

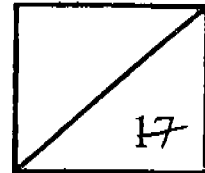


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PRIMARY 4**

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## **Booklet ~~A~~**

### Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 17 questions (Questions 1 to 17)
4. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

\* This paper consists of 5 pages altogether.

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**Section A: Grammar (8 marks)**

For questions 1 to 4, 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)

USE EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY

<del>(A) travel</del>	(B) travels	<del>(C) travelled</del>
<del>(D) will travel</del>	(E) have travelled	(F) travelling

Date : 05 May 2005

Dear Journal,

I love to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ around the world and I'm planning a trip for the coming June holidays. I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to many parts of the world alone but this time I (3) \_\_\_\_\_ together with my family to Australia on a package tour. We will be (4) \_\_\_\_\_ by Singapore Airline which is having a promotion now at the travel fair. I hope everything will go as planned.

For questions 5 to 8, 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 X 1 mark)

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) in	(B) back	(C) along
(D) on	(E) into	(F) from
(G) at		

Remember the story of Goldilocks - the girl who one day walked into the forest and found the three bears' house while strolling (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the river? She tasted the three bowls of porridge (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the table and one was just right so she ate it all up. Then she accidentally broke the smallest chair placed (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the corner of the room!

Soon Baby Bear returned home and noticed the porridge and chairs had been disturbed. Just then Goldilocks burst into the room, waving a 'Do-It-Yourself-Instant-Fix-It' carpentry set.

"Sorry about the chair. I had to go home to get this kit (E) \_\_\_\_\_ my father." Goldilocks fixed the chair just before Mother Bear and Papa Bear arrived home.

Section B : Vocabulary ( 8 marks)

For questions 9 to 16, read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (8 x 1 mark)

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) <del>another</del>	(B) <del>expedition</del>	(C) <del>tested</del>
(D) <del>visited</del>	(E) <del>adventurer</del>	(F) <del>pioneer</del>
(G) <del>experiences</del>	(H) <del>achieved</del>	(J) <del>summit</del>
(K) <del>documented</del>		

Mr Khoo Swee Chiow, Singapore's very own (9) \_\_\_\_\_, had recently conquered the North Pole. He was given a hero's welcome when he returned home from his (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Many fans, friends and family members turned up at the airport to give him a warm welcome.

He has (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the Adventure Grand Slam Award, having climbed the highest (12) \_\_\_\_\_ on the world's seven continents and conquered the two Poles. He has (13) \_\_\_\_\_ his travels in a book which tells about his journey and learning (14) \_\_\_\_\_.

In 1998, Mr Khoo has climbed Mount Everest. Recently, he has taken on (15) \_\_\_\_\_ challenge. He attempted to climb the mountain without bottled oxygen. He has (16) \_\_\_\_\_ himself and overcome all difficulties.

**Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)**

**For questions 17 to 21, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 X 1 mark)**

Manatees may live as long as sixty years. They (17) \_\_\_\_\_ most of that time alone, wandering through shallow water in (18) \_\_\_\_\_ of food. They are (19) \_\_\_\_\_ and thus feed on bread and vegetable and not meat.

At certain times, groups of manatees do gather. During winter, herds of manatees come (20) \_\_\_\_\_ in the warm waters of the Crystal River, Florida. Manatees must live in water that is warmer than 20 degrees Celsius. There, warm springs provide them with higher water temperatures and (21) \_\_\_\_\_ food for survival.

Section E: Comprehension (OE)

Read the following passage carefully. Then write the answers for questions 22 to 26. (5 X 2 marks)

The author, Hans Christian Andersen lived a hard life before he gained fame. He was born in Odense, Denmark in 1805 to a cobbler. Due to their poverty, Hans had very little formal education when he was young. However, Hans' grandmother who was a gifted storyteller, told him wonderful tales. He loved these stories so much that he made plays out of them.

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Years later, Hans wrote a play and submitted it to the Royal Theatre. He was rejected numerous times before the director himself, Jonas Collin, noticed him. However, Jonas strongly believed that Hans should receive a proper education if he wanted to be a successful writer. So Hans went to school with little kids at the age of sixteen. It was a terrible time for him. He was often humiliated and insulted by his younger classmates and some teachers. But through it all, he never gave up his dream of becoming a writer.

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After his education, Hans started writing poems and a novel. Weaving stories of magic and adventure, he soon caught the attention of several book publishers. They were intrigued because they had never published anything like them before. Immediately, these tales became very popular, especially among children.

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Very soon, Hans became famous. The poor child who had suffered so much shame had finally achieved his dream through sheer will and determination. Although this acclaimed writer was *laid to rest* on August 4, 1875, he remains till today as a source of inspiration for many budding writers.

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Adapted from "The Struggles of Hans Christian Andersen" (anon),

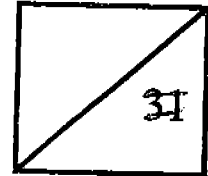
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## **Booklet B**

### Instructions to Pupils:

5. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
6. Follow all instructions carefully.
7. This booklet consists of questions (Questions 1 to 26)
8. **ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**

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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. "Don't be shy," he said to us. "Make \_\_\_\_\_ at home.  
(1) himself (2) yourself  
(3) ourselves (4) yourselves ( )
2. Leave Seng Min and \_\_\_\_\_ out of this problem, please.  
(1) I (2) my  
(3) me (4) mine ( )
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Peter had known the truth, he would not have done it.  
(1) But (2) As  
(3) Since (4) If ( )
4. Do you have \_\_\_\_\_ interest in art and music?  
(1) many (2) any  
(3) a few (4) some ( )
5. Sherlyn \_\_\_\_\_ in the Art Competition organised by the Community Club next month.  
(1) has participated (2) was participating  
(3) will be participating (4) participates ( )



6. Gina cleaned up her bedroom yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_ she?
- (1) did (2) should  
(3) didn't (4) shouldn't ( )

**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. There is a cooking \_\_\_\_\_ going on at the shopping mall. Let's go and learn some cooking skills.
- (1) exhibition (2) display  
(3) performance (4) demonstration ( )
8. The three little pigs were \_\_\_\_\_ a medal each for helping to capture the big bad wolf.
- (1) awarded (2) given  
(3) rewarded (4) offered ( )
9. The doctor has put Hassan on a \_\_\_\_\_ of fruits and vegetables only.
- (1) diet (2) menu  
(3) meal (4) programme ( )

10. Lance Armstrong has lived through cancer to win Tour de France. He has tested his \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) frontier (2) limit  
(3) margin (4) border ( )

11. The residents went to the Town Council to \_\_\_\_\_ about river pollution at their estate.

- (1) complain (2) convince  
(3) persuade (4) promise ( )

12. To his \_\_\_\_\_, he found his house was ransacked.

- (1) fear (2) horror  
(3) surprise (4) terror ( )

**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)

The beaver is one of the best engineers and builders in the animal world. It is able to convert a stretch of running water into a new habitat for hundreds of other wild creatures by building a dam. All beaver families work at maintaining *it* and the waterways.

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One of the largest rodents in the world, the beaver is a superb swimmer but is comfortable living on land as well. Its webbed hind feet are used as paddles for swimming. The forefeet are not webbed and the beaver uses them just as we use our hands. Its powerful jaws and sharp teeth are ideal for biting and gnawing through tree branches to help it build its home called a "lodge".

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The entrance to a lodge is under water, well below the ice in winter. Through the summer and autumn, it stores up food and so during the long, harsh winter, it remains warm and secure in its lodge, out of reach of prowling wolves and other hungry animals.

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The beaver loves company and usually lives in pairs or groups. A number of beaver families and their lodges may be found in the same lake.

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A beaver's tail is great for communicating with other beavers. Whenever the beaver senses danger, it gives an emergency signal by slapping the ground with its tail, then rushes to the water and takes shelter in the deepest part.

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The beaver's mother gives birth to three or four kits at a time. It then teaches the kits which plants to eat and which trees to fell for building dams. Baby beavers live with their parents for two years or more, until they are actually driven out! Then they may travel a long way in search of a suitable site to build their own house.

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13. The word "it" in Line 4 refers to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (1) the dam
- (2) the beaver
- (3) the new habitat
- (4) the stretch of running water

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14. Which sentence is **NOT TRUE**?

- ~~(A)~~ Beavers can live on land.
- ~~(B)~~ Beavers have sharp teeth.
- ~~(C)~~ Beavers are good swimmers.
- ~~(D)~~ Beavers have two pairs of webbed feet.

( )

15. How does the beaver keep itself safe from predators during winter?

- ~~(A)~~ It uses its tail to hit them.
- ~~(B)~~ It builds a dam to hide itself.
- ~~(C)~~ It bites them with its sharp teeth.
- ~~(D)~~ It does not leave its lodge to search for food.

( )

16. According to the passage, what is the beaver's tail used for?

- ~~(A)~~ Building dams
- ~~(B)~~ Warning others of danger
- ~~(C)~~ Felling trees and branches
- ~~(D)~~ Attacking prowling predators

( )

17. Why do the adult beavers drive out their kits?

- ~~(A)~~ There are too many of them.
- ~~(B)~~ The kits cannot learn which food to eat.
- ~~(C)~~ The adults are overworked maintaining the waterways.
- ~~(D)~~ The kits need to look for suitable sites to build their own lodges. ( )

End of Booklet A

22. Why did Hans receive very little formal education when he was young?

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23. At first, why did Jonas think that Hans would not make it as a successful writer?

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24. How did Hans' classmates treat him?

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25. What two qualities helped Hans overcome his difficulties to finally achieve his dream?

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26. What does the phrase "laid to rest" in Line 22 mean?

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**\*\*\*\* End of paper\*\*\*\***  
**Have you checked your work?**

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| 1) 2  | 8) F  |
| 2) 3  | 9) E  |
| 3) 4  | 10) B   |
| 4) 2  | 11) H   |
| 5) 3  | 12) J   |
| 6) 3  | 13) K   |
| 7) 4  | 14) G   |
| 8) 1  | 15) A   |
| 9) 1  | 16) C   |
| 10) 2 | 17) spend   |
| 11) 1 | 18) search  |
| 12) 2 | 19) herbivores  |
| 13) 1 | 20) together  |
| 14) 4 | 21) more  |
| 15) 2 | 22) He received very little formal education due to Han's parent's poverty. |
| 16) 2 | 23) Hans did not have a proper education.                                   |
| 17) 4 | 24) They treated Hans harshly and often humiliated him.                     |
- Booklet B
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| 1) A | 25) The qualities were sheer and his determination. |
| 2) E | 26) The phrase "laid to rest" means buried.         |
| 3) D |   |
| 4) F |   |
| 5) C |   |
| 6) D |   |
| 7) G |   |

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