

**Primary Five
English Language
Continual Assessment Two**

Study the advertisement below and answer the question 1 to 5. (5 marks)



The World's Largest Family Jugglers at Marina Square

Fun starts from 31st August to 31st October 2002

Everyone's jumping up and down this year at Marina Square. Catch the Bochmer Family Jugglers from USA and be dazzled by juggling acts, acrobatic feats and other stirring performances.

Laugh till you drop with the Balloon Kings from Australia as they transform metres of balloons into all shapes and sizes.

What's more, there are many prizes up for grabs. Fall head over heels with the rolling good times at Marina Square.

Mega Book Fair

31st August to 7th September. Exhibition Area

Calling all bookworms! Find many interesting books and compelling best sellers at The Word Shop Mega Book Fair. Book in now to check it out.

Toon Zone Character Fair

1st to 10th September. Atrium near McDonald's

Look out and buy your favourite characters at the toy fair – Powerpuff girls, Spiderman and many more. Kids will be overjoyed.

Triple Happiness

31st August to 31st October

Spend \$30 in a single receipt at any outlets in Marina Square and you get to participate in an instant-dip. You stand to win travel packages to Gold Coast, Darwin, a free stay at Marina Mandarin Hotel and Marina Square Gift vouchers.

\$1.50 All Day parking on Sat, Sun and Public Holidays and after 5 p.m. Mon – Fri.

Thanking our sponsors: Marina Mandarin, Golden Travel, Great Singapore Sale Organisers

1. The jugglers come from _____.

- (1) Australia
- (2) Boehmer
- (3) America
- (4) Darwin

2. From 31st August to 7th September, you can take part in the _____.

- (1) Mega Book Fair and Balloon Twisting only.
- (2) Triple Happiness and Toon Zone Character Fair only.
- (3) Mega Book Fair and Toon Zone Character Fair only.
- (4) Mega Book Fair, Toon Zone Character Fair and Triple Happiness.

3. If you spend \$30 in a single receipt, you stand to enjoy _____.

- (1) a night's stay at the Marina Square Hotel.
- (2) a pre-paid travel package to Gold Coast.
- (3) Marina Mandarin Gift Vouchers.
- (4) shopping for free at the Marina Square outlets.

4. At the Atrium near McDonalds, one can _____.

- (1) take photographs with Spiderman.
- (2) buy toys resembling cartoon characters.
- (3) buy interesting books about cartoon characters.
- (4) watch Powerpuff Girls' cartoon show.

5. Your parents pay \$1.50 for all day parking _____.

- (1) on everyday of the week.
- (2) on Saturdays and Sundays only.
- (3) from Monday to Friday mornings.
- (4) on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays only.

Questions 6-25 carry 1 mark each

Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Write its number in the brackets provided.

6. Pulau Ubin is an Island _____ Singapore

- (1) in
- (2) of
- (3) off
- (4) outside

7. I would rather have this plate of noodles _____ that plate of fried rice.

- (1) than
- (2) from
- (3) or
- (4) to

8. Rahim's watch is similar _____ mine. Both of us bought them at Suntec City.

- (1) as
- (2) to
- (3) with
- (4) between

9. _____ the hot weather last Sunday, Jack insisted on wearing his jacket to the beach.

- (1) Regardless
- (2) Because
- (3) Despite
- (4) Due to

10. Many young children delight _____ playing in the rain, not realizing that they can catch a cold easily.

- (1) in
- (2) on
- (3) at
- (4) from

11. Contrary _____ out expectations, Jennifer did not make it to the finals in the inter-school badminton tournament.

- (1) against
- (2) from
- (3) to
- (4) by

12. All the apples my sister bought, except this one, _____ worms.

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) had
- (4) will have

13. Samy, as well as his friends, _____ to Johor this weekend to visit his grandfather.

- (1) is going
- (2) are going
- (3) has gone
- (4) have gone

14. Last evening, I saw an unidentified man _____ into Mr. Tan's house.

- (1) break
- (2) breaks
- (3) broke
- (4) was breaking

15. "It's been a long time since the two sisters met, _____ it?" mused Mdm Lee.

- (1) is
- (2) isn't
- (3) has
- (4) hasn't

16. The drama club _____ up a programme at the end of this year.

- (1) is putting
- (2) are putting
- (3) has put
- (4) have put

17. My family usually _____ over to my grandmother's place on Sundays, but today we _____ not go because I had a fever.

- (1) goes do
- (2) goes did
- (3) go do
- (4) go did

18. Due to the bus breakdown, Sharon reported for work this morning, only after the manager _____.

- (1) arrive
- (2) arrives
- (3) had arrived
- (4) was arriving

19. Being retrenched, the man _____ his anger on his children and hit them violently.

- (1) took up
- (2) took off
- (3) took over
- (4) took out

20. Since her husband passed away, Mrs. Lam _____ extra work to supplement the family income.

- (1) takes up
- (2) takes on
- (3) takes after
- (4) takes along

21. After the 400m race, Tommy was so _____ that he flopped onto the grass and lay there.

- (1) dazzled
- (2) triumphant
- (3) exhausted
- (4) energetic

22. The man was struck by a thunderbolt during the _____.

- (1) drought
- (2) famine
- (3) flood
- (4) storm

23. Ahmad was ever willing to offer his help to anyone who needed it. His _____ impressed his teacher and classmates.

- (1) benevolence
- (2) insolence
- (3) indolence
- (4) dominance

24. A convict escaped from the prison last night. The police are now after this _____.

- (1) fugitive
- (2) escapist
- (3) survivor
- (4) accused

25. We heard the noise of a helicopter _____ overhead.

- (1) swinging
- (2) propelling
- (3) hovering
- (4) chopping

Questions 26 to 30 carry 1 mark each

Choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s)

26. The courageous boy was officially recognised for saving the drowning man.

- (1) remembered
- (2) commended
- (3) commented
- (4) rewarded

27. Tan Tock Seng was a person who contributed generously to charity. He helped to build Tan Tock Seng Hospital.

- (1) physician
- (2) patriot
- (3) philanderer
- (4) philanthropist

28. The unruly crowd was taken to the police station after creating problems at the football match.

- (1) mob
- (2) gang
- (3) horde
- (4) troop

29. Jason has been adamant about going for the boat ride in spite of the bad weather.

- (1) persuasive
- (2) insistent
- (3) confident
- (4) willing

30. When the cable car was first introduced, everybody was eager to try it, as it was **a novelty**.

- (1) something fun
- (2) something new
- (3) something affordable
- (4) something exciting

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35

Minah was very excited. It was her school's annual Sports Day and she was taking part in the high jump event this year. Minah was very confident that she could walk away with the gold medal, as she has been the champion of the same event in the last two sports meets.

The weather was torrid, but Minah was ready to make the jump of her life. As soon as her event was announced, she made her way briskly to the field where the high jump event was to be held. She walked with an air of pride. There were six other competitors in the event. Minah's heart began thumping. The spectators were cheering a track event that was being held at the same time. Holding banners in their hands and waving them about, the crowd was ecstatic. Minah thought to herself that she too would be received with such roaring applause after her event.

She took her position, steadied herself and took a deep breath. Running forward, she jumped. She knew she had made a good leap, but in a moment, she felt a stinging pain in her right hand. She was laid on a mattress. Unable to move her hand, Minah became tense. Several teachers soon examined her and helped her to a stretcher. She was told that she had probably fractured her hand in the fall. She was however assured that she would be all right.

Minah **gave a dry smile**. She fought back her tears as hopes of the gold medal vanished immediately.

Questions 31-35 carry 2 marks each

Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Write its number in the brackets provided

31. Which one of the following statements about the passage is true?

- (1) The judge disqualified Minah in her high jump event.
- (2) Minah broke the high jump record two years ago.
- (3) There were seven competitors in the high jump event.
- (4) Minah won the gold medal in the event she took part in.

32. Before Minah jumped, she _____.

- (1) fractured her right hand.
- (2) concentrate her efforts.
- (3) waved at the crowd.
- (4) made a great leap.

33. When Minah landed on the mattress, she was _____.

- (1) ecstatic
- (2) relieved
- (3) in pain
- (4) excited

34. The phrase '**gave a dry smile**' in line 19 means to feel _____ despite defeat.

- (1) reassured
- (2) amused
- (3) proud
- (4) contented

35. Which one of the following will be the most suitable title for the passage?

- (1) Action speaks louder than words.
- (2) All is well that ends well.
- (3) All that glitters is not gold.
- (4) Pride goes before a fall.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes. (10 x 1 mark)

(36)

In the olden days, people improvised their home-made remedys to treat their illnesses. Most of them are deriving mainly from herbs that poce medical

(37)

(38)

(39)

(40)

The earliest invention of the modern medicine was in 1796 by an englishman, Edward Jenner. He discovered the vaccination with small pox. This

helped to save millions of lives around the world.

(41)

It was not for nearly ninety years later that Louis Pasteur, a great French scientist, came up with a solution. In 1885, he vaccinated a boy against the viral

(42)

(43)

dicease, rabies. Today thousands of vaccines are aviable to protect and

(44)

immunize us against many infactious illnesses. This would not have been

(45)

possible, if not for the efforts of a few dedicated men

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 46 to 55, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. (10 x 1 mark)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE

(A) is	(E) they	(J) for	(N) as
(B) are	(F) through	(K) and	(P) which
(C) from	(G) to	(L) of	(Q) too
(D) be	(H) while	(M) that	

Exercises like stretching and weightlifting (46)_____ good for the elderly. They strengthen the muscles, bones (47)_____ joints. However, one has to (48)_____ careful that the exercise routine is not (49)_____ rigorous.

A specialist, Dr. Chan Kin Ming of Glenegales Medical Centre said weightlifting is actually good (50)_____ the bones. However, the load has to be suitable for the person.

Stretching exercises are fine (51)_____ long as they are done gently with no overstraining. Walking (52)_____ also good for the elderly, it builds stamina, strengthens the heart and makes breathing easier. Dr. Chan stresses (53)_____ the elderly must be supervised (54)_____ working out.

“The bones and joints tend to deteriorate as one ages and (55)_____ can be unwittingly damaged without one knowing,” says Dr. Chan.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word (20 x 1 mark)

Many people cannot function if they do not have eight hours of sleep every night. Other people (56)_____ function just fine on six hours or less.

How much sleep do you need?

Babies need at least sixteen hours of sleep, but as (57)_____ grow, their need for sleep diminishes. By the time children (58)_____ the teen years, they require (59)_____ about eight hours of sleep a night.

Sleep researchers have (60)_____ four stages of sleep from light sleep to deep sleep. Dreaming (61)_____ during deep sleep about an hour or so after a person falls asleep. This happens (62)_____ times during the night as the sleep cycle is repeated every hour and a half or so.

People who cannot go to sleep have a problem called insomnia. (63)_____ is a common problem which can be caused by physical problems or just too much coffee. There are people who have (64)_____ staying awake and fall asleep easily during the day. This is a genetic problem which can cause a problem to fall asleep several times (65)_____ the day.

Synthesis/Transformation

For each of the items 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given one(s). (5 x 2 marks)

Example: This is the book. I borrowed it.

Answer : This is the book which I borrowed.

66. Mary prefers watching movies to shopping.

Mary would _____

67. Ahmad's father refused to bring him to the Theme Park. He cried very hard.

Although _____

68. Rani left her books lying around. Her mother warned her not to do so.

Despite _____

69. "When will the train arrive?" my nephew asked me.

My nephew asked me _____

70. Susan handed over her house keys very reluctantly to the new owners

It was with _____

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 71 to 75 (20 marks)

It was to be expected. Francis, after being reprimanded severely by the headmaster, wanted to take his revenge. So, after school, he waited at a corner where Simon would be walking past with his sister on their way home.

Francis, with his blue cap tilted over one ear, ran up on tiptoe behind Simon and, to provoke him, gave a pull at his sister's plait. It was such a jerk that he almost pulled her over to the ground. The little girl gave a shriek and started to wail loudly. Simon turned around.

Francis, who was much taller and sturdy looking than Simon thought to himself, "I will thrash him before he has time to breathe." But Simon did not stop to think. Though being little and stumpy, he flung himself with one spring on that big fellow and began to pound him with his fists. Unfortunately, he could not hold his own and he got more than he gave.

There was no one in the streets, but girls. Hence, there was no one who could separate them. Francis flung Simon down and pounded him as if he were pounding a door. In a minute he had torn half of Simon's ear, bruised one eye and made his nose bleed. But Simon was plucky. "You may kill me," he roared. "But I'll make you pay for it."

"Give up?"

"No!"

"Give up?"

"No!"

In a flash Simon was on his feet. He grabbed Francis around the waist and with one furious effort, slammed him down on the pavement and fell upon him with one knee on his chest.

Many people gathered in the meantime. They separated the boys and set them on their feet. Francis took to his heels. Simon stood there badly bruised, but triumphant. Beside him, his sister was crying. The people standing around cried, "Good for the little fellow! He has defended his sister!"

But Simon, who was thinking more about his schoolbag than about his victory, he began to examine the books one by one, to see if anything was missing or torn. He brushed the dirt off the books with his sleeve, looked at his watch and put everything into his schoolbag. At last, tranquil and serious as ever, he said to his sister, "Come on, quick! I have four sets of homework to complete!"

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71. What does "It" in Line 1 refer to?

72. Write down the sentence which tells you that Simon could not tackle Francis well at the beginning of the fight.

73. What do you think caused Simon to suddenly spring up to his feet and gain the upper hand? (Line 22)

74. Which phase tells us that Francis ran away?

75. How do you know that Simon was not concerned about his victory?

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