

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
 FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2004
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 ENGLISH

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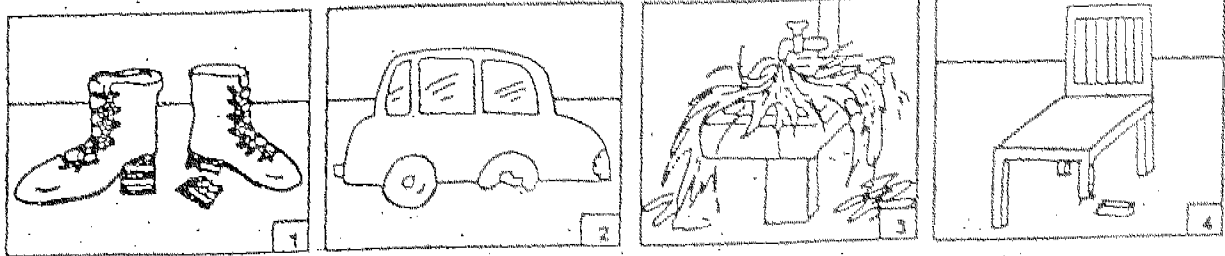


Part I - MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

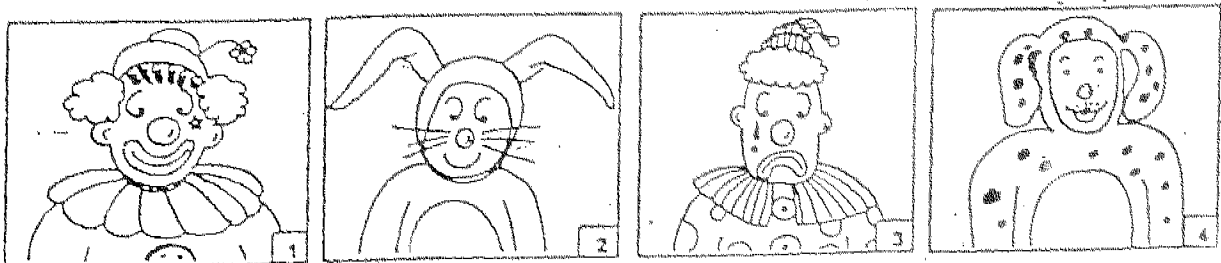
Section A : Picture Matching (4 marks)

For each item, listen to your teacher carefully. Choose the picture or part of the picture that best describes what is read. Shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

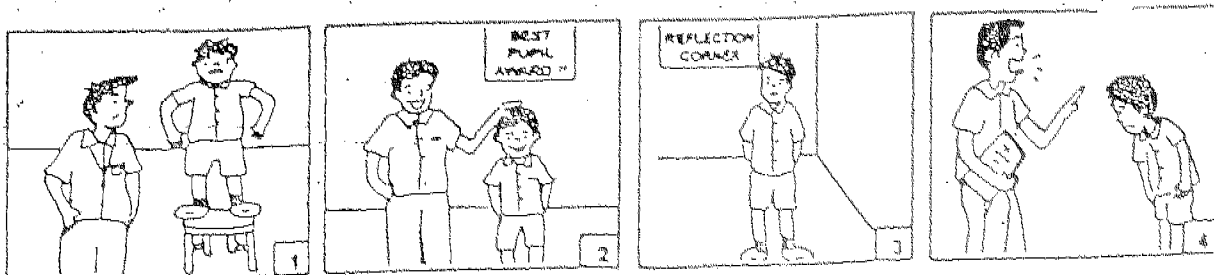
Q1.



Q2.



Q3.



Section B : Vocabulary Discrete (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

- 5) The lifeguard at the pool tried his best to _____ the unconscious old woman.
- 1) arrest
 - 2) derive
 - 3) resuscitate
 - 4) survive
- 6) The jury _____ declared the murderer guilty based on the overwhelming evidence provided by the prosecutor.
- 1) commonly
 - 2) famously
 - 3) strictly
 - 4) unanimously
- 7) Before you set up your new computer, you should read the _____ given in the manual.
- 1) advice
 - 2) contents
 - 3) instructions
 - 4) methods
- 8) The mountaineers found _____ to the foot of the mountain easier than climbing to the top.
- 1) ascending
 - 2) descending
 - 3) falling
 - 4) lowering
- 9) The reporter _____ the famous entrepreneur to find out the secrets of his success.
- 1) examined
 - 2) interrogated
 - 3) interviewed
 - 4) quizzed

10) Mrs Lim's children are all very busy and can only visit her _____.

- 1) consecutively
- 2) momentarily
- 3) occasionally
- 4) regularly

Section C : Grammar Discrete (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

11) The _____ of warships returned to the naval base after the training exercise.

- 1) collection
- 2) convoy
- 3) flight
- 4) flock

12) Jolene and Cynthia _____ not _____ to each other for two years due to a misunderstanding.

- 1) are ... spoken
- 2) are ... speaking
- 3) has ... spoken
- 4) have ... spoken

13) Tina did her work the _____ of all the students in the class.

- 1) more satisfactorily
- 2) most satisfactorily
- 3) satisfactorily
- 4) very satisfactorily

14) _____ he is skinny, he is a very good weightlifter.

- 1) Although
- 2) As a result of
- 3) In spite of
- 4) Otherwise

15) The exchange student _____ our school next week.

- 1) join
- 2) joined
- 3) will be joining
- 4) will have joined

16) The marooned sailor was excited when he finally saw a ship on _____ horizon.

- 1) a
- 2) an
- 3) that
- 4) the

Section D : Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Mr Duquette is an elderly French-Canadian man who likes to be prepared at all times. For the past two years, he has been walking around the world, pulling a coffin behind him.

The aluminium coffin is slightly bigger than a typical Chinese coffin. It is fitted with three wheels and rolls easily. Mr Duquette ties it to his body and travels everywhere with it. He calls it the 'Festive Coffin' and it is practically his home. There is a heater, a small refrigerator and even a small kitchen in the coffin! The 'Festive Coffin' doubles up as his bed at night.

Most people think that he is mad but he is only doing it because he loves travelling. "I expect this to be my last trip because I am so old now. I'm taking my coffin along in case I die," he explains.

Mr Duquette parks the 'Festive Coffin' in cemeteries at night because he likes the peace and quiet there. Once, in America, some robbers came to rob the graves. They saw the strange coffin and wanted to take a closer look at it. Just then, Mr Duquette opened the lid and got up. He must have scared the robbers out of their wits!

Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

17) What has Mr Duquette been doing the last few years? He has been _____

- 1) designing coffins
- 2) living in America
- 3) turning coffins into homes
- 4) travelling around the world

18) Which of the following is true of his coffin?

- 1) The inside of it is empty.
- 2) It has to be pulled around.
- 3) It can move around by itself.
- 4) It is smaller than a Chinese coffin.

19) In what way can we say that Mr Duquette's coffin is useful?

- 1) He can use it to attract attention from passers-by.
- 2) It contains the basic necessities and serves as a bed.
- 3) It transports Mr Duquette to the places he wants to visit.
- 4) He can entertain children by letting them play in the coffin.

20) The robbers in the cemetery most probably thought that Mr Duquette was _____

- 1) going to beat them
- 2) going to chase them
- 3) rising from the dead
- 4) rising from the earth

21) Mr Duquette's behaviour can be described as _____

- 1) evil
- 2) heroic
- 3) different
- 4) mundane

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PART II - OPEN-ENDED QUESTIONS

Section A : Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

Read the text 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

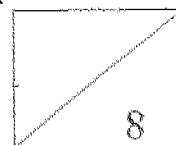
(A) merchandise	(B) ^{enormous} huge	(C) addition
(D) serviced	(E) bustling	(F) population
(G) traveller	(H) crowded	(J) marked
(K) patronized	(L) founded	(M) explorer

Singapore is one of the tiniest islands in the world. It measures around 616 square kilometres and has a (Q1) _____ of about 3.5 million.

Modern Singapore was (Q2) _____ by an Englishman, Sir Stamford Raffles in 1819. He was an (Q3) _____ who had left England to find new territories. From a small trading centre, Singapore has grown into a (Q4) _____ port and business centre. In fact, we have one of the busiest ports in the world.

Ships from all over the world call at Singapore. They come here to unload their (Q5) _____ or to collect them. In (Q6) _____, others sail in for repairs or to bring in tourists.

Today, our port is (Q7) _____ by more than one hundred and fifty shipping lines. Compared to ten years ago, there has also been a (Q8) _____ increase in the number of luxury cruise ships calling at our port.



Section B : 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 F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

Passage A

- | | | |
|----------|--------|----------|
| (A) them | (B) We | (C) Our |
| (D) They | (E) us | (F) your |

Dear Seraphina,

Thank you for agreeing to help (Q9) _____ find a home for some of the orphans here in the Home. (Q10) _____ are so pleased that you have come to volunteer (Q11) _____ services as a public educator. I am sure that the children here appreciate your time and effort as well. (Q12) _____ are always asking us when you will come and visit them again.

Thank you for everything.

With warmest regards,

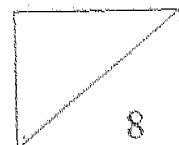
Sister Josephina.

Passage B

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| (A) However | (B) since | (C) that |
| (D) Although | (E) but | (F) or else |

Simple Simon is a very gullible man. He is not smart, (Q13) _____ he is very lucky. He is so lucky (Q14) _____ he manages to strike lottery at least once every year. With such luck, he should be a millionaire by now.

(Q15) _____, Scheming Steven always manages to cheat him of his winnings. Poor Simple Simon! He has to be wary of Scheming Steven, (Q16) _____, he will be a poor man for the rest of his life.



Section C : Comprehension (10 marks)

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

Adapted from 'A Little Princess' by Frances Hodgson Burnett

When the new pupil Sara entered the schoolroom, everyone looked at her with wide, interested eyes. They had heard a great deal about the girl with the grand wardrobe. They knew that she had velvet dresses trimmed with costly furs, lace dresses, hats with soft ostrich feathers, tiny gloves and handkerchiefs and silk stockings in abundant supplies.

"She isn't as pretty as other pretty people are," said Jessie, furtively stealing a glance across the room, "However, she makes you want to look at her again. She has tremendously long eyelashes and her eyes are almost green."

All this while, Sara sat quietly in her seat, waiting to be told what to do. She was not abashed at all by the many pairs of eyes watching her and looked back quietly at the children. She was an intelligent and soft-spoken child who was full of dreamy imaginations.

After Sara and the other students had gazed upon each other in mutual curiosity for a few minutes, the teacher, Miss Minchin, rapped in a dignified manner upon her desk. "Young ladies," she said, "I wish to introduce you to your new companion."

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

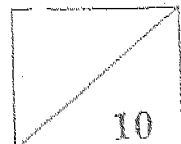
Q17) Why were the students curious about Sara?

Q18)- What does the passage tell you about Sara's family background?

Q19) Which word in the passage has the same meaning as the word 'shy'?

Q20) What does the phrase, "... looked back quietly at the children" in Paragraph 3 tell you about Sarah's character?

Q21) Why did Miss Minchin give the students and Sara time to look at each other?



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Comprehension | 5) A |
| 2)) | | 6) C |
| 3)) | | 7) K |
| 4)) | | 8) J |
| 5) 3 | | 9) E |
| 6) 4 | | 10) B |
| 7) 3 | | 11) F |
| 8) 2 | | 12) D |
| 9) 3 | | 13) E |
| 10) 3 | | 14) C |
| 11) 2 | | 15) A |
| 12) 4 | | 16) F |
| 13) 2 | | 17) They heard a great deal about the girl with the grand wardrobe. |
| 14) 1 | | 18) Sara comes from a rich family. |
| 15) 3 | | 19) The word is "abashed". |
| 16) 4 | | 20) It tells me that Sara is not shy. |
| 17) 4 | | 21) She wanted them to have a good look at each other. |
| 18) 2 | | |
| 19) 2 | | |
| 20) 3 | | |
| 21) 3 | | |

Part II

- 1) F
- 2) L
- 3) M
- 4) E