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**RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL  
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2**

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**Section A: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

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

1. At the Singapore Art Museum, we were given a/an \_\_\_\_\_ on how to make a seashell mobile.  
(1) explanation (2) narration  
(3) show (4) demonstration
  
2. Sally \_\_\_\_\_ that she was in the wrong even though the teacher pointed out her mistake.  
(1) admitted (2) submitted  
(3) refused (4) denied
  
3. After winning the badminton game, the team members were overcome with \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) joyfulness (2) boredom  
(3) excitement (4) frustration
  
4. The kidnappers released their \_\_\_\_\_ after receiving the ransom.  
(1) victim (2) suspect  
(3) hostage (4) prisoner
  
5. We always carry out Science \_\_\_\_\_ in the school science laboratory.  
(1) apparatus (2) equipment  
(3) experiments (4) theories
  
6. His mother caught him \_\_\_\_\_ in the neighbourhood instead of attending school.  
(1) wondering (2) wandering  
(3) travelling (4) cruising

**Section B: Grammar (6 marks)**

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

7. The boys completed the race \_\_\_\_\_ ~~in forty seconds.~~
- (1) in (2) on  
(3) by (4) to
8. Our car \_\_\_\_\_ ~~of petrol~~ while travelling on the expressway.
- (1) ran under (2) ran over  
(3) ran up (4) ran out
9. ~~Last Sunday,~~ Arthur and his friends played soccer \_\_\_\_\_ ~~at the park.~~
- (1) from (2) until  
(3) when (4) to
10. \_\_\_\_\_ he ~~wanted good results,~~ he ~~started~~ ~~very~~ hard.
- (1) As (2) For  
(3) If (4) Although
11. My grandfather seldom \_\_\_\_\_ ~~apples~~ because they are too hard for his dentures.
- (1) eat (2) eats  
(3) eating (4) ate
12. Two burglars failed to break into ~~Sam's apartment~~ last night because a ~~big~~ ~~dog~~ was ~~guarding~~ \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) it (2) them  
(3) him (4) her

**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.

The National Parks Board is calling on schools and community groups to adopt parks on the island, with the hope that Singaporeans will ~~learn to~~ care for their environment.

However, the response has not been good so far. Out of the thirty-three parks identified by the Board, only nine parks have found schools or other groups to help take care of them regularly, under the Adopt-A-Park Scheme.

The scheme was launched in February 2000. It aims to cultivate a sense of ownership among park users and thus a more caring attitude towards our greenery and public property. It also helps school pupils to fulfil the minimum requirement of six hours of community service a year set out in the Community Involvement Programme (CIP). This programme was started by the Ministry of Education.

"The pupils will have to look after the park like looking after their own younger siblings, taking care of them and nurturing them," said the person-in-charge of the scheme.

13. The National Parks Board is promoting the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Adopt-A-Park Scheme
  - (2) Community Involvement Programme
  - (3) Care for Nature Scheme
  - (4) Ownership of Parks Scheme
14. The phrase "the response has not been good" shows that schools and community groups are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) adopting parks all over the island
  - (2) called on by the National Parks Board
  - (3) slow to adopt the parks in Singapore
  - (4) quick to care for the parks in Singapore
15. The National Parks Board wants \_\_\_\_\_ to look after the parks.
- (1) the visitors to the parks
  - (2) local community groups
  - (3) schools and pupils in the neighbourhood
  - (4) people who study, work or live in the area near the parks
16. The word in the passage that has the same meaning as "to choose or claim as your own" is "\_\_\_\_\_".
- (1) adopt
  - (2) cultivate
  - (3) fulfil
  - (4) nurturing
17. The purpose of this passage is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) get students to look after their younger siblings
  - (2) tell us about the Adopt-A-Park Scheme
  - (3) help students complete their six hours of community service
  - (4) help Singaporeans have greater ownership of parks

**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)**

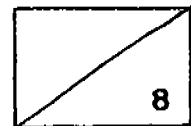
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY**

<del>(A) skill</del>	<del>(B) brightened</del>	<del>(C) command</del>	<del>(D) chores</del>
<del>(E) cheered</del>	<del>(F) duties</del>	<del>(G) greenery</del>	<del>(H) planted</del>
<del>(J) praise</del>	<del>(K) transform</del>	<del>(L) love</del>	<del>(M) interest</del>

My mother loves gardening. Although we live in a HDB flat, she has been clever enough to (18) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~her balcony into a garden~~. She has filled it with lots of (19) \_\_\_\_\_ and colours. This has certainly (20) \_\_\_\_\_ up our whole living room. Guests to our home will definitely (21) \_\_\_\_\_ Mother for the colourful garden. My mother has (22) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~red and yellow~~ roses, pink freesia, money plant, some ferns and a variety of orchids.

Despite her full-time job and the ~~responsibility~~ (23) \_\_\_\_\_, my mother still manages to find time to do gardening. Her (24) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~for gardening~~ started when she was a child when she used to dig and play in her grandparents' garden. My grandmother taught her the (25) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~of gardening~~ when she was still a child. Now my father buys her plants and books on gardening. As for me, I simply enjoy watching my mother tend to her plants and relaxing in our beautiful garden.



**Section E: 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.

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<del>(A) at</del>	<del>(B) by</del>	<del>(C) in</del>	<del>(D) into</del>
<del>(E) with</del>	<del>(F) of</del>	<del>(G) to</del>	

On 26 December last year, a tsunami devastated many coastal areas and claimed thousands of lives. In the wake (26) \_\_\_\_\_ ~~this~~ tragedy, many residents came together to contribute to relief efforts.

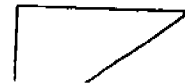
On 27 and 31 December, residents in Kembangan and Punggol joined donation drives (27) \_\_\_\_\_ raise money, food, medical supplies and clothing. Many residents responded (28) \_\_\_\_\_ donating generously whilst others helped (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the packing of the food and clothes. Everyone rose to the occasion and a total of \$159 000 was raised, including many boxes of clothes, food and medical supplies.

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.

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<del>(A) what</del>	<del>(B) where</del>	<del>(C) which</del>	<del>(D) who</del>
<del>(E) whose</del>	<del>(F) when</del>	<del>(G) why</del>	

The durian is the King of the fruits. It is a fruit (30) \_\_\_\_\_ many people love to eat. I have a friend (31) \_\_\_\_\_ parents are durian-sellers. They sell tonnes of durians daily. My friend, (32) \_\_\_\_\_ is slightly obese, eats one whole durian every day! He can tell you (33) \_\_\_\_\_ flavours of durians there are and where the best places to buy them from are. He is truly a durian lover.



**Section F: Comprehension (10 marks)**

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

I never knew how valuable life was until I almost lost my little brother. It all started when my brother fell sick. ~~It was mine~~ and he was just nine months old. My mother thought it was an ear infection because he kept scratching his ear. ~~His first doctor she took him to told her that it was an ear infection.~~

~~After a week he was still scratching his ear.~~ My mother took him to ~~different~~ ~~doctors for a second opinion.~~ They immediately started running blood tests on him and he was warded in the hospital. A few days later, the doctors found out that he had a type of bone marrow cancer. My parents stayed with my brother for the first few weeks. Then they took turns to come home to see my sisters and me. It was a difficult time for everyone.

The doctors tried one ~~round~~ of chemotherapy. It helped temporarily and my brother started to lose his hair and soon he needed ~~a~~ ~~bone~~ marrow transplant. They needed to find a donor, so the doctors tested my family first. I was so scared of getting an injection, and my sisters and I were all crying.

A few weeks later, we found out that one of my sisters and I were matches and we could donate our bone marrow. After much thought, my parents chose me to be the donor as I was the oldest. I went through the procedure with fear and excitement at the same time, but I knew that I might save my little brother's life.

Now, two years later, my little brother is doing great! He is full of life and is very energetic. This experience has taught me to believe, to believe that the best will happen. Also, you need to be strong no matter what happens. That makes a true hero!

Adapted from *Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul "The Miracle of Life"* by Lacy Richardson, age 12.

34. How old was the writer when her brother fell ill?

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35. Why did the writer's mother take her little brother to see another doctor?

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36. Why did the writer and her family need to be tested?

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37. What caused the writer's brother's hair to drop off?

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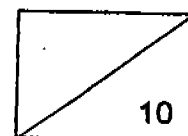
38. In the writer's opinion, what makes a person truly brave?

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| 2) 4  | 29) E  |
| 3) 1  | 30) C  |
| 4) 3  | 31) E  |
| 5) 3  | 32) D  |
| 6) 2  | 33) A  |
| 7) 1  | 34) The writer was nine years old.   |
| 8) 4  | 35) She wanted a second opinion.   |
| 9) 2  | 36) Her brother needed a bone marrow doner.  |
| 10) 1 | 37) The round of chemotherapy caused the writer's brother's hair to drop off.                |
| 11) 2 | 38) In the writer's opinion, being strong no matter what happens makes a person truly brave. |
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| 23) D |  |
| 24) L |  |
| 25) A |  |
| 26) F |  |
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