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RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2004
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Name : _____ ()

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Class : Pr 4 / _____

Marks : _____ / 50

Duration : 1 h 15 min

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SECTION A : Vocabulary (7 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

1. Of all the boys, Jonathan has done the _____ work.

(1) less	(2) lesser
(3) least	(4) little

2. Our school gardener went to the _____ to buy a few pots of flowering plants.

(1) orchard	(2) plantation
(3) estate	(4) nursery

3. There will be a new _____ to train the basketball team for the coming tournament in April.

(1) umpire	(2) judge
(3) referee	(4) coach

4. It was unfortunate for Madam Tan to have sat next to a _____ in the train and have her purse stolen.

(1) conman	(2) pickpocket
(3) burglar	(4) robber

5. Alan finally had his hair cut short after repeated warnings from the discipline master in school.

(1) trimmed	(2) snipped
(3) shaved	(4) tidied

6. The stretch of old pre-war houses in Joo Chiat Place has been selected for _____ as part of our country's effort to preserve our heritage.

- (1) restoration
- (3) rebuilding

- (2) revamping
- (4) revitalized

7. The Discovery Channel will be broadcasting a very educational _____ on "Volcanic Eruption" tomorrow night.

- (1) thriller
- (3) documentary

- (2) information report
- (4) drama

SECTION B : Grammar (7 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

8. The distance _____ my house and the nearest bus-stop is about three hundred metres.
- ~~(1)~~ by (2) between
(3) from (4) at
9. Everyone, young and old, _____ a role to play and a responsibility to fulfil in the family.
- (1) has (2) have
(3) had (4) having
10. Each bookmark _____ eighty cents. Would you like to buy a few?
- ~~(1)~~ cost (2) costs
(3) will cost (4) would cost
11. I felt sad _____ the people who had lost their loved ones in the recent Bali bombing which claimed so many innocent lives.
- ~~(1)~~ at (2) for
(3) because (4) than
12. Both Weiling and her sister prefer drawing _____ craft work.
- ~~(1)~~ to (2) with
(3) or (4) than
13. Mr Tong _____ his daily morning jog in the park near his house. He always takes his dog with him.
- ~~(1)~~ enjoy (2) enjoyed
(3) enjoys (4) enjoying
14. Mark _____ along Bedok North Road when he met with an accident. He was knocked down by a bus.
- ~~(1)~~ cycles (2) cycled
(3) is cycling (4) was cycling

SECTION C : Comprehension (10 marks)

**Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.
Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.**

A telephone conversation between two friends, Sufen and Jovita, took place on a Thursday afternoon.

- Sufen : Hello, Jovita. How are you? You have been absent from school for the last two days.
- Jovita : Hi Sufen! I had food poisoning. Anyway, I'm better now and will be going back to school tomorrow.
- Sufen : Did you eat something which was contaminated?
- Jovita : Well, I took fried oyster and some noodles at the food centre on Tuesday night. Most likely, it was the former. It could not have been the chicken rice or fishballs I took at our school canteen during recess.
- Sufen : Oh, I see.
- Jovita : Can you please tell me if there's any homework to be done?
- Sufen : Yes, Mrs Boon is going to conduct a Science test for our class tomorrow.
- Jovita : Thanks for letting me know. Did she say which chapters will be tested?
- Sufen : Yes, she did. The test is going to cover the chapters on "Magnets", "Classification of Materials" and "Life Cycles of Plants".
- Jovita : That's a relief. I am only unfamiliar with the chapter on "Magnets". A quick revision is all I'll need. Thanks and see you tomorrow.
- Sufen : You're welcome. Bye and take care.

15. Why did Jovita call Sufen?
She called Sufen to find out if _____.
- (1) Mrs Boon had given the class any homework.
 - (2) Mrs Boon was going to conduct a class test.
 - (3) there was going to be a class test.
 - (4) there was any homework.
16. Sufen and Jovita are _____.
- (1) best friends
 - (2) schoolmates
 - (3) neighbours
 - (4) classmates
17. Why was Jovita relieved upon learning the chapters to be tested?
She was relieved because _____.
- (1) she had already studied all the chapters thoroughly.
 - (2) she was good at the subject.
 - (3) she had already studied one of the chapters to be tested.
 - (4) she was familiar with two of the chapters to be tested.
18. What did Jovita suspect was the cause of her food poisoning?
She suspected that it was the _____ which she had eaten.
- (1) noodles
 - (2) fishballs
 - (3) fried oysters
 - (4) chicken rice
19. On which days were Jovita absent from school?
She was absent on _____.
- (1) Monday and Tuesday
 - (2) Tuesday and Wednesday
 - (3) Wednesday and Thursday
 - (4) Thursday and Friday

SECTION D : Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

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) disbelief	(B) ashamed	(C) curious	(D) worthwhile
(E) normal	(F) concentration	(G) direction	(H) stunned
(J) attention	(K) disappointed	(L) usual	(M) instruction

Li Bai was not interested in studying when he was a young boy. He did not pay (20) _____ when his teacher was teaching. He spent the whole day playing all sorts of games.

One day, as Li Bai was having fun and playing as (21) _____, he saw an old woman sitting under a tree with a grind-stone and an iron rod in front of her.

He stood near the old woman and watched her grinding the iron rod for a few minutes. The old woman was doing it with full (22) _____.

Li Bai was very (23) _____ and asked her, "What are you grinding that iron rod into, Granny?"

The old woman replied, "I'm grinding it into a needle."

"Can this rod be ground into a needle?" Li Bai asked in (24) _____.

"Sure. As long as I grind it every day, the rod will become smaller and smaller," replied the old woman patiently.

Li Bai was (25) _____ by her reply for a moment. Suddenly he realised that he had been wasting his time doing nothing (26) _____. He felt very (27) _____ of himself. From that day onwards, Li Bai studied hard and later became one of the most renowned poets in Chinese history.

SECTION E : Grammar Cloze (8 marks)

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

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| (A) are throwing | (B) throws | (C) have thrown | (D) thrown |
| (E) will throw | (F) throwing | (G) threw | |

Our country Singapore is well-known for being a clean and green city. Much of the credit must go to our government for making littering an offence in Singapore.

Anyone caught (28) _____ litter has to pay a fine or perform the Corrective Work Order. These litterbugs are usually caught red-handed when they (29) _____ litter. They have to pick litter or sweep the park because they (30) _____ litter in public places. With this punishment imposed on them, it is hoped that they (31) _____ litter in the bins in future.

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| (A) on | (B) over | (C) in | (D) into |
| (E) for | (F) about | (G) with | |

Animals that eat grass need a long time to digest their food. They wander slowly (32) _____ wide areas of grasslands, taking mouthfuls of grass wherever they find it.

Grass eaters often live together in herds (33) _____ safety. The herds run away very quickly when they are faced (34) _____ danger.

However, the musk oxen quickly form themselves (35) _____ a big circle when attacked by wolves. As long as they stay together in a circle, the whole herd is safe.

SECTION F : Comprehension (10 marks)

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

One cloudy afternoon, Sam and his cousin, Patrick, were playing football in a field. The grass was overgrown. Undeterred, they kicked the ball about heartily. They continued the game for the next half an hour.

Feeling exhausted, they sat down to rest. Minutes later, raindrops fell on their heads. They were startled and got up on their feet. Heavy rain fell relentlessly and lashed at them. The two boys scampered away to seek shelter under a shady tree.

Thunder and lightning rocked the ground. They shuddered with fear. A minute later, a bolt of lightning hit the tree where they were standing, breaking a branch. They missed death by centimetres. Terrified, they quickly fled from the scene.

36. How were Sam and Patrick related to each other?

37. Which word in the passage tells us that the boys were surprised to see the rain falling?

38. Explain the meaning of "They missed death by centimetres." in the third paragraph.

39. Why did the boys seek shelter under a tree?

40. What happened when a bolt of lightning struck the tree?

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| 1) 3 | 28) F |
| 2) 4 | 29) G |
| 3) 4 | 30) C |
| 4) 2 | 31) E |
| 5) 1 | 32) B |
| 6) 1 | 33) E |
| 7) 3 | 34) G |
| 8) 3 | 35) D |
| 9) 1 | 36) They were cousins. |
| 10) 2 | 37) The word is "startled". |
| 11) 2 | 38) They were almost killed by the lightning. |
| 12) 1 | 39) Heavy rain fell relentlessly and lashed at them. |
| 13) 3 | |
| 14) 4 | 40) The bolt of lightning broke a branch, almost hit the boys. |
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| 25) H | |
| 26) D | |
| 27) B | |