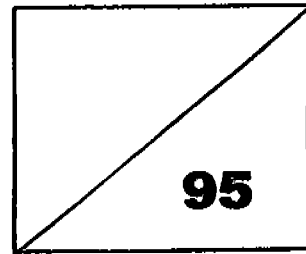


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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all the questions.

This booklet consists of 16 printed pages.

Study the following text and then answer the question 1 to 5.

**Nurturing Readers**  
**A Forum For Parents**  
**Saturday, 20 November, 2pm - 5pm**  
**Singapore Expo, Conference Room GHJ**

Featuring:

**Ms Bernadette Tynan**  
Writer and Author of the international best seller  
"Your Child Can Think Like A Genius"  
Former Senior Lecturer at the Research Centre for  
Able Children in Oxford,  
President of the children's research charity: Beautiful Minds  
**Topic: The Curiosity Tree**  
**Higher level thinking, creativity and reading:**  
**lessons from the childhood of past geniuses and exceptional**  
**brain development**

**Ms Shamini Dias**  
Educational Consultant,  
Society for Reading and Literacy  
**Topic: Using Newspapers to Empower Reading and Thinking**

**Ms Fauziah Hassan Mohamed**  
Senior Librarian, Children's Library Services,  
National Library Board  
**Topic: The Right Book at The Right Time**


**Who should attend?**  
Parents and Caregivers of children aged 7-12 years old

**Participants can expect tips from experts on:**

- ❖ How reading develops higher level thinking
- ❖ The direct benefits of reading in children's creative thought and development.
- ❖ Understanding the different level of readers and choosing suitable reads for the respective levels

**Admission fee is \$15\* per participant. Register now and enjoy early bird discount!**  
**Only \$10 per participant when you sign up before 5 Nov 2004!**  
\* includes tea reception and a set of 7 exclusively-designed bookmarks with reading tips and recommended reads

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National Library Board Singapore

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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. The forum is organised by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Singex Exhibitions  
(2) Asian Children Fest  
(3) Press Foundation of Singapore  
(4) National Library Board Singapore

2. The forum is recommended for \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) writers and lecturers  
(2) caregivers and parents  
(3) children and their parents  
(4) librarians and consultants

3. Each participant gets to bring home \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) bookmarks  
(2) newspapers  
(3) the best seller  
(4) tea and cakes

4. Parents who sign up before 5 November will \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) get to go to a tea reception  
(2) enjoy a discount of five dollars  
(3) receive reading tips from the experts  
(4) reap the benefits of reading to their children

5. From the forum, parents will be able to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) create reading tips  
(2) design their own newspapers  
(3) develop their children as geniuses  
(4) choose suitable books for their children

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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. A nest with three eggs \_\_\_\_\_ found between the two branches.
- (1) has
  - (2) was
  - (3) were
  - (4) have
7. She was overjoyed when she heard that she \_\_\_\_\_ the first prize in the essay writing competition.
- (1) has won
  - (2) had won
  - (3) is winning
  - (4) was winning
8. The driver \_\_\_\_\_ at the junction and ran to assist the injured pedestrian.
- (1) pulled up
  - (2) pulled on
  - (3) pulled back
  - (4) pulled down
9. He fell from the ladder and \_\_\_\_\_ his leg.
- (1) break
  - (2) broke
  - (3) breaks
  - (4) had broken
10. Helen, like her friends, \_\_\_\_\_ reading in the library every recess.
- (1) enjoy
  - (2) enjoys
  - (3) is enjoying
  - (4) are enjoying
11. To \_\_\_\_\_ can we go for help at this hour of the night?
- (1) who
  - (2) which
  - (3) whom
  - (4) whose

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12. "If you have any questions, \_\_\_\_\_ your hand," said Mrs Lee .

- (1) rise  
(2) rose  
(3) raise  
(4) raised

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)

Rajan found an injured bird near a drain. He took it home. Rajan (13) mother saw him and said, "Show me what you've brought home."

Rajan said, "It's a little bird. It is injured. Can you help me clean its wound, please,

Mum (14)

"All right, bring the first-aid kit (15)" said his mother.

"Thanks, Mum, you are the best!" gushed Rajan.

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

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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. She was awakened by a loud \_\_\_\_\_ outside her flat.
- (1) discord
  - (2) disorder
  - (3) cacophony
  - (4) commotion
17. After the heavy downpour, the haze \_\_\_\_\_ and we could see the skyline again.
- (1) cleared
  - (2) diffused
  - (3) dissolved
  - (4) dispersed
18. We have just bought a new \_\_\_\_\_ of drawers to store our toys.
- (1) suite
  - (2) shelf
  - (3) chest
  - (4) closet
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ roar of the fighter jets flying by frightened the baby.
- (1) shrill
  - (2) audible
  - (3) piercing
  - (4) deafening
20. A group of truant pupils was caught \_\_\_\_\_ at the shopping mall during school hours yesterday.
- (1) loitering
  - (2) lingering
  - (3) sauntering
  - (4) swaggering

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For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

One Sunday afternoon, while I was lazing in a garden lounge after an enjoyable lunch, I watched the cat washing itself. Suddenly I caught sight of a sliding movement along the wall. When (21)  
I looked closer, I was shocked! What I thought was the cat's tail was actually a snake. Before I (22)  
could shout out, the cat, sensing danger, turned, slapped the snake with her paw and ran off. The (23)  
snake quickly slid past the wall into the garden next door. Later, I told my parents about the (24)  
incident but they did not believe me. (25)

21. (1) viewed  
(2) observed  
(3) examined  
(4) inspected
22. (1) stared  
(2) peered  
(3) glanced  
(4) glimpsed
23. (1) feeling  
(2) discerning  
(3) discovering  
(4) considering
24. (1) crept  
(2) rolled  
(3) skidded  
(4) slithered
25. (1) episode  
(2) process  
(3) occasion  
(4) instalment

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Read the passage below and answer the questions 26 to 30.

Charlie Chaplin made eighty-six films in sixty years. He was the funniest man who ever lived. He was able to make millions of people laugh.

Charlie Chaplin was born Charles Spencer Chaplin in Watworth, London, on 16 April 1889. His mother, Hannah, was a pretty lady with a beautiful voice. She was a popular singer and a graceful dancer. His father was a talented actor. Charlie had a brother, Sydney, who was four years older. 5

As a child, Charlie had always loved acting. He made his stage debut at the age of five when he sang in his mother's place because she lost her voice suddenly and could not perform on stage. The audience loved his act and funny ways so much that they threw coins onto the stage for him. 10

When Charlie was seventeen, he became a comedian in an English company putting on variety shows. He toured the United States with this company. He made people laugh with his funny acts. He soon became famous. At the age of twenty-one, he was one of the best comedians of his time. Three years later, he was asked to be an actor in a film company making moving pictures. At that time films did not have sound or speech. They were called silent films. 15

He acted as 'The Tramp' in his films for twenty-five years. People recognised him from his big baggy pants and large floppy shoes. He always carried a wooden cane which he used to do the most unusual things. Sometimes he would scratch his back or trip people with it. 20

Charlie Chaplin died in Switzerland on Christmas Day in 1977, at the age of eighty-eight.

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For each question from 26 to 31, 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. Charlie Chaplin was called 'the funniest man who ever lived' (line 1 - 2) because

- (1) he was 'The Tramp' for twenty-five years
- (2) the audience loved him and his funny ways
- (3) he was able to amuse a large number of his audience
- (4) he became the best comedian by the age of twenty-one

27. Charlie Chaplin's mother was talented as she was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a beautiful lady
- (2) a gifted actress
- (3) the best comedian of her time
- (4) a renowned singer and dancer

28. At Charlie Chaplin's first performance on stage, the audience showed that they enjoyed his show by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) throwing him coins
- (2) showering him with flowers and gifts
- (3) inviting him to be an actor in a film company
- (4) inviting him to tour the US with the company

29. At twenty-four, Charlie Chaplin \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) began his acting career
- (2) started performing on variety shows
- (3) joined his company on its American tour
- (4) was known as the most outstanding comedian of his time.

30. The recognisable trademark of 'The Tramp' were Chaplin's \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) funny acts
- (2) amusing antics
- (3) baggy pants and floppy shoes
- (4) wooden cane and unusual performance

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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) although	(B) as	(G) during	(K) since	(N) when
(B) and	(E) at	(H) for	(L) their	(P) while
(C) around	(F) by	(J) its	(M) to	(Q) with

It was the annual ice-skating championships. Jana and Dave had been practising \_\_\_\_\_ the end of last year. They had been waiting \_\_\_\_\_ this opportunity to outshine their opponents and were confident of winning the gold medal.

Jana and Dave were dressed \_\_\_\_\_ the rink. They smiled and waved as they glided \_\_\_\_\_ the rink gracefully. It was slowly \_\_\_\_\_ first but then more rapidly as the music quickened \_\_\_\_\_ beat. Jana's parents watched anxiously \_\_\_\_\_ held their breaths. They applauded loudly any manoeuvre which was brilliantly executed \_\_\_\_\_ them. Their opponents clapped the great performance grudgingly.

Suddenly, without warning, Jana fell awkwardly and they both crashed heavily to the ice. Jana's parents noticed that she was sobbing bitterly \_\_\_\_\_ holding onto her arm.

\_\_\_\_\_ the medical assistants carried Jana from the ice, Dave walked away from the rinks sadly. He realised that their chance of a medal had disappeared. Jana's parents rushed up from their seats to check on their daughter's condition as well as to comfort her.

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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)

Kite flying was once a colourful part of Singapore's culture. Back in the 1980s,

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the Singapore Kite Association (SKA) organised international kite festivals annual,

with the support of a few other organisations.

The first Singapore International Kite Festival was held at West Coast Park in 1982, featuring teams from Taiwan, Japan, and Malaysia. As well as a competition,

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the festivals incorporated kite-flying displays featuring kites with unusual designs

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and names like *The Delta* and *The Centipede*. *The Delta* which mean "triangle" in

Greek was the most popular kind of kite. The closest thing to a hang-glider, it was

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renowned for its grace and soaring able.

After three years, the kite festival moved to Marina South. At that time, it was

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an enormous stretch of bare and sandy reclaimed land that needed the attentive of

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bulldozers before it could be ready. Marina South had ideal wind conditions for the

event.

However, just five years after it began, the Singapore International Kite

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Festival was scrap because the event's main sponsor decided it was not worth the

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expense. Although the SKA continued to organise annual festivals on a small scale,

kite flying en masse eventually died in 1989.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A desert is a hot or cold region with a very hostile environment to humans. A desert is an \_\_\_\_\_ that is incapable of supporting large amounts of plant life because of a lack of available moisture. In the case of hot deserts, it is due to a \_\_\_\_\_ of rainfall and very hot temperatures. In cold \_\_\_\_\_, it is caused by the moisture becoming frozen in the earth.

Deserts cover about 20 percent of the earth's land area and \_\_\_\_\_ their hostile conditions, they do support a large number of plants and animals. Many of these species are very well \_\_\_\_\_ to survive in such harsh environments.

The few \_\_\_\_\_ living in or near deserts are often nomads. They seek pasture for their animals or oases, where \_\_\_\_\_ is regularly available, just as their ancestors have done for centuries.

Desert rainfall is unreliable and droughts can \_\_\_\_\_ for years. Temperatures often \_\_\_\_\_ 40°C during the day but can plunge to freezing at night under clear skies. Disease-bearing \_\_\_\_\_ that thrive in the desert bring sandfly fever and malaria. The hot sun bakes the ground dry then dust storms \_\_\_\_\_ away the valuable topsoil used to grow food on the edges of the deserts.

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Due to over-grazing, the destruction of trees and \_\_\_\_\_  
(62)  
farming methods, some desert regions are spreading. Scientists have to work harder  
to \_\_\_\_\_ the situation. To reduce areas of desert, scientists make  
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improvements on the farming methods and \_\_\_\_\_ in water using  
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solar-powered water pumps to enrich the soil. These improvements have  
\_\_\_\_\_ to increases in some desert populations. However, there are  
(65)  
still many who live in poverty in such harsh environment.

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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 The trip to London was cancelled because of the recent bomb blasts.

As a result \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 Mother went quietly to the kitchen. She did not want to awaken the baby.

In order \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 Mr Rajoo has four sons. Muthu is the tallest.

Among \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 Meiling said, "My family and I will be going on a cruise tonight."

Meiling said that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 The book has a blue cover. I will buy it.

which \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Inside the lighthouse, old Ted Piper sat at his desk, watching the waves crash onto the reefs below. Around his legs purred Sam, his faithful pet for many years. Together, they kept each other company, talking to each other in different languages.

At ground level, the lighthouse was used as a kitchen and sleeping area. Above this, the staircase led upwards for forty winding steps until it reached the lookout and powerful light where Ted would sit on guard. Each evening, at six o'clock, he would flick the switch to set the light in action. Then, when the sun rose the following morning, he would turn off the switch. 5

It was now late in the afternoon and Sam sat quietly on the desk top watching the seagulls having trouble flying in the blustery weather outside. Suddenly, the telephone rang downstairs. Ted went to answer the call. Exactly halfway down the stairs, he lost his footing and tumbled down until his body crashed into the carpet of the kitchen area below. Blood appeared from a cut to his head as he lay unconscious at the foot of the stairs. 10 15

Sam mewed loudly but Ted heard nothing. Just then, Sam thought of an idea that might get help for Ted. Racing back up the steps, Sam put a paw on the switch and pushed down hard. Soon, the light came on, brightening up the dull day outside the lighthouse.

Some distance away, Mr and Mrs Rudland were sitting on their front porch as they relaxed and enjoyed the wonderful ocean views around the island. Suddenly, they saw the light coming from the lighthouse. Never before had they seen the light turned on at this time of the day. "Something must be wrong with old Ted," said Mr Rudland to his wife as he dialled the police hotline. 20

Not long after, a policeman was off along the winding road that led to the lighthouse. After finding Ted, he telephoned for an ambulance. An hour later, Ted was feeling much better as he rested in a hospital room with Sam curled up on the end of his bed. "I wonder who saved your life by switching on that light?" remarked Ted's doctor. Sam lifted her head and mewed softly. 25

"I think I know the answer to your question but you probably won't believe me," said old Ted. 30

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71 What was the author referring to when he wrote they were "talking to each other in different languages" (line 3 - 4)?

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72 For what purposes was the ground level of the lighthouse used?

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73 Besides sitting on guard, what was one of the tasks that Ted had to perform as a lighthouse keeper?

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74 Why were the seagulls having trouble flying?

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75 Explain clearly what led to Ted's accident.

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76 What injuries did Ted sustain from the fall?

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77 How did Sam help save Ted's life?

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78 Why did Mr Rudland conclude that something was wrong with Ted?

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79 What light was Ted's doctor referring to when he mentioned "that light" (line 28 - 29)?

80 Ted said that he knew "the answer" to the doctor's question (line 30). What was it?

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## Answer Sheets

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Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	3	3	2	1	4	1	3	4	1
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41	<b>annually</b>	46	<b>enormous</b>	51	<b>area</b>	56	<b>people</b>	61	<b>blow</b>
42	<b>incorporated</b>	47	<b>attention</b>	52	<b>lack</b>	57	<b>water</b>	62	<b>poor</b>
43	<b>unusual</b>	48	<b>ideal</b>	53	<b>deserts</b>	58	<b>last</b>	63	<b>save</b>
44	<b>means</b>	49	<b>scrapped</b>	54	<b>despite</b>	59	<b>hit/reach</b>	64	<b>pump</b>
45	<b>ability</b>	50	<b>expense</b>	55	<b>adapted</b>	60	<b>insects/animals</b>	65	<b>lead</b>

66. As a result of the recent bomb blasts, the trip to London was cancelled.
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68. Among Mr Rajoo's four sons, Muthu is the tallest.
69. Meiling said that she and her family would be going on a cruise that night.
70. I will buy the book which has a blue cover.
71. Ted spoke in human language while the cat used animal language.
72. The ground level of the lighthouse was used as a kitchen and sleeping area.
73. Ted had to switch on the light from the lighthouse at six o'clock in the evening.
74. They were having trouble flying because of the blustery weather.
75. Ted was walking down the stairs to answer the telephone call but exactly halfway down the stairs, he lost footing and tumble down until his body crashed into the carpet of the kitchen area below.
76. Ted had a cut on his head had become unconscious.
77. Sam switched on the light from the lighthouse, attracting Mr and Mrs Rudland's attention.
78. He concluded that there was something wrong with Td because he had never before seen the light from the lighthouse switched on that time of the day.
79. Ted's doctor was referring to the lighthouse light.
80. Ted knew that it was the cat that saved his life form the lighthouse.

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