

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
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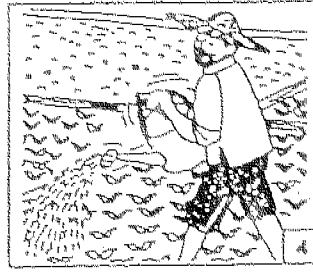
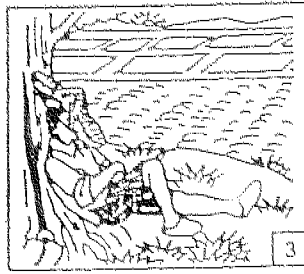
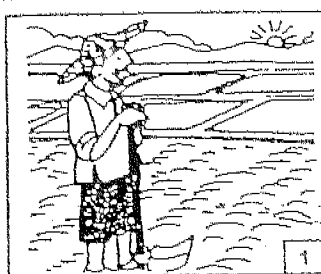
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PART I - MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

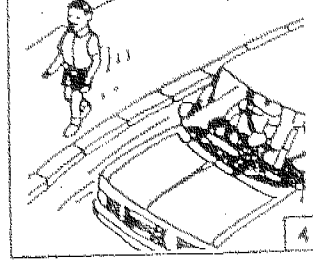
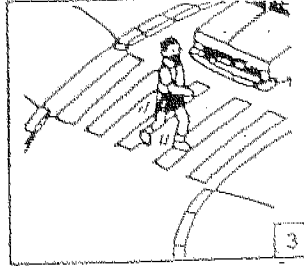
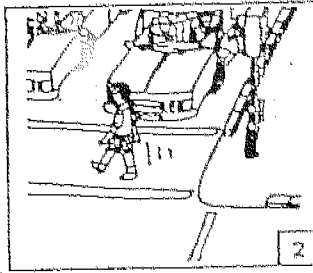
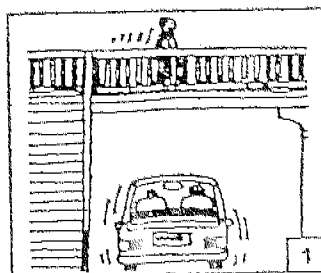
Section A: Listening Comprehension (4 marks)

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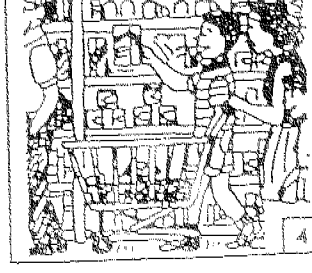
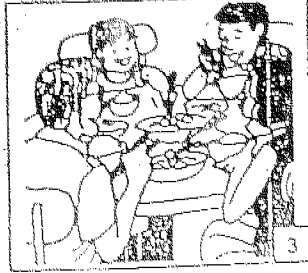
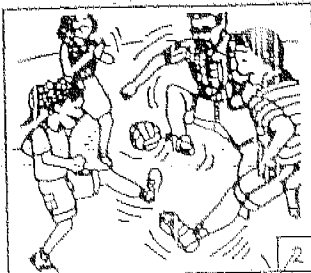
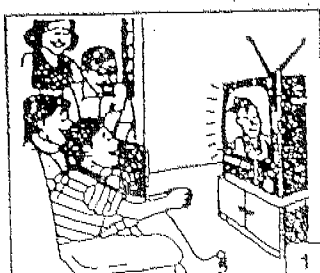
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Section B: Vocabulary Discrete (6 marks)

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

5 Despite the change in weather, the coach driver _____ to his original plan.

- (1) adapted
- (2) adhered
- (3) clung
- (4) confined

6 Customers need not worry about where to park their cars as there is _____ parking space beside the restaurant.

- (1) ample
- (2) enormous
- (3) insufficient
- (4) large

7 Some time last month, the public was informed that the _____ for littering was \$200.

- (1) acquittal
- (2) consequence
- (3) penalty
- (4) offence

8 "I remember _____ the games I used to play when I was a child," Mr Leong said to his grandchildren.

- (1) strikingly
- (2) surely
- (3) vividly
- (4) vibrantly

9 Bring only the _____ as everyone is allowed to bring only a small luggage.

- (1) devices
- (2) essentials
- (3) inheritance
- (4) provisions

10 Suriati _____ serious head injuries in the accident.

- (1) developed
- (2) experienced
- (3) sustained
- (4) underwent

Section C: Grammar Discrete (6 marks)

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

11 All of them except Weixi _____ the rehearsal now.

- (1) are attending
- (2) attended
- (3) has attended
- (4) is attending

12 Eizlan was upset with his sister because _____ he had completed his homework, she did not want to take him to the movies as promised.

- (1) although
- (2) despite
- (3) since
- (4) unless

13 "Don't be misled by any of the stories he has _____ his brothers," Mr Waheed reminded the board of directors.

- (1) put about
- (2) put across
- (3) put aside
- (4) put away

14 The confession of the soldiers _____ to a detailed inquiry, the results of which will be made known to the public as soon as possible.

- (1) has led
- (2) have lead
- (3) is leading
- (4) would be leading

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_____ by the strange noise, Xinya ran away as fast as her legs could carry her.

- (1) Frighten
- (2) Frightened
- (3) Frightening
- (4) Frightens

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Manu has four puppies, one of _____ is male.

- (1) which
- (2) who
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

Section D: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Every Friday morning, Miss Cowell would make breakfast for her and her brother, tidy the cottage and change into her town clothes. Then, she would take a ten-pound note from the drawer and set off for the station to do the weekly shopping. She took the nine o'clock train to town and came back in the evening, her cane basket *filled to the brim*.

One morning, she found herself sharing the carriage with an old lady. Her coat was frayed at the cuffs and seemed too big for her. "Probably a hand-me-down from a rich neighbour," thought Miss Cowell. She noticed that the old lady was clutching a battered handbag and wondered what pitiful odds and ends it held.

Soon, the heat of the day and the soothing rhythm of the train made Miss Cowell feel drowsy. She leaned her head against the corner of the carriage. Within minutes, she was asleep.

She woke up with a start, afraid that she had missed the station. However, a glance out of the window told her that they would not arrive in town for another few minutes. She took her handbag from the seat beside her. Opening it, she took out her comb. Then, her heart seemed to stop beating. She could not see her ten-pound note! Anxiously, she scabbled among the bits and pieces at the bottom of the bag but it was not there. Wildly, she searched her pockets. Of course it was not there either – she never put money in her pockets.

Her eyes fell on the old lady opposite who was asleep. Could this poor old woman really have stooped to opening a stranger's handbag and stealing from it? Making up her mind, she stretched out her hand towards the old lady's handbag. *Fingers shaking*, she slowly undid the clasp, pulled back the flap and peered in.

On top of the usual odds and ends lay a ten-pound note. Miss Cowell's eyes widened in surprise, for she had not fully believed what she suspected. Now what should she do? Call the police? No. Wake her and give her a telling-off? *Then, she smiled*. Gently, she picked up the note between thumb and finger before closing the handbag with the quietest of clicks. The old lady stirred in her sleep but did not wake up. Miss Cowell tucked the note away in her bag just as the train pulled into her station. She rose, gathered her things, and took a last look at her sleeping companion. Smiling, she opened the carriage door and stepped out onto the platform.

"You'll never guess what happened to me today," she said to her brother that evening.

"I already know," he said, pointing to the money on the table.

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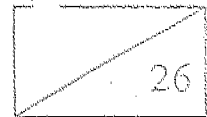
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PART II – OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Section A: Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

Read the text 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) fall	(B) protection	(C) disaster
(D) visit	(E) together	(F) secured
(G) plunging	(H) experiment	(J) foot
(K) stay	(L) summit	(M) effort

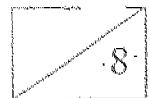
"What a magnificent view!" exclaimed Gerald, unable to keep the awe out of his voice.

"Fantastic!" shouted Oswald too. The two young men were standing on the _____ (Q1) of Batian, the highest peak of Mount Kenya.

After a brief _____ (Q2) on the ~~pinnacle~~, they began the long descent. Shortly after starting down, the great adventure turned to _____ (Q3).

A large rock gave way, sending Gerald _____ (Q4) down the side of the mountain. As the two men were roped _____ (Q5), Oswald quickly grabbed the rope under his friend's feet in an _____ (Q6) to check his fall.

The "running" rope injured Oswald's hand but he managed to arrest the _____ (Q7). He quickly _____ (Q8) the rope over a rock projection and went down to the narrow ledge where his friend lay, badly injured and in great pain.



Section B: Grammar Cloze (8 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.

Passage A

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|--------------|------------------|-------------------|----------|
| (A) swam | (B) swim | (C) swims | (D) swum |
| (E) swimming | (F) was swimming | (G) were swimming | |

Anil loves to _____ (Q9). Once every other day, he would go _____ (Q10) on his own at a nearby swimming pool. It was his way of soothing his ragged nerves at the end of a trying day in the office.

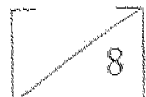
One late afternoon, he was swimming as usual. After he had _____ (Q11) eight laps, he experienced cramps in his legs. Help came late and he nearly drowned. Since that incident, Anil makes sure that he never _____ (Q12) alone.

Passage B

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|----------|--------|---------|----------|
| (A) by | (B) an | (C) on | (D) from |
| (E) with | (F) of | (G) the | |

The "*Sejarah Melayu*", a collection of old Malay historical writing, states that Sang Nila Utama, who founded Singapore, was descended _____ (Q13) the famous Indian king Raja Chulan. According to some legends, Raja Chulan travelled to the bottom of the sea in a large glass case. He found _____ (Q14) underwater kingdom and married the daughter of its ruler.

He had three sons _____ (Q15) her, who were to be sent to earth from the sea once they had grown up. After Raja Chulan's death, the three appeared in Sumatra, Indonesia, and became princes there. The youngest, Sang Nila Utama, became Prince of Palembang, a city in Sumatra. While sailing in the region to find a site suitable for a new city, he spotted an island _____ (Q16) a white, sandy beach. He learnt that it was called *Temasek*. He later renamed it *Singapura*.



Section C: Comprehension (10 marks)

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

LONDON – Fresh scandal hit the competitive world of dog shows yesterday when the owners of a dog tipped to win a prize at Crufts withdrew it and alleged it had been doped by a jealous rival.

Owners Clive and Nancy Evans said their Doberman, Kerri, was fed drugged meat minutes before she entered the ring at Britain's premier dog show, leaving her dazed and confused.

"She was just not herself," Mr Evans said. "She was uncoordinated, listless and lethargic."

He said he pulled her out of the contest, fearing she would collapse.

Mr Trevor Turner, Crufts' chief veterinary officer, said he examined the dog ^{later} afterwards.

"She was quiet, subdued and a little bit wobbly on her back legs," he said. "She showed signs of sedation but there is no evidence of this." He added that it would be impossible to confirm the allegations without a sample of blood and stomach contents.

It is not the first time accusations of sabotage have tarnished the image of the world's largest dog competition, a quintessential part of British canine culture and rivalry.

A poison-pen campaign against a Crufts' judge led to *her* resignation before this year's show opened in Birmingham last week.

In the past, owners have accused their rivals of trying to poison dogs. One pedigree pooch was attacked with acid and last year's winner, Danny, a Pekinese, endured a vicious whispering campaign – did he, or did he not, have a face lift?

Danny was eventually cleared.

Britain's pedigree dog regulator The Kennel Club said it was investigating the matter, but stressed there could be a far more innocent explanation – show nerves.

Adapted from "Doping Scandal at Top Dog Show", an article that appeared in *Streets* (Thursday, 11 March 2004)

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

Q17 Why did Kerri's owners suspect that she had been doped?

Q18 How would any veterinarian confirm an allegation of doping?

Q19 Who did "her" (Paragraph 8) refer to?

Q20 According to the officials from Britain's pedigree dog regulator, what could be a likely cause for Kerri's condition?

Q21 Which word in the passage has a meaning similar to "clumsy"?

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5) 2 4) G
6) 1 5) E
7) 3 6) M
8) 3 7) A
9) 2 8) F
10) 3 9) B
11) 1 10) E
12) 1 11) D
13) 1 12) C
14) 1 13) D
15) 2 14) B
16) 1 15) A
17) 4 16) E
18) 2
19) 3
20) 4
21) 4
- 17) She was uncoordinated, listless and lethargic.
18) They would have to test a sample of the dog's blood and stomach contents.
19) It referred to a Cruft's judge who had resigned.
20) It could be 'show nerves'.
21) The word is 'uncoordinated'.