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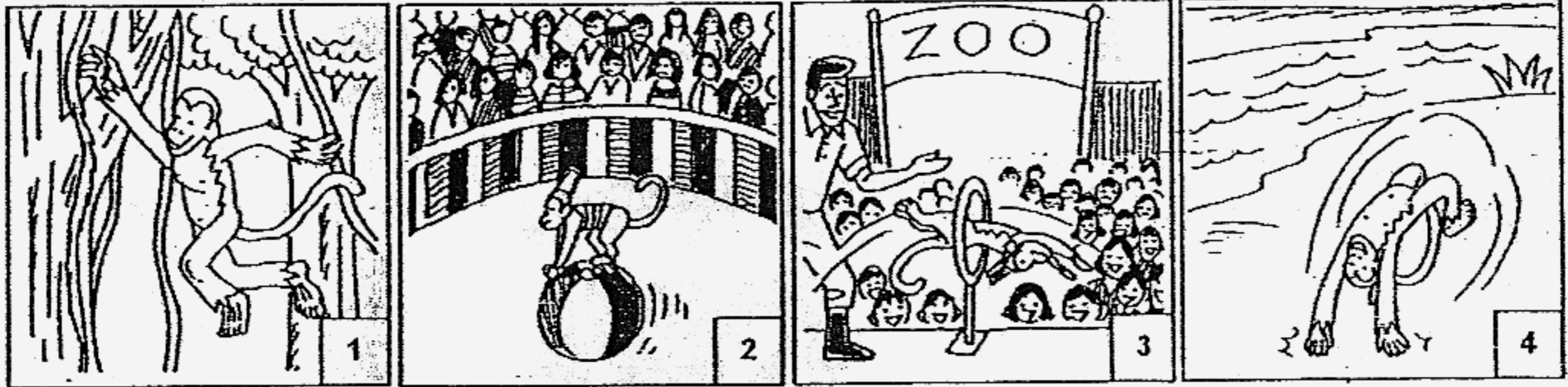
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Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so  
Follow all instructions carefully.

**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.

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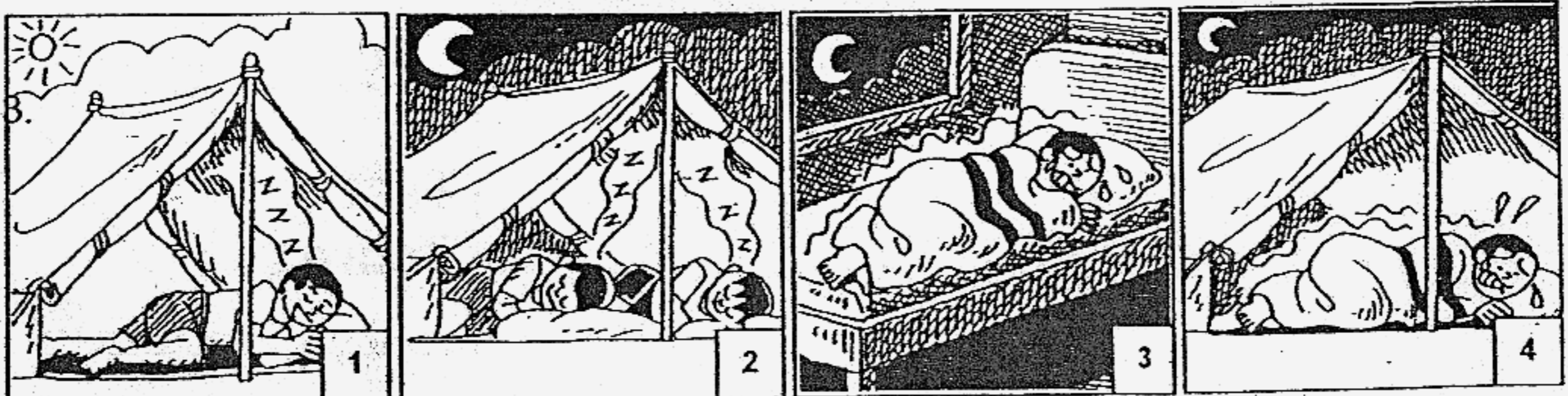
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**Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1 mark)**

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                                      (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.

Call Alan Tam at **6987 6543** for more enquiries



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)

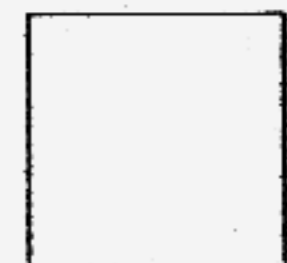
Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word in the box and write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

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(A) drag	(C) marks	(E) sleep	(G) study	(J) relax
(B) finish	(D) forward	(F) announce	(H) weekends	(K) completing

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!



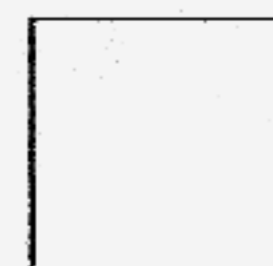
**Section G – Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

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 Adèlaide. 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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## CHIJ Primary School

Primary 4 English SA2 Exam (2007)*Answer Keys*

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Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21
4	1	3	4	2	4	2
Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
4	1	1	2	1	3	4
Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35
1	C	H	D	E	A	K

36. weather      37. offer      38. lose      39. hurt      40. resist  
 41. participating      42. watch      43. anymore

44. She enjoyed it as it was her first time there.  
 45. She ate homemade sandwiches instead of fast food meals.  
 46. Juliana's father took her traveling often when she was young.  
 47. The sentence is 'Juliana could even walk along the streets of the major cities of Australia without a map.'  
 48. She read up on china and learnt Mandarin to prepare herself for her visit to china.  
 49. Sally loves to sing and dance.  
 50. Mary fell down the stairs so she was crying.  
 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.