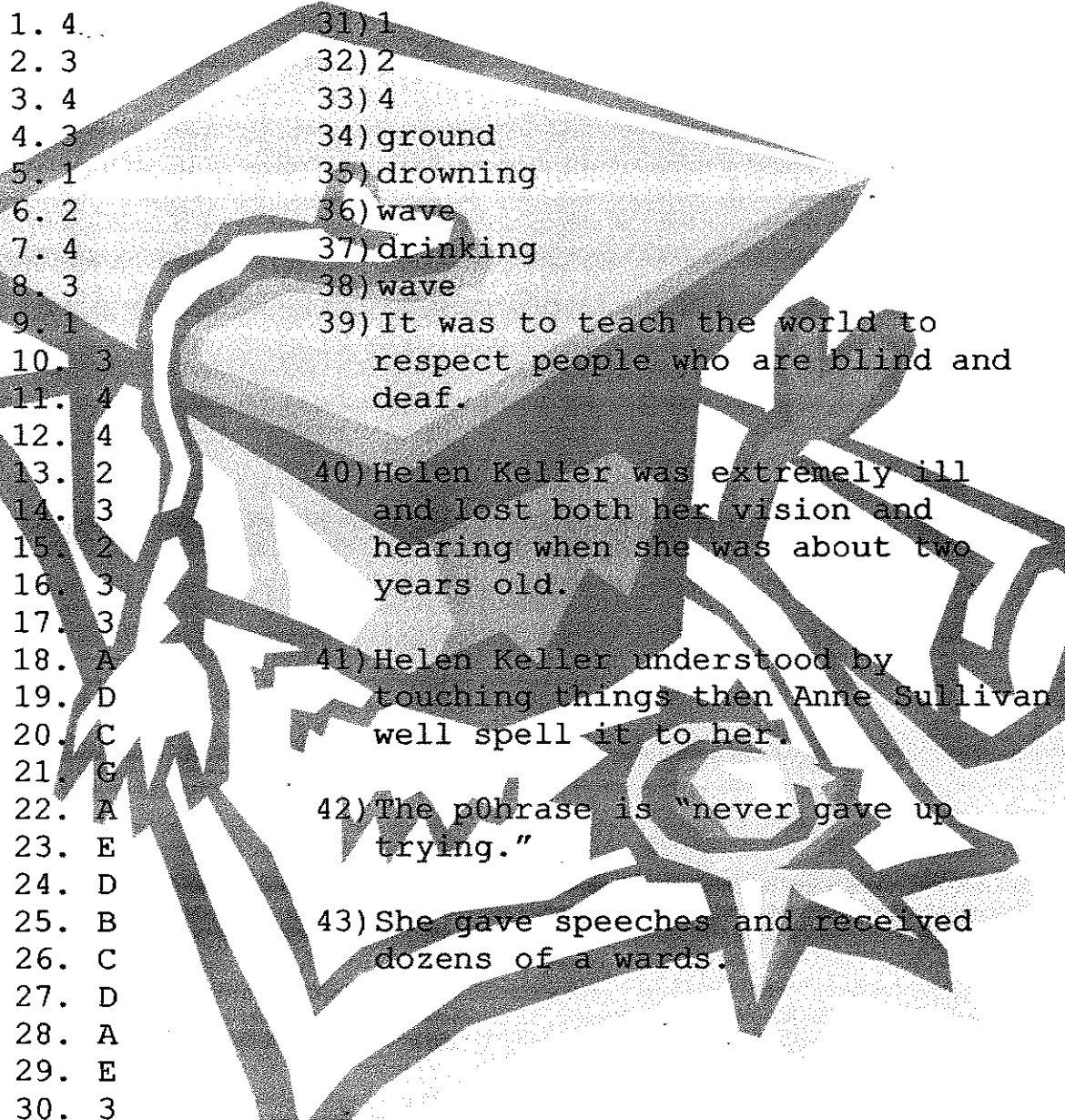




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1. 4
  2. 3
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  4. 3
  5. 1
  6. 2
  7. 4
  8. 3
  9. 1
  10. 3
  11. 4
  12. 4
  13. 2
  14. 3
  15. 2
  16. 3
  17. 3
  18. A
  19. D
  20. C
  21. G
  22. A
  23. E
  24. D
  25. B
  26. C
  27. D
  28. A
  29. E
  30. 3
  - 31) 1
  - 32) 2
  - 33) 4
  - 34) ground
  - 35) drowning
  - 36) wave
  - 37) drinking
  - 38) wave
  - 39) It was to teach the world to respect people who are blind and deaf.
  - 40) Helen Keller was extremely ill and lost both her vision and hearing when she was about two years old.
  - 41) Helen Keller understood by touching things then Anne Sullivan well spell it to her.
  - 42) The phrase is "never gave up trying."
  - 43) She gave speeches and received dozens of awards.



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**SECTION A: VOCABULARY (8 X 1) marks**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. That man has a heart of \_\_\_\_\_. He drove away after knocking the old lady down.  
(1) gold (2) metal  
(3) stone (4) diamond ( )
  
2. Peter is a \_\_\_\_\_ in the neck. He always likes to disturb others.  
(1) sore (2) hurt  
(3) pain (4) wound ( )
  
3. The new girl felt like a \_\_\_\_\_ out of water in her new school.  
(1) fish (2) crab  
(3) duck (4) oyster ( )
  
4. The small boy has a little round \_\_\_\_\_ nose.  
(1) pin (2) button  
(3) fruit (4) mushroom ( )
  
5. Danny was playing with a knife, totally \_\_\_\_\_ about the dangers of playing with sharp objects.  
(1) infected (2) ignorant  
(3) innocent (4) indignant ( )
  
6. We should always \_\_\_\_\_ all sensible suggestions before making an important decision.  
(1) record (2) plan  
(3) observe (4) consider ( )
  
7. My aunt is very \_\_\_\_\_. She always helps the poor and needy.  
(1) flexible (2) charitable  
(3) sensible (4) responsible ( )

8. I only caught a \_\_\_\_\_ of the popular singer as the car zoomed past us.  
 (1) look (2) view  
 (3) peer (4) glimpse ( )

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR** (8 X 1) marks

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

9. Peter said that he really \_\_\_\_\_ the way English was taught in his school.  
 (1) liked (2) likes  
 (3) was liking (4) had liked ( )
10. My father told my mother and me that \_\_\_\_\_ did not like oily food.  
 (1) I (2) he  
 (3) we (4) she ( )
11. I \_\_\_\_\_ eating that piece of cake just now.  
 (1) enjoys (2) enjoyed  
 (3) will enjoy (4) was enjoying ( )
12. If you \_\_\_\_\_ to London next month, you will find the weather very cold.  
 (1) go (2) have gone  
 (3) went (4) were going ( )
13. The football team \_\_\_\_\_ fives times a week.  
 (1) practise (2) practises  
 (3) ~~is practising~~  
 (4) are practising ( )
14. Lightning \_\_\_\_\_ across the dark sky and soon it started to rain.  
 (1) flash (2) flashed  
 (3) flashes (4) flashing ( )
15. After dinner, they \_\_\_\_\_ a walk while Jane tidied the kitchen.  
 (1) take (2) takes  
 (3) took (4) taking ( )
16. "Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ to be home by dinner time," Mother said.  
 (1) has (2) had  
 (3) have (4) is having ( )

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

People in the past looked upon mushrooms as strange plants to be feared and avoided.

People had different ideas about mushrooms. It was said that elves lived among them and used them as umbrellas. Some even believed that fairies danced by moonlight in the rings they formed around the mushrooms and any human being who stepped inside the magic ring would be bewitched. Others thought that mushrooms were an ingredient witches used in their brews because some mushrooms were extremely poisonous. The poisonous mushrooms were called toadstools because toads supposedly sat on them.

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Mushrooms spring up rapidly in damp places. Many different species of mushrooms grow in the woods, open fields and even well-kept lawns where there is a lot of moisture. Mushrooms come in different colours and shapes. They may be white, red, yellow, green, brown or black. The most familiar kinds look like golf-balls, bells and funnels or even honeycombs. The less common ones appear like stars or pieces of corals.

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Some mushrooms are delicious food but others contain a powerful and deadly poison. Up to today, people still call the poisonous mushrooms "toadstools".

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

17. The word "their" in line 7 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) elves'
- (2) fairies'
- (3) witches'
- (4) people's

( )

18. In the past, people kept away from mushrooms because they \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) were afraid of being bewitched
- (2) believed that elves guarded them
- (3) knew that witches liked mushrooms
- (4) thought all mushrooms were poisonous ( )

19. According to the text, mushrooms grow well in \_\_\_\_\_ places.

- (1) wet
- (2) open
- (3) woody
- (4) well-kept ( )

20. People thought witches used mushrooms because some mushrooms were \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) strange
- (2) powerful
- (3) delicious
- (4) poisonous ( )

21. According to the text, which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Toads feed on toadstools.
- (2) There are star-shaped mushrooms.
- (3) Mushrooms do not come in many colours.
- (4) Some mushrooms are as big as umbrellas. ( )

**SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE (10 X 1) marks**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and **write its letter (A to R)** in each blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

|                       |                       |                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <del>(A)</del> ignore | <del>(B)</del> tooth  | <del>(C)</del> see    | (D) lot               |
| <del>(E)</del> need   | <del>(F)</del> excuse | <del>(G)</del> gums   | <del>(H)</del> fix    |
| <del>(J)</del> teeth  | (K) brush             | <del>(L)</del> worse  | <del>(M)</del> better |
| <del>(N)</del> mouth  | <del>(P)</del> ache   | <del>(Q)</del> clinic | <del>(R)</del> waste  |

John disliked visiting the dentist. Whenever his appointment with the dentist drew near, he would try his very best to think of an (22) \_\_\_\_\_ not to go. John thought that going to the dentist was a (23) \_\_\_\_\_ of time. "My teeth are nice and white and my (24) \_\_\_\_\_ look pink and healthy. Why is there a (25) \_\_\_\_\_ to go?"

One day, he felt a pain in one of his back (26) \_\_\_\_\_ when he was eating an apple. He tried to (27) \_\_\_\_\_ it at first. However, as days went by, the pain grew (28) \_\_\_\_\_, John had no choice but to (29) \_\_\_\_\_ an appointment with the dentist. It was in such a bad (30) \_\_\_\_\_ that he could not wait to go to the (31) \_\_\_\_\_. Poor John!



**SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 X 1) marks**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to I) in each blank.

**Passage 1**

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) when   | (B) from | (C) and |
| (D) after  | (E) in   | (F) to  |
| (G) during | (H) of   | (I) or  |

The tiger is a big cat. It lives (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the jungles and forests of Asia. It is one of the fiercest (33) \_\_\_\_\_ most dangerous animals in the world. It has a beautiful, striped coat (34) \_\_\_\_\_ black and orange. It does not stop (35) \_\_\_\_\_ killing one animal for food. It is known (36) \_\_\_\_\_ attack whole herds of animals.

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to I) in each blank.

**Passage 2**

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

|          |          |         |
|----------|----------|---------|
| (A) with | (B) the  | (C) as  |
| (D) have | (E) also | (F) be  |
| (G) by   | (H) many | (I) are |

Vegetables are rich in vitamins, minerals and water. They (37) \_\_\_\_\_ provide fibre. They must (38) \_\_\_\_\_ prepared and cooked carefully in order to preserve (39) \_\_\_\_\_ vitamins in them. Vegetables are best eaten when they are fresh. Vegetables should be cooked as soon (40) \_\_\_\_\_ they are picked. Otherwise, vitamins which are essential to good health would be lost. Also, vitamins are easily destroyed (41) \_\_\_\_\_ heat. So never overcook your vegetables.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or the correct word in each of the boxes.

Jimmy was walking along Bukit Timah Road one day. He saw a taxi knock

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down an aldely man. Instead of stop to help, the old man, the taxi-driver speed away.

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Jimmy saw the number plate of the car. He noted it in his school diery. As there was a

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public telephone booth near by o Jimmy ran up to the booth when he rang up the police.

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Soon, a petrol car arrived, followed by an ambulance. The old man, was

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take to the hospital to be treated imediatlly. The policemen left after asking Jimmy some

questions.

51)

Lucky, the old man recovered. Not long after, the taxi-driver was caught

and charged in court for dangerous driving.

**SECTION G: SYNTHESIS AND TRANSFORMATION (5 X 2) marks**

For each of the items, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

52. Jane is allowed to watch television if she has finished her homework.

\_\_\_\_\_ unless

\_\_\_\_\_

53. Mr Lim was in a hurry. He left home without his breakfast.

As \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

54. "I met Mark in the library yesterday," Tom said.

Tom said that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

55. Mary did not tidy her room. She was busy helping her mother.

Since \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

56. A loud explosion was heard. The tall building collapsed.

\_\_\_\_\_ after

\_\_\_\_\_

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

On Meizhen's birthday, she received an attractive gold bangle from her grandparents. She was extremely delighted and could not wait to show it off to her classmates the next day.

When Monday came, she slipped the <sup>bangle</sup> bracelet into her school bag against her parents' advice. They were afraid that she might lose it but she disobeyed them. 5

The moment she stepped into school, she showed it to her best friend, Joan, who admired it. Then a group of friends soon crowded around. Many were fascinated by it and some envied her. Just then, the bell rang and she carefully placed the gold bangle into her school bag and went to class.

During class, as she was taking out her Science textbook, her bangle dropped out of her bag and rolled under a chair some distance away. Unfortunately, she was not aware of it. 10

Meizhen went to the toilet. When she returned to the class, she discovered that the gold bangle was missing. Soon the bell rang for recess. Her friends searched for it all over the classroom in vain. Meizhen, who was on the verge of tears, searched her bag several times but could not find it. She finally burst into tears when the bell went off. Recess was over. 15

The other pupils came into the classroom and enquired about what had happened. Just then, one of her classmates, Kamala, walked in and headed straight for Meizhen's desk. She was holding Meizhen's lost <sup>bangle</sup> bracelet. Handing it over to Meizhen, she said, "I found this under my chair and was looking high and low for you in the canteen." 20

Meizhen was very grateful to Kamala. She was very glad that Kamala was honest and gave her an ice cream treat after school. Meizhen had learned a valuable lesson that day. 25

57. Why did Meizhen's grandparents give her a gold bangle?

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58. How did she disobey her parents?

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59. When did she realise that her bangle was missing?

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60. Which sentence tells you that Meizhen did not know that her bangle had rolled away?

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61. What does the writer mean by "Meizhen...was on the verge of tears" (lines 15-16)?

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62. How can you tell that Kamala was honest?

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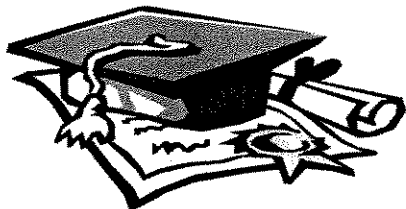
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63. How did Meizhen show that she was grateful to Kamala?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (2)

- |       |                                       |                 |             |
|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1. 3  | 31) O                                 | 41) G           | 51) Luckily |
| 2. 3  | 32) E                                 | 42) elderly     |             |
| 3. 1  | 33) C                                 | 43) stopping    |             |
| 4. 2  | 34) H                                 | 44) sped        |             |
| 5. 2  | 35) D                                 | 45) diary       |             |
| 6. 4  | 36) F                                 | 46),            |             |
| 7. 2  | 37) E                                 | 47) where       |             |
| 8. 4  | 38) F                                 | 48) patrol      |             |
| 9. 1  | 39) B                                 | 49) taken       |             |
| 10. 2 | 40) C                                 | 50) immediately |             |
| 11. 2 |                                       |                 |             |
| 12. 1 | 52) Jane is not allowed to watch      |                 |             |
| 13. 2 | television unless she has finished    |                 |             |
| 14. 2 | her homework.                         |                 |             |
| 15. 3 |                                       |                 |             |
| 16. 1 | 53) As Mr Lim was in a hurry, he left |                 |             |
| 17. 3 | home without his breakfast.           |                 |             |
| 18. 1 |                                       |                 |             |
| 19. 1 | 54) Tom said that he had met Mark in  |                 |             |
| 20. 4 | the library the day before.           |                 |             |
| 21. 2 |                                       |                 |             |
| 22. F | 55) Since Mary was busy helping her   |                 |             |
| 23. R | mother, she did not tidy her room.    |                 |             |
| 24. G |                                       |                 |             |
| 25. E | 56) The tall building collapsed after |                 |             |
| 26. J | a loud explosion was heard.           |                 |             |
| 27. A |                                       |                 |             |
| 28. L | 57) Meizhen's grandparents gave her a |                 |             |
| 29. H | gold bangle as a birthday present.    |                 |             |
| 30. P |                                       |                 |             |
|       | 58) Meizhen disobeyed her parents by  |                 |             |
|       | bringing the gold bangle to school.   |                 |             |

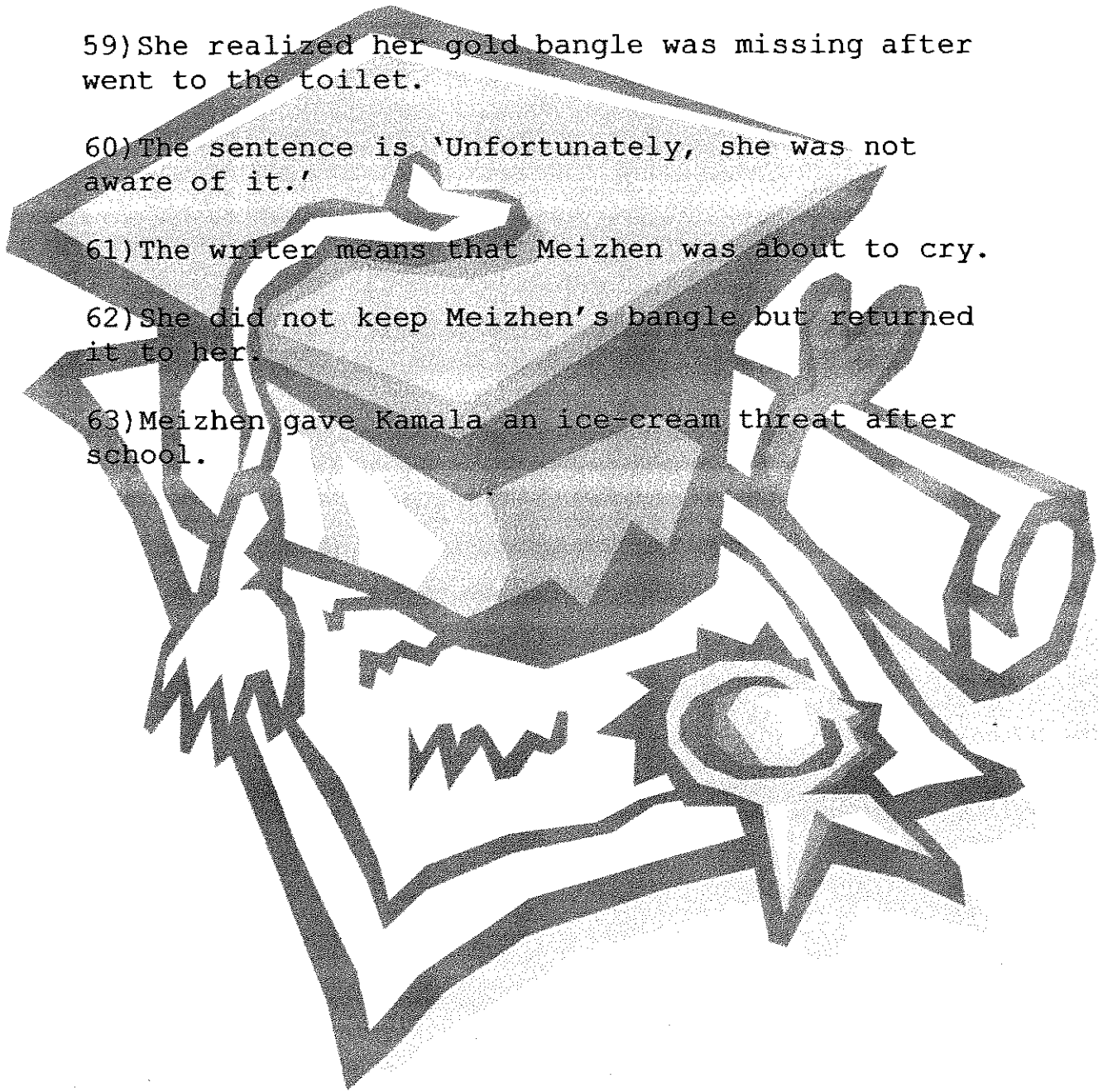
59) She realized her gold bangle was missing after went to the toilet.

60) The sentence is 'Unfortunately, she was not aware of it.'

61) The writer means that Meizhen was about to cry.

62) She did not keep Meizhen's bangle but returned it to her.

63) Meizhen gave Kamala an ice-cream treat after school.





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**PAPER 2 - BOOKLET A**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ (     )     **Class:** Primary 4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** 29 October 2007

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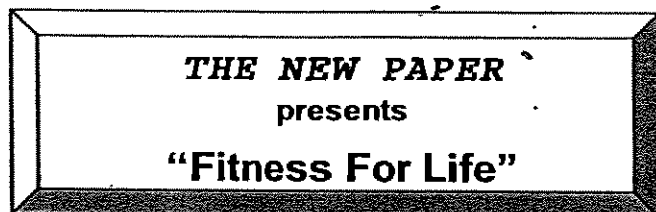
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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark each = 5 marks)

Study the advertisement below and then answer the questions that follow it.



Climbing enthusiasts, here's your chance to scale new heights of excitement. Join us for an introductory course on ice climbing at Southeast Asia's first artificial ice-climbing wall right here in Singapore.

Professional trainers will show you the correct techniques and the right equipment to use.

Date: 1 Dec 2007 (Sat)

Time: 9am to 1 pm (Session 1)  
2pm to 6 pm (Session 2)

Venue: SAFRA Adventures Sports Centre  
@ SAFRA Yishun Country Club

Fees: \$30 per person  
(inclusive of a T-shirt)

Registration: Limited to 50 participants

- o All equipment will be provided for use.
- o The course is open to anyone who is physically fit and above 16 years old.
- o Sessions will be allocated by the organiser on a first-come-first-served basis.



**Early Bird Special!**

Free Goodie Bags  
for the first 10  
participants who sign  
up before

This event is organised by:



Singapore Sports Council

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The organiser of this event is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) The New Paper
  - (2) Singapore Sports Council
  - (3) SAFRA Yishun Country Club
  - (4) SAFRA Adventures Sports Centre
  
2. The course can only be attended by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) professional climbers
  - (2) people who read newspapers
  - (3) healthy people who are above 16 years old
  - (4) members of the SAFRA Yishun Country Club
  
3. Participants who are selected to attend the course will be informed through \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) a fax
  - (2) a letter
  - (3) an email
  - (4) a phone call
  
4. All participants will get to keep \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) a T-shirt
  - (2) a goodie bag
  - (3) a discount coupon
  - (4) the climbing equipment
  
5. Those who wish to attend the course must \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) contact *The New Paper*
  - (2) register through the Internet
  - (3) go to SAFRA Yishun Country Club personally
  - (4) fill up the coupon found in *The New Paper*

**Section B: Grammar (10 x 1 mark each = 10 marks)**

For each question from 6 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. There \_\_\_\_\_ a man with two children in that room right now.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
7. The old woman made the boy \_\_\_\_\_ with fright when she told him the scary story.
- (1) shiver
  - (2) shivers
  - (3) shivered
  - (4) shivering
8. Julius showed me the office building \_\_\_\_\_ his father works.
- (1) which
  - (2) whom
  - (3) where
  - (4) whose
9. The residents heard the news about the earthquake \_\_\_\_\_ the radio.
- (1) at
  - (2) in
  - (3) over
  - (4) from
10. Mrs Lee knew that Mark and I had made the cookies \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) myself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves

11. As the pupils \_\_\_\_\_ well in the examination, the teacher rewarded them.
- (1) would do
  - (2) had done
  - (3) have done
  - (4) were doing
12. In many parts of the world, deer \_\_\_\_\_ hunted and killed for their meat.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
13. Many people turned up for the auditions but only \_\_\_\_\_ were selected to take part in the finals.
- (1) all
  - (2) few
  - (3) most
  - (4) some
14. Before we \_\_\_\_\_ persuade him to calm down, he had already stormed out of the house.
- (1) must
  - (2) might
  - (3) could
  - (4) would
15. Shane would not stop working \_\_\_\_\_ he was very sick. He really wanted to finish the project.
- (1) despite
  - (2) because
  - (3) although
  - (4) whenever

## Section C: Vocabulary (10 x 1 mark each = 10 marks)

For each question from 16 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The thunderstorm was so strong that it caused the ship to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) overdo
- (2) overturn
- (3) overthrow
- (4) overcrowd

17. When Louis tried to avoid hitting a cyclist on the road, his van \_\_\_\_\_ out of control.

- (1) swished
- (2) swerved
- (3) switched
- (4) swivelled

18. The explorers decided to \_\_\_\_\_ their plans to climb up the mountain due to a shortage of food and water.

- (1) avoid
- (2) abstain
- (3) abandon
- (4) anticipate

19. When a fire broke out, most of the workers lost their lives and only two \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) revived
- (2) rescued
- (3) survived
- (4) sustained

20. The old building in the city will be \_\_\_\_\_ and a new one will replace it.

- (1) dredged
- (2) disposed
- (3) damaged
- (4) demolished

21. My brother \_\_\_\_\_ for some candles in the darkness of his bedroom.
- (1) groped
  - (2) gripped
  - (3) swayed
  - (4) swooped
22. Under pressure from his friends to hurry, Anthony made his decision \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) boldly
  - (2) hastily
  - (3) merrily
  - (4) wearily
23. I watched a \_\_\_\_\_ about penguins and their habitat.
- (1) drama
  - (2) thriller
  - (3) comedy
  - (4) documentary
24. My father was in a hurry and \_\_\_\_\_ through his bag impatiently to find the car keys.
- (1) sifted
  - (2) peered
  - (3) scanned
  - (4) rummaged
25. The men kidnapped the boy and demanded a \_\_\_\_\_ from his parents.
- (1) reward
  - (2) fortune
  - (3) ransom
  - (4) windfall

## Section D: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks each = 10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

"Are you Miss Thomson?" the hotel staff asked as I got out of the taxi.

"Yes, I am."

"Mr Smith is already here. He's been here for over an hour, madam."

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It was almost nine o'clock as I made my way to the lobby of the hotel. A man was waiting for me there. He was seated on a sofa and had his back to me. He shuffled his feet on the carpeted floor and looked at his watch repeatedly. When he saw me, he did not look too pleased.

"Is this all you have?" he asked, as he stared at me intently. He was obviously referring to my baggage which weighed well over fifteen kilograms. I dragged it along as best as I could although my hands were red and sore. He quickly got up from his seat and signalled to me to hand the baggage to him. Instantly, he relieved me of my burden and I heaved a sigh of relief.

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"How far is Clara's house from this hotel?" I asked as he shut the door of the taxi.

"Fifty kilometres from here," he replied. "We'll be there by ten o'clock tonight." He gave the taxi driver the directions and we were off to Clara's.

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The journey seemed like eternity. Strangely enough, I could not sleep even though I was tired. It was not Mr Smith's temperament that disturbed me. My thoughts were on Clara. What was she like and would it be easy to teach her and discipline her? The only thing I knew about her was that she had been orphaned at the tender age of five. Since then, she had never uttered a word to anyone.

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I hoped Clara would take to me. It was my first assignment. I could not fail. I must not. I was prepared to do whatever I could to change that poor girl's life.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. In line 8, Mr Smith "shuffled his feet" because he was \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) punctual
- (2) impatient
- (3) exhausted
- (4) enthusiastic

27. Mr Smith was displeased with Miss Thomson because she had \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) kept him waiting
- (2) red and sore hands
- (3) just one piece of baggage
- (4) no idea how far they would travel

28. The word "burden" in line 14 refers to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Miss Thomson's tired hands
- (2) the journey to Clara's house
- (3) Mr Smith's unhappiness towards Miss Thomson
- (4) the difficulty Miss Thomson had with her baggage

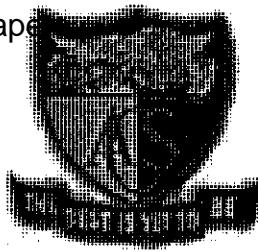
29. Miss Thomson could not sleep because she \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) was too exhausted
- (2) was angry with Mr Smith
- (3) was taking a long journey
- (4) could not wait to meet Clara

30. Miss Thomson was determined to help Clara because she \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) could not sleep well
- (2) wanted to do it for Mr Smith
- (3) felt sympathetic towards Clara
- (4) was forced by Mr Smith to help





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**PAPER 2 - BOOKLET B**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Class: Primary 4 \_\_\_\_

Date: 29 October 2007

Duration of paper: 1h 15 min

| Paper                           | Maximum Marks | Marks Obtained |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Composition                  | 30            |                |
| 2. Language Use & Comprehension | 85            |                |
| 2.1 OAS (Booklet A)             | 35            |                |
| 2.2 Grammar Cloze               | 6             |                |
| 2.3 Vocabulary Cloze            | 7             |                |
| 2.4 Editing (SPG)               | 7             |                |
| 2.5 Synthesis & Transformation  | 6             |                |
| 2.6 Comprehension Cloze         | 10            |                |
| 2.7 Comprehension               | 14            |                |
| 3. Listening Comprehension      | 15            |                |
| 4. Oral Communication           | 20            |                |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>150</b>    |                |

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## Section E: Grammar Cloze (6 x 1 mark each = 6 marks)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 31 to 36, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

|        |          |         |             |
|--------|----------|---------|-------------|
| (A) a  | (D) away | (G) in  | (K) to      |
| (B) an | (E) by   | (H) of  | (L) with    |
| (C) at | (F) from | (J) out | (M) without |

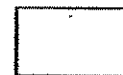
Thanks to modern technology, there is now a way to find out if people are telling the truth: **The Liebuster**. Do not be taken in \_\_\_\_\_ the fact that it looks like an ordinary watch. It is far more than that. In addition

\_\_\_\_\_ telling the time, it buzzes when it detects a lie.

This miracle of modern technology is one of the most accurate lie-detectors ever made. By means \_\_\_\_\_ high-tech microchips, it measures the stress in people's voices. Nobody will ever get \_\_\_\_\_ with lying if you use it in any situation.

The bigger the lie, the louder the buzz. Nobody can do \_\_\_\_\_ one. So hurry now, while stocks last, and buy your personal LIEBUSTER at \_\_\_\_\_ amazingly low price. B-zzz!

Adapted from *The Liebuster: The Modern Electronic Miracle!* by Robert O'Neill



## Section F: Vocabulary Cloze (7 x 1 mark each = 7 marks)

There are 7 blanks, numbered 37 to 43, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to M) in the blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

- |              |              |                |               |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| (A) appetite | (D) every    | (G) likes      | (K) sensitive |
| (B) bouquet  | (E) fond     | (H) nutritious | (L) supply    |
| (C) consists | (F) includes | (J) sensible   | (M) typical   |

To find out more about an elephant's diet, an elephant keeper was interviewed. She looks after Naf Naf, an elephant, at the Paris Zoo.

"What does Naf Naf eat on a \_\_\_\_\_ day? She has a good  
(37)  
\_\_\_\_\_ and breakfast \_\_\_\_\_ of a kilogram of dog  
(38) (39)  
biscuits mixed with 750g of dried horse food with extra hay, apples and carrots.

Zoo food is always \_\_\_\_\_!"  
(40)

"In the morning, I will deliver a \_\_\_\_\_ of branches to  
(41)  
Naf Naf. Since she is particularly \_\_\_\_\_ of cherry and apple, she  
(42)  
will get four big bundles of those as well. It is also important that Naf Naf has her  
snacks in between meals. Some visitors to the zoo are not very

\_\_\_\_\_ and will feed her things that make her ill."  
(43)

Adapted from *An elephant's diet* by David Foll & Anne Kelly



## Section G: Editing (7 x 1 mark each = 7 marks)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is denoted by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word (in terms of usage, spelling and form) in each of the boxes.

A 72-year-old widow, Mrs Lye, pleaded guilty yesterday to causing

(44)

unecessary suffering to the dogs that she kept in her small three-room house.

(45)

The court was told that Mrs Lye's neighbours repetedly complained to her for more than six months about the conditions in which the dogs were kept. The

(46)

dogs often barked all night long. Despite these complains, she refused to do anything about the problem. Finally, one of her neighbours called the police.

The police got in touch with the SPCA, which sent one of their inspectors to call on Mrs Lye. "I don't have that many pets," claimed the widow. "I look after

(47)

them well



(48)

At first, she tries to prevent the inspector from entering her house. However, he insisted on seeing the dogs for himself and found all forty of them in a bad state.

The lawyer defending Mrs Lye said, "My client is a lonely old woman

(49)

which companions were her dogs. She was afraid that if she let them out

(50)

of the house, something bad would happen to them.



Section H: Synthesis and Transformation (3 x 2 mark each = 6 marks)

For each of the questions 51 to 53, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given sentence(s).

51. Jasmine does not enjoy music lessons. Jasmine's friends do not enjoy music lessons.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

52. The Chingay Parade was cancelled. It was raining heavily.

Since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

53. Tony likes cycling. He likes rollerblading even more.

Tony prefers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



## Section I: Comprehension Cloze (10 x 1 mark each = 10 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It used to be a science-fiction fantasy that one day computers would rule the world. Some people thought it was impossible to prevent these man-made machines from \_\_\_\_\_ more powerful than their  
(54)  
creators. Hence, they wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ the development of  
(55)  
more advanced computers.

Scientists were warned not to \_\_\_\_\_ over our  
(56)  
future to machines. However, the fact is computers can only do \_\_\_\_\_ we ask them to do. We can get them to process  
(57)  
complicated operations, but they are not capable of commanding us to do anything in \_\_\_\_\_  
(58)

Today, we expect computers to help us live at a faster \_\_\_\_\_ of life. The following examples illustrate how we have  
(59)  
come to \_\_\_\_\_ on computers in our daily lives. Computers  
(60)  
allow business people to keep in \_\_\_\_\_ with developments  
(61)  
around the world. They enable doctors to diagnose an \_\_\_\_\_  
(62)  
more accurately. They let thousands of aircraft fly safely through crowded skies without bumping into other planes. In fact, it is \_\_\_\_\_ to  
(63)  
imagine any part of life where computers do not play an important role.

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## Section J: Comprehension (7 x 2 marks each = 14 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 64 to 70.

It was already a quarter past nine as Mary hurried into the big block of offices where she was going to work. Her bus had crawled through the dense city traffic, making her a few minutes late for her very first job. As Mary quickened her pace, she resolved to leave home earlier the next day.

Once inside the building, she had to wait again. This time it was for the lift to take her up to the sixth floor. When she finally reached the door marked 'King's Holding Private Limited', she knocked rather nervously and waited. There was no reply. She listened hard and could hear voices talking behind the door. Mustering up her courage, she opened the door and went in.

Although it was the same office she had come to during her interview with Mr King two weeks before, somehow it looked quite different that morning. All the employees were standing about, chatting and eating. At the far end of the room, a man must have just told a funny story for there was a loud burst of laughter just as Mary entered. For a moment, she thought that they were laughing at her.

Then one of the men looked at his watch and clapped his hands twice. Immediately, they all went to their desks and within seconds, everyone was busy working. Mary was taken aback for a while. Eventually, she went up to the man who was sitting at the desk nearest to her and explained that this was her first day in the office.



Hardly looking up from his work, the man told her to take a seat near him as Mr King would arrive any moment soon. Mary would find out later that he always arrived promptly in the office at 9:35 a.m. That was why his staff knew precisely when to start work.

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Adapted from text by Donn Bryne (Longman, 1986)

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

64. Give two reasons to explain why Mary resolved to leave home for work earlier the next day.

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65. Whose voices could Mary hear when she was standing outside the office of King's Holding Private Limited?

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66. Explain clearly whether Mary had been to the office before.

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67. Explain clearly how the office looked different on the morning that Mary reported for work.

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68. Why did the man clap his hands?

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69. From Paragraph 3, quote the sentence that suggests that Mary was uncomfortable among her new colleagues.

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70. Who does 'he' refer to in line 22?

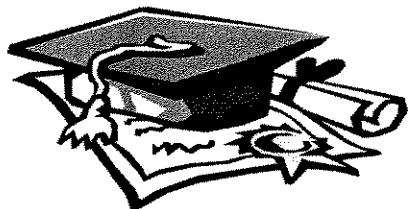
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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. 2  | 31) E                                 | 41) L           |
| 2. 3  | 32) K                                 | 42) E           |
| 3. 2  | 33) H                                 | 43) J           |
| 4. 1  | 34) D                                 | 44) unnecessary |
| 5. 4  | 35) M                                 | 45) repeatedly  |
| 6. 1  | 36) B                                 | 46) complaints  |
| 7. 1  | 37) M                                 | 47) .           |
| 8. 3  | 38) A                                 | 48) tried       |
| 9. 3  | 39) C                                 | 49) whose       |
| 10. 3 | 40) H                                 | 50) "           |
| 11. 2 |                                       |                 |
| 12. 2 | 51) Neither Jasmine nor her friends   |                 |
| 13. 4 | enjoy music lessons.                  |                 |
| 14. 3 |                                       |                 |
| 15. 3 | 52) Since it was raining heavily, the |                 |
| 16. 2 | Chingay Parade was cancelled.         |                 |
| 17. 2 |                                       |                 |
| 18. 3 | 53) Tony prefers rollerblading to     |                 |
| 19. 3 | cycling.                              |                 |
| 20. 4 |                                       |                 |
| 21. 1 | 54) becoming                          |                 |
| 22. 2 | 55) stop                              |                 |
| 23. 4 | 56) hand                              |                 |
| 24. 4 | 57) what                              |                 |
| 25. 3 | 58) return                            |                 |
| 26. 2 | 59) pace                              |                 |
| 27. 1 | 60) depend                            |                 |
| 28. 4 | 61) touch                             |                 |
| 29. 4 | 62) illness                           |                 |
| 30. 3 | 63) hard .                            |                 |

64) She wanted to avoid the traffic jam and arrive of time for work.

65) She heard the voices of her new colleges.

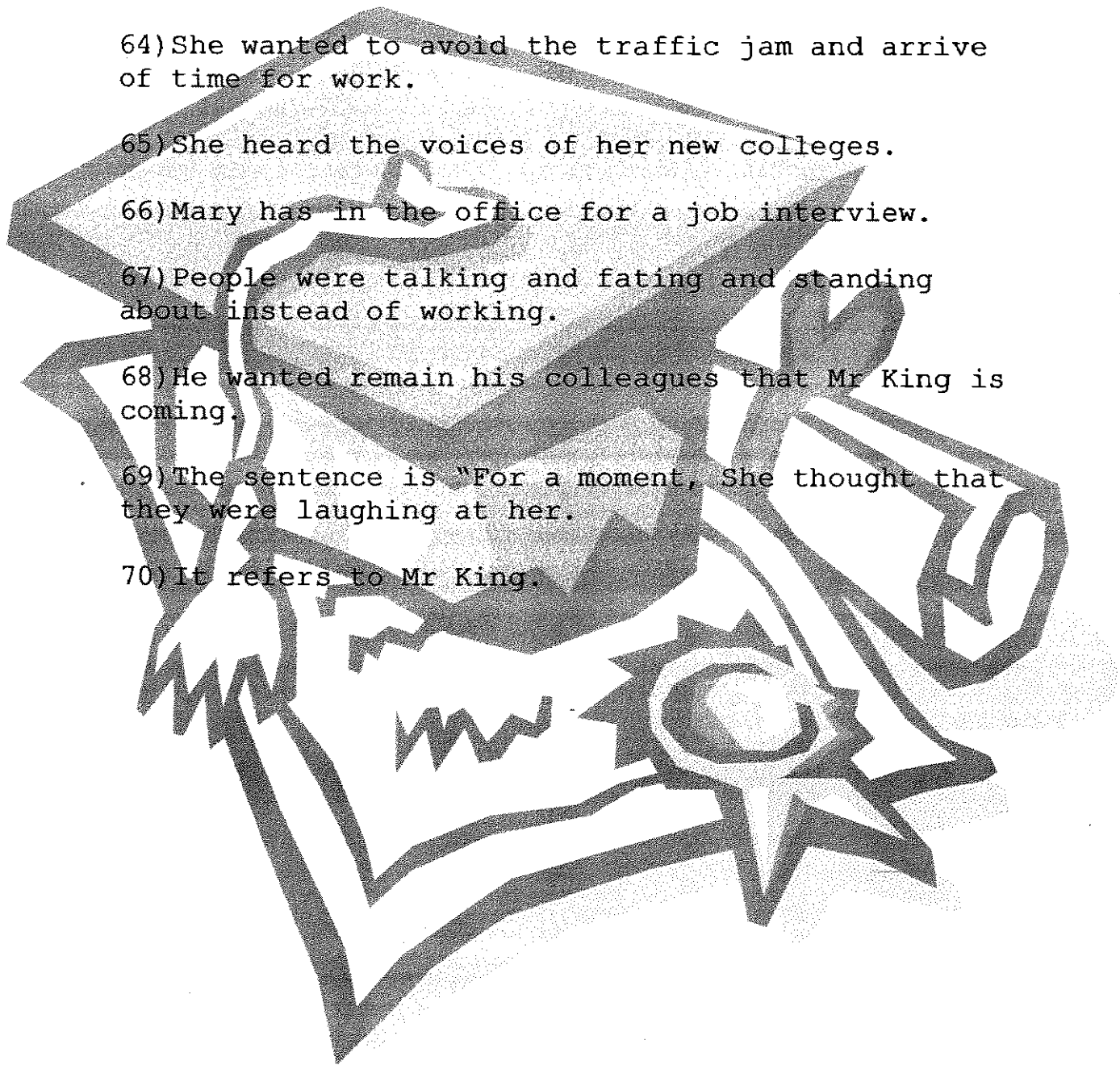
66) Mary has in the office for a job interview.

67) People were talking and fating and standing about instead of working.

68) He wanted remain his colleagues that Mr King is coming.

69) The sentence is "For a moment, She thought that they were laughing at her."

70) It refers to Mr King.





**Maha Bodhi School**  
**2007 Semestral Assessment 2**  
**English Language (Paper 2)**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class : Pr 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 26 October 2007

Duration : 1 h 30 min

**Booklet A**

**Section A: Grammar MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

**For Questions 1 to 10, choose the correct answer to fill in each blank. Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on your OMS.**

1. Although the children were very hungry, they did not eat \_\_\_\_\_ for lunch.  
(1) a few  
(2) a little  
(3) much  
(4) many
  
2. Did you \_\_\_\_\_ the superstar sing at last year's charity concert?  
(1) hear  
(2) hears  
(3) heard  
(4) hearing
  
3. The men \_\_\_\_\_ smoking in the MRT station recently.  
(1) is caught  
(2) are caught  
(3) was caught  
(4) were caught

4. She completed her homework, \_\_\_\_\_ she?  
(1) won't  
(2) didn't  
(3) hadn't  
(4) couldn't
5. Poor Mrs Siva! She \_\_\_\_\_ when she received the bad news.  
(1) collapse  
(2) collapses  
(3) collapsed  
(4) collapsing
6. The police decided to call \_\_\_\_\_ the search as it was raining cats and dogs.  
(1) on  
(2) off  
(3) out  
(4) over

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)**

**For Questions 7 to 12, choose the correct answer to fill in each blank. Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on your OMS.**

7. The national badminton player has been advised by the doctor to stop training until the wound on his left leg is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) cured  
(2) healed  
(3) improved  
(4) recovered
8. The speeding lorry \_\_\_\_\_ to a halt suddenly to avoid running over the dog.  
(1) creaked  
(2) crashed  
(3) squeaked  
(4) screeched

9. Many fans had been waiting \_\_\_\_\_ at the airport since 6 a.m. for the arrival of their favourite superstar from Taiwan.
- (1) patiently
  - (2) curiously
  - (3) worriedly
  - (4) punctually
10. When the old woman slipped and fell in the bathroom, she \_\_\_\_\_ serious injuries.
- (1) inflicted
  - (2) obtained
  - (3) received
  - (4) sustained
11. The girls \_\_\_\_\_ with fear when they saw the long snake.
- (1) whined
  - (2) moaned
  - (3) trembled
  - (4) grumbled
12. The Red Cross Society provided the flood \_\_\_\_\_ with food and clothing.
- (1) victims
  - (2) patients
  - (3) residents
  - (4) members



**Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and shade its number (1,2,3 or 4) on the OMS provided. Your answer must be based on the passage read.**

Early one Monday morning, a black panther was found missing from its cage in the zoo at Mandai. Immediately the alarm was raised. Policemen armed with rifles, walkie-talkies and powerful torches **combed** the thick jungle around Seletar Reservoir.

Just before noon, one party spotted an animal and fired several shots at it. The animal turned out to be a black wild cat. The police worked round the clock. They set up traps.

On the third day, four school boys were catching spiders in the jungle when suddenly they saw a panther staring at them from the top of a huge tree. Gripped with fear, they ran back to their school nearby and told their teachers about it. Within minutes, policemen with dogs arrived and searched the area but it was all in vain.

For the first few days, the panther avoided the traps set up to catch it. However, on the fifth night, hunger forced it to kill a goat that was tied in a pit. When it tried to pull the goat out, it set off a trigger and a net fell over it. After clawing desperately, it managed to break loose.

A week had passed since the escape of the panther. Several big game hunters were invited to join the police in their search. Meanwhile residents in and around the Seletar-Mandai areas were advised to be alert and keep away from the areas. Finally the panther was captured and returned to where it belonged after a fortnight of freedom in the wild.

13. The policemen searching for the panther \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) were all well armed
- (2) worked eight hours a day
- (3) only took dogs along with them
- (4) spotted it and fired several shots at it

14. The black wild cat was found on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Monday
  - (2) Tuesday
  - (3) Thursday
  - (4) Friday
15. When the panther tried to pull the goat out of the pit, \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) a net landed over it
  - (2) the police spotted it
  - (3) the goat broke loose
  - (4) it slipped into the pit
16. The panther was caught \_\_\_\_\_ after it had escaped from the zoo.
- (1) a week
  - (2) five days
  - (3) three days
  - (4) two weeks
- 17) The word "combed" in Paragraph 1 means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) crept secretly
  - (2) examined closely
  - (3) entered cautiously
  - (4) searched thoroughly

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Booklet B

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A-K) on each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

| | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| (A) incident | (B) seized | (C) nuisance | (D) impact | (E) collided |
| (F) pranced | (G) referred | (H) attempt | (J) sensible | (K) called |

Manfred was a mischievous boy. His sister often (18) _____ to him as "The Monkey". "Could you try not to be such a (19) _____?" his mother would ask him, in a vain (20) _____ to make him behave.

One day, Manfred saw his sister doing her homework. He (21) _____ her pen from her and ran off laughing. His sister ran towards him as he (22) _____ around, sticking his tongue out at her. She was running around the house, chasing him, when suddenly he changed directions and they (23) _____ into each other!

Both of them were mildly injured by the (24)_____. Their mother, who had witnessed the accident, spoke up, "See what trouble you've caused your sister? I hope you will learn a lesson and be more (25)_____ for the rest of today." Manfred agreed to behave himself.

Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Passage 1

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A-F) on each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

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|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| (A) since | (B) after | (C) despite |
| (D) besides | (E) because | (F) until |

Vancouver is one of the largest cities in Canada. People from all around the world go there to spend their vacation (26)_____ of its beautiful scenery. (27)_____ its lovely parks and gardens, it boasts of world class museums. In Vancouver, there is an open space called Robson Square, where people can sit around to rest (28)_____ an afternoon of shopping. However, (29)_____ its various attractions, some people do not want to visit it because of the cold weather. They think they are not able to withstand the icy winds from the North.

Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A-F) on each blank.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|----------|
| (A) is feeling | (B) has felt | (C) felt |
| (D) was felt | (E) feeling | (F) feel |

A huge earthquake of magnitude 8.4 on the Richter Scale occurred on 12 September this year on the island of Sumatra. It (30) _____ by residents all over Singapore. According to a resident in Tampines, he (31) _____ the building swaying while watching TV at home. (32) _____ the shaking some distance away in Punggol was another resident who got his family to evacuate. "I (33) _____ that these earthquakes are becoming more common nowadays," he said when interviewed by a reporter. The tremors lasted about a minute.

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

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

One dollar and eighty-seven cents was all Della had saved. The next day was Christmas. There was nothing she could do but sit down on her old worn couch and cry. She had been saving every cent she could for months, but she did not have much money to save. She had wanted to buy something nice for Jim, her husband. When Della had finished crying, she washed her face and thought about what to do.

Now, Della and Jim had two things they were very proud of. One was Jim's gold watch, which had been his grandfather's. The other was Della's lovely, brown, shining hair.

She looked at her hair for a minute, hesitating. Then, she made up her mind. She went out and stopped at a shop with a sign that read: "Madame Sofonia: We Buy Hair Goods of All Kinds." She went into the shop. Soon, she left it with her head much lighter, and went to look for a present for her husband. She found the right present for him at last. It was a gold watch chain, just right for his beautiful watch. She went home excitedly, waiting for the moment she could give Jim her gift.

When Jim returned, he took one look at her and stood still. He stared at her open-mouthed. "Your hair is gone!" he said, looking as if he was dreaming. "Please don't be angry with me, Jim," begged Della. "I sold it off so that I could buy you a present for Christmas. I couldn't bear it if I didn't give you anything."

Jim sat down slowly on the couch like an old man. He showed her his present to her. It was a beautiful set of hair pins encrusted with jewels that matched her beautiful hair. Della gave a cry of joy, then suddenly a sob of sadness. She remembered her hair was gone! She smiled through her tears and said, "My hair grows so fast, Jim!"

She then gave him her present. Instead of taking out his watch to see how it would fit on the chain, Jim put his hands on his head, and smiled. "Della," he said. "Let's put away our gifts and keep them for a while. They're too nice to use now. I sold the watch to get enough money to buy your hair pins."

Story adapted from "The Gifts" by O. Henry

34. Why did Della cry?

35. Which word in the third paragraph shows that Della was undecided about something?

36. What did Della do at Madame Sofonia's shop?

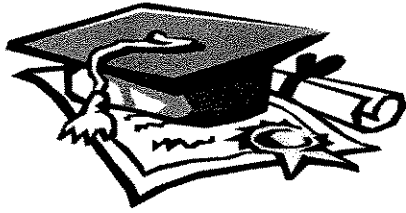
37. Why was Jim shocked when he first saw Della with short hair?

38. Why didn't Jim want to see if his watch would fit the chain?



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



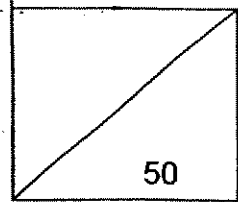


ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

- 1.3 31) C
- 2.1 32) E
- 3.4 33) F
- 4.2 34) She was sad that she did not have enough money to buy some thing for Jim.
- 5.3
- 6.2
- 7.2
- 8.4 35) The word is "Hesitating."
- 9.1
- 10. 4 36) She sold her hair.
- 11. 3
- 12. 1 37) She never had short hair.
- 13. 1
- 14. 1 38) Its had sold off his watch.
- 15. 1
- 16. 4
- 17. 4
- 18. G
- 19. C
- 20. H
- 21. B
- 22. F
- 23. E
- 24. D
- 25. J
- 26. E
- 27. D
- 28. B
- 29. C
- 30. D

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PRIMARY FOUR



NAME: _____ ()

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Section A: Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. The Lim family went to get some furniture for their new flat as it was _____

- (1) bar
- (2) bare
- (3) bear
- (4) beer

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2. "This can't be happening to us!" _____ Jennie in disbelief.

- (1) commended
- (2) exclaimed
- (3) sneered
- (4) urged

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3. Uncle Sam has a heart of _____ as he is always devoting his time to help the poor and needy.

- (1) bone
- (2) gold
- (3) stone
- (4) wood

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4. William is the _____ pupil in class as he always completes all his work on time.

- (1) anxious
- (2) conscientious
- (3) ferocious
- (4) pretentious

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5. Jack braked hard when he saw the traffic lights turn red at the busy _____.

- (1) intervention
- (2) interruption
- (3) intersection
- (4) intermission

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Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

6. The patrol car _____ outside the police station.

- (1) pulled across
- (2) pulled into
- (3) pulled through
- (4) pulled up

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7. Neither of his friends _____ to help him through this difficult period.

- (1) are agreeing
- (2) has agreed
- (3) have agreed
- (4) agree

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8. _____ time permits, Mary will have to decide between scuba-diving or water-skiing.

- (1) But
- (2) However
- (3) Unless
- (4) For

()

9. The mouse scurried into the hole _____ the cat could catch it.

- (1) as
- (2) before
- (3) when
- (4) while

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10. The principal declared that _____ would be a school holiday.

- (1) the day before
- (2) the next day
- (3) the previous day
- (4) yesterday

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11. Everybody, except Linda and Florence, _____ the National Museum next Sunday.

- (1) visit
- (2) visited
- (3) is visiting
- (4) are visiting

()

Read the following passage and select the correct answer for each question.
Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

Police said that Madam Hoi was on her way home when a man approached her to ask for directions. That was how they started a conversation and the man offered to show her a magic stone, which he claimed could cure many illnesses.

After some persuasion, she went with him to a car parked nearby where the man's accomplice studied her face and told her that bad luck would befall her family.

They advised her to take the 'magic stone' home to cleanse her house and to also enlist a master to pray for her family. Worried about the safety of her family, Madam Hoi agreed. The tricksters became bolder and told her that she would also need two cleansing sessions, each costing \$10 000.

Madam Hoi went to the nearest bank to withdraw the money. After taking the money, the men then passed her a black bag and told her to wait for them at the void deck.

After a few hours, when the men did not return, Madam Hoi opened the bag and found a brick and a rolled up newspaper. To her dismay, she realised that she had been tricked and reported the matter to the police.

The police are now trying to appeal to witnesses regarding the whereabouts of these two con men. Police said that the elderly and illiterate are more susceptible to such tricks and over the years quite a number of elderly women have fallen prey to the magic stone trick.

12. Madam Hoi was _____ when she was approached by a man.

- (1) heading home
- (2) heading to the car
- (3) going to the market
- (4) asking for directions

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13. The men's real intention was to _____.

- (1) ask for directions
- (2) give away the magic stone
- (3) cheat Madam Hoi of her money
- (4) enlist a master to pray for Madam Hoi's family

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14. Madam Hoi found _____ in the black bag.

- (1) a brick and a newspaper
- (2) a stone and a newspaper
- (3) a brick and a piece of paper
- (4) a stone and a piece of paper

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15. Madam Hoi knew that she was cheated _____.

- (1) when the men did not return
- (2) after reporting the matter to the police
- (3) when she was told to wait at the void deck
- (4) when she checked the contents in the bag

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16. What does the phrase 'fallen prey' in the passage suggest about the elderly women?

They were _____.

- (1) accomplices
- (2) witnesses
- (3) agents
- (4) victims

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

(A) Choose the correct word from the box to fill in each blank in the passage.

Use each word ONCE only.

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|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| advantage | power | ability | escape |
| disadvantage | speed | swift | balance |

A penguin is a species of bird that cannot fly. On land, the penguins are ungainly creatures, waddling clumsily and using their flipper-like wings for (17) _____. But in the water, the penguin is swift and this helps it to (18) _____ from its predators.

Another bird that does not have the (19) _____ to fly is the ostrich. However, this is only a minor (20) _____ for the ostrich. Its sheer size and speed prevent it from falling prey to other animals since few are larger than it or as (21) _____. Both the penguin and ostrich are examples of birds that have adapted well despite being unable to fly.

(B) Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

It was a blistering hot day. Guoming and his friend Ali could not remember ever feeling quite so hot and miserable. Suddenly, Guoming came up with a great idea. He (22) _____ that they go down to the river to have a swim.

At the river, Guoming could hardly contain his excitement and in a twinkling of an (23) _____, he dived straight in.

"This is great!" he cried as he came up to the surface. "Come and (24) _____ me!"

Then suddenly, his face became a picture of panic. He began screaming frantically as he was swept away by the raging current.

Ali tried in (25) _____ to help him but he was unable to help his friend who, within seconds, was dragged underwater and vanished out of (26) _____. However hard Ali screamed, Guoming never responded.

Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

(A) Choose the correct word from the box to fill in each blank in the passage.
Use each word ONCE only.

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|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| before | until | that | or |
| because | and | but | still |

I love writing stories about children. Many of my stories revolve around children who love ^{both} animals (27) _____ nature. Some people tell me to include more fascinating characters in my stories such as robots, aliens and villains (28) _____ I simply refuse to. I do not believe that I need characters such as robots, aliens (29) _____ villains in my stories to rouse the interest of young readers.

I believe that good stories are essential in helping children discover the love for reading. I am thrilled when I learn that a child has formed the habit of reading (30) _____ of my books and stories. I always try to create captivating stories such that you just cannot put down the book (31) _____ you get to the end of the story. You will definitely enjoy my stories.

(B) Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

During a school trip to Penang, a group of students waited eagerly at the baggage counter to check-in their luggage. Unfortunately, some students had forgotten to write (32) _____ names on their belongings. The luggage was in a mess and the airport staff could not do anything to help. Fortunately, some students managed to recognize some of the luggage and were able to help sort them out.

"This doesn't look like my bag. It's yours, Jack! (33) _____ bag is beige," said Nellie. "This is the only beige bag, so it must be mine."

"I am sure these suitcases belong to the twins, Ahmad and Azah. This blue one is also (34) _____," said Jack. "I saw them putting it on their trolley just now."

"What about this red backpack over here?" asked Nellie.

"That one definitely belongs to Bala. It was a present from (35) _____ father and he almost never leaves home without it," replied Jack.

"Yes, that's (36) _____," chuckled Bala with a smile. It was not long before all the bags were sorted out and properly labeled.

Section F: Comprehension Open Ended (7 x 2 marks)

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

Figure skating is a very graceful sport. One of the finest figure skaters in the world is Peggy Fleming. When she was about nine years old, her family had to move to Cleveland due to her father's work commitments. It was there that she learnt how to skate and her love for figure skating soon blossomed.

It was obvious to many that Peggy had a natural talent for skating. She was just a novice skater when she competed in the United States Figure Skating Championships in 1962, where she won the bronze medal. The following year she secured another bronze medal for her performance. Undaunted, Peggy continued to train hard and she emerged the undefeated champion for the next five years. Peggy's determination and perseverance paid off when she went on to clinch the gold medal at the Grenada Olympics.

Not long after, Peggy retired from her competitive career.

Although she no longer took part in competitions, Peggy continued to contribute to the sport. She appeared in numerous television programmes and interviews to promote the sport. Peggy's breathtaking performances earned her worldwide fame such that she was one of the first skaters ever invited to perform at the White House.

Peggy Fleming will always be admired for her skill and elegance in the figure-skating arena. She will always be a model for future figure skaters to emulate.

37. Where did Peggy Fleming first learn to skate?

38. Which word in the passage tells you that Peggy was just a beginner when she first competed in the United States Figure Skating Championships?

39. How many times did Peggy Fleming win the United States Figure Skating Championship?

40. When did Peggy Fleming retire from her competitive career?

41. Name two important factors which helped Peggy achieve her goal of winning an Olympic gold medal.

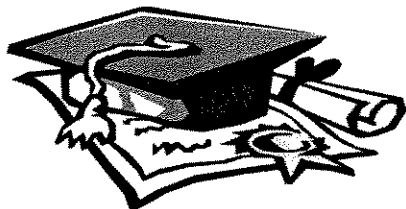
42. How did she continue to contribute to the sport after retiring from her competitive career?

43. Why was Peggy Fleming a role model for future figure-skaters?

Remember to check your work carefully!

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| 1. 2 | 31) until |
| 2. 2 | 32) their |
| 3. 2 | 33) my |
| 4. 2 | 34) theirs |
| 5. 3 | 35) his |
| 6. 4 | 36) right |
| 7. 2 | 37) Peggy Fleming first learned to skate at Cleveland. |
| 8. 3 | |
| 9. 2 | |
| 10. 2 | 38) The word is "novice" tells me that Peggy was just a beginner when she first competed in the united Figure skating championships. |
| 11. 3 | |
| 12. 1 | |
| 13. 3 | |
| 14. 1 | |
| 15. 4 | 39) She emerged the champion a total of five times. |
| 16. 4 | |
| 17. balance | |
| 18. escape | 40) She retired after she won the gold medal in the she retired. |
| 19. ability | |
| 20. disadvantage | |
| 21. swift | 41) They were her determination and perseverance which helped her to achieve her gold. |
| 22. suggested | |
| 23. eye | |
| 24. join | |
| 25. vain | 42) She contributed by appearing in numerous programme shows and in interview to sport. |
| 26. reach | |
| 27. and | |
| 28. but | |
| 29. or | 43) She was a role model for Future figure skaters because she was admired for her skill and elegance in the skating arena. |
| 30. because | |



**AI TONG SCHOOL
2007**

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO

PRIMARY 4

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

DURATION : 1h 45 min

DATE : 24th October 2007

INSTRUCTIONS

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Follow all instructions.

Answer all questions.

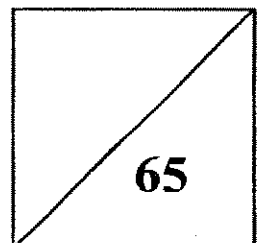
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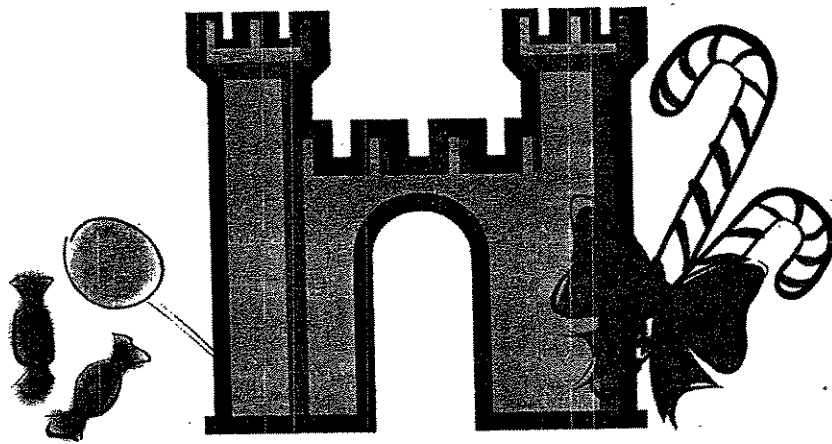
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Section A : Graphic Stimulus (4 × 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and then use it to answer questions 1 to 4.

Candyland Tour



Your tour begins in the basement where the candies are manufactured. Your guide will explain how the different candies are made. You can also try some of the more popular and unusual candies. You will also receive a goodie-bag filled with our delicious candies!

Tour prices: \$7 (Adults) \$3 (Children)

Tour times: Daily - 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm

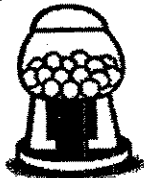
Additional tour at 1:30 pm for Fridays and Saturdays

Organised by:



Sweet Tooth INC

Sponsored by:



Gumball Pte Ltd

**Buy your tickets online at
www.candyland.com.sg or at
the entrance of :**

**Candyland
100 Platinum Hill Drive
Singapore 123456**

For each question from 1 to 4, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. What kind of tour is this?
 - (1) An online tour
 - (2) A guided tour
 - (3) A free and easy tour
 - (4) An unguided tour

2. Where can you purchase the tickets for this tour?
 - (1) From a shopping mall
 - (2) From Sweet Tooth INC
 - (3) From a website
 - (4) From Gumball Pte Ltd

3. How many tours are there on Fridays?
 - (1) Four
 - (2) Five
 - (3) Six
 - (4) Seven

4. Who is the organiser of this tour?
 - (1) Sweet Tooth INC
 - (2) Gumball Pte Ltd
 - (3) Candyland Tour
 - (4) www.candyland.com.sg

Section B : Grammar MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 5 to 9, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

5. Stanley has _____ the glass of fruit punch.
- (1) drink (2) drinks
(3) drank (4) drunk
6. You should think twice _____ you accuse your classmate of stealing.
- (1) as (2) before
(3) while (4) because
7. Did you see the frog croaking _____ the lily pad?
- (1) on (2) under
(3) along (4) between
8. Cherie missed the bus although she ran as quickly as she _____ to catch it.
- (1) may (2) might
(3) can (4) could
9. Most of the tickets for the football match _____ sold out last night.
- (1) are (2) were
(3) have (4) had

Section C : Punctuation MCQ (3x 1 mark)

For each question from 10 to 12, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

“What has happened?” Mr De Silva stared in disbelief at the smashed plant pots and scattered soil along the corridor. Ernest looked at his neighbour guiltily. “Mr De Silva, I’m sorry. I didn’t want this to happen. I had released Blacky from his leash and before I knew what was happening (10) he leapt at your potted plants and smashed them.”

Mr De Silva sighed, “I warned you about Blacky. This is not the first time he had smashed my plant pots. He had also toppled my shoe racks before (11) Mr De Silva was truly unhappy. Looking Ernest straight in the eyes, he asked, “Can you make a promise not to release Blacky from his leash (12)

“I’m truly sorry. I promise not to take his leash off,” Ernest replied softly. After Ernest apologised to Mr De Silva, he took a broom and started to sweep the dirty soil along the corridor.

10. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [?] question mark
 (4) [!] exclamation mark
11. (1) [,”] comma and inverted commas
 (2) [.”] full stop and inverted commas
 (3) [?”] question mark and inverted commas
 (4) [!”] exclamation mark and inverted commas
12. (1) [,”] comma and inverted commas
 (2) [.”] full stop and inverted commas
 (3) [?”] question mark and inverted commas
 (4) [!”] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D : Vocabulary MCQ (4x 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

13. We felt the _____ of the earthquake early this morning.
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|-------------|---------------|
| (1) jerks | (2) ripples |
| (3) tremors | (4) movements |
14. Gerald cried out in pain when the hot Milo spilled and _____ his right hand.
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|-------------|--------------|
| (1) burnt | (2) scorched |
| (3) scalded | (4) injured |
15. The two parking lots are _____ for the handicapped.
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|------------|--------------|
| (1) kept | (2) assigned |
| (3) stored | (4) reserved |
16. When Mrs Ong heard that her only child was injured in a car accident, she stood _____ at the door as if paralysed.
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|-------------------|----------------|
| (1) sadly | (2) movingly |
| (3) energetically | (4) motionless |

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze MCQ (4x 1 mark)

For each question from 17 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

An Australian man stumbled into a crocodile territory and was forced to scurry up a tree where he stayed for seven days before he was rescued by an army helicopter. Mr David George's problems began after he fell off his horse while riding in the countryside. Dazed and bleeding, he climbed back on his horse hoping it would lead him home. It was only later that he realized it had wandered into a swamp infested by crocodiles.

Mr George was stalked by two crocodiles which would sit at the bottom of the tree every night. "All I could see were two sets of red eyes about 6m away from the tree," said Mr George.

Mr George survived on two meat sandwiches. He also had to tie himself to the tree so that he would not fall into the swamp while sleeping. His ordeal came to an end when an army helicopter took him to safety.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 15 August 2007

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| 17. | (1) Annoyed | (2) Angered |
| | (3) Excited | (4) Shocked |
| 18. | (1) skipped | (2) marched |
| | (3) roamed | (4) slithered |
| 19. | (1) accompanied | (2) monitored |
| | (3) trailed | (4) hounded |
| 20. | (1) stuffed | (2) lived |
| | (3) maintained | (4) continued |

Section F : Comprehension MCQ (5x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 21 to 25.

Parrots are brilliantly feathered, screamingly noisy and clever in the use of their beaks and claws. Each bird has a large and arched upper beak. It has two toes pointing forward and two backward. Some parrots have the power of mimicking speech and can be trained to speak a few words. Parrots are skilful climbers but clumsy walkers. In the wild, they usually nest in hollow trees. They live long, some living beyond fifty years.

One species of parrot, the tiny African parrots called 'lovebirds', are no larger than a common house sparrow. They get their name from the affection they show to birds of their kind. These are often kept as pets. Another species, the kea, from New Zealand, attacks and kills sheep. They do so by thrusting their powerful beaks into the fat which surrounds the kidneys of their prey.

In many bird parks and zoos, parrots have been trained to perform numerous acts. These shows have helped to draw great crowds to patronise the bird parks and zoos. There is an admission charge for each visit. The proceeds of this go towards the upkeep of these bird and animal sanctuaries.

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

21. Parrots are unable to walk _____.

- (1) at all
- (2) with grace
- (3) short distances
- (4) without training

22. The African parrots are called 'lovebirds' because of the way they _____.

- (1) are kept as pets
- (2) love all other birds
- (3) look like house sparrows
- (4) show love to their own species

23. The kea species kills by _____.
- (1) using its toes
 - (2) using its beaks
 - (3) using its claws
 - (4) using its wings
24. What draws people to the bird parks and zoos?
- (1) Watching parrots perform tricks.
 - (2) Watching parrots nest in hollow trees.
 - (3) Watching the kea species attack sheep.
 - (4) Watching the African parrots show affection.
25. The bird and animal sanctuaries are maintained by using money from _____.
- (1) the sale of parrots
 - (2) the sale of parrot feathers
 - (3) the sale of house sparrows
 - (4) the sale of admission tickets

BOOKLET B

Name : _____ ()

Class : Pr 4 _____

Section G : Grammar Cloze (6 x 1 mark)

There are 6 blanks, numbered 26 to 31 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to K) in the blanks. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

~~(A) our~~~~(B) over~~~~(C) into~~~~(D) that~~~~(E) to~~~~(F) around~~~~(G) by~~~~(H) than~~~~(J) with~~~~(K) their~~

A space tourism company, Galactic Suite, is expected to open the first hotel in space in 2012. The hotel can only accommodate six guests at a time. It will go (26) _____ the Earth every 80 minutes, allowing guests to see the sunrise eighteen times a day.

However, the rooms do not come cheap. A three-day stay at the hotel costs approximately S\$6 million. At the hotel, guests will have to wear special suits to crawl around (27) _____ rooms and stick themselves to the walls like Spiderman.

Galactic Suite's director, Mr Xavier Claramunt, said that the three-bedroom hotel will be built (28) _____ joining up individual units in orbit. Each unit will be taken (29) _____ space inside a rocket.

Mr Claramunt revealed that there are more (30) _____ 40,000 people in the world who can afford to stay at the hotel. He hoped (31) _____ the experience of seeing Earth from a distance would inspire guests to value and protect our aging planet.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 14th August 2007

Section H : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

For each question from 32 to 39, correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

(32)

Visitors to India often show a keen interest in the Taj Mahal. This **magnifyicent** monument which is made entirely of white marble is located in Agra, a state in Northern India.

(33)

The Taj Mahal was built by Emperor Shah Jahan as a symbol of **luv** for his wife, Mumtaz

(34)

Mahal. The name Taj Mahal means "Crown of the Palace". It was a title give to Empress Mumtaz when she was alive.

(35)

Empress Mumtaz died after giving birth to their **forteenth** child. Emperor Shah was so

(36)

heartbroken that he orders the court to be in a state of mourning for two years. Sometime after her

death, he undertook the task of erecting the beautiful monument. The construction of the Taj Mahal

(37) (38)

took twenty-two years but involved the labour of twenty thousand workers which ~~worked~~ on it daily.

Inside the Taj Mahal, lies the white marble tomb of Empress Mumtaz. Today, Taj Mahal is

(39)

a **populer** tourist attraction. In addition, this beautiful monument is also considered as one of the

Seven Ancient Wonders of the World.

Section I : Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**Passage 1**

There are 6 blanks, numbered 40 to 43 in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the correct answer for each blank. Write the letter (A to K) in the blanks. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| (A) thought | (B) worried | (C) taught | (D) cage | (E) learnt |
| (F) terrified | (G) corner | (H) place | (J) end | (K) enclosure |

Zookeepers, Roy and Mali, looked at each other in bewilderment when they heard yelping from the polar bears' den. They quickly raced to the (40) _____. Sheba was lying there with her newborn baby cub sleeping on her outstretched paws.

"The first polar bear born in captivity!" shouted Roy as his friend nodded in agreement. At first, the keepers were (41) _____ that the cub might not survive. Mother polar bears often eat their cubs or reject them by refusing to suckle them. However, Sheba proved to be a loving mother. She took good care of the cub which the zookeepers named Inuka.

Sheba (42) _____ Inuka how to swim. At first, Inuka was too afraid to go into the water by himself, so he rode piggyback on his mother. He soon overcame his fear of water and was able to swim into the deep (43) _____ of the pool by himself. Inuka has become Singapore's pride and joy as it is the only successful polar bear born in captivity.

Source : Adapted from PSLE Booklet

Passage 2

There are four blanks, numbered 44 to 47, in the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

On 20th September 2007, a teenage girl was caught damaging a seat of a SBS transit bus. The girl was so bold that she drew on the seat of a double-decker in full view of other passengers. Despite being stared at by other passengers, the girl just (44) _____ them as she continued to draw on the seat (45) _____ a green whiteboard marker. Finally, four boys decided to report the girl's irresponsible behaviour to the bus driver. The girl was detained and her case was referred (46) _____ the police for further action.

According to SBS Transit, the biggest public bus operator here, about twenty buses are damaged by teenagers daily. Apart from the drawings found on the back of bus seats, there have also been occasions where teenagers slashed rows of cushioned seats. It is unfortunate that SBS Transit has to (47) _____ almost \$1 million every year to clean and repair the damaged bus property.

Adapted from The New Paper, 28th September 2007

Section J : Synthesis (4 x 2 marks)

For each of the question from 48 to 51, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

48. Guangxi left the living room. He switched off the fan and light.

_____ when _____

49. The boys climbed the tree. They wanted to pluck the rambutans.

_____ to _____

50. The soccer match was postponed. The sky was getting dark.

Since _____

51. Darren has to be at the stadium at eight o'clock. Hamzah has to be at the stadium at eight o'clock too.

Both _____

Section K: Comprehension Open Ended (5 × 2 marks)

**Read the passage below and answer Questions 52 to 56.
Your answers must be based on the passage.**

25 Jalan Bunga Raya
Bukit Gelugor
11700 Gelugor
Pulau Pinang
Malaysia.

8 October 2007

Dear Jack,

I have not written to you for a long time. How are you and your family? I hope all of you are well. We are very busy at the moment preparing for Hari Raya.

My mother and aunts have been baking cakes this past week. They have prepared 'dodol', 'kuih bahulu', jam tarts and my favourite, 'kuih bangkit'. I am also helping out by weaving 'ketupat' cases. My mother taught me how to do it.

I have started fasting and my parents allowed me to try fasting for a full day. I found it very tiring so I fast for only half a day now. My mother has bought me two new sets of clothes while my grandmother sewed one for me. That is the one I like best as it has bright yellow flowers on it.

My friends from school will be coming to visit me on the first day of Hari Raya. My family and I will go visiting too.

Well, I hope that you will have an enjoyable celebration in Singapore.

Yours Sincerely,

Hasnah

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

52. Which country was the letter from?

53. Why had Hasnah not written to Jack for so long?

54. How did Hasnah help in the Hari Raya preparations?

55. Why was Hasnah unable to fast for a full day?

56. How many new outfits did Hasnah receive?

~ End of Paper ~

~ Please check your work carefully ~



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| 1. 2 | 31) D | 41) B |
| 2. 3 | 32) magnificent | 42) C |
| 3. 2 | 33) love | 43) J |
| 4. 1 | 34) given | 44) ignored |
| 5. 4 | 35) fourteen | 45) with |
| 6. 2 | 36) ordered | 46) to |
| 7. 1 | 37) and | 47) spend |
| 8. 4 | 38) who | |
| 9. 2 | 39) popular | |
| 10. 1 | 40) k | |
| 11. 2 | | |
| 12. 3 | 48) Guangxi switched off the fan and | |
| 13. 3 | light when he left the living room. | |
| 14. 3 | | |
| 15. 4 | 49) The boys climbed the tree to pluck | |
| 16. 4 | the rambutans. | |
| 17. 4 | | |
| 18. 3 | 50) Since the sky was getting dark, the | |
| 19. 3 | soccer match was postponed. | |
| 20. 2 | | |
| 21. 2 | 51) Both Darren and Hamzah have to be | |
| 22. 4 | at the stadium at eight o'clock. | |
| 23. 2 | | |
| 24. 1 | 52) The letter was from Malaysia. | |
| 25. 4 | | |
| 26. F | 53) Hasnah was very busy at the moment | |
| 27. K | preparing for Hari Raya. | |
| 28. G | | |
| 29. C | 54) Hasnah helped to weave 'Ketupat' | |
| 30. H | cases. | |
| | 55) Hasnah found fasting for a full very | |
| | tiring. | |
| | 56) Hasnah received three new outfits. | |



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2007

Name : _____ Class: P4 _____ Index No: _____

23rd Oct 2007 ENGLISH (PART 1) Att: 1 h 15 min
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| Highest
score | | |
| Average
score | | |
| Parent's
Signature | | |

Section A: Grammar (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

1. Neither Mary nor Suzy _____ a book every day.

- (1) read
- (2) reads
- (3) is reading
- (4) have read

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2. "Is five-hundred gram of sugar too _____ for a small cake?" Su Min asked her mother.

- (1) few
- (2) less
- (3) many
- (4) much

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3. "_____ you want a scolding from your father, you'd better finish your homework now," Mrs Tan warned Sam.

- (1) If
- (2) As
- (3) Since
- (4) Unless

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4. In the tournament, Sweden will play _____ Germany to earn a spot at the finals.

- (1) by
- (2) for
- (3) with
- (4) against

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5. "They _____ to our enquiry letter two months ago but you didn't bother to read it!"
shouted Lina at John.
- (1) reply
(2) replies
(3) replied
(4) replying
- ()
6. The man _____ legs are crippled is a millionaire.
- (1) who
(2) whom
(3) which
(4) whose
- ()

Section B: Vocabulary (6X1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the OAS.

7. The fishermen spotted an abandoned boat _____ at sea and informed the
police coast guards.
- (1) drifting
(2) loitering
(3) lingering
(4) hovering
- ()
8. The climb to the _____ of the mountain was difficult but it was worth it as the
view from the peak was magnificent.
- (1) tip
(2) hill
(3) valley
(4) summit
- ()
9. We were invited to a _____ feast last evening.
- (1) meagre
(2) gorgeous
(3) sumptuous
(4) tremendous
- ()

10. In the past, some men _____ to piracy as they were looking for an easy way to get rich.
- (1) related
 - (2) adopted
 - (3) resorted
 - (4) converted
- ()
11. Tim was attacked by the bear because he _____ it.
- (1) probed
 - (2) revived
 - (3) revoked
 - (4) provoked
- ()
12. Siti has learnt to pick herself up after the sorrowful event instead of _____ over what had already happened.
- (1) jeering
 - (2) harping
 - (3) brooding
 - (4) considering
- ()

14. Why did Mary stop for a rest?
She was _____.

- (1) tired
- (2) alone
- (3) hungry
- (4) desperate

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15. Which of the following phrases tells you that Mary was scared of the 'thing'?
The phrase is _____.

- (1) 'stopped crying'
- (2) 'briefly stunned'
- (3) 'muttered to herself'
- (4) 'trembled vigorously'

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16. What does the word 'menacing' in line 13 mean in the passage?
It means the pair of eyes looked _____.

- (1) greedy
- (2) friendly
- (3) worried
- (4) threatening

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17. What happened to Mary in the end?

- (1) Mary was killed by the 'thing'.
- (2) Mary drowned herself at sea.
- (3) Mary screamed and was saved.
- (4) Mary ran towards the sea for help.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze 1 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------|
| (A) am doing | (B) do | (C) does | (D) did |
| (E) had done | (F) have done | (G) is doing | |

Terry looked at his reflection in the mirror. He realised to his horror that what his friend (Q9) _____ to him was staring back right at him.

He picked up the telephone and dialled Alan's number. "Hey! See what you (Q10) _____ to me! There is a scar!" Terry screamed into the telephone. Alan replied, "Oh dear, I only (Q11) _____ it as a prank on you since it was your birthday. I didn't know it would lead to that. I am sorry." Terry replied, "What's done cannot be undone. In future, think before you (Q12) _____ something."

"Once again, I'm sorry," Alan said to him. Before hanging up the telephone, Terry thought he heard a snigger on the other line.

Section E: Grammar Cloze 2 (4X1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) although | (B) but | (C) despite | (D) however |
| (E) if | (F) and | (G) or | |

Finally, the moment Mr Lee had been anticipating arrived. He had waited months for this. (Q13) _____ his busy schedule, he spent the last few months researching on the internet for suitable places to visit during the holidays. The hours spent in front of the computer (Q14) _____ the countless exhibitions he went to with his wife were worth it. (Q15) _____ he was tired, he would not allow it to dampen his spirit. He packed his bags and left the apartment with his wife. (Q16) _____, he realised that in a hurry he had left his passport behind.

Section F: Comprehension (Open-ended) (5X2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Kok Wah was a trader with fifty years of experience. He was on his way to a neighbouring country. On his boat were several bales of silk and stacks of porcelain cups, plates and bowls. Luck was with him. He was glad that the winds had changed direction as he could move faster now. He had heard that there were many reports of pirate attacks in the region so he wanted to reach his destination as fast as possible. He had to make sure that he kept a lookout for pirates as he might easily lose his goods to them.

Kok Wah kept awake till the early hours of the morning. He could hardly keep his eyes open. Finally, he thought it was probably safe to take a short nap. Little did he realise that a boat had been moving quietly alongside his boat for the past hour.

A few minutes after Kok Wah had fallen asleep, two men leapt onboard. Unlike the usual pirates, they did not bother to arm themselves. They made their way to where the goods were. "Look at him! He is just an old man who is not a threat to us. He is also fast asleep. What an easy target!" one of the men remarked while the other let out an evil grin.

The men worked swiftly. Soon, they managed to clear out the boat. They glanced at Kok Wah. He was beginning to stir. They thought he would probably be too groggy to go after them even if he were fully awake. They ignored Kok Wah, as they proceeded to untie their boat from his. Just then, a gunshot pierced the air. The men jumped up in fright. They looked around.

The men were shocked to see Kok Wah standing at the edge of the boat with his rifle pointed directly at them. In his booming voice, he ordered the two men to return his goods. They were tempted to sail off but were afraid of losing their lives. Their small boat was rocking about dangerously. Unwillingly, they retied their boat to Kok Wah's boat and brought everything back again.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Q17. What did Kok Wah trade in?

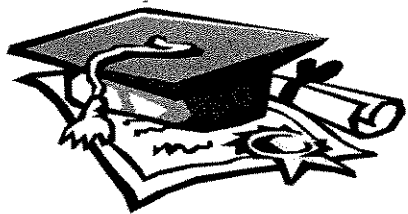
Q18. Why did Kok Wah keep awake till the early hours of the morning?

Q19. Explain why the pirates thought Kok Wah was an easy target.

Q20. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the pirates did not have any weapon with them?

Q21. What made the men listen to Kok Wah?

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| 2. 4  | Q2) A                                                                                                            |
| 3. 4  | Q3) L                                                                                                            |
| 4. 4  | Q4) M                                                                                                            |
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| 11. 4 | Q11) D                                                                                                           |
| 12. 3 | Q12) B                                                                                                           |
| 13. 4 | Q13) C                                                                                                           |
| 14. 1 | Q14) F                                                                                                           |
| 15. 4 | Q15) A                                                                                                           |
| 16. 4 | Q16) D                                                                                                           |
| 17. 2 | Q17) Kok Wah traded in silk, porcelain cups, plates and bowls.                                                   |
|       | Q18) Kok Wah wanted to keep a look out for pirates as he might easily lose his goods to them.                    |
|       | Q19) The pirates thought that Kok Wah was just an old man who was not a threat to them. He was also fast asleep. |
|       | Q20) The sentence is "Unlike the usual pirates they did not bother to arm themselves."                           |
|       | Q21) Kok Wah had a rifle pointed at the pirates and the pirates did not want to lose their lives.                |

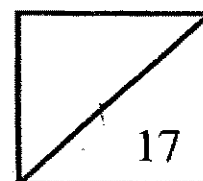




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## Booklet A

### Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 17 questions (Questions 1 to 17)
4. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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**Section A: Grammar (6 marks)**

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

1) Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of coffee and as a result, didn't sleep well.

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|-----------|----------------|-----|
| (1) drink | (2) drinks     |     |
| (3) drank | (4) will drink | ( ) |

2) Terry prefers watching soccer \_\_\_\_\_ swimming.

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| (1) to  | (2) or   |     |
| (3) and | (4) than | ( ) |

3) Neither of the children \_\_\_\_\_ going for the Sarimbun Camp the following week.

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| (1) is  | (2) are  |     |
| (3) was | (4) were | ( ) |

4) Due to the flood, the people had to take \_\_\_\_\_ route to their destination.

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|-----------|-------------|-----|
| (1) any   | (2) neither |     |
| (3) other | (4) another | ( ) |

5) Ravi is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the twins, isn't he?

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|--------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) youthful | (2) young    |     |
| (3) younger  | (4) youngest | ( ) |

6) We \_\_\_\_\_ walk to school together unless one of us is sick.

(1) always

(2) rarely

(3) seldom

(4) sometimes ( )

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

For each question 7 to 12, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (6 x 1 mark)

7) Mrs Tan came early to set up all the \_\_\_\_\_ needed for the Science experiment in the laboratory so that it could be carried out smoothly.

(1) tools

(2) supplies

(3) apparatus

(4) containers ( )

8) The typhoon was a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ as many people became homeless.

(1) occasion

(2) encounter

(3) challenge

(4) catastrophe ( )

9) The fisherman survived on rain water for two days after his boat \_\_\_\_\_ in the raging storm.

(1) crushed

(2) capsized

(3) collided

(4) collapsed ( )



10) This country is \_\_\_\_\_ for its beautiful mountains.

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|---------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) referred  | (2) reserved |     |
| (3) respected | (4) renowned | ( ) |

11) The huge \_\_\_\_\_ animal devoured its prey  
in no time at all.

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|---------------|---------------|-----|
| (1) fearful   | (2) fabulous  |     |
| (3) fantastic | (4) ferocious | ( ) |

12) Brian is excited as he is going to watch the \_\_\_\_\_  
fireworks on National Day.

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|-----------------|-------------------|-----|
| (1) solemn      | (2) soothing      |     |
| (3) spectacular | (4) sophisticated | ( ) |

**Section C: Comprehension (MCQ)**

Read the following passage carefully. Then answer questions 13 to 17 by choosing the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (5 x 1 mark)

Scientists had spent years trying to build a rocket that could transport their astronauts into space. They had tested the spaceship numerous times. They had discussed all the possible emergencies that could happen and had all the measures ready to deal with them. They had the encouragement and approval of the President, who will witness the historic launch of the rocket. Everything was ready. 5

The whole country was excited about the news. Many people envied the astronauts who had the opportunity to be the first humans to reach and learn about the outer space. However, there were others who warned them against the trip, fearing that the gods would be angry and punish the astronauts. The astronauts were fearless and confident, as they had trained hard to do their country proud. 10

When the day arrived, reporters and television cameramen came to the ceremony to shoot and broadcast the historical moment. People all around the world were glued to their television sets and waited for the official launch. Everyone held their breath as the countdown began – 10, 9, 8,.....3, 2, 1! There was a loud explosion and everyone clapped and cheered, thinking that the rocket had gone off. 15

To their horror, what they saw were flames of fire on the rocket. It had exploded and the spectators were too shocked to scream. They just stared at the flaming rocket. The astronauts could not be saved. They had perished in their attempt to become the first humans in outer space. 20

- 13) What does the word **them** in line 4 refer to?
- (1) Scientists
  - (2) Measures
  - (3) Astronauts
  - (4) Emergencies ( )
- 14) Some people disapproved of the launch because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) were jealous of the astronauts
  - (2) feared that the gods might be angry
  - (3) were afraid that the rocket will explode
  - (4) feared that the astronauts will be burnt alive ( )
- 15) When the spectators first heard the explosion, everyone thought that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) there was a fire
  - (2) the rocket had exploded
  - (3) there was a bomb explosion
  - (4) the rocket was successfully launched ( )
- 16) The rocket caught fire \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) after it took off
  - (2) after the launch
  - (3) after the countdown
  - (4) after they had reached outer space ( )

17) According to the text, everyone knew about the disaster because

\_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the police announced it
- (2) the launch was telecast 'live'
- (3) the news spread like wild fire
- (4) everyone was listening to the radio

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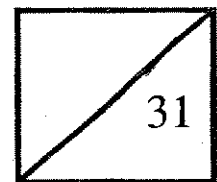
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## Booklet B

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**Section A : Grammar (8 marks)**

For questions 18 to 21, 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)

EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY

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|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <del>(A) in</del>   | <del>(B) up</del>   | <del>(C) onto</del>  |
| <del>(D) into</del> | <del>(E) from</del> | <del>(F) after</del> |
| (G) before          |                     |                      |

About two hundred years ago, Andre Jacques Garnerina, a French, was imprisoned in Hungary. He thought of making a parachute to escape (18) \_\_\_\_\_ prison, but did not managed to carry out his plan.

However, the idea returned to him only (19) \_\_\_\_\_ he was released and flew back to France. Garnerina made the first parachute-drop in 1797, when he was twenty-seven years old. He tied a little basket and a folded parachute to a hydrogen balloon and took off (20) \_\_\_\_\_ the sky.

When he was about one thousand metres up in the sky, he cut his parachute free from the balloon. He began to fall down to the ground. Luckily, the parachute opened up (21) \_\_\_\_\_ time. He landed on the ground safely. He became a popular hero after that.

For questions 22 to 25, read the passage carefully, choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

Use EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY

|                       |                     |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| <del>(A) any</del>    | <del>(B) few</del>  | <del>(C) much</del> |
| <del>(D) many</del>   | <del>(E) some</del> | <del>(F) none</del> |
| <del>(G) little</del> |                     |                     |

Gazpacho is a popular Spanish soup dish. This soup is served ice-cold and (22) \_\_\_\_\_ people enjoy drinking it. The ingredients needed to make gazpacho include onions, tomatoes, cucumber, garlic and (23) \_\_\_\_\_ bread.

The bread is first soaked into lemon juice or vinegar. Then the vegetables are chopped into small pieces and placed in a blender, together with the bread. When the mixture is smooth, cold water and olive oil are added. Finally, add pepper and salt but not too (24) \_\_\_\_\_ of it into the soup. Otherwise, it would be too salty.

The soup is chilled in the refrigerator and it is served together with bowls of chopped vegetables. This soup is suitable for people of all ages, especially young children who do not take (25) \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables.

**Section B: Vocabulary (8 marks)**

For questions 26 to 29, read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. (4 x 1 mark)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

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| (A) <del>sniff</del>       | (B) <del>touch</del>    | (C) <del>decide</del>   |
| (D) <del>checks</del>      | (E) <del>identify</del> | (F) <del>examined</del> |
| (G) <del>experiments</del> | (H) <del>treated</del>  |                         |

James Taruna has an unusual gift. He can (26) \_\_\_\_\_ the smell of many things. He can even tell what is inside boxes by smelling their contents. Before unwrapping a present, the ten-year old boy would (27) \_\_\_\_\_ the box and predict what was inside.

Doctors who (28) \_\_\_\_\_ him found that his sense of smell was as good as a bloodhound's. They conducted some (29) \_\_\_\_\_ on him. James was blindfolded and handed ten cards with different coloured ink printed on them. James took the cards, smelled the ink and was able to tell one card from another.



**For questions 30 to 33, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (4 x 1 mark)**

Windsurfing is a relatively new sport in the late 1960s. The surf board was (30) \_\_\_\_\_ in the USA in 1968 by an American engineer Jim Drake and his colleague, Hoyle Schweitzer. However, it was only in the 1970s that windsurfing became (31) \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe.

Although windsurfing is a (32) \_\_\_\_\_ new sport, it has become one of the world's most popular outdoor activities in just a few years. A person can have great fun windsurfing whether alone or in a group. Learning to windsurf is not difficult. Like skating or riding a bicycle, when you have (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the basic skills of balance and control, you will never forget them!

30. (1) invented (2) introduced  
(3) duplicated (4) discovered ( )

31. (1) popular (2) pleasant  
(3) plentiful (4) professional ( )

32. (1) reliably (2) recently  
(3) relatively (4) repeatedly ( )

33. (1) matched (2) managed  
(3) mastered (4) maintained ( )

**Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)**

For questions 34 to 38, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

**YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE ONE WORD FOR EACH BLANK.**

In a remote village a long time ago, a man named Ismail claimed that he had invented a magic mirror.

"If you (34) \_\_\_\_\_ in the mirror, you will see the face of someone you love," Ismail exclaimed. An old man, who had never used a mirror before in his life, was curious. He gazed into the mirror. True enough, he saw a face that resembled his father's. He was utterly convinced that it was a magic mirror and he decided to (35) \_\_\_\_\_ it from Ismail using his savings.

The old man showed his wife the magic mirror (36) \_\_\_\_\_ he went back home. She looked into the mirror and was disappointed to see the wrinkled face of an old woman (37) \_\_\_\_\_ the mirror. The husband then grabbed the mirror and both of them stared into it. Suddenly, they realised that all along, it had been their own (38) \_\_\_\_\_ inside the mirror! They laughed at their own foolishness.

**Section E: Comprehension (OE)**

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

"Tsunami" is the Japanese word meaning tidal wave. A tidal wave is a large sea wave caused by a submarine earthquake or volcanic explosion. When the ocean floor is tilted or offset during an earthquake, a set of waves is created. These waves are similar to the ripples we see in a lake when a pebble is dropped into the water.

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Usually tsunamis move entirely across an ocean to the shore. A tsunami can reach speeds of 800 km/h. When the waves enter shallow waters, they grow rapidly, reaching a height of fifteen metres or more at the shore. The towering walls of water have incredible energy because of the great volume of water affected and **they** are capable of killing thousands of residents along the coast. In 1896, a population of twenty thousand in Sanriku, Japan were wiped out.

10

Since the year 1819, more than 40 tsunamis have struck the Hawaiian Islands. A tsunami warning system has been developed in this area. This is because Hawaii, the highest risk area, experiences one tsunami every year, with a highly destructive tsunami occurring every seven years.

15

The tsunami warning centre in Hawaii monitors disturbances in the ocean floor that may cause tsunamis. When such disturbances are recorded, they are tracked and a tsunami warning is issued to the threatened area. During a tsunami, most deaths occur as a result of drowning.

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39) What is the meaning of "tsunami"?

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40) How are tsunamis caused?

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41) What does "they" in line 11 refers to?

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42) What happens in Hawaii every seven years?

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- 43) If you were working at a tsunami warning centre, when would you issue a tsunami warning?

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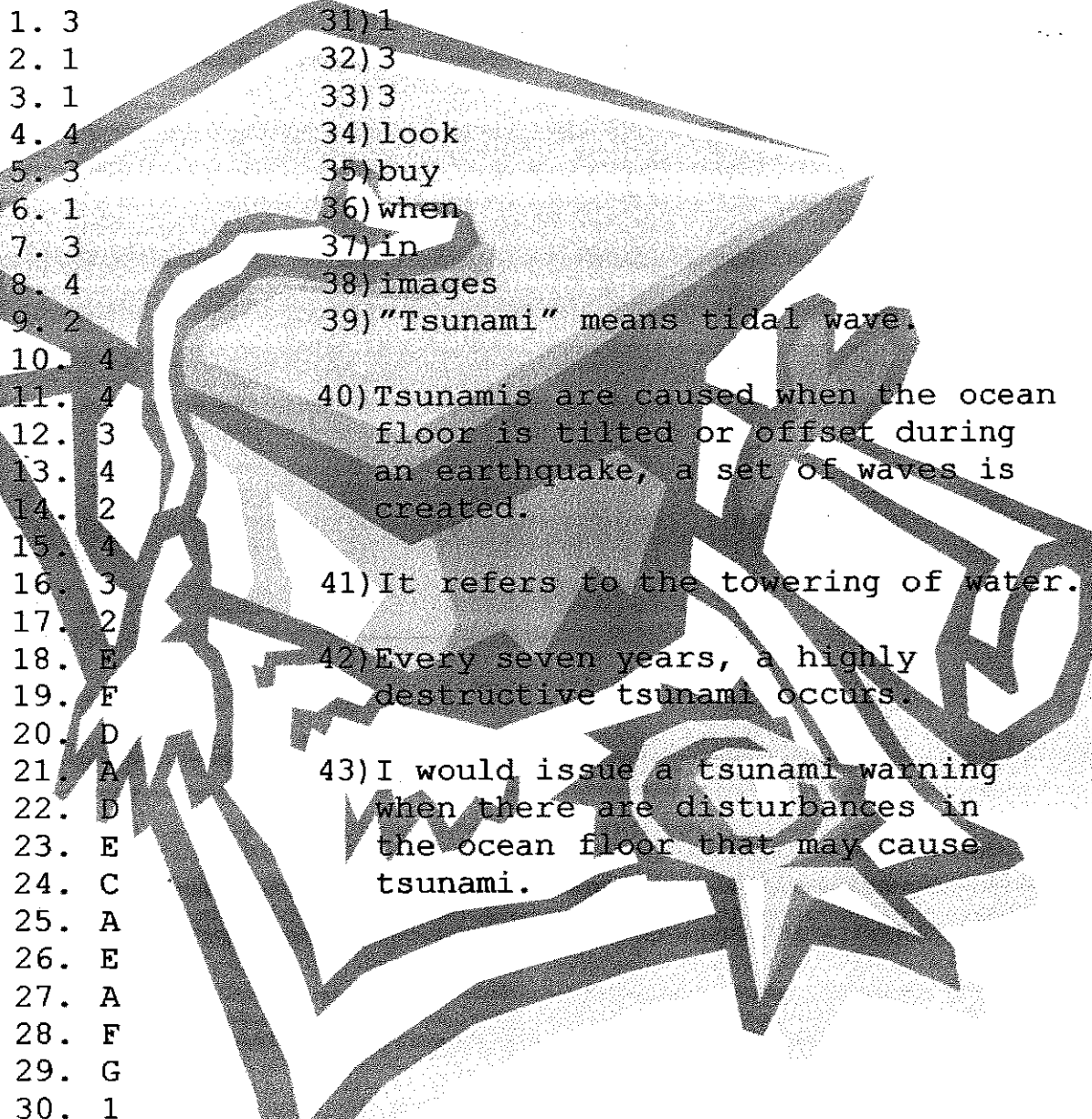
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34) look  
35) buy  
36) when  
37) in  
38) images  
39) "Tsunami" means tidal wave.  
40) Tsunamis are caused when the ocean floor is tilted or offset during an earthquake, a set of waves is created.  
41) It refers to the towering of water.  
42) Every seven years, a highly destructive tsunami occurs.  
43) I would issue a tsunami warning when there are disturbances in the ocean floor that may cause tsunami.



# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

## PRIMARY 4 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2007 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

### Booklet A

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**SECTION A: GRAMMAR (6 marks)**

**Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.**

1. A bevy of ladies \_\_\_\_\_ participating in the beauty pageant today.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

2. Alan, the boy \_\_\_\_\_ you are looking for, is standing at the counter.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) whose

3. Miss Tan baked the cake herself, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) did
- (2) had
- (3) didn't
- (4) hadn't

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4. Leave Sally and \_\_\_\_\_ out of this problem, please.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) my
- (4) mine

5. My father always wants to \_\_\_\_\_ his reputation as an upright and honest man.

- (1) live in
- (2) live up to
- (3) live down
- (4) live through

6. Singapore has made remarkable progress \_\_\_\_\_ the early 1960s and today, it has grown to be a thriving centre of commerce and industry.

- (1) in
- (2) by
- (3) over
- (4) since

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**SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 marks)**

Choose the correct answer to complete the blank and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.

7. Children's novels are normally full of \_\_\_\_\_ so as to make them look more interesting.

- (1) notes
- (2) pages
- (3) paragraphs
- (4) illustrations

8. The national team celebrated their \_\_\_\_\_ after they had won the gold medal in the Championship.

- (1) glory
- (2) event
- (3) battle
- (4) victory

9. The traffic on the road was not clearly \_\_\_\_\_ in the haze. This resulted in a four-car collision.

- (1) foggy
- (2) heavy
- (3) visible
- (4) blurred

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10. In a fit of anger, Mr Lim \_\_\_\_\_ the vase across the room and it broke into pieces.

- (1) hurled
- (2) raised
- (3) juggled
- (4) dropped

11. When you have done something wrong, you must \_\_\_\_\_ and accept whatever punishment that is meted out to you.

- (1) give the slip
- (2) face the music
- (3) blow your trumpet
- (4) take to your heels

12. "Will you just leave me alone?" Devika frowned and said \_\_\_\_\_ to her brother as she walked away.

- (1) irritably
- (2) excitedly
- (3) annoyingly
- (4) thoughtfully

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**SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

It was a beautiful day. Jun Xiong and I decided to try out the boat that his parents had just bought. Before we set off for the beach, we packed some sandwiches and brought along two fishing rods.

When we arrived at the beach, the sun had gone behind the clouds, but we were too excited to care. We pushed the boat out into the sea with some difficulty. Before long, we both were climbing in to enjoy the rocky ride. We did not plan to go far, hence we did not bring any oars along. We simply wanted to be in shallow waters, to be carried back and forth by the waves.

As we settled comfortably in our new boat, we began to eat and chat. We even put out our fishing rods, pretending to be far out at sea fishing. Not long after, the sky grew darker and the wind became cooler and stronger. Suddenly, huge drops of rain fell from the sky, followed by loud claps of thunder. The sky darkened rapidly. The rain was so heavy that we could no longer see the shore. Jun Xiong and I started to panic when the boat was beginning to fill up with water.

Jun Xiong suggested that we abandon the boat and swim to shore. I refused. We did not know where the shore was! Besides, I was too afraid to jump into the cold dark waters. What if there were sharks? These thoughts were too much for us. We started to scream and shout loudly for help. We also took the rods and poked wildly into the waves, hoping to row the boat somewhere.

Suddenly, the boat jerked violently. We screamed even louder. "We've hit something! We're going to sink!"

"Hey! Relax! It's me!" We heard a familiar voice and looked through the heavy rain. It was Jun Xiong's older brother, Jun Qi. Jun Qi gave us an umbrella and grinned. He was standing knee-deep in the water holding onto our boat.

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**Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (or OAS) provided.**

13. The main reason the writer and Jun Xiong went to the beach was to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) fish
- (2) swim
- (3) have a picnic
- (4) try out their new boat

14. The boys were too excited to care that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the waves were gentle
- (2) the sky was darkening
- (3) fishing was not allowed
- (4) they had forgotten the oars

15. The boys did not bring along their oars because they wanted to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) swim to shore
- (2) use their fishing rods instead
- (3) ride on the movement of the waves
- (4) paddle with their hands and umbrella

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16. The two boys panicked when they were in danger as

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- (1) the rain was heavy
- (2) the waves grew larger
- (3) water was seeping into the boat
- (4) the water was infested with sharks

17. The boys did not dare to jump into the sea because they

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- (1) could not swim
- (2) were afraid of lightning
- (3) liked the boat very much
- (4) were worried of sharks in the sea

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# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

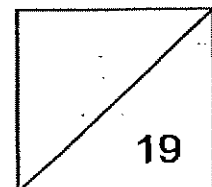
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### Booklet B

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**SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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The largest mammal in the world is the whale.

They can grow (18) \_\_\_\_\_ to a length of thirty metres (19) \_\_\_\_\_

a weight of a hundred and fifty kilogrammes. There are about thirty different species

of whales and they are in the same family (20) \_\_\_\_\_ the dolphins and

porpoises.

Whales have been hunted (21) \_\_\_\_\_ their oil, meat and sometimes,

even for their blood and bones. We have to stop eating whale meat and refrain from

using whale products to save the whales!

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**SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (4 marks)**

Read the following 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.

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| <del>(A)</del> create      | <del>(B)</del> creates     | <del>(C)</del> creating     |
| <del>(D)</del> has created | <del>(E)</del> was created | <del>(F)</del> were created |

Josie loves Art and Craft. She likes (22) \_\_\_\_\_ things using her own pair of hands. Using her imagination, she (23) \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful objects using various materials like clay, wood and paper.

Clay is Josie's favourite material and she loves to (24) \_\_\_\_\_ vases in all shapes and sizes. At a recent competition, she won the first prize for a vase that (25) \_\_\_\_\_ by her. Josie often displays her clay works at home or gives them away as gifts. Her teachers and friends always compliment her on her creativity.

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**SECTION F: SYNTHESIS (3 marks)**

**Rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.**

26. We can watch television. We can go for a movie.

\_\_\_\_\_

or \_\_\_\_\_

27. Sue likes the red evening dress. She wore it to her friend's wedding last month.

\_\_\_\_\_

which \_\_\_\_\_

28. Kieren was taking a walk in the park. He saw his friend.

While \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**SECTION G: CLOZE PASSAGE (8 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

~~Dog~~<sup>Dogs</sup> are intelligent animals. Some people prefer small dogs while some find big dogs more to their (29) \_\_\_\_\_.

Keeping a dog as a (30) \_\_\_\_\_ is no easy task. One has to ensure that the dog is properly (31) \_\_\_\_\_ with the right kind of food. The dog should also be groomed and exercised (32) \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure its good health. One simple sign that a dog is (33) \_\_\_\_\_ is the presence of a wet, black nose.

A type of dog known as the Golden Retriever is very (34) \_\_\_\_\_ among dog lovers. It is good-natured, intelligent and easy to train. They are not fierce and are sometimes a little too (35) \_\_\_\_\_ with people and other animals. As such, it is not a good watchdog. Instead, it is more (36) \_\_\_\_\_ for families with young children. Therefore, one should ensure that the dog they buy meets their requirements.

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# METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)

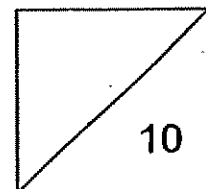
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### Booklet C

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

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DATE: 3 October 2007



**SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The Paralympic Games are an elite multi-sport event for athletes with physical, mental and sensorial disabilities. These athletes are just as competent as those who take part in the Olympics. However, athletes in the Paralympics are not treated the same as their fellow able athletes, who have always received credit for their achievements in the Olympics.

Tanni Grey Thompson is Britain's most successful wheelchair athlete. Tanni has represented Britain in the Paralympics since 1977. Her first big achievement came when she was aged fifteen and won the 100-metre race in the Junior National Games. Her massive trophy haul now includes eleven Paralympic gold medals and she is a six-time champion in the London Marathon.

Born with spina bifida, she is paralysed from the waist down and is a wheelchair-user since she was seven. Tanni grew up in a sports family and her family background led her to be interested in sports. Since young, she tried sports like swimming, archery, basketball and tennis. One day, after watching the London Marathon on television, she told her mother that she was going to participate in the London Marathon some day. It was her dream to be there on the starting line with the other athletes. She had never looked back since.

Tanni's achievements have not come about effortlessly. She worked very hard by training 50 weeks a year, even through winter when the weather was cold and rainy. Her greatest motivation was that she desperately wanted to beat her husband, who is also an athlete. Her determination also helped her to overcome the obstacles she has had to face in her life. Although Tanni has now decided to end her Paralympic career, she is not ready to retire. She will continue to maintain a close relationship with sports by nurturing the next generation of British athletes for the Paralympic Games.

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**Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.**

37. Who are the participants in the Paralympic Games?

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38. Which word in *Line 1 to 8* of the passage means 'approval or praise that you give to someone for something that he or she has done'?

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39. What inspired Tanni to be involved in sports when she was a young child?

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40. State two achievements to show why Tanni Grey Thompson is Britain's most successful wheelchair athlete.

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41. How will Tanni Grey Thompson be still involved in sports after she ends her Paralympic career?

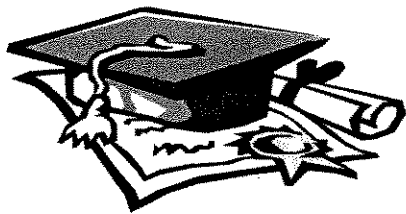
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# ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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  12. 3
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  14. 2
  15. 3
  16. 3
  17. 4
  18. B
  19. H
  20. F
  21. G
  22. C
  23. B
  24. A
  25. E
- 26) We can watch television or go for a movie.
- 27) Sue like the red evening dress which she wore to her friend's wedding last month.
- 28) While Kieren was taking a walk in the park, he saw his friend.
- 29) liking                      34) popular  
30) ret                            35) friendly  
31) fed                            36) suitable  
32) regularly  
33) healthy
- 37) The participants are the athletes with physical, mental and sensorial disabilities.
- 38) The word is 'credit.'
- 39) Tanni's family back ground inspired Tanni to be involved in sports when she was a young child.
- 40) Tanni has won eleven Paralympic gold Medals and she is a six-time champion in the London Marathon.
- 41) She will nurture the next generation of British athletes for the Paralympic Games.





**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2007 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY FOUR  
BOOKLET A: LISTENING**

**TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

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Follow all instructions carefully.  
Answer all questions.

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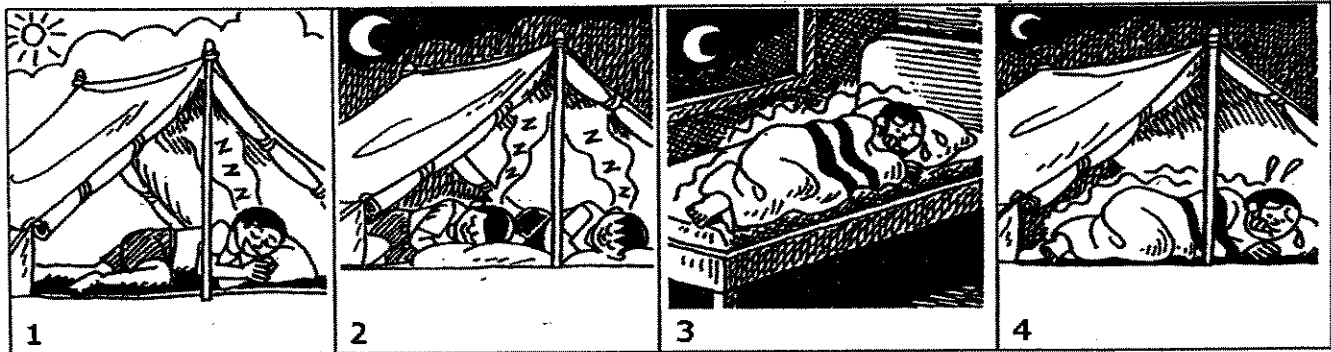
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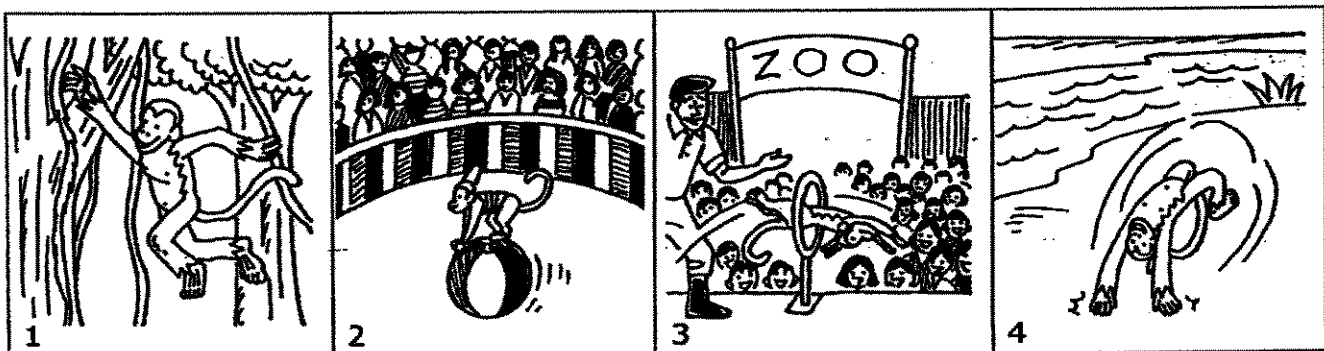
**SECTION A: PICTURE MATCHING (4 X 1 mark = 4 marks)**

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture which matches the statement(s) that he/she is going to read to you. **Shade the number of the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

1.



2.



3.



4.



**For Sections B and C, please write the answers in this question booklet.**

**SECTION B: NOTE-TAKING (4 x 1 m = 4 marks)**

Listen carefully now. Do not write anything. Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test.  
Q9 is a dictation test.

Your best friend, Karen, is not feeling well and is unable to attend her first CCA meeting. Both of you are in the same CCA group and you offer to help her take down details at the meeting.

Each blank in Q5 to Q8 should be filled with **one** word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

| <b>Hockey CCA</b>                  |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date of commencement               | : 11 <sup>th</sup> January. |
| Q5. Frequency of training sessions | : _____ a week.             |
| Q6. Date to return consent form    | : _____ January.            |
| Q7. Venue to meet CCA teacher      | : _____.                    |
| Q8. Duration of training session   | : _____ hours.              |







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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY FOUR**

**BOOKLET B: LANGUAGE USE AND  
COMPREHENSION (MULTIPLE CHOICE  
QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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**You would have completed Questions 1 to 4 from Booklet A: Listening. Continue with the next section, Section D.**

**SECTION D: GRAMMAR (5 x 1 m = 5 marks)**

For each question from 5 to 9, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

5. My friend talked so \_\_\_\_\_ that my teacher scolded him.
- (1) loud
  - (2) loudly
  - (3) louder
  - (4) loudest
6. He \_\_\_\_\_ walks to school but he is cycling today as he is late.
- (1) never
  - (2) hardly
  - (3) seldom
  - (4) usually
7. My brother and his friends repaired the bicycle \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) itself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
8. The little girl \_\_\_\_\_ the police officer for help when she was lost.
- (1) approach
  - (2) approaches
  - (3) approached
  - (4) will approach
9. The children always \_\_\_\_\_ a nap in the afternoon when they are tired.
- (1) took
  - (2) take
  - (3) takes
  - (4) will take

**SECTION E: VOCABULARY (5 x 1 m = 5 marks)**

For each question from 10 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

10. The early immigrants to Singapore had to take a long sea \_\_\_\_\_ that was risky and dangerous.
- (1) trip
  - (2) cruise
  - (3) voyage
  - (4) expedition
11. The tourists stood in awe of the grand and \_\_\_\_\_ palace.
- (1) amazing
  - (2) fantastic
  - (3) magnificent
  - (4) astonishing
12. Mrs. Lim \_\_\_\_\_ angrily at her son for misbehaving in the restaurant.
- (1) gaped
  - (2) gazed
  - (3) glared
  - (4) glanced
13. "Excuse me, Mei Ling, do you think I could \_\_\_\_\_ your pen?" I asked.
- (1) lend
  - (2) take
  - (3) loan
  - (4) borrow
14. Although someone had seen him take the watch, he \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- (1) denied
  - (2) refused
  - (3) rejected
  - (4) disowned

**SECTION F: PUNCTUATION (3 x 1 m = 3 marks)**

For questions 15 to 17, each circle  indicates a missing punctuation mark. Choose the correct punctuation for each sentence and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. The old man said  I will grant you three wishes."

- (1) [ : ] colon
- (2) [ , ] comma
- (3) [ " ] open inverted commas
- (4) [ , " ] comma and open inverted commas

16. "You were not rude to your teacher, were you  " Mother wanted to know.

- (1) [ ; ] comma
- (2) [ . ] full stop
- (3) [ ? ] question mark
- (4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

17. " Let's take the dog for a walk  suggested Ravi excitedly.

- (1) [ , " ] comma and close inverted commas
- (2) [ . " ] full stop and close inverted commas
- (3) [ ? " ] question mark and close inverted commas
- (4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and close inverted commas

## SECTION G: SYNONYMS (3 x 1m = 3 marks)

For questions 18 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Scotland is famous for its highlands and lakes. There is a (Q18) still, dark lake in Scotland called Loch Ness which has been (Q19) infamous for years. The reason is simple: it is rumoured to be the home of a horrible creature known as the Loch Ness Monster, sometimes (Q20) affectionately called Nessie. The Loch Ness Monster is thought to be something like the dragon from old European mythology.

18. still
- (1) calm
  - (2) lifeless
  - (3) inactive
  - (4) stationary
19. infamous
- (1) unknown
  - (2) notorious
  - (3) unpopular
  - (4) mysterious
20. affectionately
- (1) fondly
  - (2) simply
  - (3) cheerfully
  - (4) humorously

**SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (4 x 1 mark = 4 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer the questions 21 to 24 that follow.

For questions 21 to 24, shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

In the savannahs of Africa, the giraffe must count as one of the most visible of land creatures. In these wide open spaces where one's horizon is seldom blocked except by some trees here and there, the giraffe stands out prominently. It has an advantage over other animals in the savannahs as it is able to see things from afar.

With its extremely long neck, slender body and distinctive spots, the giraffe is a strange-looking animal which never fails to fascinate us. Despite its peculiar appearance, it is a graceful and pleasing sight. With a well-proportioned body and long limbs, the giraffe saunters across the grassland with the ease and calm of any elegant creature.

When grazing for food, it becomes clear how the giraffe's long neck is put to excellent use. The animal can reach the tall branches of leaves where no other land-bound creature has access to.

Its long limbs also come into practical use when the giraffe needs to escape from its predators. Though not the swiftest land mammal, it can still run a good mile. Alternatively, it can simply use its powerful legs to kick the offenders.

21. The giraffe is able to see far and wide because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) of its height
- (2) of its good eyesight
- (3) it lives in wide open spaces
- (4) it is one of the most visible of land creatures

22. From the passage, we can conclude that the savannah is a large area of \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) grassland
- (2) desert land
- (3) forested land
- (4) swampy land

23. The giraffe appears graceful because of its \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) distinctive spots
- (2) peculiar appearance
- (3) extremely long neck
- (4) well-proportioned body

24. The giraffe's long neck enables it to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) run fast
- (2) look elegant
- (3) balance itself
- (4) reach for food



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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**PRIMARY FOUR**

**BOOKLET C: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION  
(OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS)**

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 mins

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Booklet A: Note-taking and Unseen Dictation | /10         |
| Booklet B (Including Listening MCQ)         | /24         |
| Booklet C:                                  | /30         |
| Writing                                     | /20         |
| Oral                                        | /16         |
| <b>Total</b>                                | <b>/100</b> |



**SECTION I: GRAMMAR CLOZE (5 X 1m = 5 marks)**

There are 5 blanks, numbered 25 to 29. From the words given in the box, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to H) on the blank. **Each word can be used once only.**

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|--------|---------|--------------|-------------|
| (A) on | (B) of  | (C) also     | (D) hence   |
| (E) or | (F) for | (G) although | (H) however |

Llamas are very important animals to the mountain people of South America. They are members (25) \_\_\_\_\_ the camel family. Llamas are small animals. (26) \_\_\_\_\_, they are still able to carry a load of more than fifty kilogrammes. They can (27) \_\_\_\_\_ climb well. Like camels, llamas can go (28) \_\_\_\_\_ days without water. In the mountains, they live on green plants.

Large flocks of llamas are found in the Andes Mountains of South America. When they are tired (29) \_\_\_\_\_ their burdens are too heavy, they can be very stubborn. They will lie down and refuse to move.

**SECTION J: MODIFIED CLOZE (8 x 1m = 8 marks)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

One day, Ali Baba was gathering wood in a forest. His donkeys (30) \_\_\_\_\_ grazing happily nearby. As he was chopping down a tree, he (31) \_\_\_\_\_ some noises coming from a distance. He stopped to (32) \_\_\_\_\_ intently. He heard people talking and horses galloping. Instinctively, he (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the wood he gathered in the thick undergrowth and carefully climbed up a tree to wait and watch.

He had a good view of the foot of the mountain. Soon a band of fierce-looking men on horses (34) \_\_\_\_\_ into view. They had dark faces and they all (35) \_\_\_\_\_ daggers and curved swords with wide blades. Ali Baba counted thirty-nine of them. Then he saw one more. The huge figure that appeared last was obviously the (36) \_\_\_\_\_ of the gang. He looked more evil and ferocious than the (37) \_\_\_\_\_. On reaching the foot of the mountain, he gave a signal and his men dismounted.

*Adapted from Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves*

**SECTION K: EDITING – SPELLING (3 X 1m = 3 marks)**

There are 3 words that are underlined in the passage below. They are spelt wrongly. Write the correct spelling of each word in the boxes provided.

Dinosaurs are just one of the many groups of animals that no longer

(38)

exceist. Scientists do not always know why animals become extinct. They try to

(39)

look at different kinds of evidance for answers. They usually begin their search by

(40)

looking for clues from the rocks. Rocks reviel the unusual conditions that might

have taken place while the animals lived.

**SECTION L: SENTENCE COMBINING (2 x 2 m = 4 marks)**

Rewrite the two sentences of each question below into a sentence by using the word given.

41. The bus was very late. The pupils waited patiently.

Although \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

42. She was talking loudly. The librarian told her to keep quiet.

\_\_\_\_\_ as  
\_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION M: COMPREHENSION (5 x 2 m = 10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

After dinner, Jessie ran up to her room and brought down a portrait. She took it over to her grandfather and held it out to him.

"Grandfather," she said softly. "We found this in the attic today. We're all wondering who this lovely lady is."

Mr Alden stared at the picture. He seemed to have drifted off into another world. Looking at her grandfather's sad face, Violet immediately said, "It doesn't matter, Grandfather. We'll take the picture back to the attic."

She picked up the painting, but Mr Alden held out a hand to her. "It's all right, Violet. You can leave it here."

"Is this our grandmother?" she asked.

Grandfather smiled. "Yes it is. It was painted when she was a very young woman, and very beautiful."

"Why was it up in the attic?" Benny asked.

Grandfather sighed. "Well, children, it's a long story. All of you sit down and I'll tell you." Benny and Violet sat at Mr Alden's feet. Jessie and Henry sat on a sofa next to Grandfather's easy chair. They all looked at him, waiting for him to go on.

Grandfather cleared his throat. "I gave your grandmother the necklace she is wearing in the portrait as a wedding present. Your grandmother loved it so much she had this portrait painted of her wearing her precious wedding present. A year after our wedding, we had a big party to celebrate our first anniversary and, of course, she wore the necklace."

"When the party was over, she put the necklace in its velvet box in her dressing table drawer. She intended to put it in the safe the next day."

"What happened then?" Benny asked breathlessly.

"Well," Mr Alden continued, "she was so busy the next day helping the caterers to clean up the house that she forgot about the necklace. That night, she opened the drawer and took out the velvet jewellery box...but it was empty. The necklace was gone."

"Oh, no!" Jessie cried out.

Grandfather sighed. "Once the necklace disappeared, your grandmother couldn't bear to look at the painting. So we took it down and put it in the attic. After all these years, I have forgotten it was still there."

Adapted from *The Mystery of the Hidden Painting* by Gertrude Chandler Warner

Answer these questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. What did Jessie show her grandfather?

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44. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Grandfather was deep in thought when he saw the painting?

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45. How many grandchildren were listening when grandfather told his story?

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46. When did their grandmother find out that her necklace was missing?

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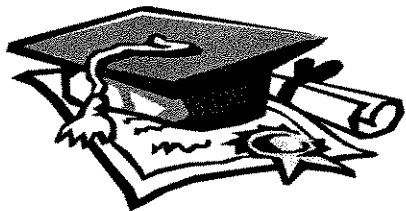
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47. Why was Grandmother unable to look at the painting again after the necklace had disappeared?

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**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY.  
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# ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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| 5) 2  | 30) were                                                                                          | 36) leader   |
| 6) 4  | 31) heard                                                                                         | 37) others   |
| 7) 4  | 32) listen                                                                                        | 38) exist    |
| 8) 3  | 33) hid                                                                                           | 39) evidence |
| 9) 2  | 34) came                                                                                          | 40) reveal   |
| 10) 3 | 35) had                                                                                           |              |
| 11) 3 |                                                                                                   |              |
| 12) 3 | 41) Although the bus was very late, the pupils waited patiently.                                  |              |
| 13) 4 |                                                                                                   |              |
| 14) 1 |                                                                                                   |              |
| 15) 4 | 42) The librarian told her to keep quiet she was talking loudly.                                  |              |
| 16) 3 |                                                                                                   |              |
| 17) 4 |                                                                                                   |              |
| 18) 1 | 43) Jessie showed him a portrait of a young lady.                                                 |              |
| 19) 2 |                                                                                                   |              |
| 20) 1 |                                                                                                   |              |
| 21) 1 | 44) The sentence is "He seemed to have drifted off into another world."                           |              |
| 22) 1 |                                                                                                   |              |
| 23) 4 |                                                                                                   |              |
| 24) 4 | 45) Four grandchildren were listening when grandfather told his story.                            |              |
| 25) B |                                                                                                   |              |
| 26) H |                                                                                                   |              |
| 27) C | 46) She realized it was missing one night after she had celebrated her first wedding anniversary. |              |
| 28) F |                                                                                                   |              |
| 29) E |                                                                                                   |              |
|       | 47) She did not want to be reminded of her loss.                                                  |              |





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PRIMARY 4**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

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Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 30 minutes

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3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.



**SECTION A: VOCABULARY (10 X 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Tom broke his leg and had to be looked after. He felt as helpless as a \_\_\_\_\_  
 (1) baby (2) school boy  
 (3) patient (4) grandmother ( )
2. Jim lost his handphone and was like a \_\_\_\_\_ as he was afraid his father would scold him.  
 (1) fish out of water (2) dog with two tails  
 (3) cat on hot bricks (4) bull in a china shop ( )
3. "Please write more \_\_\_\_\_, Lili. It's really difficult to read your handwriting," said her teacher.  
 (1) visibly (2) correctly  
 (3) legibly (4) noticeably ( )
4. Being an \_\_\_\_\_ child, my brother asked many questions when we were at the museum.  
 (1) inactive (2) innocent  
 (3) inquisitive (4) inconsiderate ( )
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the stadium cheered loudly each time the team they were supporting scored a goal.  
 (1) audience (2) onlookers  
 (3) spectators (4) bystanders ( )
6. The bus was not crowded at all and there were many \_\_\_\_\_ seats.  
 (1) free (2) blank  
 (3) void (4) vacant ( )
7. The dog looked fierce \_\_\_\_\_ but after a while, it started to wag its tail.  
 (1) early (2) firstly  
 (3) initially (4) previously ( )
8. Mr Lee painted the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living room of his new flat bright yellow.  
 (1) top (2) roof  
 (3) cover (4) ceiling ( )
9. Mary's car almost crashed into a bicycle at the busy road \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1) interaction (2) interruption  
 (3) interchange (4) intersection ( )
10. The bus driver stepped hard on the \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid hitting the dog which had run onto the road.  
 (1) feet (2) pedals  
 (3) brakes (4) handles ( )

**SECTION B: GRAMMAR (10 X 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

11. If you visit your grandparents, they \_\_\_\_\_ very happy.  
 (1) are (2) will be  
 (3) are being (4) have been ( )
12. During our Science lesson, Miss Wu told us that hot air \_\_\_\_\_ when heated.  
 (1) rise (2) rises  
 (3) rose (4) has risen ( )
13. Lishan is \_\_\_\_\_ honest child. She never takes things that do not belong to her.  
 (1) a (2) an  
 (3) the (4) some ( )
- My neighbour told us that he \_\_\_\_\_ to go on a holiday to Japan.  
 (1) decides (2) decided  
 (3) has decided (4) had decided ( )
15. Our school choir \_\_\_\_\_ one of the best in the singing competition last month.  
 (1) is (2) are  
 (3) was (4) were ( )
16. Kim Seng has \_\_\_\_\_ the school proud by coming in first in the race.  
 (1) do (2) did  
 (3) does (4) done ( )
17. We looked through a powerful telescope and could see \_\_\_\_\_ planet Venus.  
 (1) a (2) an  
 (3) the (4) some ( )
18. \_\_\_\_\_ the crowd was shouting this and suggesting that, there was much noise and disorder.  
 (1) As (2) So  
 (3) For (4) Yet ( )
19. Before leaving the house, my mother gave my brother and \_\_\_\_\_ some money for lunch.  
 (1) I (2) us  
 (3) me (4) we ( )
20. "Do you mind \_\_\_\_\_ the book to me?" Ravi asked Ali.  
 (1) pass (2) passes  
 (3) passed (4) passing ( )

**SECTION C: COMPREHENSION** (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Water serves us in many ways. Fish, prawns, crabs and other animals from the rivers, lakes and seas are eaten as food.

To travel from place to place across water bodies, man has designed boats and ships for his transport needs. Today, cargo and passenger ships crisscross the world. Without large bodies of water, it will be impossible to travel by boats and ships. 5

In drier parts of the world where there is not much rainfall, canals are dug so that water from rivers and lakes can reach crops which provide food for human beings.

We can see that both animals and plants need water. Without water, there can be no life. However, too much water can result in disasters. Floods caused by too much rain are very common in many parts of the world. They bring about thousands of deaths and extensive damage. 10

21. From the information in paragraph 1, which of these is **true**?
- (1) Water is important to animals.  
 (2) The sea provides us with food.  
 (3) Water is useful in many different ways.  
 (4) Animals living in water can be food to us. ( )
22. In the dry areas in the world, water is transported to farms by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) ships (2) boats  
 (3) rivers (4) canals ( )
23. The word "see" in line 10 means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) believe (2) explain  
 (3) imagine (4) understand ( )
24. From the information in the text, the "disasters" (line 11) are due to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) too much rain  
 (2) extensive damage by man  
 (3) man crisscrossing the world  
 (4) man digging too many canals ( )
25. A suitable title for the above passage is "\_\_\_\_\_".
- (1) All living things need water.  
 (2) Water is very useful to man.  
 (3) Too much water will bring about disaster.  
 (4) Water is useful but can also cause harm. ( )

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to R) in each blank. The letters "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

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|                            |                          |                       |                        |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <del>(A)</del> abandon     | <del>(B)</del> abundance | <del>(C)</del> build  | <del>(D)</del> cold    |
| <del>(E)</del> environment | <del>(F)</del> grows     | <del>(G)</del> hands  | <del>(H)</del> hunters |
| <del>(J)</del> ice         | <del>(K)</del> land      | <del>(L)</del> mind   | <del>(M)</del> offers  |
| <del>(N)</del> provides    | <del>(P)</del> seen      | <del>(Q)</del> supply | <del>(R)</del> waste   |

Eskimos live in a land which is covered with snow all year round. Nothing (26) \_\_\_\_\_ in the snow, and few animals can survive the (27) \_\_\_\_\_. So the Eskimos have to learn to live with their harsh (28) \_\_\_\_\_. They try to make the most of what they can get their (29) \_\_\_\_\_ on. For example, they (30) \_\_\_\_\_ their houses called igloos out of a material they have an (31) \_\_\_\_\_ of - snow.

Eskimos are basically (32) \_\_\_\_\_. They hunt walrus and seals. The meat (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the Eskimos with food and the skin is used for making clothes and shoes. The blubber or fat gives a constant (34) \_\_\_\_\_ of oil for making candles. No part of the hunted animals is allowed to go to (35) \_\_\_\_\_. Even the bones can be made into needles, combs and other decorative items.

**SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 X 1 mark)**

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

**Passage 1**

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|                       |                     |                     |                    |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <del>(A)</del> around | <del>(B)</del> by   | <del>(C)</del> down | <del>(D)</del> for | <del>(E)</del> from |
| <del>(F)</del> in     | <del>(G)</del> into | <del>(H)</del> near | <del>(J)</del> on  | <del>(K)</del> up   |

If you visit a pond or a stream on a warm, sunny day, you may find turtles that have come (36) \_\_\_\_\_ onto land. Turtles are cold-blooded animals, and their body temperature is strongly affected by temperatures (37) \_\_\_\_\_ them. If turtles stay in cold water (38) \_\_\_\_\_ too long, they become inactive. However, if turtles stay (39) \_\_\_\_\_ the sun for too long and get too warm, they will not feel well. Once they have had enough sun, the turtles must go back (40) \_\_\_\_\_ the water.

*Adapted from "Animals in Action" by Andrew Bullard (ed). 2001. Time Life Asia: Tokyo.*

**Passage 2**

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|                         |                          |                           |                                  |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <del>(A)</del> read     | <del>(B)</del> reads     | <del>(C)</del> reader     | <del>(D)</del> reading           |
| <del>(E)</del> has read | <del>(F)</del> will read | <del>(G)</del> is reading | <del>(H)</del> have been reading |

Dear Diary,

Today, my brother failed his composition test. The reason is that he does not (41) \_\_\_\_\_. He really dislikes (42) \_\_\_\_\_. The only time he (43) \_\_\_\_\_ is when he needs to do a book review for his teacher. I guess I need to help him. I (44) \_\_\_\_\_ to him daily until he becomes an independent (45) \_\_\_\_\_.

*Shu Chong*

**SECTION 1: EDITING FOR SPG (10 per cent mark)**

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes.

46) \_\_\_\_\_

Xiuli was late for school. The traffic on the road was havēy. She had to cross the

47) \_\_\_\_\_

48) \_\_\_\_\_

road but the perdestrain crossing was a distance away. "Shall I run across the road ○"

49) \_\_\_\_\_

she thought. She decided to make the dash.

50) \_\_\_\_\_

She was almost across to the other side while a lorry suddenly came upon her.

51) \_\_\_\_\_

52) \_\_\_\_\_

Xiuli was take aback. She leapt onto the pavement imediattly. She was falling forward

53) \_\_\_\_\_

and she closed her eyes, ~~expected~~ <sup>expecting</sup> the worss to happen. When she opened her eyes,

54) \_\_\_\_\_

she realised that the lorry had missed her by centimetres. She heaved a sieh of relief.

55) \_\_\_\_\_

Apart from some cuts on Xiulis knees, she was otherwise unhurt.

**SECTION G: SYNTHESIS & TRANSFORMATION (5 X 2 marks)**

*For each of the items, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of each sentence must be the same as the given one(s).*

56. "Will you be going with the class to the beach tomorrow?" Alvin asked Joe.

**Alvin asked Joe** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

57. Jane has not seen the movie. Jack has not seen the movie.

**Neither** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

58. She was surprised to see Peter. She was not expecting him.

\_\_\_\_\_ **as**  
\_\_\_\_\_

59. Tommy had been appointed a prefect. He became very proud.

**Since** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

60. The policeman got into the house. The thief was caught.

**Getting** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 61 to 67.

I was born in 2005. The idea of making me probably started earlier, but there was much fine-tuning before I looked the way I did.

My body is made of nylon and rubber. Silver netting covers the areas around the toes as well as the heel, and there are large 'check' marks on my sides. The laces are white and pulled snugly over my spine. 5

I remember sitting in a display window and had a lot of attention from customers. I enjoyed that greatly. All my siblings had been sold before it was my turn. Finally, a boy named Harry bought me even though I was the display pair, because he wanted this model. Luckily, I was his size!

Harry wore me on weekdays – to school, to the library, for shopping and jogging. As he woke up at nine on weekends, I was on his feet for almost fifteen hours before he slept at midnight. Hence, I looked like I was ten years of age though I was only six months old. 10

However, I was happy. Harry was reluctant to wear anything else after he had bought me. Once, he was frantic when he could not find me. Actually, Harry's mother had given me a bath and was sunning me on the window ledge. Anyway, the bath was pointless because I would soon be dirty again. 15

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

61. What do you think was the writer?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

62. Which word from the passage tells you that the writer had been improved upon before he came to be what he was?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

63. What did the writer enjoy when he was in the display window?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



64. How can we tell that Harry wanted to own the writer very much?  
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65. Why did the writer look older than he actually was?

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66. Which sentence tells you that Harry was afraid to lose the writer?

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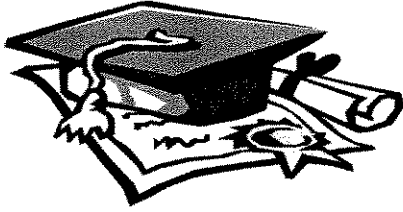
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67. What does the writer mean when he said that Harry's mother gave him a "bath" (line 16)?

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**End-of-Paper**



# ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

- |       |                                                                                    |                |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. 1  | 31) B                                                                              | 41) A          |
| 2. 3  | 32) H                                                                              | 42) D          |
| 3. 3  | 33) N                                                                              | 43) B          |
| 4. 3  | 34) Q                                                                              | 44) F          |
| 5. 3  | 35) R                                                                              | 45) C          |
| 6. 4  | 36) K                                                                              | 46) heavy      |
| 7. 3  | 37) A                                                                              | 47) pedestrian |
| 8. 4  | 38) D                                                                              | 48) ?          |
| 9. 4  | 39) F                                                                              | 49) a          |
| 10. 3 | 40) G                                                                              | 50) when       |
| 11. 2 | 51) taken                                                                          |                |
| 12. 2 | 52) immediately                                                                    |                |
| 13. 2 | 53) worst                                                                          |                |
| 14. 4 | 54) sigh                                                                           |                |
| 15. 3 | 55) Xiuli's                                                                        |                |
| 16. 4 | 56) Alvin asked Joe if he would be going with the class to the beach the next day. |                |
| 17. 3 |                                                                                    |                |
| 18. 1 | 57) Neither Jane nor Jack has seen the movie.                                      |                |
| 19. 3 |                                                                                    |                |
| 20. 4 | 58) She was surprised to see Peter as she was not expecting him.                   |                |
| 21. 4 |                                                                                    |                |
| 22. 4 | 59) Since Tommy had been appointed a prefect, he became very proud.                |                |
| 23. 4 |                                                                                    |                |
| 24. 1 | 60) Getting into the house, the policeman caught the thief.                        |                |
| 25. 4 |                                                                                    |                |
| 26. F |                                                                                    |                |
| 27. D |                                                                                    |                |
| 28. E |                                                                                    |                |
| 29. G |                                                                                    |                |
| 30. C |                                                                                    |                |

61) I think the writer was a pair of shoes.

62) The word is 'fine-tuning.'

63) The writer enjoyed having a lot of attention from customers.

64) Harry bought the writer even though he was the display pair.

65) The writer became dirty and was worn out.

66) The sentence is 'Once, he was frantic when he could not find me'

67) Harry's mother washed him.

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL  
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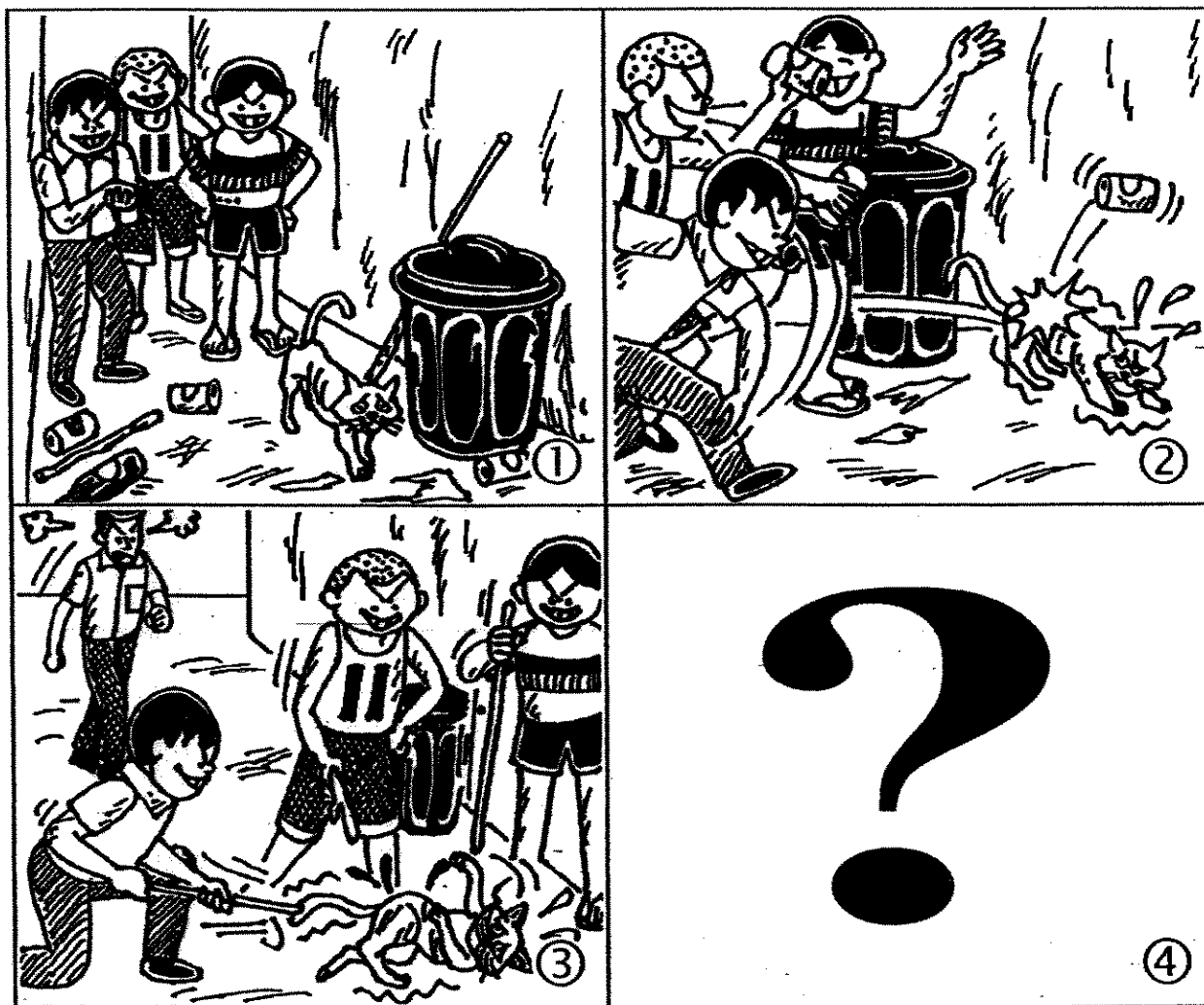
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Choose only one question

**Question 1**

Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words and phrases in the box. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.



**Helping Words:**

|        |             |          |                 |         |
|--------|-------------|----------|-----------------|---------|
| alley  | mischievous | tin-cans | escape          | injured |
| sticks | furious     | cruelty  | disgraceful act | vet     |

**Question 2**

*Last weekend, you were shopping at a bookshop and you have decided to purchase one of the books. When you were about to make payment, you realized that your purse is missing.*

Write a composition of **at least 120 words** based on the above situation. Give the story your own ending.

Make use of the following points in your composition. You may re-order the points. You may also include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

- tearful
- explained to the cashier
- helpless
- information booth
- announcement
- recovered
- ?

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**Primary 4**

**Second Semestral Assessment – 2007**

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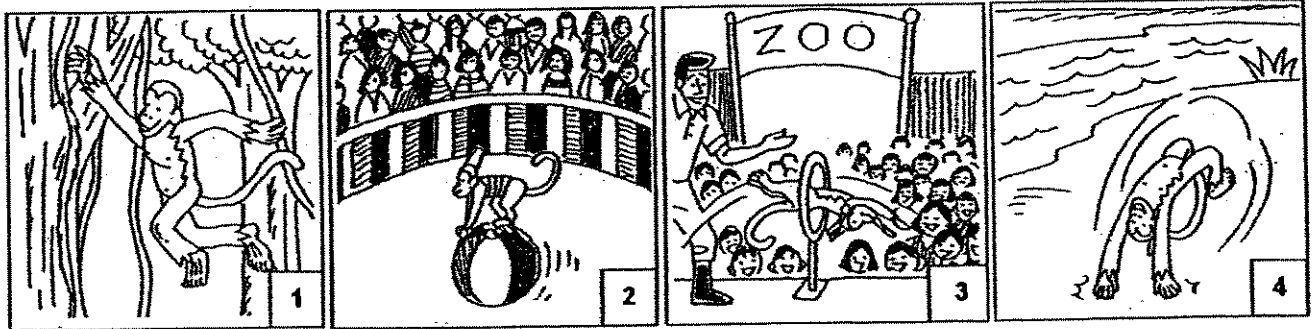
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Follow all instructions carefully.**

**Section A – Picture Matching (4 x 1 mark)**

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that describes what has been read. Then choose the correct answer, (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(1)



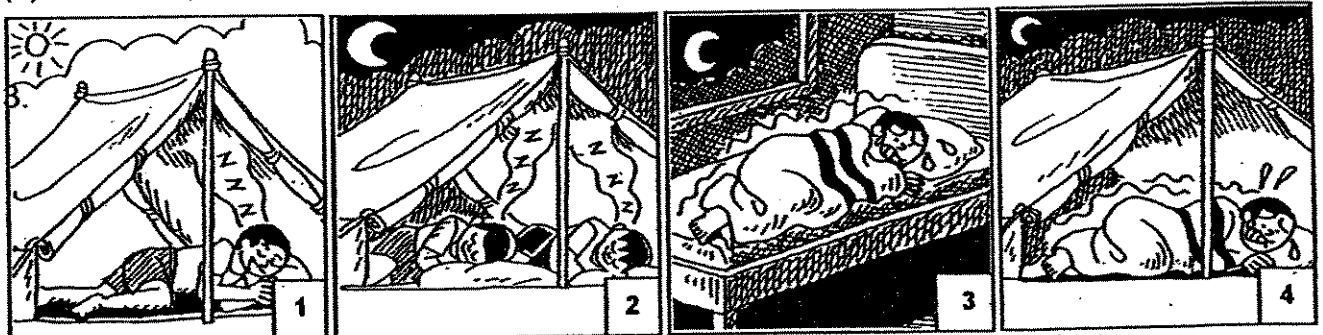
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**Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

5. That little boy is so clumsy! He is like a \_\_\_\_\_, always knocking things down.
- (1) bull in a china shop                      (2) fish out of water  
(3) snake in the grass                      (4) wolf in sheep's clothing                      (     )
6. We visited the philatelic museum to view old and rare \_\_\_\_\_ from all over the world.
- (1) paintings                                      (2) photographs  
(3) stamps                                        (4) stickers                                      (     )
7. The waiter was very \_\_\_\_\_ in his service. He did not keep us waiting at all.
- (1) competent                                      (2) early  
(3) serious                                        (4) prompt                                      (     )
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ gathered at the church punctually for the afternoon service.
- (1) audience                                      (2) witnesses  
(3) spectators                                      (4) congregation                                      (     )
9. Yesterday, the jury found Mr Kenneth Jones innocent of all charges and had since \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- (1) acquitted *set free*                                      (2) conferred  
(3) liberated                                        (4) released                                      (     )
10. It was nice of Lena to buy me a \_\_\_\_\_ of fruit when she visited me in the hospital.
- (1) basket                                              (2) bale  
(3) bouquet                                        (4) bundle                                      (     )
11. My father always buys his daily newspaper from the \_\_\_\_\_ in my neighbourhood.
- (1) newscaster                                      (2) newsreader  
(3) newsroom                                      (4) newsstand                                      (     )

**Section C – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

12. I do not have \_\_\_\_\_ money. I can only buy either one of the two pens.  
(1) less (2) more  
(3) much (4) some ( )
13. Uncle Patrick \_\_\_\_\_ us to the swimming pool last Sunday. We had a great time there.  
(1) take (2) took  
(3) had taken (4) has taken ( )
14. Mabel, as well as her cousins, \_\_\_\_\_ netball every day.  
(1) play (2) plays  
(3) are playing (4) is playing ( )
15. Kenny used to be an irresponsible boy \_\_\_\_\_ he has since turned over a new leaf.  
(1) as (2) so  
(3) and (4) but ( )
16. One of my father's antique vases dropped \_\_\_\_\_ the shelf and shattered into pieces.  
(1) off (2) out  
(3) into (4) along ( )
17. Neither the pupils nor their teacher \_\_\_\_\_ in class this morning.  
(1) is (2) are  
(3) was (4) were ( )
18. \_\_\_\_\_ you mind accompanying me to the hospital?  
(1) Could (2) Might  
(3) Should (4) Would ( )
19. These are my classmates. Some of \_\_\_\_\_ have been with me since Primary One.  
(1) who (2) whom  
(3) which (4) whose ( )

**Section D – Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1-mark)**

Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

**JULY SISTERS TRAVEL**  
**AND TOURS PTE LTD**

**WEST COAST AMERICA TOUR**  
**9 DAYS 8 NIGHTS**  
**a promotional rate of \$2888++ !!!**

First 100 customers who sign up will receive a mystery gift!

Early bird discount of \$50 if you sign up before 31<sup>st</sup> July!

**Itinerary:**

- 5 November: Depart from Changi Airport at 4 a.m.  
Transit at Japan Narita Airport
- 7 November: Arrive at Las Vegas Airport 12 noon  
Lunch at Ritz Carlton Hotel  
Visit to Las Vegas largest casino (No children allowed)
- 8 November: Visit Hoover Dam and Barstow Factory Outlet  
Watch a live show at Stratosphere Hotel
- 9 November: Traditional Chinese breakfast at local hotel  
Visit to Grand Canyon (Guaranteed spectacular viewing spot)
- 10 November: Travel to Los Angeles by coach  
Dinner at Disney Hotel
- 11 November: Breakfast at hotel  
Visit to Disneyland  
Children (5-12 yrs old) can take part in a Disney character drawing contest. (Souvenirs included for every participant)
- 12 November: Breakfast at hotel  
Visit to Universal Studios (Free cable car ride for a child with 2 adults)  
Free and easy
- 13 November: Flight back to Singapore at 4p.m.

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Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

20. The West Coast America tour is promoted by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Alan Tam
  - (2) Narita Airport
  - (3) Ritz Carlton Hotel
  - (4) July Sisters Travel and Tours Pte Ltd ( )
21. If you sign up for the West Coast America tour on 26<sup>th</sup> July, your tour fees will cost \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) \$2388++
  - (2) \$2838++
  - (3) \$2883++
  - (4) \$2888++ ( )
22. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Participants will travel to Los Angeles by ferry.
  - (2) The return flight is expected to leave for Singapore at 4 a.m.
  - (3) Participants will enjoy a traditional Chinese breakfast on the second day.
  - (4) The forty-second person to sign up for the tour will receive a mystery gift. ( )
23. Children going on this tour can participate in all the activities except for the visit to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) the casino
  - (2) Factory outlet
  - (3) Universal studios
  - (4) the Grand Canyon ( )
24. Besides the discount, what other incentives can customers enjoy if they sign up early?
- (1) A mystery gift
  - (2) A free breakfast
  - (3) A complimentary one-night stay at Disney Hotel
  - (4) A souvenir for participating in the drawing competition ( )

**Section E – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Borneo is a treasure island of Asia. Not only is it the largest island in Asia, it is one of the few places in Southeast Asia where vast areas of forests still stand. These forests are believed to house the largest number of plant species in the world. It is estimated that there are 15,000 plant species in Borneo. This island is also home to hundreds of animal species that are found nowhere else in the world.

In the last ten years, 361 new plant and animal species have been discovered there. Scientists believe that this figure is only the tip of the iceberg as there are countless more unknown species waiting to be discovered.

Before scientists are able to unearth these unknown species, they would have been destroyed by the on-going human activities. People fell trees to clear lands to make way for buildings. Deforestation has also made poaching easier as poachers can enter the natural habitats of the animals to hunt for them.

A million years ago, orang utans could be found in many parts of Asia, ranging from Java, Laos to China. Today, it can only be found on the islands of Borneo and Sumatra. Threatened severely by habitat destruction and illegal animal trade, there are very few of these animals left in the wild.

Adapted from *Treasure Island of Asia*

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

25. From the passage, we know that Borneo is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) an island of forests
  - (2) the largest island in Asia
  - (3) an island surrounded by icebergs ( )
  - (4) the only island where orang utans can be found
26. Which word in the passage refers to the cutting down of trees?
- (1) fell
  - (2) unearth
  - (3) destroyed ( )
  - (4) threatened
27. In the past, orang utans could be found in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Southeast Asia
  - (2) Borneo and Sumatra
  - (3) Java, Laos and China
  - (4) the treasure island of Asia ( )
28. Which one of the following activities does not affect the survival of wildlife in Borneo?
- (1) poaching
  - (2) deforestation
  - (3) illegal animal trade
  - (4) discovering new wildlife ( )
29. Which one of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) There is a reduced number of wildlife in Borneo.
  - (2) Borneo has the largest number of animal species.
  - (3) Majority of plant species have already been discovered.
  - (4) All the animal species in Borneo can be found elsewhere in the world. ( )

**Section F – Vocabulary Cloze (6 x 1 mark)**

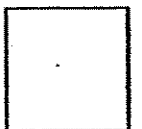
Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word in the box and write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| (A) <del>drag</del>   | (C) <del>marks</del>   | (E) <del>sleep</del>    | (G) <del>study</del>    | (J) <del>relax</del>      |
| (B) <del>finish</del> | (D) <del>forward</del> | (F) <del>announce</del> | (H) <del>weekends</del> | (K) <del>completing</del> |

I hate Mondays for many reasons. Mondays are usually the busiest day of the week. It (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the end of leisure and relaxation and makes way for the weekly load of work and toil. The (31) \_\_\_\_\_ are my favourite. They give me something to look (32) \_\_\_\_\_ to. The greatest enjoyment is that I could (33) \_\_\_\_\_ in and only wake up when I feel like doing so.

I have not met a single person who relishes the thought of Mondays. I usually (34) \_\_\_\_\_ myself out of bed grudgingly and dashed about my usual routine of rushing to school and (35) \_\_\_\_\_ my homework. Mondays also mark the end of television time after dinner. Mother would usually hurry me off to study, with me complaining silently behind her back. How I wish that every day could be a Saturday!



**Section G – Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

It was a hot, scorching day. Everyone in school was feeling restless with the unbearable (36)\_\_\_\_\_. When Julie saw her best friend, she called out to her. "Lindy, would you like to (37)\_\_\_\_\_ me for an ice cream?"

"I would love to, but I'm on a diet to (38)\_\_\_\_\_ some weight," replied Lindy apologetically. "I'm sure just one scoop of ice cream doesn't (39)\_\_\_\_\_." "Thank you, but I have to (40)\_\_\_\_\_ and not give in to temptation so easily," Lindy said. "I am (41)\_\_\_\_\_ in the National Gymnastics Competition next month. This competition requires me to stay trim and fit. That is why I need to (42)\_\_\_\_\_ what I eat and train hard for the coming competition.

"Alright, I'd better not tempt you (43)\_\_\_\_\_. Otherwise, you might ask me for a brownie to go with the ice cream!" Julie teased playfully.



**Section H – Comprehension (5 x 2 mark)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.**

Juliana smiled as she flipped through the pages of her travel photo album. The photographs brought back many happy memories she shared with her classmates during university days whenever they went on a vacation. She particularly relished the memories of her graduation trip to London as it was her first time to Europe. She recalled that she had saved long and hard for this trip, eating only homemade sandwiches instead of splurging on fast food meals.

Juliana had been travelling widely since young. Her businessman father would bring her along on his business trips if they coincided with her school holidays. Juliana always anticipated the arrival of school holidays eagerly as she could travel with her father and enrich her photo collection.

Of all the continents, she was most familiar with Australia as she had been there most often. Juliana could even walk along the streets of the major cities of Australia without a map. Her favourite city in Australia was Adelaide. She felt that it was more laidback compared with its counterparts like Melbourne and Sydney.

The country that Juliana wanted to visit most was China. She had heard about its rich culture and long history but had yet to witness the grandeur of the Forbidden Palace. Juliana also read up on this country as she had hoped to visit it one day. She was also learning Mandarin in the hope of communicating better with the locals when she could eventually go there.

**Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.**

44. Why did Juliana especially enjoy the trip to London?

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45. How did Juliana save enough money for her trip to London?

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46. Who took Juliana travelling often when she was young?

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47. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Juliana could get around easily in Australia?

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48. How did Juliana prepare herself for her visit to China?

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**Section I – Synthesis and Dictation (12 marks)**

For each of the questions from 49 to 54, combine the sentence to make **one** sentence using the word given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

49. Sally loves to dance. She also loves to sing.

\_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_

50. Mary fell down the stairs. She was crying.

\_\_\_\_\_ so  
\_\_\_\_\_

51. Lindy was late for school. Mrs Tan did not scold her.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

52. Iris did not go to the theatre. Irene did not go to the theatre.

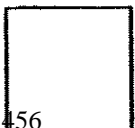
Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

53. Miss Yeo went to the bookshop. She bought a book.

\_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_

54. Karen cannot play with her neighbours. She is ill.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Dictation**

Q55. Take down the passage in full as you listen to it being read out.

I am so excited. My school team will be competing in the National Competition next week.

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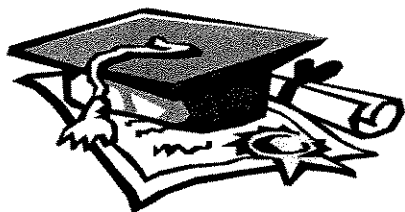
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# ANSWER SHEET

CHIJ PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 4 ENGLISH 2007  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

- |       |                                         |                  |            |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| 1. 3  | 30)C                                    | 36)weather       | 42)watch   |
| 2. 3  | 31)H                                    | 37)offer         | 43)anymore |
| 3. 4  | 32)D                                    | 38)lose          |            |
| 4. 1  | 33)E                                    | 39)hurt          |            |
| 5. 1  | 34)A                                    | 40)resist        |            |
| 6. 3  | 35)K                                    | 41)participating |            |
| 7. 4  |                                         |                  |            |
| 8. 4  | 44)She enjoyed it as it was her first   |                  |            |
| 9. 1  | time there.                             |                  |            |
| 10. 1 |                                         |                  |            |
| 11. 4 | 45)She ate homemade sandwiches instead  |                  |            |
| 12. 3 | of fast food meals.                     |                  |            |
| 13. 2 |                                         |                  |            |
| 14. 2 | 46)Juliana's father took her travelling |                  |            |
| 15. 4 | often when she was young.               |                  |            |
| 16. 1 |                                         |                  |            |
| 17. 3 | 47)The sentence is 'Juliana could even  |                  |            |
| 18. 4 | walk along the streets of the major     |                  |            |
| 19. 2 | cities of Australia without a map.      |                  |            |
| 20. 4 |                                         |                  |            |
| 21. 2 | 48)She read up on china and learnt      |                  |            |
| 22. 4 | Mandarin to prepare herself for         |                  |            |
| 23. 1 | her visit to china.                     |                  |            |
| 24. 1 |                                         |                  |            |
| 25. 2 | 49)Sally loves to sing and dance.       |                  |            |
| 26. 1 |                                         |                  |            |
| 27. 3 | 50)Mary fell down the stairs so she     |                  |            |
| 28. 4 | was crying.                             |                  |            |
| 29. 1 |                                         |                  |            |
|       | 51)Lindy was late for school but Mrs    |                  |            |
|       | Tan did not scold her.                  |                  |            |

52)Both Iris and Irene did not go to the theatre.

53)Miss Yeo went to the bookshop to buy a book.

54)Karen cannot play with her neighbours because she is ill.

55)We came in third in the National Competition last year and we hope to achieve the same success this year. My coach has said that we will be able to win the title.

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Semestral Assessment 2, 2007  
English Language Paper 1  
Primary 4

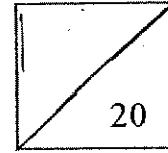
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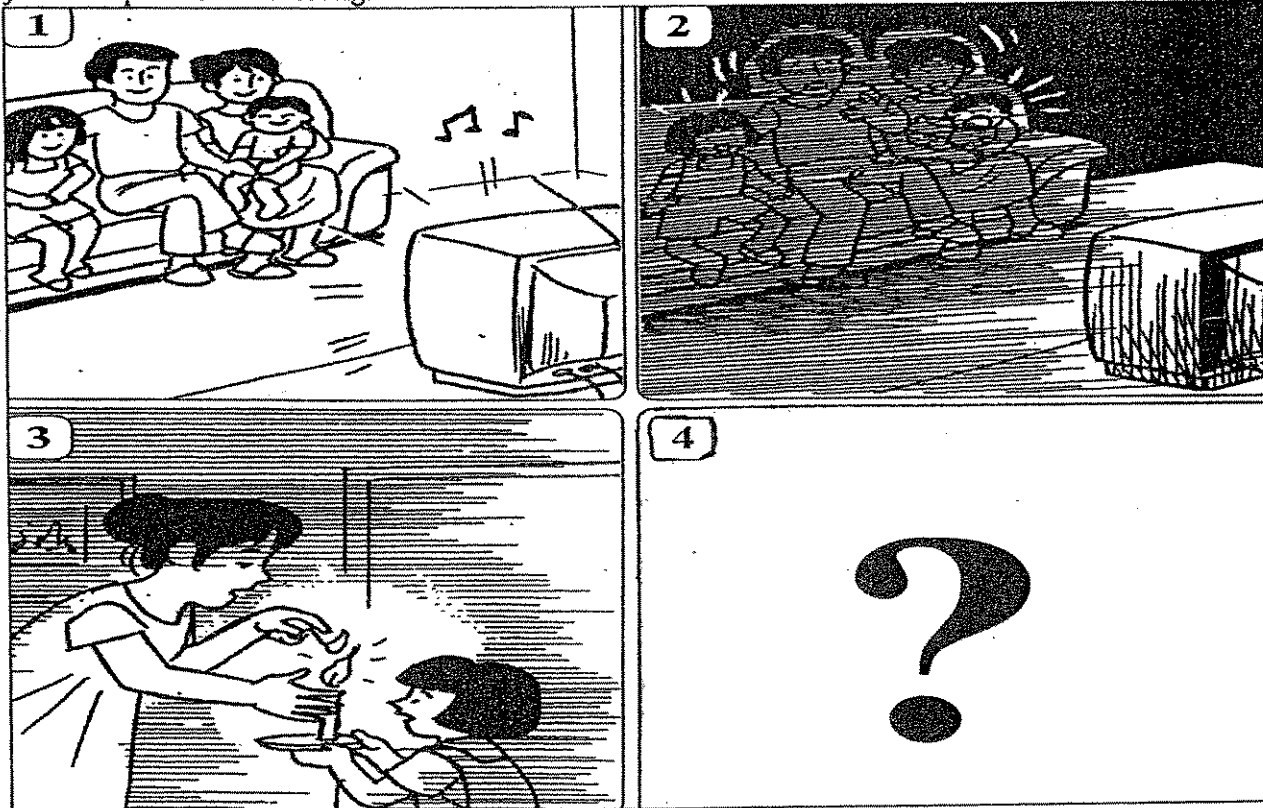
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There are two questions in this paper. You are required to answer only **ONE**.  
Write the number of the question you have chosen in the margin of your answer script.

Question 1

Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words and phrases in the box. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.



|          |                 |           |          |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|----------|
| gathered | a blackout      | terrified | darkness |
| lit      | glowed brightly | candles   | chatted  |



Question 2

One day, you were walking home from school. Suddenly, you heard a loud bang.

Based on the above situation, write a story of at least 120 words.

For your story, make use of the points below. You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

- what had happened
- what you did
- what happened in the end

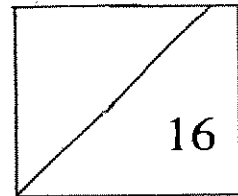
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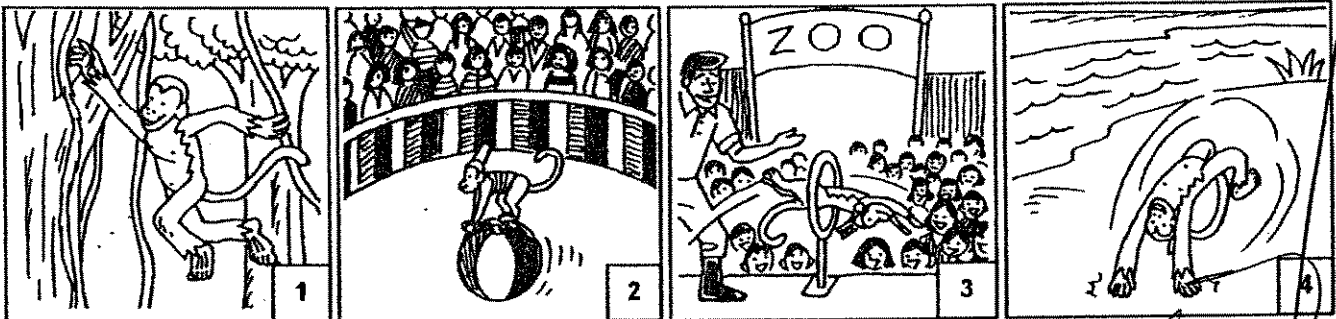
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**Section A : Picture-Matching( 4 marks)**

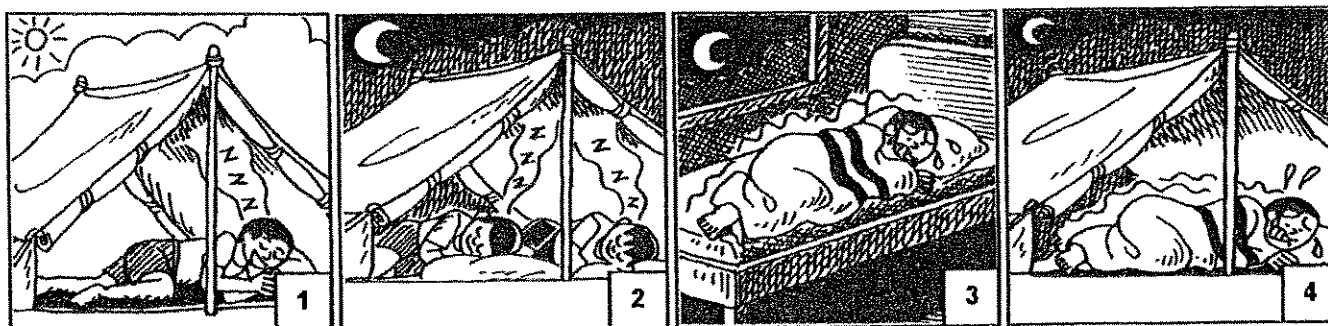
Look at the set of pictures. Your teacher is going to read to you a few statements. Listen carefully. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets .



Q1. .... ( )



Q2. .... ( )



Q3.....( )



Q4.....( )

**Section B : Note-taking and Dictation (12 marks)**

Q1 to Q6 is a note-taking test.  
Q7 is a dictation test.

Your CCA teacher wants to start training soon. He wants you to take down details for your friend who is not present at the meeting.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q1 to Q6 with a word or words.

**Note-taking (6 x1 marks)**

Q1. Type of CCA : \_\_\_\_\_

Q2. Date of commencement : \_\_\_\_\_ January





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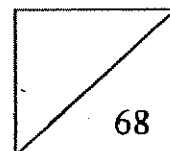
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Class: Primary 4 (    )

Subject Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Marks:



Time: 1 h 30 min

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**Section A: Vocabulary (7 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ fireworks display took place on the eve of Chinese New Year. It was awesome!

(1) notorious

(2) characteristic

(3) detrimental

(4) spectacular

(    )

2. Mr Lim's business is flourishing. Many people came to know of his chicken-rice stall \_\_\_\_\_ . He did not need to spend money to advertise his stall!

(1) by playing by ear

(2) by word of mouth

(3) through putting their foot down

(4) from hand to mouth

(    )

3. In recent weeks, my brother has undergone a complete \_\_\_\_\_. He has been studying very hard unlike in the past.

(1) translation

(2) transfusion

(3) transition

(4) transformation

(    )

4. Mrs Tan has been keeping the watch for many years because it is of \_\_\_\_\_ value.

(1) affectionate

(2) sentimental

(3) emotional

(4) genial

(    )

5. Dewi is \_\_\_\_\_. She refuses to listen to any of our advice.
- (1) as sharp as a razor (2) as thick as thieves  
(3) as meek as a lamb (4) as stubborn as a mule ( )
6. The rude girl continually \_\_\_\_\_ her parents' conversation.
- (1) took after (2) put out  
(3) broke into (4) called off ( )
7. When the boys saw the tiger, they acted on \_\_\_\_\_ and ran from danger.
- (1) instinct (2) guts  
(3) fancy (4) illusion ( )

**Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

8. Ali has just fallen asleep, \_\_\_\_\_?
- (1) has he (2) is he  
(3) hasn't he (4) isn't he ( )
9. Siti used to run at the park but now she \_\_\_\_\_ at the gymnasium.
- (1) jog (2) jogs  
(3) jogged (4) was jogging ( )
10. Direct speech: "I am happy with your grades," Father told Jack.  
Indirect speech: Father told Jack that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) I was happy with your grades (2) he is happy with his grades  
(3) I am happy with your grades (4) he was happy with his grades ( )
11. We felt very sad \_\_\_\_\_ our teacher would be leaving for Hong Kong soon.
- (1) after (2) unless  
(3) as (4) although ( )

12. I dropped \_\_\_\_\_ flour on the floor accidentally.
- (1) any (2) some  
(3) a few (4) many ( )
13. They argued for a long time regarding what they should have for dinner. Neither of them was willing to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) give in (2) give off  
(3) give out (4) give away ( )

**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

**Passage 1**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

|                |             |             |              |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| (A) activities | (B) calm    | (C) crucial | (D) familiar |
| (E) jobs       | (F) provoke | (G) suffers | (H) worsen   |

There are many factors that result in one being able to sleep like a log. Good sleeping habits are (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for ensuring a good night's sleep. When one (15) \_\_\_\_\_ disturbed sleep, he or she will not only be irritable but also experiences tiredness the next day. Moreover, the problem will (16) \_\_\_\_\_ due to a lack of energy. The ability to relax is important in stimulating sleepiness. Light (17) \_\_\_\_\_ before bedtime such as reading magazines and listening to music can help us to (18) \_\_\_\_\_ our minds and soothe our nerves.



**Passage 2**

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

Tutankhamen was only ten years old when he became the Pharaoh of Egypt around 3300 years ago. The cause of his (19) \_\_\_\_\_, at a young age, remains a mystery since his mummified (20) \_\_\_\_\_ was uncovered in 1922. The discovery of his (21) \_\_\_\_\_ made people wonder about the possible causes of his death. Unlike other tombs, Tutankhamen's burial chamber had been left (22) \_\_\_\_\_ by the tomb raiders or vandals. It was filled with precious treasures, including a priceless gold funeral mask. However the tomb was small and clearly unfinished in parts, which (23) \_\_\_\_\_ rise to the theory that the young Pharaoh had died suddenly and the tomb had been hastily prepared. This led experts to guess that Tutankhamen had been murdered.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

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 during marking.

**Passage 1**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

|                     |                      |                      |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| (A) <del>a</del>    | (B) <del>began</del> | (C) <del>begin</del> | (D) <del>by</del>   | (E) <del>it</del>    |
| (F) <del>them</del> | (G) <del>the</del>   | (H) <del>who</del>   | (J) <del>with</del> | (K) <del>which</del> |

One day, I was waiting for an appointment at a clinic. I was seated in a long corridor. It was a busy morning for the doctor and as I was much too early, I was prepared for a long wait. To help pass the time, I read a magazine I had (24) \_\_\_\_\_ me. Then I (25) \_\_\_\_\_ to watch the people (26) \_\_\_\_\_ walked by. After a while, I observed that at a certain point down the hall, they all stopped, looked at the wall and touched (27) \_\_\_\_\_ slightly. Unable to stop my curiosity, I walked down the corridor to investigate. There on the wall was (28) \_\_\_\_\_ sign that read "DRY PAINT".

**Passage 2****USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

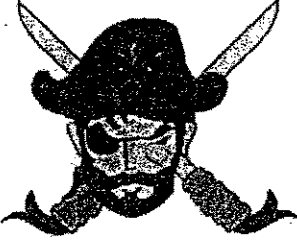
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|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| (A) <del>after</del> | (B) <del>before</del> | (C) <del>but</del>  | (D) <del>find</del> | (E) <del>found</del> |
| (F) <del>is</del>    | (G) <del>so</del>     | (H) <del>such</del> | (J) <del>was</del>  | (K) <del>were</del>  |

At the very start of the Dreamtime, Balame, King of the sky, made two men and a woman. They lived happily for a time, (29) \_\_\_\_\_ there came a drought and they began to starve. One of the men became (30) \_\_\_\_\_ weak that he would not eat the small amount of food that the others had (31) \_\_\_\_\_. Finally, he walked away from their camp. The other man and the woman chased (32) \_\_\_\_\_ him, begging him to come back, but he would not listen. Just as he reached the foot of a giant gum-tree, the man fell face down.


The other man and woman watched in horror as a dark figure with red fiery eyes swept the man up and placed him in the hollow of the tree. The sight of such a fantastic display of power by the god of the sky, as well as anxiety for their friend, (33) \_\_\_\_\_ too overwhelming for the man and the woman.

**Section E: Graphic-Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)**

Look at the advertisement below and answer questions 34 to 38. Choose the correct answer and write its answer (1, 2, 3 and 4) in the brackets provided.



# MOVIE MANIA "PIRATES AHOY!"

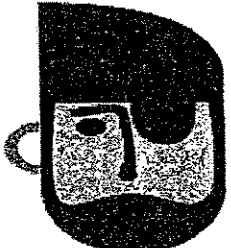


A cartoon filmed by Jimmy Chen on adventures by pirates of the Pacific.  
Let your hearts be stolen by the touching story of how Captain Black risked his life on the icy waters, looting from the rich to help the poor lead better lives. Do not miss his noble voyage on his little ship named after the love of his life, Estella!

**Show dates and times:**  
 6 Nov - 2 pm to 4 pm  
 7 Nov - 2 pm to 4 pm  
 8 Nov - 4 pm to 6 pm\*  
 9 Nov - 8 pm to 10 pm

**Ticket prices:**  
 Adult - \$16  
 Children (under 12 years old) - \$10

**Venue:**  
 Singapore Omnimax Theatre  
*\*Special evening performance*



To book your tickets, log on to the website  
<http://www.piratesofpacific.com> or purchase them at the venue.  
 For enquiries, call Ali at 65557777.  
 Free shuttle bus service from Jurong East MRT station.

34. What is the title of the movie?
- (1) The little ship, Estella                      (2) Pirates of the Pacific  
(3) Adventures of Captain Black              (4) Pirates Ahoy                                      (     )
35. Who is the director of the movie?
- (1) Ali                                                      (2) Estella  
(3) Jimmy Chen                                      (4) Captain Black                                      (     )
36. How many ways are there to obtain the tickets to the movie?
- (1) One                                                      (2) Two  
(3) Three                                                      (4) Four                                                      (     )
37. If Ben pays \$10 for a ticket, how old is he likely to be?
- (1) Eleven years old                                      (2) Twelve years old  
(3) Thirteen years old                                      (4) Fourteen years old                                      (     )
38. If Ben does not want to attend a matinee or an evening performance but prefers a performance in the night, which show date is he likely to choose?
- (1) 6<sup>th</sup> November                                      (2) 7<sup>th</sup> November  
(3) 8<sup>th</sup> November                                      (4) 9<sup>th</sup> November                                      (     )

**Section F: Editing - Grammar (5 x 1 mark)**

Correct each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Before civilization, human beings just had basic needs like food and water. In the earliest

(39)

days of the human race when people lived on ~~ca~~ves, there were no houses and shops and people

owned nothing. They hunted animals for ~~its~~ <sup>their</sup> food and clothing and helped one another to find food

and shelter.

(40)

After a while, different tribes becomes good at making special things. Some learned to

(41)

make pottery because they lived on beds on clay. Others were good at carve tools and ornaments

out of bones.

(42)

If a man wanted a bone knife that someone else had made, he could exchanged it with

something he had made himself.

Therefore, one can see that all sorts of things are traded in this way, such as food and animals.

(43)

This particular way of ~~buying~~ are known as barter. It is no longer in practice in most societies nowadays.

**Section G: Editing – Spelling and Punctuation (5 x 1 mark)**

Each of the circles contains a wrong or missing punctuation mark. Each of the underlined word contains a spelling mistake. Put the correct punctuation mark or the correct spelling of the word in each of these boxes.

(44)

Before we go on holiday, Mother always locks up the house kautously, as she is terrified of

burglars.

(45)

Last year, when we left our home for our holiday, she even switched off the elefricity.

(46)

“The house might catch fire if we are not careful .” she always says.

As Grandmother did not want to join us this year, Mother gave our holiday address to

(47)

the doctor just in case Grandmother fell ill  Mother believed in being prepared at all times.

(48)

Fortunetly, when we got home, the house was safe and Grandmother was fine.

**Section H: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 and 4) in the brackets provided.

### The Race

Between Hugh and the bottom was one lone rider. He was the trickiest, meanest, nastiest rider of them all.

It was Rotten Frank.

If there was one thing Frank hated, it was losing. He would not stand for it. He could see that Hugh was going to pass him, unless he did something in a hurry. 5

He stopped his bike and got off.

“Think you can beat me? I don’t think so!” snarled Frank.

Nobody beat Frank in his race. He won it every year. This was Frank’s race.

Just in case somebody thought they might try to beat him, he had a backpack full of rotten things. 10

He tried all of them on Hugh. Frank tried the Box Full of Tack On The Road Plan, the Oil Slick Scheme, and the Smoke Trick.

None of them worked.

Then he tried his real special rotten thing. The inflatable Tiger That Blew Up As Big As A Train. 15

“Too bad about the puncture!” muttered Frank under his breath.

Much to Frank’s chagrin, Hugh had in fact almost caught up.

Rotten Frank climbed back aboard his bike and did figure eights in front of him, but Hugh was already doing figure nines.

Rotten Frank made loud and scary noises, but Hugh was making louder ones. Rotten Frank made faces, but Hugh flew past him like a gust of wind. 20

The crowd was yelling and screaming. Hugh sped across the finish line. He had won the race!

49. According to the passage, what did Frank hate?
- (1) races
  - (2) losing
  - (3) cycling
  - (4) crowds
- ( )
50. Frank believed that his most "special rotten thing" was the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) "Box Full Of Tacks On The Road Plan"
  - (2) "Oil Slick Scheme"
  - (3) "Smoke Trick"
  - (4) "Inflatable Tiger That Blew Up As Big As A Train"
- ( )
51. The inflatable tiger failed because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) the tiger has a hole in it
  - (2) the tiger was the wrong size
  - (3) Hugh was not scared of the tiger
  - (4) Frank pumped up the tiger too late
- ( )
52. Which of the following best describes Frank?
- (1) A compassionate person
  - (2) A deadly idler
  - (3) An enduringly true friend
  - (4) An unscrupulous fellow
- ( )
53. Which of the following statements is **not** true?
- (1) Hugh's strongest competitor in the race was Frank.
  - (2) Hugh crossed the finish line first.
  - (3) Frank was the first to cross the finish line.
  - (4) Frank was tricky and mean.
- ( )



**Section I: Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Answer in complete sentences.

Ann shifted restlessly and the wicker chair creaked. She covered her mouth and stifled a yawn. It was difficult for her to stay still. She turned her head towards the dining table. She was aghast to realise that her parents and Uncle Tom were so engrossed in their conversation that they did not pay her any attention. She felt bored, so she gazed out of the window. It was spring and there were many pretty flowers under the cherry tree. A quick movement caught her eyes. 5  
It was a brown squirrel darting up the tree.

Ann edged close to her mother and asked for permission to go outside. Mrs. Walters nodded her head and Ann gave all of them a broad grin before leaving the house. It was the first time she had been to Uncle Tom's house and she wanted to explore it. Ann walked round the garden, bending down occasionally to examine an unknown creepy-crawly. Ann lived in the 10  
city and had very few encounters with garden insects. Then she walked to the barn.

Ann opened the barn doors and peeped inside. It was in complete disarray. There were piles of hay in one corner and a tractor in the other. There was a small, rusty tricycle and she wondered if Uncle Tom had ridden on it when he was young. There were also wooden crates filled to overflowing with old magazines. She opened one and gave a loud sneeze. Her hands 15  
were full of dust. She looked at the date on the magazine cover and gasped. It read  
"April 1945".

Without a second glance at the contents, Ann left the barn and headed for the stable. She walked along the cobbled pathway and heard some sounds as she went closer to the stable. She opened the huge door and was pleasantly greeted by a pair of dark brown eyes. 20  
They belonged to a creature which was nonchalantly chomping on some carrots. Ann stood with mouth agape! She had never had such a close encounter with such a fantastic creature before!

54. What does the words 'shifted restlessly' (line 1) suggest to you with regard to how Ann felt ?

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55. In line 4, to whom do 'they' refer ?

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56. Did Ann know what she would find in the backyard? Why?

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57. How did you know that Ann was not interested in the magazine she had found?

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58. Which phrase from the passage gave the impression that the barn was messy?

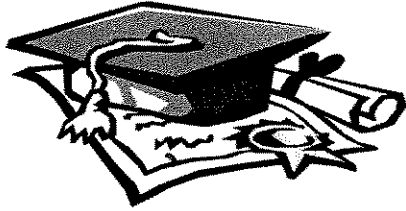
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| 1. 4          | 31) E           |
| 2. 2          | 32) A           |
| 3. 4          | 33) J           |
| 4. 2          | 34) 4           |
| 5. 4          | 35) 3           |
| 6. 3          | 36) 2           |
| 7. 1          | 37) 1           |
| 8. 3          | 38) 4           |
| 9. 2          | 39) in          |
| 10. 4         | 40) became      |
| 11. 3         | 41) carving     |
| 12. 2         | 42) exchange    |
| 13. 1         | 43) is          |
| 14. C         | 44) cautiously  |
| 15. G         | 45) electricity |
| 16. H         | 46) ,           |
| 17. A         | 47) .           |
| 18. B         | 48) Fortunately |
| 19. death     | 49) 2           |
| 20. body      | 50) 4           |
| 21. tomb      | 51) 1           |
| 22. untouched | 52) 4           |
| 23. gave      | 53) 3           |
| 24. J         |                 |
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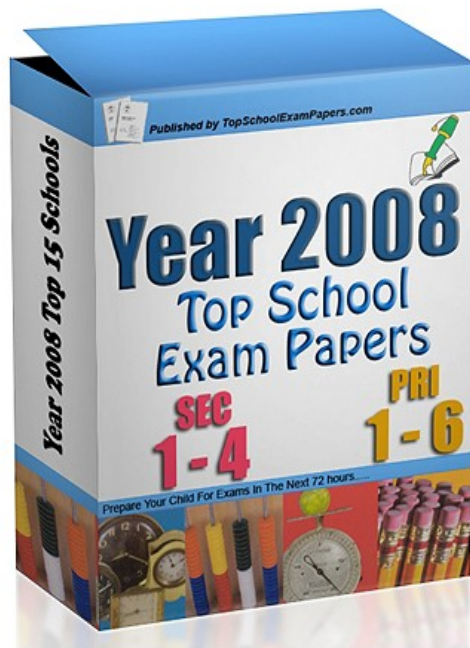
54) The words "shifted restlessly" suggest that Ann was bored.

55) The word "they" refers to Ann's parents and Uncle Tom.

56) No, she did not. She lived in the city and this was her first visit to Uncle Tom's house.

57) She gasped when she found out that the magazine dated back to "April 1945" and left without a second glance at it.

58) The phrase is "in complete disarray."



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