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PRIMARY 4
PAPER 2

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SECTION A: VOCABULARY (10 X 1) marks

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

- Peter was angry when his friend called him names. In his anger, he _____ a glass bottle at him, almost injuring him.
(1) passed (2) raised ()
(3) hurled (4) held ()
- Joan has been like a _____ since she won the first prize in an art competition.
(1) bear with a sore head (2) dog with two tails
(3) bull in a china shop (4) cat on hot bricks ()
- A group of pupils found some tiny fish in the _____ in the forest.
(1) creak (2) peek ()
(3) peak (4) creek ()
- We had been watching television for hours on Sunday but after dinner, Father _____ and said there would be no more television-watching that evening.
(1) split our sides (2) held his tongue ()
(3) put his foot down (4) lost heart ()
- All participants of the competition will have to _____ the rules or they will be disqualified.
(1) stand by (2) look up to ()
(3) abide by (4) keep up with ()

6. "Please turn up the volume of the radio as it is hardly _____," Father requested.
 (1) audible (2) edible
 (3) visible (4) legible ()
7. With all the decorations and lighting, the little town was _____ into a fairyland after dark.
 (1) transported (2) translated
 (3) transplanted (4) transformed ()
8. Sally wanted to _____ through the books on display at the book fair before buying.
 (1) browse (2) glimpse
 (3) peer (4) view ()
9. The Science teacher _____ to the class how condensation of water takes place.
 (1) experiments (2) conclude
 (3) hypothesises (4) demonstrates ()
10. Many people who loved to act waited _____ for hours, without a complaint, just to go through a five-minute audition.
 (1) profusely (2) repeatedly
 (3) patiently (4) longingly ()

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (10 X 1) marks

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

11. Zoe looked pale. She is _____ sick ^{or} tired.
 (1) all (2) either
 (3) both (4) neither ()
12. The first thing Audrey used to do when she _____ home was to chat with her friends on the telephone for hours.
 (1) goes (2) went
 (3) was going (4) has gone ()
13. Ben was lost on his way to his aunt's house so he asked a passer-by _____ directions.
 (1) for (2) with
 (3) about (4) in ()

14. "There would not be a problem changing the tickets, _____ there?" John asked the man at the counter.
- (1) would (2) will
(3) wouldn't (4) won't ()
15. _____ causing damage _____ your lungs and heart, smoking also increases the risk of cancer.
- (1) Besides ... to (2) Besides ... with
(3) Besides ... in (4) Besides ... on ()
16. Our teacher, Mr Low, is known to be kind _____ strict with his pupils:
- (1) and (2) but
(3) nor (4) or ()
17. Beverly is a girl on _____ you can always depend for help in any situation.
- (1) which (2) that
(3) who (4) whom ()
18. Jeremy and I are washing _____ hands. Have the girls washed _____?
- (1) our ... hers (2) his ... theirs
(3) his ... hers (4) our ... theirs ()
19. "My notes have _____ missing," exclaimed John. "I thought I've left them ~~on~~ this table a while ago."
- (1) go (2) went
(3) gone (4) going ()
20. "Would you like _____ boiled egg for breakfast tomorrow?" Mother asked me.
- (1) some (2) a
(3) the (4) an ()

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2) marks

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

One of the biggest oil spills in history happened in March 1989 when the super tanker, the Exxon Valdez **struck** a reef. It was one of the worst environmental disasters to occur at sea. More than millions of litres of crude oil were released, polluting the seas surrounding Prince William Sound, in Alaska. The effects were disastrous to living creatures – thousands of seabirds **perished** and a great number of fish were also killed. Many people who lived in the area, mostly fishermen, were also badly affected by the catastrophe. **5**

The oil spill spread along the shoreline. Later it was revealed that as many as one hundred thousand birds could have **perished** as a result of the disaster. Some of these birds, such as the bald eagle, were already facing extinction and the disaster had worsened the problem. **10**

The company that owned the tanker had to spend a billion dollars to repair the damage, which included cleaning up vast stretches of beaches. The true cost of such an oil spill cannot be measured. However, nature has a way of repairing itself. Miraculously, not long after the incident, new life, including plants and fish began to thrive in the once polluted water. **15**

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

21. The Exxon Valdez is the name of a / an _____.

- 1) reef
- 2) beach
- 3) oil tanker
- 4) oil company

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22. The word "It" in line 2 refers to _____.

- 1) history
- 2) the oil spill
- 3) the oil tanker
- 4) the super tanker

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23. The oil spill directly affected the lives of the people in the area because

- _____
- 1) thousands of seabirds perished
 - 2) some sea creatures became extinct
 - 3) the disaster had worsened the problem
 - 4) many depended on fishing as their livelihood

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24. The word "perished" in lines 5 and 9 has the same meaning as

- _____
- 1) died
 - 2) injured
 - 3) endangered
 - 4) became extinct

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25. The miracle in the last paragraph refers to the fact that

- _____
- 1) nature was not affected by the accident at all
 - 2) all the plants and animals survived the pollution
 - 3) the cost of the accident was not too great after all
 - 4) plants and animals were found in the sea soon after the incident

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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 L) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) prevent	(B) continue	(C) conducted	(D) reject
(E) muscular	(F) similar	(G) disease	(H) appear
(I) see	(J) carried	(K) likely	(L) occur
(M) breeding	(N) tired	(O) check	(P) injury

Dengue fever is a very dangerous (26)_____ which is spread by the Aedes mosquito. The initial symptoms are very (27)_____ to those of the common flu. The victim feels (28)_____ and feverish. His limbs and joints will ache and vomiting may also (29)_____. Later, small red spots will (30)_____ on the skin. The victim must also take extra precaution as severe bleeding from any (31)_____ may lead to death. Doctors will have to do a blood test to identify the disease.

To (32)_____ the spread of this dangerous disease, strict measures are taken to stop the (33)_____ of the Aedes mosquito. Regular home inspections are (34)_____ by officers from the Ministry of Environment. They (35)_____ flowerpots, vases and other containers for stagnant water which may attract mosquitoes.

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.

(A) above	(B) by	(C) for
(D) from	(E) of	(F) to
(G) through	(H) on	(I) under

Baking is a method of cooking by dry heat in an oven. In the past, coal and kerosene were used (36) _____ heat ovens. Today, most ovens are heated (37) _____ electricity or gas. Another way (38) _____ cooking is grilling. In this method, the food is cooked by placing it either (39) _____ or below red hot heat. The heat is provided by gas, electricity or charcoal. Usually, charcoal is preferred (40) _____ barbecue grills.

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) yet	(B) finally	(C) because
(D) although	(E) and	(F) if
(G) instead	(H) so	(I) even

Many years ago, a man walked into a restaurant and ordered fried potatoes. The potatoes came in thick slices. The man did not like them that way, (41) _____ he sent the potatoes back to be sliced more thinly. He repeated the same request so many times that the chef was annoyed. (42) _____, the chef sliced the potatoes as thinly as he could, put lots of salt on them (43) _____ fried them. He wanted to teach the man a lesson but (44) _____ the man enjoyed them tremendously and so did everyone else. Thus, potato chips became popular (45) _____ of that incident.

SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPG (10 x 1) marks

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)

The man who provided the voices for the famous charecters of Bugs Bunny,

Tweety Bird, Porky Pig and Daffy Duck is none other than Mel Blanc (1908 – 1989).

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From young Mel Blanc would listen to other peoples voices and imitate

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them. These amaze acts often leave his audiance laughing their heads off. In 1937, Mel

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Blanc's live was completely changed when he was hired to provide the voice for Porky

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Pig. It recived many rave reviews from jounalists that he was asked to give voice to the

Road Runner, Woody Woodpecker and Speedy Gonzalez. By the 1960s, Mel Blanc

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became knows as 'The Man of 1,000 Voices'. He had numerous awards of his

performances.

SECTION G: SYNTHESIS (5 X 2) marks

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

56. We were watching a movie. We finished three cartons of popcorn.

while

57. The soup tasted sweet. The soup tasted spicy too.

and

58. Salt is added to the food. Sugar is also added to the food.

Both

59. Daniel cannot fit into that shirt. He has grown too big.

as

60. Kelvin told his sister, "Could you make me a sandwich?"

Kelvin asked his sister if

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE (7 x 2) marks

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

Dawn and her brother, Darren, came across some comic books while they were clearing out some old boxes in the attic. The comics were torn and tattered and *the pages were yellow with age*. Dawn was just about to toss them into the garbage bin when Darren said thoughtfully, "Why don't we check with Grandpa first and see if they belong to him?"

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Dawn added, "Hmm, that's right! Let's ask him. If they really belong to him, he might be able to get some money for it. There is a second hand bookshop near my school that buys and sells old books and comics." The children hastily ran down the flight of stairs in the house, in search of their grandfather.

They found their grandfather in the garden, reading the papers while having his morning tea. "Yes, children, they're mine," their grandfather said, his gaze lingering on the pile of comics. "They were given to me by your late grandmother when we were still teenagers," he added, *misty-eyed*.

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There was a moment of silence as Dawn and Darren tried to picture their grandfather and grandmother as teenagers. Then, Darren told their grandfather about the second hand bookshop. He tried to persuade their grandfather to sell the old comic books. He thought that the comic books might be able to fetch a handsome price given their age. However, his grandfather said that he would prefer to keep them for sentimental reasons. The three of them then sat down to read the old comics together.

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All answers must be based on the given text.

Answer in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

61. **When and where** did Dawn and Darren find the old comic books?

62. What does the phrase "... the pages were yellow with age" (line 3) tell you about the comics?

63. Which **word** in the passage has the same meaning as "quickly"?

64. What did Dawn suggest to do with the comic books in **paragraph 2**?

65. Is the children's grandmother still alive? Which **word/s** tell/s you so?

66. From the word "misty-eyed" (line 13), how do you think the children's grandfather felt as he was talking to the children?

67. Which **sentence** in the passage tells you that the comic books meant a lot to the children's grandfather?

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| 1. 3 | 39) A | 46) characters | 53) journalists |
| 2. 2 | 40) C | 47) , | 54) known |
| 3. 4 | 41) H | 48) people's | 55) for |
| 4. 3 | 42) B | 49) amazing | |
| 5. 3 | 43) E | 50) audience | |
| 6. 1 | 44) G | 51) life | |
| 7. 4 | 45) C | 52) received | |
| 8. 1 | | | |
| 9. 4 | | 56) We finished three cartons of popcorn while watching a movie. | |
| 10. 3 | | | |
| 11. 2 | | 57) The soup tasted sweet and spicy. | |
| 12. 2 | | | |
| 13. 1 | | 58) Both Salt and Sugar are added to the food. | |
| 14. 1 | | | |
| 15. 1 | | 59) Daniel cannot fit into that shirt as he has grown too big. | |
| 16. 2 | | | |
| 17. 4 | | 60) Kelvin asked his sister if she could make him a sandwich. | |
| 18. 4 | | | |
| 19. 3 | | 61) They found the comic book in some old boxes when they were clearing out some boxes up the attic. | |
| 20. 2 | | | |
| 21. 3 | | 62) The comic books were very old. | |
| 22. 2 | | | |
| 23. 4 | | 63) The word is "hastily". | |
| 24. 1 | | | |
| 25. 4 | | 64) She suggested selling them to the second hand bookshop. | |
| 26. G | | 65) No, She is not. The word is "late". | |
| 27. F | | 66) I think the children's grandfather felt sad as he was talking to them. | |
| 28. N | | 67) The sentence is 'However, his grandfather said that he would prefer to keep them for sentimental reasons'. | |
| 29. L | | | |
| 30. H | | | |
| 31. P | | | |
| 32. A | | | |
| 33. M | | | |
| 34. C | | | |
| 35. O | | | |
| 36. F | | | |
| 37. B | | | |
| 38. E | | | |