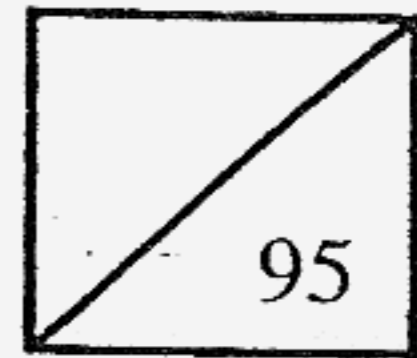


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Booklet A

Instructions to Pupils:

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7. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30)
8. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

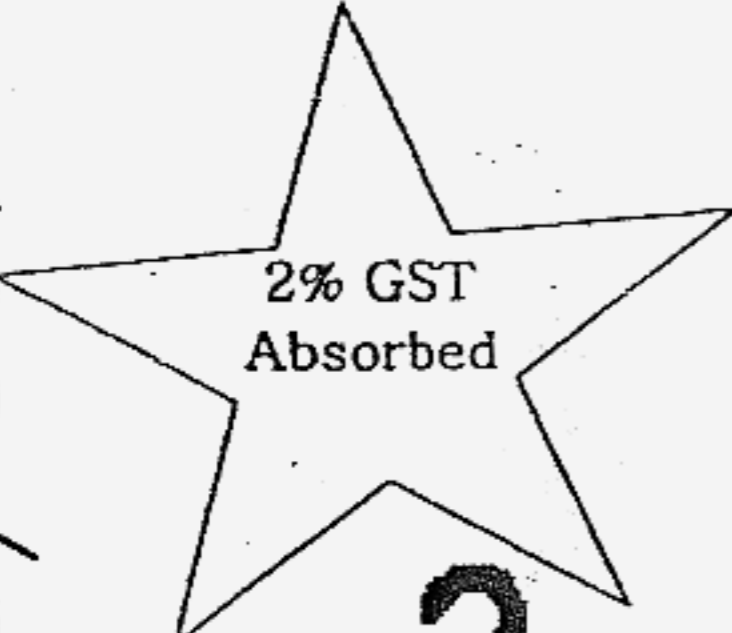
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Booklet A	30 marks	
Booklet B	65 marks	
Total	95 marks	

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

Crazy Sale!



2% GST Absorbed



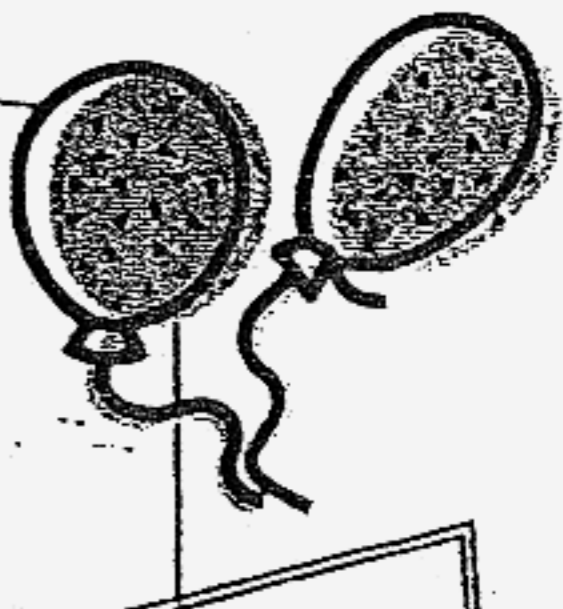
10 Oct to 31 Oct
10 am to 10 pm daily

CRUZAN SUPPLIER

Tanglin Point
New City Hall Road
Singapore

Programme Highlights

- Fashion Parade (1-3pm)
- Puppet Show (1-2pm)
- Art Exhibition (10am-10pm)
- Hip Hop Dance (5.30pm-7.30pm)



60 % off selected fashion products

Special Offer from Bibi & Baba


Designer T-shirts for all ages.
3 for the price of 2
While stocks last!

40 % off all items in the toy department

Wide collection of toys and games for all ages

50% off all swimming costumes and trunks

Special Offer from Victory Care



20% off all stationery

Special Offer for All-in-one stationery sets


Limited to 5 sets per customer

Light-Weight umbrellas for the first 100 shoppers.

\$10 voucher for every \$100 purchase

Joint Special Promotion with ABC Sports Company

Trade in your old sports shoes and get a pair of CHEETAH shoes for only \$25



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.

1. Main organiser of the crazy sale is _____.
 (1) Victory Care
 (2) Bibi and Baba
 (3) Cruzan Supplier
 (4) ABC Sports Company

2. Even if you do not make any purchase, you may still have the chance to get _____.
 (1) a 2% GST
 (2) an umbrella
 (3) a \$10 voucher
 (4) a free pair of sports shoes

3. In the stationery department, "Limited to 5 sets per customer" means _____.
 (1) only five stationery sets are for sales
 (2) only five shoppers can buy the stationery sets
 (3) each shopper can buy only five stationery sets
 (4) each shopper must buy at least five stationery sets

4. If a shopper was in the shopping mall between 2.30 pm to 4 pm, he will get to view the _____.
 (1) puppet show
 (2) fashion parade
 (3) puppet show and art exhibition
 (4) fashion parade and art exhibition

5. You can buy a pair of CHEETAH shoes for \$25 if you _____.
 (1) shop at the sports department
 (2) join the company as a member
 (3) own a pair of old cheetah shoes
 (4) give a pair of used old sports shoes

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.

6. All the girls except Rachel _____ on an excursion this coming Thursday.

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

7. If I _____ about the party, I would have attended it.

- (1) know
- (2) knew
- (3) had known
- (4) have known

8. Mrs Lee made her son _____ up his room before going to school.

- (1) tidy
- (2) tidies
- (3) tidied
- (4) tidying

9. The factory had failed to comply _____ safety regulations.

- (1) to
- (2) by
- (3) with
- (4) about

10. The old lady _____ I met last week was hospitalised for a minor surgery.

- (1) who
- (2) whose
- (3) whom
- (4) which

11. He was so exhausted that he decided to give _____ the race.

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) off
- (4) away

12. _____ he has paid for the concert tickets, he has not received them.

- (1) If
- (2) As
- (3) Since
- (4) Although

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)

A Japanese tourist, who arrived in Singapore last Saturday, was robbed in Chinatown. Mrs Fuji Natsumi, 39, was here with her sister for a 5-day holiday. She told the policeman that a man had snatched her sling bag which contained 45 000 yen(13) her mobile phone and her passport.

“It happened so quickly (14) she said when interviewed (15) My sister was shocked too. We have decided to shorten our holiday and return to Tokyo tomorrow.”

13. (1) [:] colon
 (2) [,] comma
 (3) [.] full stop
 (4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [, ”] comma and inverted commas
 (3) [. ”] full stop and inverted commas
 (4) [? ”] question mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [. “] full stop and inverted commas
 (2) [, “] comma and inverted commas
 (3) [“ .] inverted commas and full stop
 (4) [! ”] exclamation mark and inverted commas

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.

16. Mary was among the short-listed applicants after she had been _____ for the job.

- (1) chosen
- (2) trained
- (3) appointed
- (4) interviewed

17. The people walking along the area were _____ to the presence of the plainclothes policemen.

- (1) obvious
- (2) obscure
- (3) oblivious
- (4) observant

18. Michael fell while learning to walk with crutches and _____ his injury.

- (1) agitated
- (2) enraged
- (3) aggravated
- (4) deteriorated

19. Please _____ your resume as soon as possible.

- (1) remit
- (2) return
- (3) submit
- (4) substitute

20. The company offers competitive _____ package, including a company car.

- (1) reservation
- (2) resignation
- (3) retrenchment
- (4) remuneration

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 common false belief about vegetarian food is that it is healthier. For example, in a vegetarian
(21)

tofu pie, the pastry surrounding the lump of tofu can cancel out many health benefits the tofu
may provide. In addition, meat substitutes such as gluten may require strong flavouring and can be
(22)

high in salt. Some contain more than twice the level of saturated fat that is often found in meat.
(23)

Another deficiency of a vegetarian diet is the absence of dairy foods that contain vitamin B12
(24).
and calcium. This can cause severe irreversible damage to the nervous system. While many studies

suggest that a vegetarian diet is good, there is no evidence to support that it helps to reduce
(25)

the risk of stomach, breast and lung cancer in vegetarians.

21. (1) misconception
(2) misinterpretation
(3) misunderstanding
(4) miscommunication
22. (1) condiments
(2) implements
(3) supplements
(4) replacement
23. (1) diluted
(2) thickened
(3) carbonated
(4) concentrated
24. (1) scarcity
(2) inadequacy
(3) insufficiency
(4) inappropriateness
25. (1) proof
(2) belief
(3) theory
(4) hypothesis

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

If you cringe at the thought of climbing a 1,000 m-high hill, double amputee Mark Inglis will put you to shame. Last year, the New Zealander became the first man to conquer the 8,848 metre high Mount Everest on two artificial limbs. "When people see me, they see a double amputee. But when I see myself, I see a person who will never get frostbite on my legs again," the 47-year old half joked. 5

The competitive cyclist and former search and rescue climber lost his legs 24 years ago due to frostbite while climbing New Zealand's Mount Cook. Trapped in an ice cave with his partner, they were rescued after two weeks but the badly frostbitten legs had to be amputated below the knee.

Still he fulfilled his childhood dream on May 15 last year when he finally reached the summit of Everest along with 10 other climbers. "Climbing Everest is very tough. Just getting up in the middle of the night and putting your boots on can already make you dizzy," he said. "But it is far harder for a double amputee. When you climb, the knee hurts a lot, you just have to go on." 10

A heart-stopping accident happened during his climb to the summit when he stumbled and a part of his artificial leg snapped off. He simply replaced it with another leg. He laughed it off by commenting that the number one rule is to always carry a spare leg. His jovial demeanour belied the demons, like hallucinations, heart attacks and of course frostbite that he and other climbers had to battle against to get to the top. 15

He assured that he went for the expedition with his family's blessings and his eyes wide open to the dangers of Everest. Conquering Everest is a bittersweet success. He had to deal with wide-spread criticism of failing to help a dying British climber while ascending Everest. The climber, David Sharp, eventually died on the mountain. However, Mark explains that at 8,000m it's not possible to help anyone. 20

These days, he would not be scaling any more large mountains. Instead, he is actively involved in a charity that he founded, Limbs4All, which aimed at helping disabled people. "Climbing Everest is just a hill on the journey of life," he says thoughtfully. "It helps you understand yourself better, then gives you power to go on." 25

Adapted from Straits Time, Life Section: Happy Feat

26. If you cringed at the thought of climbing Mount Everest, you would _____.

- (1) do it in future
- (2) look forward to it
- (3) stay away from doing it
- (4) dread doing it but will attempt it anyway

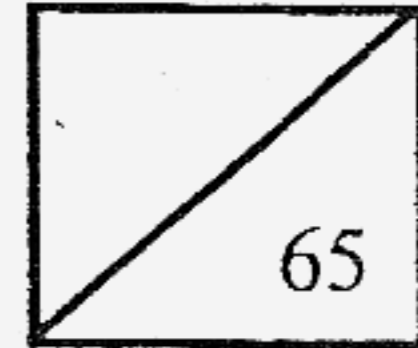
27. Mark had both his legs amputated because he _____.
- (1) got lost
 - (2) suffered from the frostbite
 - (3) was trapped in the ice cave
 - (4) was trying to rescue another climber
28. "His jovial demeanour belied the demons" in line 16 means Mark's cheerfully hid his _____.
- (1) evil thoughts
 - (2) difficulties in overcoming the obstacles
 - (3) intention to battle against the other climbers
 - (4) fear for the demons residing in the mountain
29. What does **it** in line 12 refer to?
- (1) Climbing Mount Everest.
 - (2) Having frostbite on your knee.
 - (3) Keeping abreast with the other climbers.
 - (4) Putting on your boots in the middle of the night.
30. Which of the following statements about Mark Inglis is NOT true?
- (1) He is no longer climbing mountains.
 - (2) He managed to fulfill his childhood dream.
 - (3) He lost his legs while climbing New Zealand's Mount Cook.
 - (4) He saved the British climber who died while ascending Everest.



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Booklet B

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Grammar Cloze (10 X 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blanks. The letter (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) him	(D) since	(G) in	(K) a	(N) only
(B) the	(E) both	(H) however	(L) them	(P) but
(C) to	(F) from	(J) about	(M) for	(Q) always

It has been my lifelong dream to play on the school softball team. I have been playing softball _____ I was in the primary school. My elder brother taught me how to play it. He practises batting with me every afternoon and _____ attends my games with my parents.

This year, I am in secondary one. The secondary school tryouts were announced last month. My brother helped me prepare for the team tryouts. The tryouts were held last Saturday morning. Many students, including those _____ my level, tried out for the team. However, there were only five vacancies. On Monday morning, I went to see who had made it to the team. I felt that I had done a good job _____ I was still nervous while waiting _____ the team list to be posted. I was elated when I saw my name on the list.

When the bell rang for dismissal, I could not wait _____ tell my parents the good news. My parents said we should have a little celebration _____ my honour. My brother, who came to join us later, was proud of me too.

My parents reminded me _____ managing my time for both schoolwork and softball. I assured _____ that I will balance _____ two well. I will work hard to stay on the team and I will study just as hard.

Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

Plants have one human-like ~~ph~~characteristic. As scientist Dr. Burke Reynolds, recently
 (41)
 discovered. They communicate to one another for different reasons just like humans do. These
 (42)
 plants use a range of chemical ~~sikn~~els which they emit to alert other plants of danger.

(43)
 "If a caterpillar or even a koala ~~start~~ed ~~chewing~~ on a plant, the plant will send
 (44) (45)
 chemicals to its leaves in an effort to ~~defence~~ itself," Dr Burke explains. "Plants around them
 (46)
 will be able to ~~anticipate~~ a similar attack after ~~ricieving~~ these signals. They will in turn ~~release~~
 (47) (48)
 the ~~neacesary~~ chemicals to protect themselves. Dr Burke also writes about another ~~unusal~~
 characteristic of plants that use the same chemicals to attract certain insects to protect them.

Scientists have identified the genes responsible for ~~this~~ mechanism. This discovery has
 (49)
 been published in science journals. It was ~~surgested~~ that gardeners and farmers may not have
 (50)
 to use pesticides in the future. If these genes are transplant to other plants, vast amounts of
 pesticides will not have to be used to protect them anymore.

Comprehension Cloze (15 X 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Amy had just received her degree from Nanyang Technological University and was ready to apply for a job. She looked up the newspapers and surfed the Internet for one _____ suited to her qualifications and abilities.

(51) She thought about the rest of her requirements and came up with a list. Amy's ideal job should be one that gives her many _____ to shine so that she could climb up the career ladder quickly. When she is faced with _____, her fellow colleagues will be ready to help and vice versa. She also wanted to be able to better herself or _____ her skills in her area of work. With these training sessions, she will always have newly-acquired _____ to keep her abreast with the advances in her field and remain an asset _____ her company.

(54) While working, Amy made a note to heed the _____ of her older counterparts when it came to situations she has yet to encounter. (57)

Finally, one job advertisement caught her _____. Immediately, she began work on her _____. It was only after spending an hour on it was she completely satisfied _____ the results. She had included her strengths, educational qualifications and work-related skills too. She then put _____ this document and her job application form _____ an envelope. However, before sealing it, she re-read her two documents once _____ to ensure that all the applicable fields on the _____ were filled.

(58) Amy then went _____ foot to the post office to mail her job application. She dropped the envelope into the slot and hoped for the best. (65)

Synthesis and Transformation (5 X 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(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.

66. John is watching a movie. His brothers are watching a movie too.

_____ as well as _____

67. Your dog will not listen to you. You have disciplined ^{it} ~~in~~ countless times.

Despite _____

68. Kenston was very late. He missed the bus.

_____ so _____ that

69. I do not like reading books as much as I like going swimming.

_____ would rather _____
than _____

70. Mother asked ("Did you return those books to the library just now?")

Mother asked _____

Comprehension Open-Ended (10 x 2marks)

Read the passage below and then answer Questions 71 to 80.

When a teacher mentions "Flag Day" to a class, we heard a collective inward groan from many in the class. That day, my friend and I, who were new to this, were asked to volunteer for flag day by our teacher. Our immediate reaction was to come up with the best excuse to get out of the dreaded task. However, our teacher was very persuasive. That Saturday, we found ourselves standing along Orchard Road,

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The heat was sweltering. The mission was daunting. We had been in the heat for four hours only to have our cans half-filled with street-sourced donations. No matter how sunny our smiles were, we failed to warm the hearts of most passers-by. We even shook our cans but most passed us by without a glance. Our last resort was to approach the potential donors. Our efforts were met with cold stares. What was worse, some even waved us away as if we were flies on their food! We were crestfallen. Who would have known that collecting change from fellow Singaporeans for a good cause was going to be this difficult? We realised then that this was not just a dreaded task anymore but a burden many had refused to bear.

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Our faces brightened up when finally, one of the passers-by we approached smiled and reached into his pockets. "Ah, a potential donor! After all that begging," we thought. But to our dismay, all he did was to show us the flag-sticker as proof of his prior donation to a lucky can holder. Disappointed, we turned away and walked towards the nearby food court. Another hour had passed and our cans were still nowhere near filled.

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We wanted to leave and return our cans in defeat. In fact, Karen, my equally disappointed partner, wanted to fill the can with her own money, but it hardly made any difference. We stood sullenly for awhile. Karen related a recent article she read about this being a fruitless project to raise funds for the needy. Strangely, as we lamented our fate and groused at the miserliness of our fellow Singaporeans, coins started clinking into our cans! Apparently, there was a heavy traffic of passers-by then heading to and from the food court since it was about lunch time. We could not keep up with the flow but neither of us was complaining. Our smiles returned and all sense of hopelessness and despair were replaced with pure joy and relieve. Our cans were filling up and our efforts were not in vain! Our enthusiasm grew tremendously and we became bolder. Karen and I even approached the potential donors with more conviction-we actually believed in our cause and the donors could sense it. In return, the donations came in more briskly and the cans clinked even more loudly.

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Despite the heat, the long hours spent and the occasional humiliation we had to endure,

we were glad we actually stayed till our cans were filled. This task which we felt was a burden at first, proved to be a meaningful activity. With the right attitude, correct location, patience and true sincerity to help the needy, we understood that Flag Day was truly for a very important cause.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Did the writer and her friend want to volunteer for Flag Day?
Give an evidence to support your answer. (Do not quote from the passage.)

72. Was the teacher successful in getting the writer and her friend to volunteer?
Quote a sentence that tells you this.

73. What two things did the writer and her friend do to earn donations from the passers-by?

74. Use one word to describe what the passers-by thought of the volunteers.
Support your choice of word with evidence from Paragraph 2.

75. "Our faces brightened up when finally, one of the passers-by we approached smiled and reached into his pockets." Why do you think the passer-by smiled?

76. The writer and her friend were "disappointed" line 18. Quote the phrase that tells you this.

77. What did the writer and her friend mean when they wanted to give their cans back "in defeat"?

78. There ^{was} a sudden increase in the volume of passers-by near lunch time. Who were ^{the} also-donors? Give two pieces of evidence to support your answer.

79. What are the 3 obstacles the volunteers faced in this task?

80. State what their "cause" mentioned in line 36 was? Why was it meaningful?

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Primary 5 English SA2 Exam (2007)*Answer Keys*

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
1	4	4	2	1	3	2	2	1	4
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| 43. starts | 48. unusual | 53. difficulties | 58. attention | 63. again |
| 44. defend | 49. suggested | 54. improve | 59. resume | 64. form |
| 45. it | 50. transplanted | 55. skills | 60. with | 65. by |

66. John, as well as his brother, is watching a movie.
67. Despite having disciplined your dog countless times, it will not listen to you.
68. Kenston was so late that he missed the bus.
69. I would rather go swimming than read books.
70. Mother asked if I had returned those books to the library just then.
71. No, the writer and her friends did not want to volunteer for Flag Day. They were asked to volunteer for Flag Day by their teacher and their first reaction was to come up with the best excuse they could think of to get out of their task.
72. Yes, he was. The sentence is "That Saturday, we found ourselves standing along Orchard Road".
73. They smiled at the passer-by funnily and even shook their cans to donations from the passer-by.
74. The passer-by thought that the volunteers were irritating. Some passer-by even waved them away as if they were flies on their food.
75. He wanted them to know that he was not like the other passer-by who did not donate to them, where as he donate to another can holder.
76. The phrase is "to our dismay".
77. It means that they failed filling the can.
78. The donors were the people who were going to eat lunch during lunch time.
79. Firstly, they had to bear with the sweltering heat. Secondly, they had to spend long hours asking passers-by to donate some money. Thirdly, they had to endure occasional humiliation.
80. The 'cause' was to help needy people. The money that they collected would be used to aid the poor in other countries.