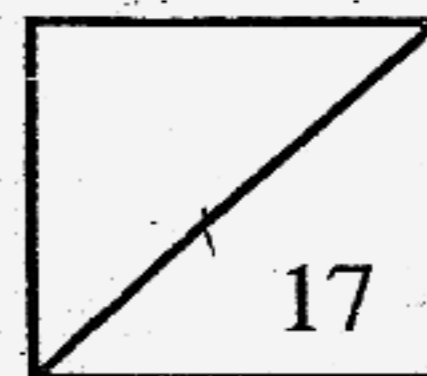




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Booklet A

Instructions to Pupils:

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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.
- | | | |
|-----------|----------------|-----|
| (1) drink | (2) drinks | |
| (3) drank | (4) will drink | () |
- 2) Terry prefers watching soccer _____ swimming.
- | | | |
|---------|----------|-----|
| (1) to | (2) or | |
| (3) and | (4) than | () |
- 3) Neither of the children _____ going for the Sarimbun Camp the following week.
- | | | |
|---------|----------|-----|
| (1) is | (2) are | |
| (3) was | (4) were | () |
- 4) Due to the flood, the people had to take _____ route to their destination.
- | | | |
|-----------|-------------|-----|
| (1) any | (2) neither | |
| (3) other | (4) another | () |
- 5) Ravi is the _____ of the twins, isn't he?
- | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-----|
| (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.

- | | |
|---------------|------------------|
| (1) referred | (2) reserved |
| (3) respected | (4) renowned () |

11) The huge _____ animal devoured its prey
in no time at all.

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| (1) fearful | (2) fabulous |
| (3) fantastic | (4) ferocious () |

12) Brian is excited as he is going to watch the _____
fireworks on National Day.

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| (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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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- 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

()

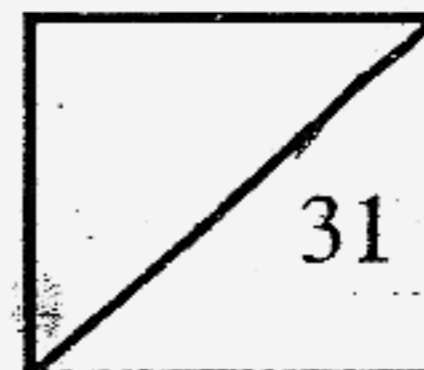
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Section A : Grammar (8 marks)

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

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| (A) in | (B) up | (C) onto |
| (D) into | (E) from | (F) after |
| (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

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| (A) any | (B) few | (C) much |
| (D) many | (E) some | (F) none |
| (G) little | | |

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) sniff | (B) touch | (C) decide |
| (D) checks | (E) identify | (F) examined |
| (G) experiments | (H) treated | |

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. 5

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. 20

39) What is the meaning of "tsunami"?

40) How are tsunamis caused?

41) What does "they" in line 11 refers to?

42) What happens in Hawaii every seven years?

- 43) If you were working at a tsunami warning centre, when would you issue a tsunami warning?

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39. "Tsunami" means tidal wave.

40. Tsunami 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 destruction tsunami occurs.

43. I would issue a tsunami warning when there are disturbances in the ocean floor that may cause tsunami.