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Grammar (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. Miss Tan _____ a letter when the lights went out.

- (1) types
- (2) typed
- (3) has typed
- (4) was typing

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2. "Don't speed _____ this road again," the police warned the motorist.

- (1) through
- (2) in
- (3) along
- (4) into

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3. Mrs. Wee rushed into the room when she heard her baby _____.

- (1) cry
- (2) cried
- (3) was crying
- (4) had cried

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4. All the girls _____ at the hotel lobby now. We are ready to leave as soon as the bill is settled.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

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5. The helicopter was hovering _____ the hills searching for the victims of the plane crash.
- (1) on
 - (2) off
 - (3) above
 - (4) aside
- ()

6. Siti finished the big plate of noodles _____ she claimed she was not hungry.
- (1) although
 - (2) because
 - (3) since
 - (4) whether
- ()

Vocabulary (6 marks)

7. Those who _____ the earthquake became homeless and were in great need of medical attention.
- (1) navigated
 - (2) predicted
 - (3) survived
 - (4) surrounded
- ()

8. During the recent Olympic Games, one of our sailboats _____, fortunately no one was injured.
- (1) turned
 - (2) drowned
 - (3) capsized
 - (4) improvised
- ()

9. Scientists came up with a _____ that could detect poisonous gas in the air.
- (1) device
 - (2) patent
 - (3) presentation
 - (4) structure
- ()

10. The art gallery has _____ pieces of paintings and sculptures for our viewing pleasure.

- (1) accomplished
- (2) magnificent
- (3) successful
- (4) symmetrical

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11. The mathematics question was very challenging. Fiona had to _____ for quite some time before she arrived at the answer.

- (1) prepare
- (2) persevere
- (3) predict
- (4) propose

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12. Mountain climbing is a dangerous sport. It takes courage, stamina and _____ preparation if one is to succeed.

- (1) average
- (2) moderate
- (3) spectacular
- (4) thorough

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Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write down its letter (A to H) in each blank.

(A) achieves	(B) aims	(C) attempting	(D) contracted
(E) determined	(F) expedition	(G) obtained	(H) operate
(I) overcome	(J) plotting	(K) stronger	(L) weakened

There is no stopping mountaineer David Lim, the man who led Singapore's first (13) _____ to Mount Everest. David is now (14) _____ to scale the highest peak on the American continent next month. Mr. Lim also (15) _____ to raise \$120,000 for the Society for the Physically Disabled.

After his Everest expedition, Mr. Lim (16) _____ a rare disease, which paralysed him for many months. During those dark months, he fought hard to (17) _____ his illness and be able to climb an even higher mountain one day. Though recovered, he now has a limp and a (18) _____ hand.

Despite this ordeal in his life, he is still (19) _____ to achieve his dreams. The undaunted hero said: "Mountaineering is also a mental game. My physical strength will never be as good as it used to be, but I think I am mentally (20) _____ now."

Grammar Cloze 1 (4 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.
USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) along | (B) between | (C) during | (D) in |
| (E) through | (F) under | (G) with | |

Last Sunday Angel, a female jaguar, **escaped** from her enclosure (21) _____ a small hole used by zookeepers to throw meat into the enclosure. Usually locked, it would be opened (22) _____ feeding time. She was captured (23) _____ less than an hour after zookeepers shot her (24) _____ a tranquilliser gun.

Grammar Cloze 2 (4 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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| (A) draw | (B) draws | (C) drew | (D) drawing | (E) has drawn |
| (F) have drawn | | | | |

Susan's favourite pastime is (25) _____. She attends art classes where she is taught how to (26) _____ cartoon characters. She (27) _____ a few of them for the school magazine last year. She (28) _____ whenever she feels bored.

Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and write the number (1,2,3,4) of the correct answer in the brackets.

The telephone rang and it was Marian. Marian had called asking if I would be their guide during a cave exploration trip her youth group was planning. I called my best friend, Kerrie, to ask if she wanted to join us. She responded with an eager "Yes!" We arrived at Pirate's Cave Campground during the Christmas break.

The small entrance of the cave was covered by thick undergrowth. One by one, we wriggled into the cave and disappeared into the darkness. Kerrie and Marian had gone in first, while I followed from the rear to ensure that everyone was together. An hour into our exploration, the group was getting hungry, so I directed them to a large flat area for lunch. As we were devouring our sandwiches, a ear-splitting scream echoed through the torch-lit cave. Liz, from the youth group, had slipped on some mud, and tumbled into a pool of muddy water.

Lying limp with shock, Liz floated face down in the black water. Using strong strokes, I quickly reached Liz and turned her over. The shattered remnants of her helmet remained on her head. As if by a magical force, she suddenly coughed out mouthfuls of water and came back to life. Still too scared to speak, she merely lay there, shivering.

29. The author agreed to be a guide for the youth group because _____.

- (1) she had not gone camping for a long time
- (2) she knew someone would be injured
- (3) Marian had asked her to be their guide
- (4) she had been to Pirate's Cave Campground before ()

30. The author had to be the last to enter the cave to _____.

- (1) ensure that no one was following them
- (2) see that they were moving in the right direction
- (3) ensure that no one wandered off
- (4) direct them to an area for lunch ()

31. "Lying limp with shock" means that Liz was _____.

- (1) dead
- (2) in pain
- (3) unconscious
- (4) in fear

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32. The author knew that Liz was still alive as _____.

- (1) Liz had simply stepped on some mud
- (2) there were remnants of Liz's shattered helmet
- (3) Liz was floating face down in the water
- (4) Liz had suddenly coughed out mouthfuls of water

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33. The most suitable title for the passage is _____.

- (1) An Adventure in A Cave
- (2) A Good Deed
- (3) An Unbelievable Day
- (4) A Magical Journey

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Comprehension (10 marks)

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

Recently a reader wrote to the Straits Times to give his eyewitness account of how no one gave up his or her seat to a pregnant woman on an MRT train. The woman was even beaten to a seat vacated by an alighting passenger.

To confirm whether this was indeed the trend among commuters, a reporter followed a fellow pregnant colleague, Mrs. Chen, on her way home.

It was 5.30pm. Throngs of tired office and blue-collar workers rushed to board home-bound MRT trains. Among them was an equally weary Mrs. Chen, her six-month pregnancy clearly evident.

As some passengers rushed for the scarce vacant seat during peak hours, no one seemed to have noticed the pregnant woman hanging on to a vertical bar for balance. The seated passengers facing the woman looked blankly through her, or were catching forty winks, their eyes shut and totally ignoring the pregnant woman who would definitely appreciate a seat.

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

34. Who made up the majority of MRT passengers in the evening rush hour?

35. Which word in the passage tells us that there were very few empty seats in the train at this time?

36. How did the pregnant woman prevent herself from falling?

37. 'Someone quicker than Mrs. Chen got the seat when a passenger stood up and left the MRT train'. Write the sentence from the passage which has the same meaning as this statement.

38. What does 'catching forty winks' mean?

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Exam Sheet

Answer Sheets

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34. Tired office workers and blue-collar workers made up the majority of MRT passengers in the evening rush hour.
35. 'Scarce' vacant seat.
36. She hanged on firstly to a vertical bar for balance.
37. The woman has been beaten to a seat vacated by an alighted passenger.
38. Taking a rest/nap.