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Section A: Vocabulary (6 marks)

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

1. Mr Lee _____ the judge not to send his grandson to jail because his family needed him.

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| (1) begged | (2) pleaded |
| (3) instructed | (4) commanded |

2. The lights in her home are not working. Madam Lim is calling the _____.

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| (1) mechanic | (2) electrician |
| (3) engineer | (4) technician |

3. Ho Seng had to _____ home because he sprained his ankle when he fell off his bicycle.

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| (1) stumble | (2) hobble |
| (3) stomp | (4) stagger |

4. The kidnappers released their _____ after receiving the ransom.

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| (1) victim | (2) suspect |
| (3) hostage | (4) prisoner |

5. The queen's diamond ring is _____ as it is the only one of its kind in the world.

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| (1) irrevocable | (2) irreplaceable |
| (3) irretrievable | (4) irreversible |

6. The baby _____ when he saw the cute little teddy bear.

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| (1) chuckled | (2) groaned |
| (3) moaned | (4) whined |

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.

Flash floods created havoc across Singapore yesterday afternoon, felling trees, snarling traffic and affecting business. The worst hit areas, according to police, were at Rochor Road, Victoria Street and Upper Pickering Street.

The water levels at these roads were as high as 300mm, said the Public Utilities Board. A combination of heavy rains and bad timing - the tides were exceptionally high between 1p.m. and 3p.m. yesterday - caused the floods. Traffic slowed to a crawl, leaving drivers and commuters stuck.

In the Rochor area, the sudden rise in water caught businesses in Owen and Hindoo Roads off guard. Mr Tan, a shopkeeper, found all of his low-lying merchandise ruined by the water. Hairdresser, Miss Yap, reported that some of her equipment and chemicals were damaged. She also had to work barefoot as her whole shop was flooded.

"We've had floods before but this is the worst," Miss Yap said.

The PUB is advising residents and shopkeepers in flood-prone areas to protect their belongings. Motorists are also advised to be cautious when travelling along low-lying roads prone to flash floods.

13. The floods were caused by _____
(1) heavy rains and high tides
(2) heavy rains and felling trees
(3) heavy rains falling at 1p.m.
(4) heavy rains and traffic jams
14. The phrase "traffic slowed to a crawl" means the _____
(1) vehicles were stuck in the water
(2) vehicles were moving slowly
(3) people were moving slowly
(4) drivers were stuck in their cars
15. The flash floods caused shopkeepers to _____
(1) gain a profit
(2) lose their shops
(3) suffer a loss
(4) gain new customers
16. The businessmen in Owen and Hindoo Roads _____
(1) knew the flood was coming
(2) did not expect the flood
(3) were prepared for the flood
(4) were protecting their shops from the flood
17. Which one of the following statements is true?
(1) Miss Yap had never experienced floods before.
(2) This was the first flood that Miss Yap experienced.
(3) Miss Yap had experienced equally bad floods before.
(4) This flood was the worst that Miss Yap had ever experienced.

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

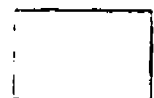
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted to avoid confusion.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) hatch	(B) thrown	(C) lay	(D) sound
(E) bigger	(F) coloured	(G) diet	(H) adults
(J) deposited	(K) crack	(L) large	(M) lives

Dragonflies are among the earliest flying insects; having appeared more than 300 million years ago. Their long bodies are brightly (18) _____. Their wings which are transparent, flash in the sun and make a buzzing (19) _____ as they fly.

Dragonflies start their (20) _____ as tiny eggs. Female dragonflies (21) _____ their eggs in ponds or streams. Some of the eggs are attached to the stem of a water plant while others are (22) _____ into the water. After some time, the eggs (23) _____ into nymphs and it takes a few months to more than three years for the nymphs to become adult dragonflies. The nymphs' main (24) _____ consist^s of mosquitoes. As they grow (25) _____, they feed on tadpoles and shellfish. If the nymphs are not attacked by other insects, they will grow into adult dragonflies and leave the water as winged insects.



Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 marks)

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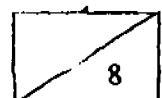
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| (A) for | (B) at | (C) in | (D) out |
| (E) along | (F) to | (G) up | |

One of the most popular forms of exercise is jogging. Jogging help you (26) _____ keep fit and healthy. Both young and old can be seen jogging (27) _____ the early morning. They jog (28) _____ the jogging tracks in the parks. Many of them will do their warming up (29) _____ the exercise stations before they start jogging. Those who have not started on this exercise are encouraged to do so in order to be healthy and strong.

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| (A) to sit | (B) sits | (C) is sitting | (D) sit |
| (E) was sitting | (F) sat | (G) will sit | |

Yesterday, Mr Lee, Ali's teacher was absent. Ali decided to change his seat and (30) _____ right at the back of the class. He thought he could read his favourite comic because he (31) _____ right at the back and was out of the relief teacher's sight. However, the relief teacher caught him and made him (32) _____ on the floor right in front of the class. Ali had (33) _____ there for two periods as a punishment. Ali had learned his lesson, not to change his seat again without asking for permission.



Section F: Comprehension (10 marks)

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

The road was long and winding. It was a road that was not normally filled with any heavy traffic and in the early hours, it was deserted. The area was notorious for daring robberies.

One day, a gang of robbers received news that a tour coach was on the road. At dawn, the robbers placed huge boulders as road blocks. They then hid nearby. As soon as the coach came near, the driver saw the huge boulders. He could not negotiate round the boulders and the coach came to a screeching halt. When the male passengers got down to see what the matter was, the robbers pounced upon them. When the driver tried to escape, he was given a stunning blow.

All the passengers were commanded to get off the coach. While two of the robbers stood guard, the other three relieved them of their wallets and valuables. Another robber broke open their bags and suitcases. The robbers poured the contents onto blankets and bundled them. Then they left. The passengers were relieved that ~~their lives had been spared~~ although they had lost everything.

34. At what time of the day did the robbery take place?

35. Why did the driver stop the coach?

36. What did the robbers use to carry away their loot?

37. How did the passengers feel at the end of the robbery and why?

38. Pick out the word from the passage which means to be well-known in a bad way.

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33) A
34) The robbery took place in the early hours.
35) He could not negotiate round the boulders.
36) They bundled their loot with blankets and carried them away.
37) They felt relieved as their lives had been spared.
38) The word is "notorious".