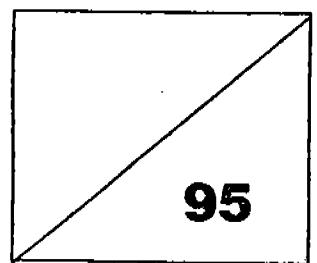


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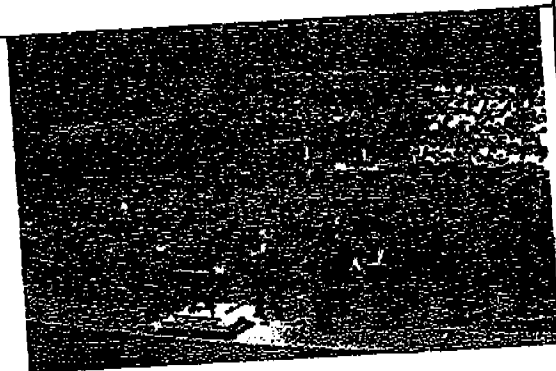
- Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
- Follow all instructions carefully.
- Answer all the questions.

This booklet consists of 17 printed pages.

Study the text below and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Mahler's *Symphony of a Thousand* Singapore Symphony Orchestra

29 & 30 May, 7.30 p.m.
Esplanade Concert Hall
\$100, \$80, \$60,
\$45, \$35, \$25
100 min
(no intermission)



Singapore Arts Festival 2004
co-presented with



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Accommodation by Conrad
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Synopsis

One of the greatest musical extravaganzas ever written, Gustav Mahler's Eighth Symphony, aptly titled the *Symphony of a Thousand*, is scored for eight vocal soloists, double chorus, children's choir, backed by a wildly expanded orchestra including unusual instruments such as the mandolin, harmonium, organ, piano, and celesta. Indeed there were over a thousand participants at its premiere in 1910, earning the nickname *Symphony of a Thousand*, which the composer did not entirely agree with.

Rarely performed due to the daunting logistical challenge of coordinating such massive performing forces, this Southeast Asian Premiere with four hundred performers on stage is a rare treat.



Conductor	Lan Shui
Soprano	Gabriele Maria Ronge Xiu Wei Sun Ying Huang
Mezzo Soprano	Yumi Koyama Martina Tomcic
Tenor	John Mac Master
Baritone	Chang Yong Liao
Bass	To be announced
Chorus	Singapore Symphony Singapore Bible College Chorale The Philharmonic Chamber Choir, Singapore Hallelujah Chorus Latvja State Choir China Children's Choir *Chorus prepared by Lim Yau

Priority booking for SSO subscribers only, from 10 Oct 03 to 23 Nov 03.

Public sales commence on 3 April 04, in conjunction with the official launch of Singapore Arts Festival 2004.

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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. Mahler's Eighth Symphony was nicknamed *Symphony of a Thousand* because _____.

- (1) it was first performed in 1910
- (2) a thousand people attended each performance
- (3) it included over a thousand performers on its first performance
- (4) a thousand musical instruments were used in the performance

2. Singapore will be the _____ Southeast Asian country to put up the performance of *Symphony of a Thousand*.

- (1) first
- (2) fourth
- (3) eighth
- (4) tenth

3. Of the eight vocal soloists, the _____ is yet to be confirmed.

- (1) bass
- (2) tenor
- (3) soprano
- (4) baritone

4. If I am not an SSO subscriber, the earliest date I can purchase my tickets for this concert is _____.

- (1) 10 October 2003
- (2) 23 November 2003
- (3) 3 April 2004
- (4) 29 May 2004

5. The performers can make special arrangements for rooms with _____.

- (1) Lee Foundation
- (2) Singapore Arts Council
- (3) Singapore Bible College
- (4) Conrad Centennial Singapore

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For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. I heard the cat _____ last night.

- (1) purr
 (2) purrs
 (3) purred
 (4) has purred

7. I think the enlargement of these prints _____ not been done properly.

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

8. Minah, as well as the visitors, _____ watching the show when I entered the hall.

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

9. We _____ go to the cinema nowadays. Instead we watch videos at home.

- (1) usually
 (2) always
 (3) seldom
 (4) frequently

10. If Peter tells the truth, his teacher _____ him.

- (1) will forgive
 (2) is forgiving
 (3) would forgive
 (4) would have forgiven

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11. Devi explained that her mother _____ to her teacher that morning.

- ~~(1)~~ speaks
- ~~(2)~~ will speak
- ~~(3)~~ has spoken
- ~~(4)~~ had spoken

12. You have lost your way. So _____ !!

- ~~(1)~~ do
- ~~(2)~~ am
- ~~(3)~~ did
- ~~(4)~~ have

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For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

"Hurry, James. We have to get to the next pit stop before the others catch up with us (13) reminded Amy. "Pull out the campus map so that we can get a better idea of where we are now (14)

Amy and James were participating in a scavenger hunt. The activity was part of an orientation programme the school had organised to familiarise new students with the various locations on campus.

Their mission was to locate the school gymnasium and find the clue to the next stop.

James pulled out the campus map. The school compound was divided into four main sections (15) academic, sports, entertainment and administration. Amy and James spotted the sports complex immediately. They headed straight for the gymnasium after confirming their bearings.

13. (1) [!] exclamation mark
 (2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
 (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (4) [" ,] inverted commas and comma
14. (1) [.] full stop
 (2) ["] inverted commas
 (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
15. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [;] semi colon
 (3) [:] colon
 (4) [-] hyphen

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For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. As Macy lay pinned under in the collapsed shed, she _____ with pain.
- (1) whined
 - (2) cringed
 - (3) groaned
 - (4) mumbled
17. The initial craze over bubble tea has _____.
- (1) got over
 - (2) died down
 - (3) broken up
 - (4) sparked off
18. After the examination, the pupils _____ a sigh of relief.
- (1) uttered
 - (2) heaved
 - (3) exhaled
 - (4) whispered
19. To find out what we would be doing during our holiday in Paris, we referred to our _____.
- (1) menu
 - (2) itinerary
 - (3) brochure
 - (4) catalogue
20. The little girl looked _____ at her smiling father as he pulled out a parcel from his suitcase.
- (1) pitifully
 - (2) tenderly
 - (3) expectantly
 - (4) suspiciously

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For each question below, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

There once lived a king who longed for a son. When his queen finally gave birth to one, he was on cloud nine. He sent for his wise men and ordered them to tell the prince's fortune. (21) (22)

After studying the stars for a long time, the wise men declared that the boy would die from the bite of a crocodile, snake or dog. They could not decide which it would be but the bite would be fatal. (23) (24)

The king made up his mind to cheat fate. He ordered his men to build a tower in the wilderness. There the boy grew up in safety, enjoying every comfort except freedom to mingle with his fellow men. He was shielded from all dangers but was also robbed of his happiness. (25)

21. (1) glad
(2) happy
(3) pleased
(4) ecstatic
22. (1) invited
(2) requested
(3) persuaded
(4) commanded
23. (1) uttered
(2) proposed
(3) suggested
(4) announced
24. (1) lethal
(2) painful
(3) serious
(4) poisonous
25. (1) blend
(2) merge
(3) interact
(4) circulate

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The bespectacled man sitting next to me in the window seat of the plane looked at his watch frequently. He seemed very anxious to get to his destination. I put down the book and leaned back to rest. It was then that I heard the ticking. The man seated beside me heard it too. His eyes widened in fear and his hand clutched at my wrist so hard that his knuckles turned white. I shook off his hand and glared at him. 5

I stood up and looked at the luggage rack above our seats. The annoying ticking came from one of the bags there. I saw my black backpack and the man identified the blue briefcase as his. The small brown bag nestled between them was unmarked and the ticking came from there. We looked at each other. Both of us were apparently thinking of the same thing. If there was a bomb inside and it exploded in mid-air, all the people on board the plane would be killed instantly. 10

A stewardess came by and in a hushed tone, I confided my fear to her. She walked quickly to the cockpit and a moment later a man's voice came over the public address system asking the owner of the brown bag to claim it. The bespectacled man beside me was a nervous wreck by now. I clasped my hands together, hoping that someone would come forward and claim the bag. 15

A dishevelled young man got up from the seat behind me. I noticed that he had been sound asleep throughout our ordeal. He stretched out his hand and took the brown bag from the luggage rack. I stared at him while he took out an alarm clock, looked at the time and tossed the bag back on the rack. Then he went back to sleep. 20

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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. The writer knew that the man was anxious to get to his destination because he _____.

- (1) had fear in his eyes
- (2) kept checking the time
- (3) sat at the window seat
- (4) clutched at his wrist tightly

27. The writer shook off the bespectacled man's hand because the _____.

- (1) man's knuckle turned white
- (2) writer heard a ticking sound
- (3) man held his hand too tightly
- (4) writer wanted to glare at him

28. The writer's 'fear' (line 14) was that the _____.

- (1) brown bag on the luggage rack was unmarked
- (2) owner of the brown bag might be looking for it anxiously
- (3) ticking was coming from a bomb planted in the brown bag
- (4) brown bag with the ticking noise was nestled between their belongings

29. As a result of the writer's confiding his fear to the stewardess, _____.

- (1) an announcement was made
- (2) a young man became dishevelled
- (3) the writer clasped his hand to pray
- (4) the bespectacled man had a nervous breakdown

30. The young man looked 'dishevelled' (line 17) because he _____.

- (1) had been sleeping
- (2) was a nervous wreck
- (3) had gone through an ordeal
- (4) had to stretch out for his bag

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) by	(G) of	(K) that	(N) when
(B) and	(E) for	(H) off	(L) to	(P) who
(C) because	(F) into	(J) out	(M) up	(Q) with

Millions of homeless people in this world are dependent on the hospitality of others. Known as refugees, they are forced to leave their homeland _____ of war, famine or persecution. Sadly, many of them face _____ tragic end in their search for safety and freedom.

In the 1970s, many Vietnamese fled their country to escape from persecution and an acute shortage _____ food. Most of them escaped _____ sea, paying large sums of money to fishermen _____ boats that were barely seaworthy. Unfortunately, some of them were killed by the pirates _____ attacked their boats while others drowned _____ their boats sank.

There are still many refugees scattered all over the world today. Some of them live in camps set _____ in neighbouring countries. The living conditions of these camps are not always good and their future is very uncertain. The luckier ones find refuge in richer countries _____ take them in and assist them to settle into new lives _____ homes and jobs. However, as long as wars continue to rage and natural disasters continue to strike, the number of refugees will never diminish.

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Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

(41)

Some older folks in Singapore cannot read or write. They are illiterait.

(42)

(43)

Whenever, they are still able to **comunicate** effectively. They know of very old

(44)

languages and 'ancient' dialects of their own. These contains words which the younger

(45)

generation have never hear before.

(46)

(47)

It is **intresting** listening to the older folks as they talk between themselves.

They are sure to use words which sound **very strange** to our ears. In fact, they may be

(48)

using these words deliberately so that young children cannot evesdrop on what they are

(49)

talking about. My grandmother has teach me some old words from my dialect. They

(50)

sound strange but I felt proud that I am able to **understand** them. I hope that these

dialects will continue to be passed down from one **generation** to another.

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Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

(15 marks)

In Hungary, 1874, the wife of Rabbi Weiss gave birth to their fifth son, Ehrich, who was to become Houdini, the greatest escapologist the world has ever seen. There was nothing he could not _____ from _____ straitjackets, safes, police vans and prison cells.

(51)

When Ehrich Weiss was very young, his family _____ to America where he went to _____. After leaving school, he got a _____ in a tie factory. It was a boring job. At the same time, with a friend, he began to _____ an interest in magic. They would talk about it all day as they worked. Robert Houdin, a French conjurer, was his _____. When Ehrich began to give performances, he called himself 'Houdini', taking the name of his idol.

(52)

(53)

(54)

(55)

(56)

Houdini challenged anyone and everyone to lock him up in their own way. He challenged the police to _____ him in cells. He challenged men to rope and padlock him before _____ him into the river. However, nothing could hold him in captivity for long.

(57)

(58)

To some extent, of course, he _____ trick apparatus such as mirrors and boxes with false bottoms. However, there were times when trick apparatus was not used. For instance, in one of his great feats, the Chinese Water Torture, Houdini was securely tied up before being lowered head-first into a tank of _____. His feet were attached to the lid which was then clamped down. He had to escape in the time he could _____ his breath underwater. To this day, no one knows how he did it.

(59)

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(61)

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Another of his great feats was to walk _____ a brick wall. A
_____ (62) two and a half metres high and three metres long would be built on
_____ (63) stage. Members of the audience would be seated around the wall. Apparently, Houdini
could pass from one side of the wall to the other.

Always looking for more sensational feats, Houdini was once _____ (64) _____
in a straitjacket and suspended from the roof of a skyscraper in Kansas City. On another
occasion, he escaped even after being buried in a coffin!

Years after leaving the tie factory, the world-famous Houdini _____ (65) _____
there to see his old friends and one of them asked him, "Shall I tell you which was the
greatest escape you ever made? It was the day you escaped from this factory."

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For each of the questions 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 meaning of the given sentence(s): (10 marks)

66. It was raining heavily. We decided to cancel the picnic.

As _____

67. Danny is taller than Lisa. Alvin is also taller than Lisa

Both _____

68. Peter worked throughout the night. His project was due the next day.

_____ whose _____

69. "Don't smoke because it is bad for your lungs," Uncle Tom said to Freddy.

Uncle Tom advised _____

70. All the girls have gone to collect the gifts. Mary has not gone to collect the gift.

_____ except _____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 – 80.

(20 marks)

The golden-haired, blue-eyed god stepped into the sampan. Tianbao's knees quaked under him but somehow he managed to take a few steps forward. He almost shoved the little pig he was carrying into the white god's arms. The white god stood in open-mouthed surprise, then threw his head back and roared with laughter. The god laughed! It was too much for Tianbao. In his confusion, he desperately dashed past the god and out of the sampan. 5

He saw his neighbour standing outside the hut. "Please, please, I don't know what the strange white god wants of me," Tianbao managed to whisper.

The woman too, laughed at him. "Tianbao, he can't be a god. He must be an American airman from the field where the aeroplanes are parked. Look at his uniform. He wants you to take him over the river. He picked you, I suppose, because you did not shout his ears off like the rest of us." 10

Tianbao felt foolish and small. He had given the family pig to the airman who was only a foreigner. "Oh, I cannot ferry people across the river. My father forbade me." 15

"Oh, but you must take the airman. This is different. He will pay you as much as one hundred yen though he should only pay ten. From what I heard, your father and mother could use the money."

Tianbao thought about the money for food. If his father and mother had not found work, this money would buy a lot. He hesitated no longer. He pushed the boat into the river. The boat began to race downstream, carried away by the rain-swollen current which was swift and savage. Tianbao struggled but from the start it was a losing battle. Tianbao fought hard to control the boat but he was weak as he had not eaten all day. The white stranger took in the situation at once. He grabbed another pair of oars and started to row. Much sooner than they expected, the boat thumped into the bank of the river. Tianbao and the American grinned at each other with relief. The American fished in his pocket, brought out a hundred-yen note and handed it to Tianbao as if it was wrapping paper. 20

"It's too much, too much," Tianbao protested. "Why, you rowed yourself across." Of course the American could not understand Tianbao. As the stranger disappeared, Tianbao shouted, "I'll wait for you and take you back and you won't have to pay one yen." 25

Tianbao then waited a long time anxiously hoping that the foreigner would come back. 30

Adapted from *The House of Sixty Fathers*
By Meindert Dejong

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. How did Tianbao react when the stranger stepped into his sampan?

72. How did Tianbao's neighbour know that the stranger was an airman?

73. According to Tianbao's neighbour, why did the airman choose Tianbao to ferry him across the river?

74. Why did Tianbao hesitate to take the airman across the river?

75. Give two reasons why Tianbao finally decided to ferry the airman across the river?

76. Why do you think the airman helped to row across the river?

77. How much should the airman pay for the ride across the river?

78. Do you think Tianbao was an honest boy? Give two reasons.

79. Give another word, similar in meaning, to the word "shoved" (line 3).

80. Which phrase in paragraph six tells you that the boat started moving very fast in the river?

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| 1) 3 | 28) 3 | 55) develop | 66) As it was raining heavily, we decided to cancel the picnic |
| 2) 3 | 29) 1 | 56) idol | |
| 3) 1 | 30) 1 | 57) lock | 67) Both Danny and Alwin are taller than Lisa. |
| 4) 3 | 31) C | 58) throwing | 68) Peter, whose project was due the next day, worked throughout the night. |
| 5) 4 | 32) A | 59) used | |
| 6) 1 | 33) G | 60) water | |
| 7) 3 | 34) D | 61) hold | 69) Uncle Tom advised Freddy not to smoke because it was bad for his lungs. |
| 8) 3 | 35) E | 62) through | |
| 9) 3 | 36) P | 63) wall | 70) All the girls except Mary have not gone to collect the gifts. |
| 10) 1 | 37) N | 64) strapped | |
| 11) 4 | 38) M | 65) returned | |
| 12) 4 | 39) K | 71) Tianbao's knees quaked under him but managed to take a few steps forward and pushed his pig to the man. | |
| 13) 3 | 40) Q | | |
| 14) 4 | 41) illiterate | 72) His neighbour knew it when she saw the stranger's uniform. | |
| 15) 3 | 42) However | | |
| 16) 3 | 43) communicate | 73) Tianbao did not shout the stranger's ear off like the rest of the neighbours. | |
| 17) 2 | 44) contain | | |
| 18) 2 | 45) heard | 74) His father forbade him from ferrying people across the river. | |
| 19) 3 | 46) interesting | 75) The two reasons are his mother and father had not found work and his family had no money to buy food. | |
| 20) 3 | 47) among | | |
| 21) 4 | 48) eavesdrop | 76) The airman saw Tianbao struggling and could see that he had not eaten anything yet and the current was swift and strong. | |
| 22) 4 | 49) taught | | |
| 23) 4 | 50) feel | 77) The airman should pay ten yen. | |
| 24) 1 | 51) escape | 78) Yes. The two reasons are he said that what the American airman gave was too much and he said that he would wait for the airman to come back at no charge. | |
| 25) 2 | 52) moved | | |
| 26) 2 | 53) school | | |
| 27) 3 | 54) job | 79) Another word is "pushed". | |
| | | 80) The phrase is "began to race downstream." | |