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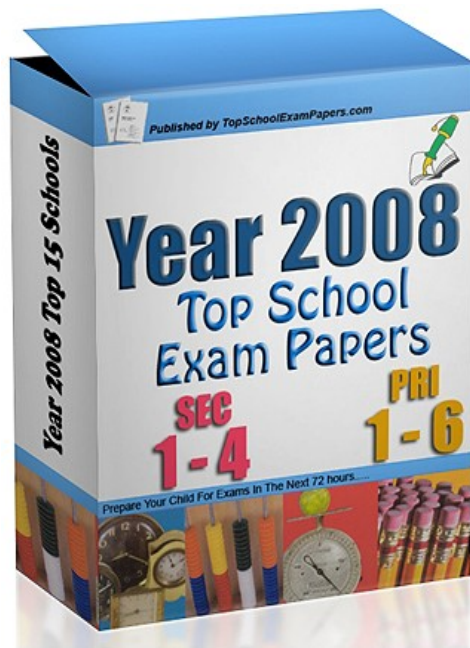
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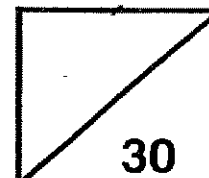
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**ROSYTH SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2007-
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5**

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Booklet A

Instructions to Pupils:

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30)**
- 4. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**
- 5. SHADE THE CORRECT OVALS ON THE OPTICAL ANSWER SHEET (OAS) PROVIDED USING A 2B PENCIL.**

*** This paper consists of 10 pages altogether.**

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Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

**An abundance of windfalls, rewards and instant prizes await you when you shop at
Fraser Mall
12th April - 20th April 2007**

Detective House



*Bring your children to experience our specially built detective house. Children can find out more how detectives conduct their investigation and gather clues to solve their cases. Each child is entitled to a free admission when you present a single or accumulated same-day receipts amounting to \$150.
Limited to 3 free admission pass per redemption per day.

Be a Criminal Investigation Detective

Calling children between the age of 5 to 12. Be a kid Criminal Investigation Detective today and get a free admission to the Detective House. No purchase is required. You will get a chance to meet up with an investigator and work together to solve some mysteries happened in the Mystery House.

Solve the Clues Lucky Draw



*Come answer 3 simple questions and you may get a chance to win for yourself a pair of air ticket to Bangkok, Thailand with every \$188 spent sponsored by Air Asia.
**Limited to the first 100 shoppers per day.*

Sure win gift with Purchase

DBS Card holder, spend a minimum of \$200 and receive a LIMITED EDITION CAR KEY CHAIN worth \$25. Limit to first 50 customers per day! Hurry down, while stock last.

Bountiful Treasure Giveaway!



WIN the Peugeot P200. Simply spend \$50 and stand a chance to win one. DBS Card owner enjoy double the chances to win. Plus be one of our 3 lucky draw winners to walk away with a dazzling set of white gold diamond and mother-of-pearl necklace from Jimpson House.

*Organised by
Fraser Mall*

*Sponsors:
Peugeot Motor Pte Ltd
Air Asia
DBS CARD*

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

1. Detective House is organised by _____.
 - (1) DBS Bank
 - (2) Fraser Mall
 - (3) Jimpson House
 - (4) Peugeot Motor Pte Ltd

2. For admission to the Detective House, a shopper needs to _____.
 - (1) be a DBS card owner
 - (2) spend a total of \$150
 - (3) answer 3 simple questions
 - (4) spend a total of \$188 accumulated over 2 days

3. Mrs Rosland, a DBS card holder, spent \$200 in the mall, she would be entitled to a _____.
 - (1) free air ticket and mother-of-pearl necklace
 - (2) white gold diamond and limited edition key chain
 - (3) sure win lucky draw and limited edition key chain
 - (4) meet the detective session and receive white gold diamond

4. According to the advertisement, the event organised is open to _____.
 - (1) DBS card owner only
 - (2) all shoppers of Fraser Mall
 - (3) children between the age of 5 to 12 only
 - (4) staff of Air Asia and Peugeot Motor Pte Ltd

5. Which of the following statement is true?
 - (1) DBS Bank and Fraser Mall are the official sponsors
 - (2) All shoppers are entitled to a draw for free air ticket
 - (3) The rewards are open to all shoppers for the entire month of April
 - (4) DBS Card owners enjoy double chances in the "Win a car" lucky draw

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

6. The girl had _____ a burglar entering her neighbour's house.
(1) witness
(2) witnesses
(3) witnessed
(4) witnessing
7. Jaron, together with his two friends, _____ going to the P5 camp tomorrow.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
8. All pupils walked down the fire escape to the school field _____ they will assemble and wait for further instructions.
(1) when
(2) where
(3) which
(4) whom
9. Animals such as the desert lizard, the mole puffins and wombats, _____ burrow underground.
(1) make
(2) makes
(3) will make
(4) has been making
10. Ken cannot leave the class _____ he has permission from his teacher.
(1) so
(2) but
(3) unless
(4) because

11. The person _____ you are looking for is over there.
- (1) who
 - (2) whom
 - (3) whose
 - (4) which
12. Professor Ong is an expert _____ Polar Bears. He has studied them for many years.
- (1) on
 - (2) of
 - (3) for
 - (4) about

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

It was late afternoon when the boys reached the void deck.

“What’s that stench (13) Gerald exclaimed when he smelt something bad as he was walking towards the stairway. He turned to look at his friend (14) Raihan, who agreed.

“Raihan, what do you think that smell could be (15) Gerald asked.

Both Gerald and Raihan decided to find out what caused the stench.

13. (1) [“.] inverted and full stop
(2) [.”] full stop and inverted
(3) [“!] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(4) [!”] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark
15. (1) [“.] inverted and full stop
(2) [.”] full stop and inverted
(3) [“?] inverted commas and question mark
(4) [?”] question 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 and 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS). (5 marks)

16. In keeping with their ambush style attack, many crab spiders are well _____, blending in with their background.
- (1) hidden
 - (2) revealed
 - (3) protected
 - (4) camouflaged
17. The victim _____ for leniency when he was found guilty of killing the man.
- (1) pleaded
 - (2) rebuffed
 - (3) requested
 - (4) protested
18. He is like a _____ so you should be careful if you invite him to your house for the weekend.
- (1) cash cow
 - (2) dark horse
 - (3) bull in a china shop
 - (4) cat that swallowed the canary
19. Despite being an amateur detective, Nancy Drew was not afraid of all evil that _____ in every shadow.
- (1) lurked
 - (2) lamed
 - (3) limped
 - (4) lumbered
20. The police force went over the evidence gathered and found new _____ clues, thus forcing them to look into the case again.
- (1) optional
 - (2) imminent
 - (3) necessary
 - (4) convenient

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

Date : 10th Feb 2007

Dear Lynn,

How are you? I've been to the Singapore Zoo last week to finish up my school project. I am assigned to search for more information on anteater. Surprise, surprise, I found out many interesting information on this unique animal.

The giant anteater is the largest of the anteater species and a specialised feeder. It feeds on ants and termites and can consume up to 30,000 of them per day! Isn't this amazing!

Do you know how it is possible? The giant anteater's tongue is among the longest in the animal kingdom. It can extend to 61 cm from the tip of its snout and can flick about 150 times. It carries a fresh coat of saliva to pick up a load of ants or termites. I'll definitely use these facts in my school project.

Yours truly,
Mei Ling

21. (1) establish
(2) complete
(3) terminate
(4) accomplish
22. (1) extinct
(2) expensive
(3) exceptional
(4) endangered

23. (1) eat
(2) grow
(3) catch
(4) conserve

24. (1) shocking
(2) astounding
(3) miraculous
(4) mind-blowing

25. (1) widen
(2) expand
(3) prolong
(4) lengthen

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

A friend of ours was walking down a deserted beach at sunset. As he walked along the beach, he saw a woman in the distance.

As he got nearer, he noticed that she kept leaning down, picking up something and throwing it out into the ocean.

As our friend got even closer, he noticed that the woman was picking up starfish that had been washed up on the beach and one at the time, she was throwing them back into the water. 5

Our friend was puzzled. He approached the woman and asked, "Good evening, I was wondering what were you doing at this hour?"

"I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean. You see, it's low tide now and all of these starfish have been washed up onto the shore. If I don't throw them back into the ocean, they'll die from lack of oxygen." 10

"I understand," my friend replied, but there must be thousands of starfish on this beach. You can't possibly get to all of them. There are simply too many! Don't you realise this is probably happening on hundreds of beaches up and down this coast? Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?" 15

The woman smiled, bent down and picked up yet another starfish. As she threw it back into the sea, she replied triumphantly, "Made a difference to that one!"

Our friend was impressed ^{with} of the woman's act that he joined her too. He too wanted to make a difference to that one.

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

26. The writer's friend saw the woman when he was _____
- (1) leaving the beach
 - (2) resting at the beach
 - (3) strolling at the beach
 - (4) picking up the seashell
27. What was the woman doing at the beach? She was _____
- (1) building sandcastle
 - (2) taking a stroll at the beach
 - (3) enjoying the sunset scenery
 - (4) saving as many starfish as possible
28. There were many starfish on the beach because they were _____
- (1) hunting for food
 - (2) needed more oxygen
 - (3) washed up onto the shore
 - (4) placed there by the woman
29. How would you describe the woman's act towards the starfish?
She is _____
- (1) passive
 - (2) pathetic
 - (3) persistent
 - (4) pessimistic
30. ^{Made} "Make a difference to that one" (line 18) refers to _____
- (1) rescuing all starfish on shore but one
 - (2) helping one starfish is better than none
 - (3) doing something different for all starfish
 - (4) keeping one but discard the rest into the sea

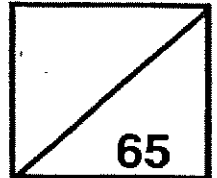
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**ROSYTH SCHOOL
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2007
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5**

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Booklet B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80)
4. **ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**

*** This paper consists of 7 pages altogether.**

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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) in	(D) but	(G) or	(K) and	(N) though
(B) that	(E) through	(H) since	(L) out	(P) itself
(C) neither	(F) themselves	(J) to	(M) when	(Q) either

One of the oddest animals you can find in Australia is the platypus. Even its name is strange – if you have more than one platypus, you can (31)_____ say you have three platypuses or platypi! Found in streams, rivers and lakes (32)_____ eastern Australia, the platypus looks like it is part bird and part mammal.

(33)_____ the Europeans first saw the animal, they wondered if it was a duck-mole (34)_____ a water-mole. Scientists named it the platypus, which means 'flat-footed'. As a matter of fact, a platypus is a mammal, (35)_____ it is a special kind. Most mammals give birth to babies but not the platypus. The platypus lays two eggs which stick (36)_____ her fur on her belly. Later, the young break (37)_____ of the eggs and then attach (38)_____ to the mother's belly hair.

(39)_____ the young do not live in a pouch, the platypus is also considered a marsupial. A marsupial is a type of animal (40)_____ carries babies in a pouch – like a kangaroo.

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

"Everything is wrong.....Strange.....We can't be sure of any direction...."

This was one of the last messages received from the flight leader of five
 (41) (42)
 planes that vanished **mistryously** from the face of the earth. They had set out just
 (43)
 an hour before on a **rutine** training mission.

As it became clear that something serious was wrong, a rescue team was sent
 (44)
 to **serch** for the planes. A few minutes after it had taken off, the rescue team radioed
 (45)
 that there were strong winds above 1800 metres. These information was the last
 (46)
 message ever received from the team, for that, too, **disapeered!**

(47)
By the following day, one of the biggest air-sea rescue operations ever
 (48) (49)
 mounted is launched. However, neither life-rafts, wreckage and oil slicks were ever

found. The six planes had vanished without a trace. This is just one of the many
 (50)
 ocurences in the Bermuda Triangle. This area in the Atlantic Ocean is notorious for
 the large number of unexplained happenings.

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A farmer woke up one morning and was _____ to find a peculiar circle
(51)
on his land. It was about fourteen metres in diameter and all the _____ in the
(52)
circle appeared to have _____ without any reason.

(53)

The farmer immediately _____ the authorities who sent scientists to
(54)
_____ the site. They found that the crop inside the circle had been killed

(55)

_____ the most unusual way. All the moisture had been instantly drained

(56)

_____ the crop, and the centre of each bush was nothing _____

(57)

(58)

carbon. There were also _____ of radioactivity in the area. Scientists could

(59)

clearly see three V-shaped grooves in the ground inside the circle. _____

(60)

formed a perfect triangle.

A leading horticultural consultant told reporters, "Some object appears to have landed
on the spot and taken off, _____ energy which cooked the plants." He thought

(61)

that some kind of radiation had cooked the crops instantaneously from the inside outward –

_____ to the method used in infra-red cooking but on an enormous

(62)

_____ He added, " A meteorite or lightning could not have done

(63)

_____ "

(64)

The strange incident was _____ in newspapers and soon the 'Crop

(65)

Circles' became the talk of the town.

For each of the question from 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. Meifang dropped by just now. She returned my torch.

_____ to

67. The old man said, 'My grandchildren are visiting me tomorrow.'

The old man said _____

68. All the performers at the backstage are looking forward to the grand finale.

Every one of _____

69. Mrs. Wong introduced me to the woman who is accompanying me to China.

_____ whom

70. The children were delighted because the tycoon donated generously to the School Building Fund.

_____ because of

Comprehension open-ended (20 marks)

"The saving of the whales at Crowdy Head is an important step forward in conservation. The pupils in our school were involved from the very beginning," said the school's teacher, Mr. Don Harrison.

When he first saw several whales on the beach on Monday morning, Mr Harrison rang the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) to report the stranding. The class at this small one-teacher school then packed up and rushed to the shoreline. The children were so upset at the pitiful sight of the beached whales that they felt they had to do something to help. The NPWS advised that the best thing to do was to keep splashing the whales with seawater. 5

For three hours, the children worked in the bitter cold carrying buckets of seawater to keep the whales wet and prevent them from drying out. Other children sat with individual whales, stroking them and soothing them with their voices. By the late afternoon, many more whales had beached themselves and hundreds of volunteers had begun arriving at Crowdy Head. For the next two days, in freezing conditions, these kind people and many local residents worked tirelessly to try and save sixty-six whales that were struggling for life. 10 15

All through the long, cold night, wetsuit-clad volunteers cradled and comforted the bleeding and distressed whales in the quiet waters of the beach. It was decided to move about twenty from the surf beach away from the dead and dying members of the pod. With great effort, the survivors were lifted onto trucks, to be transported over sand dunes, and this saved their lives. 20

It was the whales' care for each other and gentle manner towards their rescuers that inspired the helpers not to give up, even though at times the situation seemed hopeless. Each time a whale was brought from the beach to the harbour, the joy of the whales already there was obvious. They would swim alongside the newcomer, helping to support it and encouraging it. 25

Three days later, four of the fittest whales were roped in slings to two fishing boats and towed out to sea. The rest of the pod followed. Five kilometres out, they found another pod migrating north. The rescued whales joined them, while from the heartlands the people who had worked with such dedication watched them go, with tears of joy and relief. This was Australia's most successful whale rescue; of the sixty-six stranded whales, 38 survived and finally swam free. 30

Mr. Harrison said that for the children, it was the most wonderful lesson they had ever had, not only in wildlife but in the way a community can work together in an emergency. 35

-Adapted from a true story-

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71. What/does the phrase 'the beached whales' in line 7 mean?

72. Why were the children upset when they saw the beached whales?

73. What advice did the National Parks and Wildlife Service give when Mr. Harrison reported the matter?

74. Other than splashing seawater on the whales, how ^{are} ~~were~~ the children involved in the rescue?

75. What two words in paragraph 4 ^{are} ~~were~~ used to describe the whales?

76. What does 'this' in line 21 refer to?

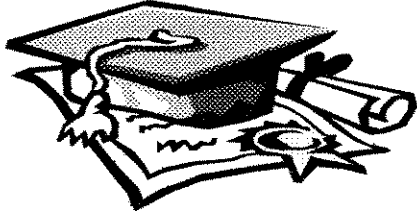
77. "Each time a whale was brought from the beach to the harbour, the joy of the whales already there was obvious." (Lines 24-25)
How was the 'joy' of the whales obvious to the writer?

78. Despite their tiredness, what kept the rescuers going in their efforts?

79. Explain how the thirty-eight surviving whales made their way back to the open sea.

80. Explain why the people shed 'tears of joy and relief' when the rescued whales swam away.

End of Booklet B



ANSWER SHEET

ROSYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH 2007
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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| 2. 2 | 35) D |
| 3. 3 | 36) J |
| 4. 2 | 37) L |
| 5. 4 | 38) F |
| 6. 3 | 39) N |
| 7. 1 | 40) B |
| 8. 2 | 41) mysteriously |
| 9. 1 | 42) off |
| 10. 3 | 43) routine |
| 11. 2 | 44) search |
| 12. 1 | 45) This |
| 13. 4 | 46) disappeared |
| 14. 2 | 47) on |
| 15. 4 | 48) was |
| 16. 4 | 49) nor |
| 17. 1 | 50) occurrences |
| 18. 3 | 51) shocked |
| 19. 1 | 52) vegetation |
| 20. 2 | 53) died |
| 21. 2 | 54) informed |
| 22. 3 | 55) examine |
| 23. 1 | 56) in |
| 24. 2 | 57) from |
| 25. 4 | 58) but |
| 26. 3 | 59) evidence |
| 27. 4 | 60) these |
| 28. 3 | 61) releasing |
| 29. 3 | 62) similar |
| 30. 2 | 63) scale |
| 31. Q | 64) this |
| 32. A | 65) reported |
| 33. M | |

- 66) Mei Fang dropped by just now to retune my torch.
- 67) The old man said that his grand children were visiting him the day after.
- 68) Every one of the performers at the backstage is looking forward to the grand finale.
- 69) The woman whom Mrs Wong introduced me to is accompanying me to China.
- 70) The children were delighted because of the fact that the tycoon donated generously to the School Building Fund.
- 71) It means that the whales were stranded on the beached.
- 72) They found the sight of the stranded whales pitiful.
- 73) They advised him that the best thing to do was to keep splashing the whales with sea water.
- 74) The children sat with individual whales, stroking and soothing them with their voices.
- 75) The two words are "bleeding" and "distressed".
- 76) It refers to the survivors which were being lifted and transported to the harbour.
- 77) Other whales would swim alongside the new comer helping to support it and encourage.
- 78) It was the whales care for each other and gentle manner to the rescuers that kept the rescuers going in their efforts despite their tiredness.
- 79) Four of the fittest whales were roped in slings to two fishing boats and towed out to the sea and the rest of the pod followed.
- 80) The people were glad that the thirty-eight whales managed to return safely to the open sea.

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**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 5

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

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**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.**

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1m = 5m)

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



DRY-CLEANING & LAUNDRY SERVICES

	Dry Clean	Wet Wash
Gentlemen		
Jacket	\$6.50	
Shirt	\$4.50	\$3.50
Trousers	\$4.50	\$3.50
Tie	\$3.00	
Ladies		
Jacket	\$6.50	
Blouse	\$4.50	\$3.50
Slacks/Culottes	\$4.50	\$3.50
Skirt	\$4.50(min)	
Dress	\$6.50	
Traditional Dress	\$12.00(min)	
Gown	\$15.00(min)	
Other Clothing		
Sweater/Cardigan	\$5.00(min)	
Winter Coats	\$12.00(min)	
Leather Clothing	\$25.00(min)	
Household Items		
Carpets/Rugs (per sq ft)	\$2.50 to \$3.50	
Blanket/Comforter	\$15.00(min)	\$10.00
Quilt Cover	\$8.00	\$4.00
Bedsheet	\$6.00	\$3.00
Bolster/Pillow Case	\$2.00	\$1.00
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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.

1. This flyer promotes _____ services.
 - (1) laundry
 - (2) delivery
 - (3) tailoring
 - (4) alteration

2. Customers can have their _____ wet-washed.
 - (1) blouse and jacket
 - (2) blouse and quilt cover
 - (3) comforter and cardigan
 - (4) comforter and traditional dress

3. If a customer decides to have a traditional dress dry-cleaned, she will need to pay at least _____.
 - (1) \$4.50
 - (2) \$6.50
 - (3) \$12.00
 - (4) \$15.00

4. Customers can get a ten percent discount if they _____.
 - (1) produce the flyer
 - (2) make an alteration
 - (3) visit the shop on 1 October 2007
 - (4) send in a blanket for wet-washing

5. Customers who wish to patronize the shop may do so _____.
 - (1) on a public holiday
 - (2) on a Sunday night
 - (3) at 9am on Saturdays
 - (4) during their lunch break on a weekday

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)

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. We were walking along the pavement when we heard somebody _____.
- (1) scream
 - (2) screams
 - (3) screamed
 - (4) was screaming
7. Mr Tang, as well as his wife, _____ listening to classical music.
- (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) enjoying
 - (4) have enjoyed
8. She is going to be punished, _____ she?
- (1) am
 - (2) will
 - (3) isn't
 - (4) haven't
9. This dress is similar _____ the one we saw just now.
- (1) at
 - (2) to
 - (3) from
 - (4) with
10. Natalie, _____ everybody knows, was awarded the most popular artiste award at the prize-giving ceremony yesterday.
- (1) who
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) whose

11. The accident victim _____ on the stretcher and was carried into the ambulance.

- (1) lie
- (2) lay
- (3) lain
- (4) laid

12. "I _____ do that if I were you," Mickey advised Minnie.

- (1) can't
- (2) couldn't
- (3) wouldn't
- (4) shouldn't

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

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.

"It's so tough to dig for potatoes (13) lamented Renee, slapping at a fly that threatened to land on her cheek.

Dan nodded, pulling a potato from the ground (14) He carefully scraped the mud off it. Then he tossed it into a sack.

"Ninety," Julia counted aloud when the potato landed with a dull thud (15) "we need ten more."

13. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

14. (1) [:] colon
 (2) [,] comma
 (3) [.] full stop
 (4) ["] inverted commas

15. (1) [,] comma
 (2) [.] full stop
 (3) [!] exclamation mark
 (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (8 x 1m = 8m)

For each question from 16 to 23, 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. The wife of the deceased man _____ quietly when she heard the bad news.
- (1) wept
 - (2) wailed
 - (3) squealed
 - (4) squeaked
17. Who is at _____ ? The driver or the pedestrian?
- (1) error
 - (2) fault
 - (3) wrong
 - (4) blame
18. Tourists love to pay a visit to a wildlife _____ where animals can roam about freely and are safe from poachers.
- (1) hideout
 - (2) retreat
 - (3) sanctuary
 - (4) hideaway
19. Cheyanne reminded Sasha that the registration form has to be _____ by next Monday.
- (1) yielded
 - (2) accepted
 - (3) tendered
 - (4) submitted
20. After he was stabbed, Scott _____ a few steps before he collapsed and died.
- (1) glided
 - (2) ambled
 - (3) swayed
 - (4) staggered

21. The _____ of the burning firewood was the only noise to be heard when all the campers have turned in after the barbecue.

- (1) clang
- (2) twang
- (3) sizzle
- (4) crackle

22. The security guard was dismissed after the burglary took place as he was found to be _____ in his duty.

- (1) reckless
- (2) negligent
- (3) indifferent
- (4) conscientious

23. When cannibals closed in on the hunter, he screamed _____.

- (1) noisily
- (2) inaudibly
- (3) hysterically
- (4) dramatically

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

For each question from 24 to 28, 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.

A delicious, mouth-watering aroma (24) moved through the air towards us as we entered the small restaurant. It was (25) expensively decorated with chandeliers and oil paintings.

I detected (26) a very strong whiff of perfume as I sat down. The waiter, wreathed in smiles, handed us the menu. My father ordered the food for us. A short while later, we were served the soup. It was thick and creamy and tasted (27) totally excellent.

After the soup was the main course- (28) juicy and delicious pieces of beef in piquant sauce. I ate every morsel of it. It was indeed an outstanding dining experience.

24. (1) wafted
(2) gushed
(3) filtered
(4) hovered
25. (1) lavishly
(2) sensibly
(3) tastefully
(4) beautifully
26. (1) a delightful
(2) a tantalising
(3) an invigorating
(4) an overpowering
27. (1) merely
(2) suitably
(3) absolutely
(4) predictably
28. (1) tangy
(2) charred
(3) squashy
(4) succulent

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage and answer questions 29 to 33.

Moydian strode ahead, cutting a path through the dense undergrowth with his axe. Jason followed behind with a large sack and a rope. Soon they came to a steep slope; they were panting by the time they clambered to the top of it. Then they had to force their way between the stems of bamboo. The wind blew fragments of dry leaves on them.

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It was hot and humid and their T-shirts were drenched with perspiration. Moydian had prudently tied a small towel round his neck and he used it to wipe his greasy face from time to time. "I saw it near here," he said when he finally stopped in front of a tall tree. **Someone** had drawn a crude picture of a python on the trunk using a very thick waterproof marker. "Let's look around," Moydian added before Jason could comment on his partner's lack of artistic talent.

10

Jason looked up and saw a maze of creepers entangling the branches of the trees. He wondered if he would be able to spot the snake among the varying shades of green and brown in the dappled light. Suddenly, he heard Moydian calling excitedly, and sprinted to him. Following the direction of his finger, Jason saw a huge snake draped around one of the boughs. Its triangular head was resting on one of its coils and it was making a soft, hissing sound.

15

Moydian climbed the tree adroitly and moved cautiously to the bough the python was resting on. Fortunately, the reptile was away from the trunk. He raised his axe and hacked furiously at the branch. The snake, annoyed by the **disturbance**, raised its head and flickered its long tongue in and out. Moydian redoubled his efforts and soon the branch fell to the ground, carrying the snake with it.

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As the snake was about to slither away, Jason grabbed its tail and jerked it backwards. Then he threw the sack neatly over the snake's head. With great dexterity, he pounced on the sack and caught hold of the snake by the scruff of its neck. His left hand scratched its tail swiftly. The snake struggled violently, coiling itself into loops.

30

As Moydian hastened to render assistance, he suddenly recalled Jason's caution that when a python is being attacked, it usually passes out a large quantity of excreta. However, his recollection came a few seconds too late and he could not dodge the jet of awful-smelling fluid from the snake.

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For each question from 29 to 33, 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.

29. In line 9, the word 'someone' refers to _____.
- (1) Jason
 - (2) Moydian
 - (3) the person who caught the python
 - (4) the person who told Moydian about the python
30. Based on the passage, which of the following is **not** true.
_____.
- (1) They came prepared to catch the python.
 - (2) Jason was uncertain he could spot the python.
 - (3) It was difficult to get to the tree where the python was.
 - (4) Moydian was more experienced in catching pythons than Jason.
31. When Jason saw the python, it was _____.
- (1) on the ground
 - (2) wound around a tree trunk
 - (3) draped around a bamboo stem
 - (4) resting on the branch of a tree
32. In line 2³~~4~~, the word 'disturbance' refers to _____.
- (1) the python raising its head
 - (2) Jason grabbing the python's tail
 - (3) Moydian hacking the branch with his axe
 - (4) Moydian climbing up the tree with his axe
33. What did Moydian do after climbing down from the tree?
- (1) He went to help Jason.
 - (2) He threw the sack over the snake's head.
 - (3) He killed the snake by hacking it into half.
 - (4) He warned Jason about the jet of awful-smelling fluid from the snake.



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 FIRST CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 5**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET B
TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 hr.50 min

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Booklet A	33
Booklet B	67
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Instructions:

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READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 34 to 43, 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

A) about	B) and	C) as	D) because	E) in
F) it	G) on	H) or	J) our	K) many
L) much	M) that	N) their	P) them	Q) this

Many words we know have their beginnings in Greek or Roman mythology.

Think _____ the planets in our solar system. How many have the names of
(34)
mythological gods? There are at least five _____ bear the names of early
(35)
Roman gods. The day of the week "Saturday" was named for the Roman father of
gods, Saturn.

There are four months of the year that were also named for Roman gods. Janus
the Roman god of beginnings, has one month named for him. Mars, or Martius,
_____ the Romans called him, has the third month named _____ his
(36) (37)
honour. Maia was Roman goddess of spring _____ growth. Her month is the
(38)
beginning of spring. Juno was the favourite month of _____ brides.
(39)

The Roman gods have also influenced some of _____ common rituals. For
(40)
example, do you know why we put candles on a birthday cake? This custom
originated _____ of Artemis, the goddess of the moon. The Greeks celebrated
(41)
_____ birthdays each year by bringing a cake to Artemis' temple. The cakes
(42)
were round, resembling the moon. However a cake gives no light, so the Greeks
placed candles on the cake to make _____ glow like the moon! Do you know
(43)
of any other words or traditions that were taken from Greek or Roman mythology?

Adapted from Basics First Reading Comprehension

Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box numbered 44 to 53.

Monday 13th March 1993

Dear Mimmy,

(44)

I'm sick again. My throat hurt. I'm ~~snee~~ sneezing and coughing. And spring is around the corner. The second spring of war. I know from the calendar, but I don't see it. I can't see it because I can't feel it. All I can see are the poor people still

(45)

lugging water, and the even poorer casualties – young people without **lims**. They're

(46)

the ones who had the fortune or perhaps the misfortune to **servieve**

(47)

There are no trees to blossom and no birds, because the war has **disstroied**

(48)

them as well. There is no sound of birds twitter in springtime. There aren't even any

(49)

pigeons – the **synbel** of Sarajevo. No noisy children, no games. Even the children no

(50)

longer seems like children. They've had their childhood taken away from them, and

(51)

without that they can't be children. It's as if Sarajevo is slowly dying, **desapearing**.

(52)

So how can I feel spring, when spring is something that awakes life, and there is no

(53)

live, here everything seems to have died. I'm sad again, Mimmy. But you have

to know that I'm getting sadder by the day. I'm sad whenever I think, and I have to think.

Adapted from Special Short Stories & Novels

Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (6 x 2m = 12m)

For each of the questions from 54 to 59, 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).

54. A rocket is launched. Gas particles are thrown out and the rocket moves forward.

When _____

55. This Friday is a public holiday. We have decided to drive up to Malaysia this weekend.

as _____

56. "Hand in your assignments by the end of the week," said Mrs Wang to her pupils.

Mrs Wang told _____

57. Salleh could not attend Tom's birthday. Salleh did not finish his homework.

_____ because

58. Tammy passed her Science test with flying colours. Tammy was sick during her Science test.

Although _____

59. Jun Hao peered down from the window. He was very excited by what he saw.

Peering _____

Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 60 to 74. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The thistle is not a very popular plant. As a matter of fact, it is _____ a pest by many farmers. The thistle plant is not very
(60) pretty and it is covered with small "needles" that can _____
(61) and irritate the skin. Thistles _____ in thick patches and spread
(62) rapidly. How could such a _____ become the national flower of a
(63) country? An old story tells of how the thistle played an _____
(64) role in saving the castle of the king of Scotland.

Thousands of years ago, the Vikings were warriors who
_____ towns and castles in different countries. They _____
(65) the riches and burned everything that was left. Most castles were
(66) surrounded _____ a moat, a large ditch filled with water. The
(67) Vikings would simply take off their shoes and wade or swim _____
(68) the moat.

One night the Vikings surrounded the Scottish king's castle.
Everyone inside was _____ and did not know they were about to
(69) be attacked. When the Vikings came to the _____, they removed
(70) their shoes. They stepped into the moat and _____ to howl in
(71) pain. The Scottish had not filled their moat with water. _____
(72) the moat was full of prickly thistles!

The _____ of the Vikings woke the Scots and they were
(73) able to chase the Vikings _____. The Scottish were thankful for
(74) the wonderful thistles that saved their king.

Adapted from Reading Comprehension and Skills by Kelley Wingate

Section K: Comprehension (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions 75 to 8384.

"How peaceful it is here," thought the boy who had travelled ten hours from his hometown in Osaka, the capital of Japan, to the famous temple. He stood outside the temple door as he watched the sun set in the distant horizon.

Smiling, he entered the temple. What pleased him very much when he entered the temple hall were some big white screens. "These are very good to draw cats on," he said. Even though he was very tired, he began to draw cats. He drew many cats all over the screens. Then he began to feel very sleepy. He was just about to lie down to sleep when he suddenly remembered what the priest had told him, "Stay away from large places at night. Stay in small places!"

The temple was very large. He was all alone. As he thought about these words, he felt disquieted. He decided to look for a small place in which to sleep. He found a little closet. He stepped into it and shut the door. Then he curled up and fell asleep. In the middle of the night, he was awakened by a **horrible noise**. It was the sound of fighting and screaming. The noise was so terrible that he would not open the door even just a bit to peek out. He stayed very still and waited. The light in the temple went out but the horrible sounds continued. They became louder and more frightening. The whole temple shook. Then, after a very long time, there was silence. Still, the boy was afraid to move. He did not move until the morning sun shone into the room and the light of the sun touched the closet.

Then very slowly and cautiously the boy got out of his hiding place and looked around. He saw that the floor of the temple was covered with blood. In the middle of the floor, he saw something lying dead. It was a huge rat – a goblin rat! It was bigger than a cow! But who or what could have killed the rat? There was no person or creature in the room.

The boy continued to look around. Then he saw the drawings of cats which he had painted the night before. He saw that their mouths

were red and wet with blood. Then he realised that the goblin rat had been killed by the cats that he had drawn. The boy understood, for the first time, the power of his drawings and what the priest had said to him.

Today, the boy's paintings can be seen in famous museums all over the world.

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Adapted from Learning English through Literature by Burton Goodman

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

75. Was the temple far from the boy's hometown? How do you know?

76. What was the boy's nationality?

77. What time of the day was it when the boy entered the temple?

78. What does the word '**These**' in line 6 refer to?

79. Which word in paragraph 3 shows that the boy was worried?

80. Why did the boy finally choose to sleep in the closet?

81. According to the passage explain clearly what could have caused the 'horrible noise' (line 16)?

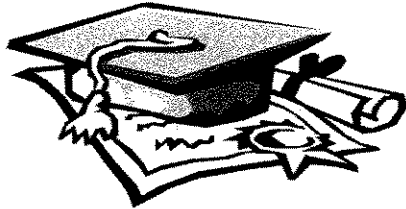
82. When did the boy finally get out of his hiding place?

83. According to the passage, how do you think the goblin rat died? Give a reason to support your answer.

84. According to the passage, what do you think was the boy's occupation?

END OF BOOKLET B

Setters: Mrs S. Lee
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ANSWER SHEET

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|-------|--|----------------|------------------|
| 1. 1 | 31) 4 | 41) D | 51) disappearing |
| 2. 2 | 32) 3 | 42) N | 52) awakens |
| 3. 3 | 33) 1 | 43) F | 53) life |
| 4. 1 | 34) A | 44) hurts | |
| 5. 4 | 35) M | 45) limbs | |
| 6. 1 | 36) C | 46) survive | |
| 7. 2 | 37) E | 47) destroyed | |
| 8. 3 | 38) B | 48) twittering | |
| 9. 2 | 39) K | 49) symbol | |
| 10. 2 | 40) J | 50) seem | |
| 11. 2 | | | |
| 12. 3 | 54) When a rocket is launched, gas particles are thrown out and the rocket moves forward. | | |
| 13. 3 | | | |
| 14. 3 | | | |
| 15. 1 | | | |
| 16. 1 | 55) We have decided to drive up to Malaysia this weekend as this Friday is a public holiday. | | |
| 17. 2 | | | |
| 18. 3 | | | |
| 19. 4 | | | |
| 20. 4 | 56) Mrs Wang told her pupils to hand in their assignments by the end of the week. | | |
| 21. 4 | | | |
| 22. 2 | | | |
| 23. 3 | | | |
| 24. 1 | 57) Salleh could not attend Tom's birthday party because he did not finish his homework. | | |
| 25. 1 | | | |
| 26. 4 | | | |
| 27. 3 | | | |
| 28. 4 | 58) Although Tammy was sick during her Science test, she passed it with flying colours. | | |
| 29. 2 | | | |
| 30. 4 | | | |
- 59) peering down from the window, Jun Hao Was very excited by what he saw.

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| 60) considered | 65) destroyed | 70) moat |
| 61) prick | 66) stole | 71) began |
| 62) grow | 67) by | 72) Instead |
| 63) plant | 68) across | 73) Screams |
| 64) important | 69) asleep | 74) away |

75) Yes, it was far. He traveled ten hours from his hometown to Osaka.

76) He was a Japanese.

77) It was evening when he entered the temple.

78) It refers to the big white screens.

79) The word is "disquieted".

80) The priest told him to sleep in small places.

81) The goblin rat and the cats were fighting.

82) He finally got out of his hiding place.

83) There was blood on the cat's mouths which the boy did not draw initially.

84) He was an artist.

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NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL
Continual Assessment 1 – 2007
English Language
Primary 5

Booklet A
30 questions
30 marks

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 5 _____

Date: 26 February 2007

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

Parent's Signature

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Section A – Comprehension Graphic-Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

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

Write & Win 2007

The title for the month of February:

Singapore, I Love You!

Take part in this monthly writing competition.
Win prizes not only for yourself, but also for your school!

Category	Age	Minimum Length of Composition
A	7 – 9 years	120 words
B	10 – 12 years	180 words
C	13 – 15 years	350 words
D	16 – 18 years	600 words

1st PRIZE: \$200
(school will receive \$500)

2nd PRIZE: \$100
(school will receive \$300)

3rd PRIZE: \$50
(school will receive \$200)

Consolation prizes: 5 sets of attractive pens

- Send in as many compositions as you wish.
- Submit your entries through your school.
- Each composition must be accompanied by an entry form on the back cover of Writers magazine.) Write your particulars on the entry forms.
- All entries must reach Writers Club before 28 February 2007. Late entries will not be accepted.

specially designed
BOOKMARKS

(free for the first 20 participants)

Organised by Writers Club (22, West Coast Way, Singapore 127108).

Cash prizes donated by ABC Bank and pens contributed by XYZ Book Company.

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 The main aim of the 'Write & Win 2007' competition is to _____.
- ① promote writing in schools
 - ② encourage young people to write
 - ③ instil in young people the love for Singapore
 - ④ encourage young people to join the Writers Club
2. If John, who is fourteen years old, wants to take part in the competition, his composition must be at least _____ long.
- ① 120 words
 - ② 180 words
 - ③ 350 words
 - ④ 600 words
3. Entry forms are available _____.
- ① from schools
 - ② at Writers Club
 - ③ XYZ Book Company
 - ④ in the Writers magazine
4. If Mary is the third participant to send in her composition, she will definitely be able to receive _____.
- ① \$50 for herself
 - ② \$200 for her school
 - ③ a set of attractive pens
 - ④ a specially designed bookmark
5. A participant who wins \$500 for his school will receive _____ for himself.
- ① \$100
 - ② \$200
 - ③ \$300
 - ④ \$500

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

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. The invigilator told the candidates not to write _____ they were instructed to do so.
 (1) if (2) until
 (3) when (4) although
7. I had so _____ time left that I could not do the remaining sums.
 (1) few (2) less
 (3) little (4) least
8. Wendy _____ the windows when the doorbell rang. She stopped her work and answered the door immediately.
 (1) has cleaned (2) is cleaning
 (3) had cleaned (4) was cleaning
9. It is no use talking to him. He will not _____ to you.
 (1) listen (2) listens
 (3) listened (4) listening
10. The lady _____ car was stolen made a report to the police.
 (1) who (2) which
 (3) whom (4) whose
11. Susan suggested, "Neither drinks nor food _____ sold here. Let's try the next shop."
 (1) is (2) are
 (3) was (4) being
12. Jenny's father looked at the grades in her report book and said, "Splendid! _____ the good work!"
 (1) Keep to (2) Keep at
 (3) Keep up (4) Keep on

Section C – Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

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.

It was two o'clock on a Thursday afternoon when Mr Li began marking some English compositions he had brought home from school. After working for an hour (13) Mr Li felt hot and tired.

"I must rest for a while (14) he said to himself. So he put his pen down and began to gaze out of the windows. He could see a church just across the road. He noticed that not all the doors were shut.

Mr Li thought, "Isn't it strange (15) All the doors should be shut by this time."

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

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

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) "How does the victim of the robbery expect us to recognise the robber from her _____ description of him?" John asked, puzzled.
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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> (1) blur | <input type="radio"/> (2) rare |
| <input type="radio"/> (3) vivid | <input checked="" type="radio"/> (4) vague |
- 17) Mr Chen was annoyed with his noisy neighbours and wanted to _____ to the authorities about them.
- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="radio"/> (1) blame | <input checked="" type="radio"/> (2) request |
| <input type="radio"/> (3) reprimand | <input checked="" type="radio"/> (4) complain |
- 18) In the final round of the chess competition, the participants will have to _____ their wits against the best players.
- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> (1) pit | <input type="radio"/> (2) match |
| <input type="radio"/> (3) compete | <input checked="" type="radio"/> (4) opposed |
- 19) Tom ducked away just in time to _____ the blow when the bully tried to hit him.
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="radio"/> (1) flee | <input checked="" type="radio"/> (2) back |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> (3) withstand | <input type="radio"/> (4) dodge |
- 20) Dick is not only Tim's close friend, but also a good _____ in business.
- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> (1) partner | <input type="radio"/> (2) colleague |
| <input type="radio"/> (3) employee | <input checked="" type="radio"/> (4) accomplice |

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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.

One evening, I was sitting by the open window, reading a good but rather (21) out of the ordinary mystery story. It was not (22) a cock and bull story. After a while, it became too dark for me to read easily, so I put my book down and (23) walked unsteadily across the room.

Suddenly, I heard a loud cry of "Help! Help!" That sound (24) made my hair stand on end. It seemed to have come from the trees at the end of the garden. I decided to go to the garden to (25) look into it all by myself.

- 21) ① rare
 ② untrue
 ③ unusual
 ④ fictitious
- 22) ① a fable
 ② a legend
 ③ an incredible story
 ④ an interesting story
- 23) ① strolled
 ② strutted
 ③ shuffled
 ④ staggered
- 24) ① excited me
 ② frightened me
 ③ aroused my curiosity
 ④ made my imagination go wild
- 25) ① scan
 ② inspect
 ③ explore
 ④ investigate

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Have you ever seen a 3-metre tall man prancing about on the road? Mr Yap is such a man. In real life he is only half that height, but on special occasions he mounts his 1.5-metre stilts and doubles his height.

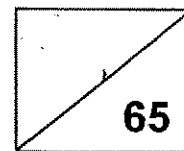
Stilt-walking is not as easy as some people seem to think. In the past, a stilt-walker walked on stilts and clowned about. Today, in order to keep the crowd's attention, he has to perform some daring acrobatic acts such as somersaulting over a table or jumping through a ring of fire. Mr Yap works constantly at improving his skills, introducing one dangerous trick after another. 5

According to Mr Yap, not all stilt-walkers do acrobatics. Some of them dress up as women to play female roles. More men are expected to do this in future as female stilt-walkers are scarce today. The men selected to play female roles are those whose faces can be made to resemble women's faces, with the clever use of make-up. They must also be good at impersonating ancient Chinese maidens in the way they talk, walk and behave. 10

Mr Yap does not perform on festive occasions like the Chingay procession. However, he performs at religious ceremonies and at funerals. The Chinese believe that stilt-walking, which many worshippers enjoy, provides entertainment for the gods at religious ceremonies) and is a mark of respect for the dead at funerals. 15

- 26) According to the text, stilt-walking today is more challenging than it was in the past because a stilt-walker has to: _____.
- ① clown about
 - ② walk on longer stilts
 - ③ act the part of a woman
 - ④ learn new and dangerous tricks
- 27) The word "he" in line 6 refers to _____.
- ① Mr Yap
 - ② the stilt-walker
 - ③ the stilt-walker of the past
 - ④ the stilt-walker who can do acrobatics
- 28) Today more men are selected to play female roles because _____.
- ① of the way they talk, walk and behave
 - ② there are very few female stilt-walkers
 - ③ their faces can be made to look like women
 - ④ they are good at impersonating ancient Chinese maidens
- 29) Mr Yap performs stilt-walking at _____.
- ① funerals
 - ② festive occasions
 - ③ Chingay processions
 - ④ acrobatic performances
- 30) The Chinese believe that a stilt-walking performance at a religious ceremony _____.
- ① provides entertainment for the gods
 - ② serves as a form of respect for the gods
 - ③ serves as a mark of respect for the dead
 - ④ provides entertainment for the worshippers

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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.

Each word can be used **ONCE** only.

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| (A) such | (D) unless
when | (G) the | (K) unless | (N) and |
| (B) an | (E) by | (H) the | (L) that | (P) what |
| (C) they | (F) if | (J) so | (M) in | (Q) or |

Most people communicate with one another through a particular language in the form of speech and writing. Some people (31) _____ as the deaf and dumb are unable to do (32) _____. They cannot use language (33) _____ the ordinary way. Nevertheless, (34) _____ can still communicate with others. They have to rely on sign language (35) _____ they want to communicate. They can also do this (36) _____ using finger-spelling. Here the letters of (37) _____ alphabet are shown by different positions of the fingers on one (38) _____ both hands.

Sometimes deaf people also lip-read to 'hear' (39) _____ others are saying. They observe the speaker's lips carefully (40) _____ he is speaking. They try to make out the message in this way.

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

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

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42)

Sam was a **mischiefvous** boy. When he was at the zoo last week, he offering a pun

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to an elephant. However, he keep on pulling it away before the animal could reach it by its

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trunk. The elephant was very good-tempered at first, but it became more and more annoying

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as the trick was repeated. Finally, it sulkly ~~refused~~ to take any notice at its tormentor.

48)

About half an hour later, the elephant is allowed to come out of its enclosure. The

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elephant soon obseved that Sam was still standing near the entrance. In a moment, the

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elephant whiped off Sam's straw hat. He was shocked at what the elephant had done.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Have you been to a home of the Japanese? If you (51) _____ go into a Japanese house, you must remember to take off your shoes because (52) _____ will dirty the fine straw mat which covers the (53) _____. Instead of walls, the rooms in most Japanese houses (54) _____ sliding doors. You must push one of these doors (55) _____ if you want to get into a room.

A Japanese (56) _____ is usually very large. In the centre of the room there may be (57) _____ low table with small flat cushions around it. Many Japanese rooms have no other (58) _____. Perhaps you will see a bowl of flowers or a long silk painting (59) _____ one of the walls. You may be surprised to see that there are (60) _____ bedsteads. The Japanese has a mattress which he unrolls (61) _____ at bedtime.

The Japanese usually takes a bath (62) _____ his meal in the evening. Most houses have a large bath for the whole family. However, no one washes (63) _____ the bath! The Japanese washes (64) _____ before he gets into the big bath. The water is very hot. (65) _____, the Japanese is used to having a hot bath. After the bath, he puts on a loose robe and has his evening meal.

Section J – Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 66-70, rewrite the given sentences 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 sentences.

66) Hashim cannot support his family on his present salary. He has to take on another job.

_____ unless _____

67) John loves the mountains in Switzerland. He spent his last vacation there.

_____ where _____

68) Mr Tan orders everyone around. He thinks he is the boss of the shop.

_____ as though _____

69) Mrs Sim was shopping in Paris. She came across a rare painting.

_____ while _____

70) The man dragged the sack of feathers up the ramp. It seemed very heavy.

_____ as if _____

Section K – Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

At a grand party, a spirited discussion sprang up between a young lady and a captain in the army. Said the young lady, "The modern woman no longer jumps at the sight of a mouse."

The captain said, "I beg to differ. A woman never fails to scream in any crisis. While a man may feel like *it*, he has that little more of nerve control to hold back." 5
Among the guests was an elderly gentleman who did not join in the argument but watched the guests quietly. As his eyes fell upon the hostess, he noticed a **strange expression** come over her face. She was staring straight ahead, her muscles contracting slightly. With a slight hand gesture, she summoned the waiter and whispered to him. The waiter's eyes widened and he left ^{the} room. 10

Of the guests, only the elderly man saw the waiter place a bowl of milk on the verandah beyond the open doors. With a start, he realised that there was a cobra in the room. **He knew what the milk was for.** He looked all over the room but there was no sign of the creature. Only one place was left - (where they were sitting) It must be there. Not wanting to alarm anyone for the commotion would frighten the snake into striking, 15
the old gentleman joined in the conversation, "I want to know just what control everyone at this table has. I will count to one hundred and (no one is to move a muscle. Those who move will have to pay up fifty pieces of silver."

All the guests were **like stone images** while the elderly man counted. As soon as he saw the cobra emerge and head for the verandah, he jumped to slam the verandah doors shut. Screams rang out. 20

"You were right, Captain! the host, a rich businessman, exclaimed. "A **man** has just shown us an example of perfect control."

"Just a minute," the elderly man said, turning to the hostess.

"Madam, how did you know the snake was in the room?" 25

The woman, still at the table smiled and replied, "It was crawling over my feet." 58

There are no questions on this page.

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71) Who hosted the party?

72) Which three-word phrase from the passage has a similar meaning to disagree?

73) What does the word "it" in line 5 refer to?

74) Why did the hostess have a "strange expression" (lines 7 & 8) on her face?

75) "He knew what the milk was for." (line 13) What was the milk for?

76) Where was the cobra hiding in the room?

77) What would happen if the guests had caught sight of the cobra and screamed?

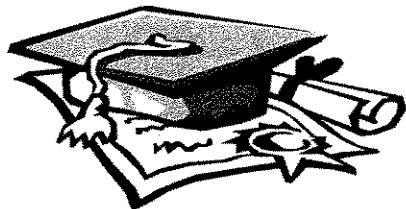
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78) Explain clearly what the writer meant when he said that the people were "like stone images" (line 19).

79) Who was the "man" mentioned in line 22?

80) Who won the argument?

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ANSWER SHEET

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|-------|--|----------------|--------------|
| 1. 2 | 31)A | 41)mischievous | 51)ever |
| 2. 3 | 32)J | 42)offered | 52)they |
| 3. 4 | 33)M | 43)kept | 53)floor |
| 4. 4 | 34)C | 44)with | 54)have |
| 5. 2 | 35)F | 45)annoyed | 55)aside |
| 6. 2 | 36)E | 46)sulkily | 56)room |
| 7. 3 | 37)H | 47)of | 57)a |
| 8. 4 | 38)Q | 48)was | 58)furniture |
| 9. 1 | 39)P | 49)observed | 59)on |
| 10. 4 | 40)D | 50)whipped | 60)no |
| 11. 1 | | | |
| 12. 3 | 61)only | | |
| 13. 2 | 62)before | | |
| 14. 1 | 63)in | | |
| 15. 3 | 64)himself | | |
| 16. 4 | 65)However | | |
| 17. 4 | 66)Hashim cannot support his family on his present salary unless he takes another job. | | |
| 18. 1 | | | |
| 19. 4 | | | |
| 20. 1 | | | |
| 21. 3 | 67)John loves the mountains in Switzerland where he spent his last vacation. | | |
| 22. 3 | | | |
| 23. 4 | | | |
| 24. 2 | 68)Mr Tan orders everyone around as though he is the boss of the shop. | | |
| 25. 4 | | | |
| 26. 4 | | | |
| 27. 2 | 69)Mrs Sim came across a rare painting while she was shopping in Paris. | | |
| 28. 2 | | | |
| 29. 1 | | | |
| 30. 1 | 70)The man dragged the sack of feathers up the ramp as if it was very heavy. | | |

71) A rich businessman and the lady whose feet the cobra crawled over hosted the party.

72) It is "beg to differ".

73) It refers to screaming in a crisis.

74) She felt the cobra crawling over her feet.

75) It was used to lure the snake out to the verandah.

76) The cobra was hiding at where the people were sitting.

77) The commotion would frighten the cobra into striking.

78) The people did not move at all and were very still.

79) He was the elderly gentleman.

80) The lady whose feet cobra crawled over won the argument.

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1 hour 50 minutes

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INSTRUCTIONS

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Section A : Graphic Stimulus (5×1 mark)

Study the poster below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

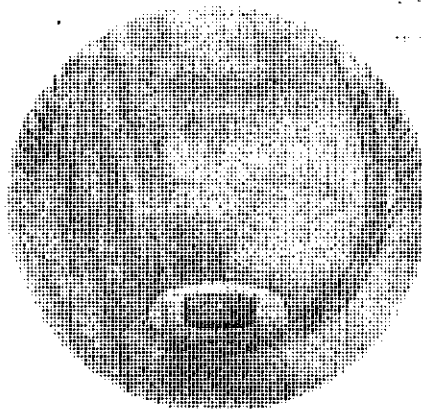
Improving Life

The Design of Swedish Innovations

Innovations come in many forms, and many well-known ones have Swedish origins. Through the creativity, knowledge and research of the Swedish researchers and innovators from the modern and historical periods, ideas have developed into products which have helped to make our everyday lives simpler and easier.

These products are :

- ❖ functional
- ❖ well-designed
- ❖ contemporary
- ❖ attractive.



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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.

1. One of the organisers of the 'Improving Life: The Design of Swedish Innovations' exhibition was _____.
- (1) Ikea
 - (2) Svensk Form
 - (3) the Swedish Trade Council
 - (4) the National Museum of Singapore
2. According to the flyer, the guided tours took place _____.
- (1) daily at 10 am
 - (2) daily at 9 pm
 - (3) on Sunday at 10 am
 - (4) on Saturday at 3 pm
3. The main aim of the flyer is to encourage people to _____.
- (1) visit the National Museum
 - (2) support and encourage creativity
 - (3) show their support for Sweden
 - (4) visit the 'Improving Life' exhibition
4. The word ' _____ ' in the brochure tells you that the Swedish products are modern.
- (1) attractive
 - (2) functional
 - (3) contemporary
 - (4) well-designed
5. The exhibition is held at _____.
- (1) the Concourse
 - (2) the Swedish Trade Council
 - (3) the National Museum of Singapore
 - (4) the Swedish Embassy of Foreign Affairs

Section B : Grammar Discrete

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. The bunch of keys _____ already been found.
- (1) was
 - (2) were
 - (3) has
 - (4) have
7. Kimberly, as well as her two brothers, _____ here earlier.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
8. When we arrived, the party _____ already _____.
- (1) has...began
 - (2) had...began
 - (3) has...begun
 - (4) had...begun
9. I found a bracelet while I was strolling _____ the pavement.
- (1) in
 - (2) at
 - (3) along
 - (4) against

10. I saw an intruder _____ my neighbour's house at about 8 pm last night.
- (1) enter
 - (2) enters
 - (3) entered
 - (4) has entered
11. The girl _____ I met just now is the millionaire's daughter.
- (1) whose
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) whoever
12. Mary _____ everyone about the incident by next Monday.
- (1) tells
 - (2) has told
 - (3) is telling
 - (4) will have told

Section C : Punctuation (3 × 1 mark)

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.

As soon as the lift door closed (13) the stranger pulled out a knife and pointed it at Mdm Lim's throat.

"Give me your purse (14) he bellowed.

"No, please (15) said Mdm Lim.

Mdm Lim held onto her purse even more tightly. The stranger snatched the purse and immediately ran out of the lift.

13. (1) colon
(2) comma
(3) full stop
(4) exclamation mark
14. (1) comma and inverted commas
(2) full stop and inverted commas
(3) exclamation mark and inverted commas
(4) question mark and inverted commas
15. (1) inverted commas
(2) inverted commas and comma
(3) comma and inverted commas
(4) full stop and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

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. Joseph likes telling stories that are larger than life. He loves to _____ details.
- (1) aggravate
 - (2) complicate
 - (3) exaggerate
 - (4) understate
17. The knight was promoted to the rank of general in recognition of his _____ after the battle.
- (1) valour
 - (2) strength
 - (3) cowardice
 - (4) politeness
18. The tyrannical dictator was _____ by the rebels who intend to form the new leadership.
- (1) overshadowed
 - (2) overhauled
 - (3) overcast
 - (4) overthrown
19. She spent five minutes _____ through the book before purchasing it.
- (1) browsing
 - (2) peeping
 - (3) scrutinising
 - (4) goggling
20. This documentary traces Singapore's _____ since independence.
- (1) evolution
 - (2) revolution
 - (3) regression
 - (4) germination

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1 mark)

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.

In the darkness beyond the gully (21), the bush came slowly to life. A lumbering (22) wombat came creeping out of his ground den. His stumpy (23) body forced a way through the undergrowth. His long food-foraging snout was ploughing through the sandy earth in search of his favourite roots. Suddenly, he stopped. He sniffled with his nostrils dilated (24). He followed the strange new scent. Soon, he came to the gully. He looked at the children thoughtfully, not hungrily, for he was a vegetarian, an eater of roots. His curiosity was finally satisfied and he shambled (25) slowly away.

21. (1) hill
(2) slope
(3) valley
(4) mountain
22. (1) moving cautiously
(2) moving awkwardly
(3) moving very quickly
(4) moving in short steps
23. (1) tall and thin
(2) big and heavy
(3) short and slim
(4) short and thick
24. (1) closed
(2) blocked
(3) widened
(4) contracted
25. (1) strode
(2) shuffled
(3) marched
(4) stomped

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was the perfect island of paradise for us. Peace and tranquillity reigned here, with the occasional screeching of gulls and hushed whispers of coconut palms. The leafy palms seemed to sway and rustle away all the pressures and burdens of the rat race which we call life. We were, to quote Thomas Hardy, indeed "far from the madding crowd". Then around five o'clock, Dad started calling me and his grandsons, Daryl and Johnny, to pack up. It was time to head home. His voice boomed loud and clear, honed from thirty-five years of experience in shouting at cadets on the drill grounds.

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The breeze had picked up momentum since the morning. Our boat was just able to cruise along without the need for the engine.

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We still had another three quarters of an hour to go before reaching the mainland, when I noticed an ominous dark band on the horizon. "Dad, look at that," I called out. "Seems to look quite bad."

"You're right, dear," he replied. "And once they come, they will be so fast and furious. Get the sails down, Emily. I'll start the engine running. We'd better reach the shore as quickly as we can."

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I shoed the children into the cabin first before starting on the tedious task with the two sails. In not more than five minutes, the sea seemed less sparkling, that dark band seemed to be extending and broadening slowly but surely. I was looking at the gathering waves, half-waiting, and half-dreading them to show their violent nature. Just when I was lowering the second sail, a huge gust of wind whipped our sand-crusted canopy over the side, taking our yelping Buddy with it. He disappeared into the foaming waves.

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"Dad! Help! Buddy has fallen in!" I screamed. But in a few seconds, a wet black head came bobbing up about twenty metres from our boat. If not for his ears, Buddy looked almost like a sea lion. Dad and I cried out to Buddy, "Wait Buddy, keep paddling there. Hang on there, old boy, we're coming."

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The Liberty had begun rocking so wildly that Dad could not steer it towards poor Buddy. My heart kept palpitating as Buddy took turns at disappearing and reappearing amid the angry waves. Fighting against the wind, I could only get the billowing sail halfway down. Then Dad took over while I went to the helm. I scrambled into the cockpit and grabbed the helm as Dad struggled with the sail. The wind increased its blast. Before I could utter a warning, it had swung the beam of the main sail right towards Dad's head from behind. He was sent hurling helplessly into the sea!

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"Dad! Where are you? Dad!" I could not see him. "No, he is a good swimmer," I told myself. However, he did not resurface, not even Buddy. I hoped against hope for signs of them. "They're gone," I sobbed helplessly. "I can't control this boat. We're doomed!"

Just as despair was about to set in, the recognition of Daryl and Johnny's wailing in the cabin below snapped me back into action. "I can't give up. For their

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sake, I must fight for our lives!" I thought. With **renewed determination** and courage, I braced my body against the tiller to hold it as straight as I could. The Liberty rocked on the raging foam beneath an ashen sky.

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

26. Why did the author and her family decide to go out to sea?
- 1) They did not like the rats in the city.
 - 2) They wanted to have some quiet moments.
 - 3) They wanted to get away from the mad crowd.
 - 4) They were tired after running a race and wanted peace.
27. The author's father was most probably a/ an _____.
- 1) army cadet
 - 2) military officer
 - 3) prison warden
 - 4) band conductor
28. Why was it such a difficult task for the author to get the second sail down?
- 1) She was distracted by her children.
 - 2) She lacked determination and courage.
 - 3) The strong winds were blowing the sail about.
 - 4) A huge wave hit her and she released the sail.
29. How was the author's father hurled into the sea?
- 1) The sand-crusted canopy hit him.
 - 2) The waves swept him into the sea.
 - 3) The beam of the main sail hit his head.
 - 4) The rocky boat caused him to lose his balance.
30. What gave the author 'renewed determination' in line 42?
- 1) She wanted to look for her father and Buddy.
 - 2) She wanted to save the lives of Daryl and Johnny.
 - 3) She seemed to have heard her father's cries amidst the storm.
 - 4) She did not want Daryl and Johnny to keep wailing in the cabin.

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Section G: Structural Cloze (10 × 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31-40, 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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) away	(E) his	(J) this	(N) upon
(B) always	(F) never	(K) thinking	(P) which
(C) although	(G) out	(L) to	(Q) who
(D) but	(H) these	(M) towards	

A man had a donkey that he made _____ carry heavy burdens. He also had a little
 (31)

dog _____ ~~lived~~ comfortably indoors. Whenever his master came home, the dog would
 (32)

rush _____ to meet him. It would jump up and down, wagging its tail.
 (33)

_____ seeing this, the donkey envied the dog. "I work hard for the master," he
 (34)

thought. "Yet he _____ makes a fuss of me. That dog does nothing _____ eat and
 (35) (36)

sleep. It's my own fault. I've never gone out of my way to be liked. Yet I could easily play
 _____ tricks my master likes so much."
 (37)

The next time his master came into the yard, the donkey ran _____ him and
 (38)

brayed loudly. He planted _____ front hooves on his master's shoulders and began
 (39)

licking his face. The master, _____ that he was being attacked, picked up a stick and
 (40)

beat the donkey unmercifully.

Section H: Editing (10 x 1 mark)

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

(41)

Owls are raptors. This means that like eagles, hawks and falcons, owls are birds on prey.

(42)

They hunt other animals for food. Owls are nocturnal. They hunt mostly in the evenings and of

night when their prey is active.

(43)

Owls also have long sharp claws to help them be **sucesfull** hunters. When owls catch

(44)

their prey, their claws enclose and **pearse** them to ensure they do not escape.

(45)

Birds are unable to chew their food. Owls **swolow** small prey whole. They use their sharp

(46) (47)

beaks for teared tissues from the bones of their prey unless the prey is too big to consume in one

(48)

gaulb.

(49)

The skin and soft tissues of the owl's **vicktems** are easily digested. However, hair, bones,

(50)

and beaks are undigestible. As a result, the owl regurgitates the food that is not digested after

about twelve hours.

Adapted from "Adapted from Hunting" by Jim Cornish, Canada, 2002

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Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 × 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each of the blanks with a suitable word.

Why do we dream? Do dreams have meanings? These are _____ (51) which have troubled men for thousands of years. The oldest surviving book on the interpretation of dreams is Egyptian and is nearly four thousand years old. In ancient Greece, it was thought that people _____ (52) were ill could be cured by telling their dreams. They would relate their dreams to their doctors who would tell them what they meant and give them medicine to make them _____ (53). The ancient Chinese believed that if a pregnant woman _____ (54) of a bear, she would have a son. If she dreamed of a snake, she would have a _____ (55). There are many stories about dreams foretelling the _____ (56).

Most scientists believe that dreams are _____ (57) on events in our own life and on our feelings. The events are usually very _____ (58), mostly within the last two days. Our emotions, on the other _____ (59), our wishes, hopes and fears, may go back many years, even to early childhood.

In a dream, events are altered. A dream may contain parts of many real-life events. Most importantly, something that cannot be shown directly may be shown indirectly. For _____ (60) you may dream that you are an actor in a play. The play is about to start but you _____ (61) completely forgotten your lines. This dream may seem strange because you are not interested in _____ (62) and you never want to be in a play. _____ (63), the dream may mean that you have some other problems that you feel is too difficult for you to _____ (64).

Psychologists sometimes encourage people to talk _____ (65) their dreams, so that their dreams can be analysed. This analysis is very difficult and requires great skill because a dream is seldom what it seems.

Adapted from "A Busy Night", Macmillan Language Skills by Ian Gordan, London, 2001

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Section J: Transformation / Synthesis

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. Rachel was speaking to that woman. That woman is my teacher.

_____ whom _____

67. "I went to the Science Centre last week," said John.

John said _____

68. "Who did all the chores?" the lady said.

The lady asked _____

69. Despite his wealth, he was a miser.

Although _____

70. You will not get to taste the dessert if you do not finish your dinner.

Unless _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

<p>He was driving home one evening, on a two-lane country road. Work, in this small mid-western community, was almost as slow as his beat-up car. However, he never quit looking. Ever since the Levis factory closed, he had been unemployed, and with winter raging on, the chill had finally hit home. It was a lonely road. Not many people had a reason to be on it unless they were leaving. Most of his friends had already left. They had families to feed and dreams to fulfil but he stayed on. He was born there and knew the country.</p>	5
<p>He could go down this road blind and tell you what was on either side. With his headlights not working, that came in handy. It was starting to get dark and light snowflakes were coming down. He had better hurry up. He almost did not see the old lady, stranded on the side of the road. However, even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. Hence, he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His car was still sputtering when he approached her.</p>	10
<p>Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He did not look safe. He looked poor and hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill that only fear can put in you. He said, "I'm here to help you. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Joe."</p>	15
<p>Well, all she had was a flat tyre but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Crawling under the car, Joe looked for a place to put the jack. Soon, he was able to change the tyre. As he was tightening up the nuts, he skinned his knuckles. She rolled down her window and told him that she was only just passing through. She could not thank him enough for coming to her aid. Joe just smiled.</p>	20
<p>She asked him how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She had already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Joe never thought twice about the money. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need and there were many who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way and it never occurred to him to act any other way. He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person her assistance.</p>	25
<p>He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight. A few kilometres down the road, the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite and take the chill off before she made her trip home. It was a dingy restaurant. There were two old gas pumps outside. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The cash register was like the telephone of an unemployed actor which did not ring much.</p>	30
<p>A waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her own wet hair. She had a sweet smile. The lady noticed that the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. Then she remembered Joe.</p>	35
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<p>After the lady had finished her meal, the waitress went to get her change for a hundred dollar note. The lady slipped right out of the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. She wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on a napkin. There were tears in her eyes, when she read what the lady had written. It said, "You don't owe me a thing. I've been there too. Someone once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here's what you do. Don't let the chain of love end with you."</p>	45
<p><i>Adapted from "An Act of Kindness" by Lee Ryan Miller</i></p>	50

Answer questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did Joe not leave the country to look for another job?

72. What does the word 'it' in line ⁵ refer to?

73. Which sentence tells you that Joe was familiar with the country?

74. Why did the old lady accept Joe's help although she was worried?

75. How do we know that the old lady was grateful to Joe for helping her?

76. Why was it a "cold and depressing" day for Joe?

77. Why did Joe wait for the old lady to leave before he headed for home?

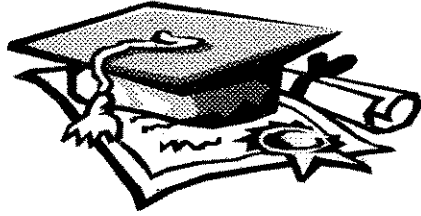
78. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "dirty"?

79. Why did the old lady enter the small cafe?

80. Why were there tears in the waitress's eyes when she read what the old lady had written on the napkin?

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ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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| 10. 1 | 43) successful |
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| 12. 4 | 45) swallow |
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| 16. 3 | 49) victims |
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| 29. 3 | 62) acting |
| 30. 2 | 63) However |
| 31. L | 64) solve |
| 32. P | 65) about |
| 33. G | |

- 66) That woman whom Rachel was speaking to is my teacher.
- 67) John said that he had gone to the Science Centre the week before.
- 68) The lady asked who had done all the chores.
- 69) Although he was wealthy, he was a miser.
- 70) Unless you finish your dinner, you will not get to taste the dessert.
- 71) Joe did not leave the country because he was born in the country and he knew the country.
- 72) The word refers to the lonely road Joe was on.
- 73) The sentence is "He could go down this road blind and tell you what was on either side".
- 74) She was desperate and needed help because nobody had helped her for the past hour.
- 75) She thanked Joe profusely and wanted to give him money.
- 76) It was winter and he was unemployed ever since the Levis factory which he was probably working in closed.
- 77) It was a polite thing to do.
- 78) The word is "dingy".
- 79) She entered the small café to grab a bite and take the chill off before she made her trip home.
- 80) She was touched by what the old lady had written on the napkin.

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**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 5

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1m = 5m)

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

The Singapore Arts Association

*Presents
An amusing musical*

Fat Cats

A production by the English Drama Society



A lively musical that gives us an insight into the lives of seven beautiful but fat cats living in the suburb of Manhattan. Under the leadership of Paw Paw, the seven felines try to create a better world for themselves, from losing weight to getting themselves in catfights in order to carve a niche for themselves in the bustling city.

Date: 5 to 9 June 2007

Time: 2.00 pm (only for the first performance)

7.00 pm (only on 9 June)

8.00 pm (other days)

Price: \$50, \$65, \$100

Venue: Music and Arts Theatre



*Tickets are available at all Sistic Outlets (9 am to 10 pm)
Phone bookings are also available (only for 4 tickets and above)
Please call Sistic Office at 67375588*

**Sponsors: Mix and Match Fashion
Estee & Mac Makeup Studio**

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. The musical is proudly sponsored by _____.
 - (1) Paw Paw and Music and Arts Theatre
 - (2) Mix and Match Fashion and the English Drama society
 - (3) Estee & Mac Makeup Studio and Mix and Match Fashion
 - (4) Estee & Mac Makeup Studio and Singapore Arts Association

2. The musical performance will last for _____ days.
 - (1) two
 - (2) three
 - (3) four
 - (4) five

3. Which of the following statements about 'Fat Cats' is FALSE?
 - (1) It is a suspense thriller.
 - (2) It is a light-hearted story
 - (3) The seven cats form the main cast
 - (4) The performance is accompanied by singing and dancing.

4. This musical is produced by _____.
 - (1) Sistic Outlets
 - (2) Music and Arts Theatre
 - (3) The English Drama Society
 - (4) The Singapore Arts Association

5. Telephone bookings of tickets are only available for the purchase of _____.
 - (1) one ticket
 - (2) four or more tickets
 - (3) less than three tickets
 - (4) not more than four tickets

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)

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. My sister, together with her classmates, _____ going to Australia next week.

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

7. Anna keeps playing the game _____ she loves very much.

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

8. _____ blood all over the floor, the neighbours called for the police.

- (1) See
- (2) Saw
- (3) Seen
- (4) Seeing

9. You will be ignorant _____ the things happening around you if you do not read the newspaper.

- (1) in
- (2) of
- (3) for
- (4) with

10. If Trista had informed me, I _____ early.

- (1) will arrive
- (2) had arrived
- (3) will be arriving
- (4) would have arrived

11. Mr Tan went to work _____ the fact that he felt unwell.

- (1) if
- (2) since
- (3) unless
- (4) despite

12. Mrs Townsend asked Elgin how tall _____.

- (1) he is
- (2) is he
- (3) he was
- (4) was he

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

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.

"The rubbish stinks!" Justin cried as he stepped into the house.

"What rubbish (13) asked his sister, looking puzzled.

"The rubbish left behind by some inconsiderate people beside the lift," said Justin indignantly (14)

"It has to be removed or the smell will attract swarms of flies," said Julianne decisively. "Let's do it."

"All right," Justin said (15) first let me tie a handkerchief round my head to cover my nose."

- 13.
- (1) [?] question mark
 - (2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 - (3) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
 - (4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas

- 14.
- (1) [:] colon
 - (2) [,] comma
 - (3) [.] full stop
 - (4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

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. Aeroplanes and ships are important _____ of transportation.
- (1) modes
(2) methods
(3) mediums
(4) mechanisms
17. You will certainly feel _____ if you overeat.
- (1) puffy
(2) bloated
(3) inflated
(4) enlarged
18. Jonathan _____ the first prize in the oratorical competition.
- (1) clinched
(2) awarded
(3) gathered
(4) rewarded
19. Although she was injured, Sue was _____ to finish the race.
- (1) reluctant
(2) convinced
(3) convicted
(4) determined

20. This room smells _____ because all the windows are shut.

- (1) musty
- (2) humid
- (3) murky
- (4) clammy

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

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.

The two girls were enjoying themselves in the (21) wealthy lady's beautiful garden. It had been very generous of her to invite the two orphaned girls over for an afternoon at her glorious mansion.

"Look, Natasha. Look at those colourful butterflies!"

"Look here, Sacha! These horses are so (22) tame!"

Natasha and Sacha carried on gazing in awe at the wonderful sights. They only stopped when the lady asked them to join her for tea and cakes.

"So many cakes!" exclaimed Natasha. "I have never had so many things to eat in my entire life!"

Sacha was also (23) thoroughly enjoying the small feast. To have a piece of cake was such a treat for the girls. They did not even get to eat cakes on their birthdays. The two girls were (24) well-mannered. They (25) kept in mind that they had to thank their host before they left to return to their orphanage.

21. (1) well-paid
(2) well-loved
(3) well-to-do
(4) well-meaning
22. (1) wild
(2) docile
(3) lovable
(4) friendly
23. (1) widely
(2) eternally
(3) completely
(4) momentarily
24. (1) polite
(2) uncouth
(3) matured
(4) sophisticated
25. (1) evoked
(2) practised
(3) memorised
(4) remembered

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

They had debated what to do. Their car had developed serious engine trouble. Eventually, they decided it was better to ski to the resort than to wait for a passing vehicle to offer them a ride. There had not been one in the past hour, anyway.

Armed with the necessary gear in their backpacks, Matthew and Victoria began skiing towards the resort. Matthew carried the map in his pocket. As a precaution, he had wrapped it in plastic. They were soon gasping, as the air was thin and bitterly cold at such high altitude. Matthew decided to take a short-cut through a tunnel. They snapped on their battery-powered helmet lights at the entrance and when they reached the end of the tunnel, they strapped on their skis again.

They started up a **crevice***, courageously pushing their ski poles. Then they headed east, through strong wind and walls of snow. Their thick winter clothing did not provide much protection against the **elements**. Matthew was alarmed when his limbs became numb as they made their way through a snowstorm. He checked his compass frequently to ensure that they were heading in the right direction. "Finding the resort in the middle of a snowstorm on a mountain is a tremendously arduous task," he thought.

Distracted momentarily, Matthew slipped on a thin patch of ice and fell into a hole. Victoria, who was trailing behind, gave a muffled cry and sprang into action. She threw a rope to Matthew and tugged on it to help him to climb out. Fortunately, he had suffered only minor bruises. However, when he pulled the compass from his pocket to find their bearings, he was dismayed to see that it was damaged. Victoria saw his expression and felt a chill run up her spine.

For the second time that night, they had an earnest discussion about their next course of action. Victoria was against returning to the car as she felt they would not be able to return to the exact spot without the compass. It would be easier to find the resort even with the blinding snow blowing from all directions.

"Are you guests of the resort?" a booming voice asked. "You seem to be lost."

Matthew and Victoria turned around and saw two figures advancing towards them. A great sense of relief flooded their hearts and they knew they would soon be sipping hot chocolate in front of the fireplace.

* **crevice**: a narrow opening in the mountain

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.

26. Matthew and Victoria were debating whether _____.

- (1) they could find the resort in the blizzard
- (2) the engine trouble was due to the blizzard
- (3) they should ski to the resort or remain in the car
- (4) they should wait for a passing vehicle or ski to the resort

27. Based on the second paragraph, we can tell that Matthew and Victoria _____.

- (1) took a short-cut through a well-lit tunnel
- (2) took off their skis when they entered the tunnel
- (3) had no problem with the thin air on the mountain
- (4) were not sure what they needed when they set off

28. In line 14, the word '**elements**' refers to _____.

- (1) the weather
- (2) Matthew's limbs
- (3) the gear they had packed
- (4) the compass, skis and ski poles

29. Victoria felt very frightened as _____.

- (1) she was trailing behind Matthew
- (2) she realized that the compass was damaged
- (3) Matthew was badly injured after falling into a hole
- (4) she knew they could not locate the car without the compass

30. When Matthew and Victoria met the other two people, they were probably _____.

- (1) still in the tunnel
- (2) close to the resort
- (3) at the foot of the mountain
- (4) heading in the direction of their car



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 5**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

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Instructions to pupils:

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all questions.**

Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

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

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) a	D) however	G) its	K) than	N) their
B) and	E) in	H) most	L) that	P) who
C) have	F) is	J) or	M) the	Q) with

Dolphins belong to the family Delphinidae. Dolphins possess distinct beaks and _____ teeth, are conical _____ shape. The males are usually larger _____ the females. The family Delphinidae _____ the largest and _____ diverse family of the cetacean order. There are a total of twenty-six living species.

Anyone _____ has the opportunity to watch dolphins perform in a show can see that, dolphins have an impressive ability to learn _____ imitate behaviours. This ability, together _____ their large brain size, has led to numerous studies on dolphin intelligence. Dolphins' brains are about _____ size of humans. Size alone, however, is not always a reliable indicator of intelligence. Elephants, for example _____ brains four times the size of humans, but we do not consider them to be four times as smart!

(Adapted from *Earthtrust's Project*)

Marks

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Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

"Bravo! Encore!" These are the words you would hear if you had a chance to attend the Holten Middle School's performance of "The Wizard of Oz."

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"The Wizard of Oz is by far one of the best know talés among the children," said Jan Evans, one of the teachers.

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More than a hundred students from the school participate as cast, crew

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and chorus. According to the students, **rehersels** started as early as last July and

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the students meet for three hours weekly. However, since **Febury** this year, they practised far more frequently. The students worked very hard and their hard work definitely paid off.

(46)

Parents, relatives and friends gathers to watch performances that ran for

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three consecutive days. All four performances were sell out. All performances

(48)

recived standing ovations. I attended the Saturday performance, starting with

(49)

back stage tour an hour before the show. I had the **opurtonity** to see students rushing about, putting on costumes and make-up. I could definitely feel the intense

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excitment just before curtain time.

(Adapted from *They're off to see a wizard!* by Melanie Fleming)

Marks

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Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

For each of the questions 51 to 55, 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).

51. Thousands of people turned up for the football match. The weather was bad.

In spite of _____

52. Denise was not hungry. She ate the burger.

_____ although _____

53. John likes coffee. He likes tea better.

John prefers _____

54. The telephone rang for a long time. There was no answer.

55. "Do you need my help to look for the book?" the librarian asked Peter.

The librarian asked Peter _____

Marks

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Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 56 to 70. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

I had always been a great admirer of Uncle Harry who used to visit us at our home whenever he was on what he called 'vacation from the wilds'. We would sit around him as he _____ in the big armchair, telling us _____ of his many adventures.

(56) (57)

Year after _____, Uncle Harry used to come for a visit. But one particular year, he _____ not appear. We were worried for we had received no _____ from him either.

(58) (59) (60)

Six weeks later, a letter arrived. We could _____ wait to open it for we had recognized Uncle Harry's _____. In the letter, Uncle Harry apologised for not visiting nor contacting us recently.

(61) (62)

"You see, folks," wrote Uncle Harry, "recently, on one of my hunting _____, I encountered a gorilla. It was fiercer _____ I had expected. I was _____ aback for a while. Suddenly, the gorilla rushed at me. I was hurled violently to the _____. For a moment, I felt as if I were falling headlong down a cliff. Then everything went _____"

(63) (64) (65) (66) (67)

When I regained consciousness, I found _____ at the bottom of a large pit."

(68)

Uncle Harry then _____ on to describe how he was rescued. What a _____ it was that he was well again. We hoped he would visit us again soon.

(69) (70)

Marks
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Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Once there was an elderly widow, Chen Ma, who lived with her only son inside a forest in the Shanxi Province. Her son was one of the tiger hunters licensed by the local magistrate. All was well until a particularly bitter winter. During a snowstorm, Chen Ma's son was separated from his fellow hunters and became food for a hungry tigress.

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After her initial shock and grief had subsided, Chen Ma took stock of her own utterly desperate situation -- an old woman left all alone. She implored the magistrate to provide her with compensation for the loss of her son, who was her only source of support. [The magistrate decreed that she would have a small share of profits from the kill of each tiger by the hunters.] His decision, however, was not taken well by the hunters. They had plenty of mouths of their own to feed -- both old and young.

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Not long after, when the hunters succeeded in killing the tigress that ate Chen Ma's son, they decided not to give her a share of the profits. Instead, they brought her the tigress' newborn cub. He was a small quivery ball of fur with wobbly legs and toothless gums. The rope they tied around his neck was so tight that it was practically choking him. Instantly, Chen Ma's heart went out to this helpless creature. The elderly widow looked at the tiger baby, untied the rope from the little tiger's neck and fed him a paste of cooked roots with her fingers. They spent their first winter sharing the remaining food.

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At first her neighbours did not find the little tiger's presence alarming. However, when spring came, he had grown into the size of a calf, showing a full set of teeth and claws. The men decided to kill the young tiger.

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"I've lost both husband and son. This tiger is the only companion I have now. I shall go to the magistrate and request to adopt him as my son," Chen Ma told the villagers.

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The magistrate did not have the heart to refuse the old woman's pleas. So he drew up a document for the tiger's adoption. In order to protect the tiger, the magistrate ordered a large copper pendant made to hang around the beast's neck. The words "Fu Chi" were engraved on the pendant meaning Tiger Son.

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By next winter, Fu Chi had grown into his maximum size. Chen Ma reluctantly allowed Fu Chi to make his home inside a cave nearby, as her hut was too small for him. However, the affectionate tiger came back to visit his adopted mother often, always bearing a gift in his mouth -- a dead deer or boar. Chen Ma's needs were being cared for just as if her natural son was still alive!

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After Chen Ma died at the ripe old age past one hundred, the hunters noticed Fu Chi guarded her tomb nightly. As he had never attacked any humans or domestic animals, they decided to leave him alone. This went on for a number of years and then one day the tiger was seen no more. Out of admiration for the filial tiger son, the hunters erected a small stone monument at Chen Ma's tomb. Fu Chi's story was engraved on it.

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(Adapted from *Tiger Son* written by Teresa Ng)

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did Chen Ma ask for compensation for the loss of her son?

72. Quote the sentence to show that the other hunters were unhappy with the magistrate's decision for them to share their profits with Chen Ma.

73. In line 12, what does the phrase 'plenty of mouths' refer to?

74. Why did the men decide to kill the young tiger?

75. How did Chen Ma feel when she first saw the cub?

76. Why did the magistrate hang the large copper pendant around the tiger?

Marks

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77. Which word in the passage tells you that Chen Ma was unwilling to let Fu Chi leave her house?

78. How did Fu Chi look after Chen Ma?

79. Which word in the last paragraph has the opposite meaning as 'wild'?

80. What did the people in the village do to show their respect for Fu Chi?

Marks

END OF BOOKLET B

5 Find the value of $720\,000 \div 400$.

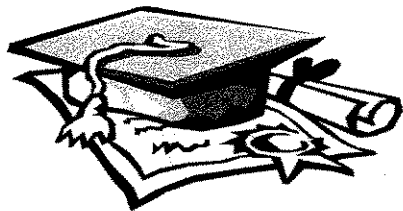
- (1) 180
- (2) 1800
- (3) 18 000
- (4) 180 000

6 Bala bought a vase and a clock for \$84. The clock cost 3 times as much as the vase. How much more did Bala pay for the clock than the vase?

- (1) \$21
- (2) \$28
- (3) \$42
- (4) \$63

7 58×40 is the same as _____

- (1) $50 \times 8 \times 4$
- (2) $58 \times 4 \times 10$
- (3) $5 \times 8 \times 4 \times 10$
- (4) $50 \times 8 \times 4 \times 10$



ANSWER SHEET

NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

- | | | |
|-------|--|------------------|
| 1. 3 | 31)N | 41) known |
| 2. 4 | 32)E | 42) participated |
| 3. 1 | 33)K | 43) rehearsals |
| 4. 4 | 34)F | 44) met |
| 5. 2 | 35)H | 45) February |
| 6. 1 | 36)P | 46) gathered |
| 7. 3 | 37)B | 47) sold |
| 8. 4 | 38)Q | 48) received |
| 9. 4 | 39)M | 49) opportunity |
| 10. 4 | 40)C | 50) excitement |
| 11. 4 | | |
| 12. 3 | 51) In spite of the bad weather, thousands | |
| 13. 4 | of people turned up for the Football | |
| 14. 3 | match. | |
| 15. 3 | | |
| 16. 1 | 52) Denise ate the burger although she was | |
| 17. 2 | not hungry. | |
| 18. 1 | | |
| 19. 4 | 53) John prefers tea to coffee. | |
| 20. 2 | | |
| 21. 3 | 54) The telephone rang for a long time | |
| 22. 2 | but there was no answer. | |
| 23. 3 | | |
| 24. 1 | 55) The librarian asked Peter if he | |
| 25. 3 | needed her help to look for the book. | |
| 26. 4 | | |
| 27. 2 | 56) rested | 61) not |
| 28. 1 | 57) one | 62) writing |
| 29. 4 | 58) year | 63) tries |
| 30. 2 | 59) did | 64) than |
| | 60) news | 65) taken |
| | | 66) ground |
| | | 67) black |
| | | 68) myself |
| | | 69) carried |
| | | 70) relief |

71) Chen Ma asked for compensation because her son was her only source of support.

72) The sentence is "His decision, however, was not taken well by the hunters."

73) It refers to the hunters families.

74) They were afraid that the young tiger might harm the neighbours as it had developed a full set of teeth and claws.

75) She felt pitiful for the cub as he was helpless with the tight rope choking him.

76) It was to protect the tiger from being killed.

77) The word is "reluctantly".

78) He visited her often, always bringing a dead deer or boar for her.

79) The word is "domestic".

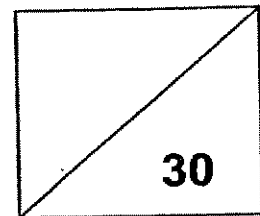
80) They erected a small stone monument at Chen Ma's tomb and Fu Chi's story was engraved on it.

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Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 Mid-Year Examination 2007

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 7 May 2007

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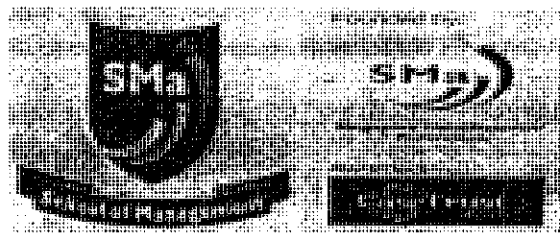
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- 1 A Polytechnic Diploma holder will take _____ to earn a Murdoch University degree.
- (1) 16 months
 - (2) 18 months
 - (3) 28 months
 - (4) 31 months
- 2 A candidate who wishes to obtain a Bachelor of Mass Communications may take courses in _____.
- (1) Journalism and HR Management
 - (2) Management and Public Relations
 - (3) Marketing Management and Journalism
 - (4) Communication, Technology and Policy and Professional Accounting
- 3 All lessons will be conducted in _____.
- (1) Australia
 - (2) Singapore
 - (3) United Kingdom
 - (4) United States of America
- 4 The SMa School of Management is founded by _____.
- (1) Case Trust
 - (2) Proctor & Gamble
 - (3) CapitaLand Group
 - (4) Singapore Manufacturers' Federation
- 5 Murdoch University is the only institution that has been rated 5-stars for _____.
- (1) teaching
 - (2) intensive research
 - (3) thirty successful intakes
 - (4) Overall Graduate Satisfaction

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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 Mrs Tan's pair of leather boots _____ missing. She is looking for her boots now.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 7 Neither of the girls _____ in the position to comment on this matter.
- (1) is
 - (2) am
 - (3) are
 - (4) were
- 8 We heard Betty _____ loudly when the bug crawled up her leg.
- (1) scream
 - (2) screams
 - (3) screamed
 - (4) had screamed
- 9 Jimmy is the class bully _____ everyone is afraid of. Don't go near him.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
- 10 Mother _____ the letter when the telephone rang.
- (1) reading
 - (2) is reading
 - (3) was reading
 - (4) has been reading
- 11 We want to do well in our examinations, _____ we?
- (1) don't
 - (2) won't
 - (3) haven't
 - (4) shouldn't

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12. Either John or his twin brothers _____ attending the award ceremony this evening.

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

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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)

Miss Honey continued to look steadily at Matilda through her steel-rimmed spectacles and Matilda looked back at her just as steadily (13)

"I'm still not following you," Miss Honey said. "Do you mean you actually willed the glass to tip over (14)

"Yes," Matilda said (15) with my eyes."

Miss Honey went silent for a moment.

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

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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 The girls were horrified to find their classroom _____ with cockroaches when they returned from the school holidays.
- (1) invaded
 - (2) infested
 - (3) infected
 - (4) inhabited
- 17 Lenny felt like _____ at the party last evening. He was the only one who was casually dressed.
- (1) a wet blanket
 - (2) a pain in the neck
 - (3) a fish out of water
 - (4) a chip of the old block
- 18 The fear of another powerful earthquake forced the government to _____ the residents from the neighbouring villages.
- (1) expel
 - (2) extract
 - (3) extricate
 - (4) evacuate
- 19 We must not allow the _____ of such a mistake.
- (1) restoration
 - (2) recurrence
 - (3) regeneration
 - (4) reappearance
- 20 Kylie _____ left the door open as she left the house in a hurry.
- (1) insolently
 - (2) involuntarily
 - (3) intentionally
 - (4) inadvertently

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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)

The leopard is the most widespread cat in Asia and Africa. Highly adaptable, it roams in almost every environment from mountains, deserts, plantations to cultivated lands and even stalks right into villages.

The only big cat in Africa to exploit arboreal* habitat, it sleeps, mates, moves and sometimes stalks prey in trees. The leopard usually drags its kill up trees for

undistributed feeding or to cache the kill for a later meal. One individual was seen

deftly carrying a young giraffe weighing 100 kilograms up a tree before feasting on it.

(24)

Rather difficult to spot, the leopard is secretive, solitary and nocturnal. The beautiful prints on its coat make a perfect camouflage.

*living in trees

- 21 (1) strays
(2) prowls
(3) travels
(4) meanders
- 22 (1) home
(2) location
(3) territory
(4) residence
- 23 (1) store
(2) collect
(3) preserve
(4) accumulate
- 24 (1) neatly
(2) ~~skillfully~~ *skillfully*
(3) precisely
(4) accurately
- 25 (1) reticent
(2) mystical
(3) cautious
(4) reserved

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Jack London's *The Call of the Wild* delivers all the thrills and adventure you could possibly want in a book. In this classic novel, you'll follow the journey of Buck, a proud dog whose power, intelligence and courage make him a hero. Buck's adventure begins as a greedy gardener steals him from a comfortable California home. Buck has never known anything but love and easy living. Now he is beaten and starved and his new life confounds him. Buck soon finds himself in the brutal setting of the 1897 Alaska gold rush. There, uncaring masters with gold fever put him to work as a sled dog. 5

The great dog uses every instinct to survive. Buck learns to sleep in snow. Rather than cowering, he fights to be top dog. He wins the respect of every person and beast he meets. Each test Buck faces brings out the best in him. 10

The Call of the Wild is clearly Buck's story. The only human character London allows the reader to know is John Thornton. Through Buck's eyes, you see Thornton's respect for his dogs and his fitness for life in the wild Yukon. You see love grow as Buck grasps Thornton's hand in his teeth and Thornton playfully shakes the dog's head. However, Thornton never engages the reader's emotions the way Buck does. It is Buck for whom most readers fear as ice cracks during a river crossing. It is Buck we follow to the very end of the journey. 15

London clearly describes the sights, sounds and smells of the frozen North: "Over the whiteness and silence brooded a ghostly calm. There was not the faintest whisper of air – nothing moved, not a leaf quivered, the visible breath of the dogs rising slowly and lingering in the frosty air." 20

If you have ever loved an animal, *The Call of the Wild* will be a special joy for you. Jack London captures the bond between a human and a dog as no other author has. Yet London insists that every animal hears the call of the wild and longs to answer. You will never again look at your family pet in quite the same way after you have read the book. 25

The Call of the Wild was published in 1903 and has never been out of print. With its gripping scenes and portrait of an unforgettable dog, the book will keep you on the edge of your seat right up to the last page. 30

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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)

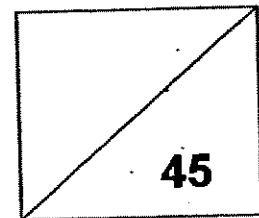
- 26 Buck was taken from his home to _____.
- (1) pull sleds
 - (2) be a top dog
 - (3) go on an adventure
 - (4) win the respect of everyone he met
- 27 "Rather than cowering, he fights to be top dog." (line 10) The word that best describes Buck is _____.
- (1) realistic
 - (2) resilient
 - (3) resentful
 - (4) respectful
- 28 The word 'confounds' in line 6 means _____.
- (1) concerns
 - (2) consoles
 - (3) confuses
 - (4) conquers
- 29 Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Most of Buck's struggles took place in Yukon.
 - (2) *The Call of the Wild* was last published in 1903.
 - (3) Buck was beaten and starved in his Californian home.
 - (4) The main character of *The Call of the Wild* is John Thornton.
- 30 Which of the following best conveys the message of the classic *The Call of the Wild*?
- (1) The story portrays an unforgettable dog.
 - (2) The story highlights an animal's instinct to survive.
 - (3) The story keeps the readers on the edge of their seat.
 - (4) The story captures the bond between a human and a dog.

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Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 Mid-Year Examination 2007

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 7 May 2007

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 5 printed pages.

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) about	(D) among	(G) from	(K) or	(N) which
(B) after	(E) between	(H) however	(L) since	(P) who
(C) although	(F) for	(J) in	(M) to	(Q) with

Charles M. Schulz bids a fond farewell to fans in his last daily *Peanuts* comic strip. _____ a 50-year career, Schulz is thanking the millions who have made
(31)

Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the rest of the gang _____ the most beloved
(32)

cartoon figures _____ the world.
(33)

"I have been fortunate to draw Charlie Brown and his friends for almost 50 years,"

Schulz writes in his farewell note _____ takes up the entire panel. A gentle man
(34)

_____ an easy touch, Schulz had one point which he would not budge: only he
(35)
would draw *Peanuts*.

Schulz, 77, announced that he would stop drawing *Peanuts* _____ treat a
(36)
newly diagnosed case of cancer. Ms Paige Braddock, a Schulz aide, said the

cartoonist was resting. _____, she added that her boss seemed willing to
(37)

discuss ideas _____ a video.
(38)

"I don't think he will come back to the daily strip but he may have other outlets,

like books _____ videos," Ms Braddock remarked, "he's still thinking
(39)

_____ the characters."
(40)

Peanuts is published in more than 2600 newspapers reaching 355 million readers
in 75 countries and 21 languages. (Go on to the next page)

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

As the name implies, the Tasmanian Devil is found living only in Tasmania. It

(41)

prefers forest areas and is quite rare. It can climbing trees and it looks and sounds

(42)

(43)

very fierce. Its fur are mostly black with a few white markengs.

(44)

The Tasmanian Devil is the largest of the **carnevoros** marsupials of Australia.

(45)

Its sharp teeth and powerful **Jouirs** enable it to rip and eat any part of an animal –

(46)

(47)

bones and all! It also enjoys fed on a **karcas**.

The Tasmanian Devil is nocturnal and so it does its hunting and eating at night.

(48)

It also **skawbels** noisily with other 'Devils'. During the day, it sleeps in a den built

under rocks or in logs.

(49)

Like the wombat, the female Tasmanian Devil had a réar opening pouch. She can

carry up to four babies at a time. The babies attach themselves to nipples in the

(50)

pouch and drink its mother's warm milk.

At about five months old, they are ready to leave their mother and go on night

raids by themselves.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Marly's class was studying about China. One day, her _____, Miss
(51)
Singh, told the students that kites were _____ in China more than 2 000
(52)
years ago. She also mentioned that most Chinese have a _____ for
(53)
kites and people of all _____, young and old, go to the parks to fly
(54)
them on sunny and windy days.

Miss Singh explained that Chinese kites are always colourful and are often
beautifully decorated to look like dragons, butterflies or other _____.
(55)
Then, she announced an unusual homework assignment. She asked each student
to make a kite and _____ it to class the following week. "The Chinese
(56)
make kites that represent something important to them," she said, "each of you should
make a kite that signifies something important to you."

Marly did not like the assignment. She _____ her shoulders and
(57)
grumbled that she did not know how to make a kite as she walked home that
afternoon. She decided to ask her father for _____. Marly explained to
(58)
her father that the kite had to _____ something to her.
(59)

Papa asked, "What do you think of when you see a kite?"

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As Marly thought for a moment, her mind filled with _____ of things
(60)
that flew such as planes and birds. "Eagles," she replied.

Papa nodded and agreed that an eagle design would make an excellent kite
_____ eagles are proud and fierce.
(61)

Marly and Papa got two rods of balsa wood and bound them _____
(62)
the shape of a cross. Papa cut a square out of an old white bedsheet and Marly
painted a great golden eagle on the sheet. Then they stretched the sheet over the
rods and made a diamond-shaped kite. Finally, Marly tied a long _____
(63)
to the bottom of the kite and it was completed.

Next, Marly and Papa took the kite to the park and _____ it. The kite
(64)
flew perfectly. Marly _____ the string and made the kite swoop so that
(65)
the eagle dived to the earth and flew back up again. Marly and Papa had an enjoyable
time at the park and walked home happily.

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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 children continued hiking. It was raining heavily.

Although _____

67 I would not have won the competition if you had not encouraged me.

without _____

68 The team performed poorly. They lost the match.

Due to _____

69 He was very sincere. She was so moved that she forgave him after twenty years.

His _____

70 "Will you be attending the musical tonight?" Mrs Tan asked Ali.

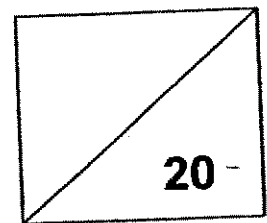
Mrs Tan asked _____

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Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 Mid-Year Examination 2007

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET C

1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 7 May 2007

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 3 printed pages.

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

As we peered through the dusky half-light on the beach at Queensland's Heron Island on the first day, we spied baby turtles which were **the exact replicas of their giant parents but as small as mice.**

Behind us, we heard the soft crackling of egg shells as the hatchlings broke out and made their dash to the water. We had to squint in the dark to follow their progress to the sea and their new life. Torches were a **definite no-no** when watching hatchlings as the turtles had an amazing photographic memory which captured an image of the beach where they were born. Eventually, they would use that information to return to the same spot to lay their own eggs. Bright lights made it difficult for them to capture the image. 5 10

The next day, we swam with the mother turtles in the shallows and that evening, decided to visit the beach an hour earlier, to ensure a clear view of the hatchlings. **Other resort guests had the same idea** and we were rewarded with the sight of dozens of baby turtles clambering over the dunes and making a dash for the water. 15

However, we were horrified to see seagulls pecking off the hatchlings at will. The resort's briefing was very clear – let nature take its course but we could stand only so much torment watching the delicate, beautiful creatures being chomped on. Some guests rushed forward to frighten the birds away.

Feeling guilty, the humans went back to sit on the beach and watch the rescued babies head out to sea. Only one in 10 000 turtles would survive to adulthood. The guests thought they might have helped the hatchlings and were satisfied with themselves as the hatchlings dived between the waves. However, such satisfaction was shortlived. 20

"Look, is that a mother turtle out there?" one guest asked. It soon became clear that what looked like turtle flippers were fins. The reef sharks were gathering for their supper. Reef sharks generally were harmless to humans but no brave saviour offered to swim out and shoo them away and evolution was left to take its relentless course. Nature did have a way of getting even. 25

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 On the first day, when did the writer and his friend see the hatchlings?

72 What does 'the exact replicas of their giant parents but as small as mice' (lines 2 - 3) tell us about the hatchlings?

73 Why did the writer and his friend have to strain their eyes at the beach?

74 Why were torches 'a definite no-no' (line 6) on the beach?

75 From the passage, what were two activities resort guests could engage in?

76 What does 'other resort guests had the same idea' (line 13) tell us about the intention of the other guests?

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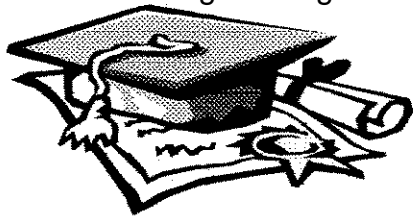
77 Which word, from paragraphs 1 – 3, has the same meaning as 'moving in a slow and clumsy manner'?

78 Which two-word phrase, from paragraph 4, tells you that the seagulls ate as much as they wanted?

79 What did some guests do upon seeing the hatchlings being eaten?

80 From the passage, what were the two predators of the baby turtles?

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ANSWER SHEET

MGS PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

- | | | | |
|-------|---|----------------|-------------|
| 1.1 | 31)B | 41)climb | 51)teacher |
| 2.3 | 32)D | 42)is | 52)invented |
| 3.2 | 33)J | 43)markings | 53)liking |
| 4.4 | 34)N | 44)carnivorous | 54)ages |
| 5.4 | 35)Q | 45)jaws | 55)animals |
| 6.1 | 36)M | 46)feeding | 56)bring |
| 7.1 | 37)H | 47)carcass | 57)shrugged |
| 8.1 | 38)F | 48)squabbles | 58)help |
| 9.3 | 39)K | 49)has | 59)mean |
| 10. 3 | 40)A | 50)their | 60)images |
| 11. 1 | | | |
| 12. 2 | 61)as | | |
| 13. 4 | 62)into | | |
| 14. 4 | 63)string | | |
| 15. 3 | 64)flew | | |
| 16. 2 | 65)jerked | | |
| 17. 3 | | | |
| 18. 4 | 66)Although it was raining heavily, the children continued hiking. | | |
| 19. 2 | | | |
| 20. 4 | | | |
| 21. 3 | 67)I would not have won the competition without your encouragement. | | |
| 22. 1 | | | |
| 23. 1 | | | |
| 24. 2 | 68)Due to the teams poor performace, they lost the match. | | |
| 25. 4 | | | |
| 26. 1 | | | |
| 27. 2 | 69)His sincerity moved her so much that she forgave him after twenty years. | | |
| 28. 3 | | | |
| 29. 1 | | | |
| 30. 2 | 70)Mrs Tan asked Ali if he would be attending the musical that night. | | |

71)The writer and his friend saw the hatchlings at dusk.

72)The hatchlings looked exactly like their parents but only that they were smaller.

73)There were hardly any lights and it was very dark.

74)Lights made it difficult for the turtles to capture the image of the beach where they were born.

75)They could swim with turtles in the waters and watch the hatchlings.

76)The other resort guests had also decided to arrive at the beach an hour earlier to get a better view of the hatchlings.

77)The word is "clambering".

78)The phrase is 'at will'.

79)Some guests rushed forward to frighten the birds which were eating the hatchlings away.

80)The two predators were the reef sharks and the sea gulls.

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**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2007
PRIMARY 5**

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PAPER 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Total Time for Part 1 and 2 : 1 hour 10 minutes

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ANSWER QUESTION ONE IN PART 1 AND ONE QUESTION FROM PART 2

Part 1 : Situational Writing
Read the advertisement below

ANIMAL BEFRIENDERS' CLUB
invites you to
do something different during the school holidays!

Befriend Animals
...Learn About Animals
...Have Fun At The
Same Time !

Dates: 4 June 2007 – 6 June 2007

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Activities:

4 June 2007	@	The Zoo :	Guided Tour by zoo-keepers Animal Shows Pet and feed animals at the 'Pet Zoo'
5 June 2007	@	The Bird Park :	Guided Tour by keepers Bird Shows
6 June 2007	@	Sentosa :	Musical Fountain Ascend the Merlion Feed the dolphins

Cost of \$100 includes lunches, tea-breaks, transport and entrance fees for the 3 days.

To sign up, visit our website: [www. animalbefrienders.com.sg](http://www.animalbefrienders.com.sg) or call us at 64567654

Your Task:

Imagine that you are Jeremy. You are an animal-lover and want to sign up for the activities. However, your parents are away and will not be back for a month. Write them an email telling them about the advertisement.

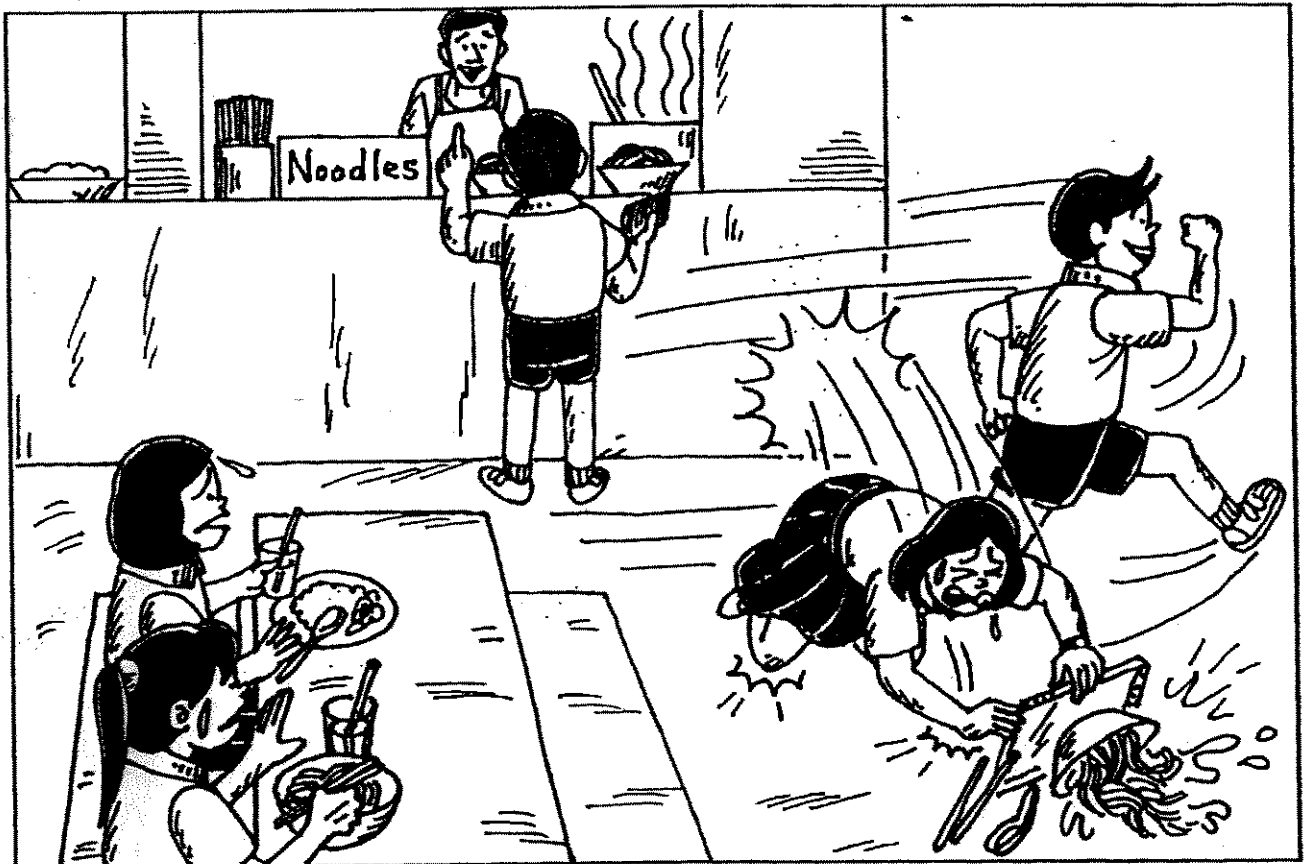
You must include the following points in your email:

- the organizer of the activity
- dates and time of the activities
- the places you will be visiting
- the cost and what it covers
- seek your parents' permission to sign up for the activity

You may reorder the points. Your email must be written in complete sentences.

Part 2 : Continuous Writing

Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



For your story, make use of the points below. You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

- why the boy was running
- how the girl felt
- what the other people did
- what happened in the end

It was past midnight. My sister and I quietly unlocked the door. Stealthily, both of us crept up the stairs to our bedroom. Just as we reached our bedroom door, a voice shouted from behind us. We spun round to see who it was.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 150 words:

In your composition, make use of the points below:

- who that person was
- why the person shouted
- how both of you felt
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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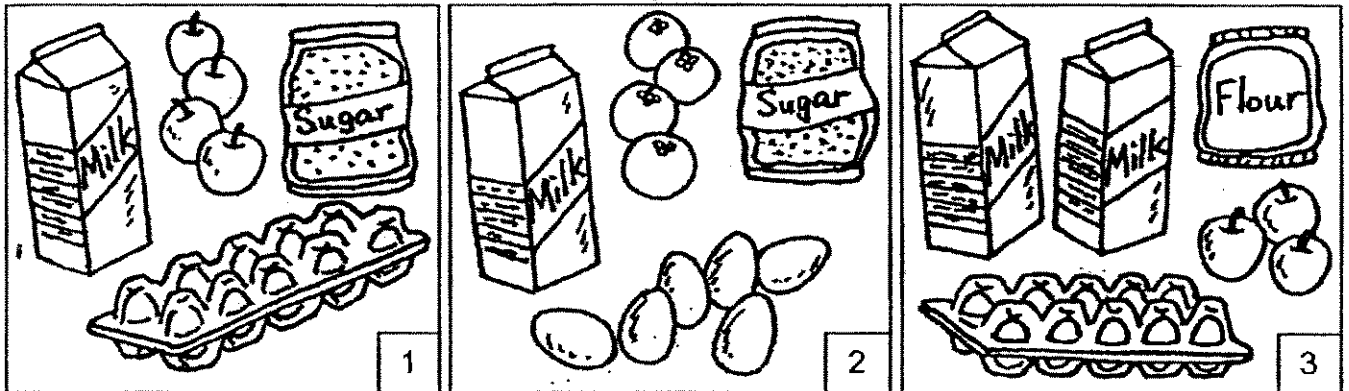
Answer all questions.

**For each question, choose the correct answer (1, 2 or 3).
Then shade the correct oval (1, 2 or 3) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).**

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Text 1

Q1. Which picture shows the things Carl has to get for his mother?



Text 2

Q2. Which place is the group visiting?



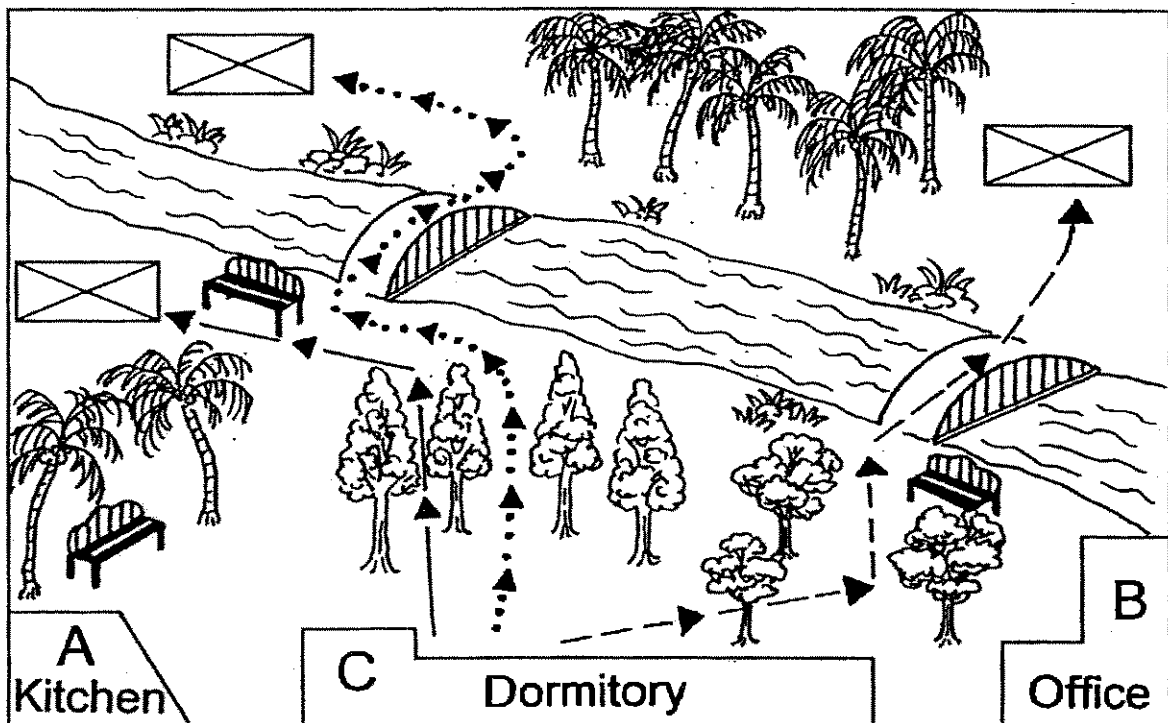
Text 3

Q3. Which of these routes will lead participants to the spot where the 'treasure' is hidden?

- (1) ———▶
- (2) - - - -▶
- (3) • • • ▶

Q4. Once found, where should the 'treasure' be taken to?

- (1) A
- (2) B
- (3) C



Text 4

Q5. What is Wild Aid?

- (1) a species of sharks
- (2) a delicacy
- (3) an organisation

Q6. What do people who sign the cards have to do?

- (1) donate money to help save the sharks
- (2) join Environmental Clubs
- (3) promise to stop eating or to eat less shark's fins

Q7. Who are the people who can save the sharks?

- (1) only restaurant owners
- (2) people who eat shark's fins
- (3) governments

Text 5

Q8. What does Jason aspire to become?

- (1) a scientist
- (2) a flying Instructor
- (3) a fighter pilot

Q9. How old is Jason?

- (1) 9 years old
- (2) 16 years old
- (3) 20 years old

Q10. Why was Jason on cloud nine?

- (1) He was flying a plane.
- (2) He was 2000 feet up in the air.
- (3) He was being treated to a breathtaking aerial view of Singapore.

Q11. Where did the money for the activity come from?

- (1) a local newspaper
- (2) The Singapore Youth Flying Club
- (3) the boys' schools

Text 6

Q12. What nationality is Thung Vu Diong?

- (1) Cuban
- (2) Cambodian
- (3) Vietnamese

Q13. Who started the farm?

- (1) Thung Vu Diong
- (2) Thung Vu Diong's father
- (3) Thung Vu Diong's grandfather

Q14. How old is Thung Vu Diong now?

- (1) 30 years old
- (2) 24 years old
- (3) 20 years old

Q15. Why does Mr. Thung want to increase the number of animals on his farm?

- (1) The number of visitors to his farm is increasing.
- (2) Business has been growing steadily.
- (3) He wants to export his products.

Q16. How do we know that the alligators on the farm are more dangerous than the crocodiles?

- (1) The Cuban reptiles are known to be aggressive.
- (2) Mr Thung has been attacked by the alligators several times.
- (3) Cambodian crocodiles are never aggressive.

Text 7

Q17. Why has John's father gone overseas?

- (1) to scuba-dive
- (2) to work
- (3) to celebrate John's grandfather's birthday

Q18. Which is the second place John's father is travelling to?

- (1) Hongkong
- (2) Manila
- (3) Taiwan

Q19. Why can't John go swimming with Susan?

- (1) His mother does not allow him to do so.
- (2) He is spending time with his family.
- (3) He is going scuba-diving.

Q20. Which day of the week did the conversation between Susan and John take place?

- (1) Monday
- (2) Wednesday
- (3) Friday

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A**

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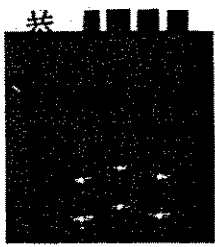
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

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Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

SHANGHAI CAFÉ


Authentic & Mouthwatering Always!




GREAT NEWS!!

**We are open on Chinese New Year with
“EXTENDED OPENING HOURS”**

12 noon to 6 a.m.
Dates: 17, 18, 19 and 20 January 2007**



ONLY @ our FIVO CITY Branch



There is no better place to celebrate and enjoy a great meal with families and friends during this festive season than @*Shanghai Café*. ++

Business as usual from 12 noon to 10p.m. from 21 January 2007. For more information, please visit us @ www.shanghaicafe.com.sg, call 6888 8888 or simply visit any of our branches.

Our three branches in Orchard Road as well as our Gardenville Branch will be closed from 17 to 20 January 2007. Business as usual from 21 January 2007.

**** No service charge during these days.
++ A surprise gift awaits each table.**



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. What is the purpose of this advertisement by Shanghai Café?
It is to get people to _____
 - (1) visit their website
 - (2) spend time with their loved ones
 - (3) dine at its café during Chinese New Year
 - (4) dine at Shanghai Café only after 20 January 2007

2. How many more hours will the Shanghai Café Fivo City Branch remain open on each day during the festive period?
 - (1) 6
 - (2) 7
 - (3) 8
 - (4) 9

3. There are _____ Shanghai Café outlets in all.
 - (1) five
 - (2) two
 - (3) three
 - (4) four

4. What incentives will the café use during the festive period to entice customers?
 - (1) surprise gifts only
 - (2) delicious and authentic food
 - (3) no service charge and a free gift
 - (4) longer opening hours at all its branches

5. Mr Tan is away in Taiwan but he wants to find out more about the menu at Shanghai Café. He can _____
 - (1) call the café only
 - (2) email the café only
 - (3) email or call the café
 - (4) email or visit the café personally

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. Marie, together with her parents, _____ going to France for a holiday next week.
- (1) am
 - (2) are
 - (3) is
 - (4) were
7. After the princess _____ the ugly frog, it turned into a handsome prince.
- (1) had kissed
 - (2) kiss
 - (3) kissed
 - (4) kisses
8. My mother could tell that my sister was not lying _____ the fear in her voice.
- (1) by
 - (2) for
 - (3) from
 - (4) with
9. They were afraid to complain about the noise _____ they annoyed the people next door.
- (1) because
 - (2) for
 - (3) lest
 - (4) since
10. We can get _____ the problem of space by building an extension.
- (1) into
 - (2) over
 - (3) round
 - (4) through

11. The helpless villagers watched the flood waters _____ away all their belongings.

- (1) had swept
- (2) sweep
- (3) sweeps
- (4) swept

12. Sammy and his sister, Fiona, love to go to the park early in the morning. Sammy jogs while Fiona joins a group of ladies in _____ daily "Tai Chi" exercise.

- (1) her
- (2) his
- (3) our
- (4) ~~their~~ my

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For each question from 13 to 15, 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. (3 marks)

They have a reputation for being pig-headed, but New Yorkers showed they are big (13) hearted too, by finishing first in a global courtesy ratings.

Surprised (14) Not former mayor Ed Koch. Asked to react to the findings, Koch pointed to a rise in New York amiability since the terror attacks on the city five years ago.

"After 9/11, New Yorkers are more caring. They understand the shortness of life (15) said Koch.

*Adapted from the article "How Polite Are We?"
Reader's Digest July 2006*

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|-----|-----|---------|------------------------------|
| 13. | (1) | [,] | comma |
| | (2) | [!] | exclamation mark |
| | (3) | [.] | full stop |
| | (4) | [-] | hyphen |
| 14 | (1) | [,] | comma |
| | (2) | [!] | exclamation mark |
| | (3) | [.] | full stop |
| | (4) | [?] | question mark |
| 15. | (1) | [,] | comma |
| | (2) | [, '] | comma and inverted comma |
| | (3) | [!] | exclamation mark |
| | (4) | [. '] | full stop and inverted comma |

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The verdict is out.

That gas-guzzling Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) you drive, the air conditioner that you leave humming through the night – they are responsible for global warming.

Worse, the damage from such human activities that consume fossil fuels is unstoppable and will last for centuries. 5

The result : Worsening killer heat waves and floods, devastating droughts, and stronger hurricanes and tropical storms, say 2500 scientists from more than 130 countries.

Global temperatures and sea levels will also continue to rise, the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change said yesterday in a bleak assessment of the future of the planet. 10

It predicted that by the year 2100, temperatures will rise by 1.8 degree Celsius to 4.0 degree Celsius and sea levels, an area of particular concern to Singapore because of the threat of flooding here, will rise by 18cm to 59cm. 15

It could be another 10cm to 20cm more if a relatively recent phenomenon, the melting of the polar ice sheets, continues.

Scientists also used their toughest language yet to point the finger for such problems at humans, saying that it is "very likely" humans are the cause of global warming. In scientific language, this means they are at least ninety per cent certain of the cause. 20

The report has sounded a dire warning over the impact of greenhouse gases pouring into the atmosphere from burning fossil fuels – they are already at their highest levels in 650 000 years. Leaders, scientists and environmental groups have urged governments and corporations to reduce emissions. 25

Said French President Jacques Chirac, "Faced with this emergency, now is not the time for half measures. It is the time for revolution, in the true sense of the term." 30

The Kyoto Protocol – a plan for cutting emissions of greenhouse gases by 2012 – has been severely weakened since the US, the top source of greenhouse gases, pulled out in 2001.

Responding to the report, Singapore National Environment Agency said that it would make studies on the impact of climate change on Singapore. 35

These studies on rainfall patterns and the effects of extreme weather, among other things, will help in planning measures to deal with the impact of the changing climate.

Singapore Environment Council executive director Howard Shaw said, "Enough has been done as far as legislation can do, but not enough is done by the people. You need a lifestyle change by the people themselves." 40

Adapted from an article from The Straits Times 3rd Feb 2007

For each question 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. The new school _____ is so enormous that it left Jane feeling lost.
- 1) concrete
 - 2) compound
 - 3) floor
 - 4) land
17. Betsy and her family have a very close relationship. Their _____ means a lot to them.
- 1) company
 - 2) kinship
 - 3) rapport
 - 4) teamwork
18. The survivors were very calm and they waited _____ for the rescue team to reach them.
- 1) edgily
 - 2) intolerantly
 - 3) patiently
 - 4) willingly
19. Charlie's teacher told him that he was very _____ as he came up with many ways to sell the cookies at the food fair.
- 1) adventurous
 - 2) entertaining
 - 3) enterprising
 - 4) inadequate
20. Marion told the teacher about the stealing incident and her friends _____ it as an act of betrayal of trust and friendship.
- 1) misconstrued
 - 2) misheard
 - 3) misjudged
 - 4) misled

For each question 21 to 25, choose a suitable word to replace the underlined words. **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.**
(5 marks)

Mozart held concerts in the afternoons and early evenings. He composed
(21)
music in the morning and at night, sometimes working all through the night. He
had no time to take care of himself. As a result, he was often ill.
(22)
Although Mozart earned a lot of money, he spent what he had on stylish
(23)
clothes and expensive parties, and he was often in liability. Then when the
(24)
money was all gone, he was forced to sell his valuable possessions and to
(25)
compose more music.

21. 1) conducted
2) gave
3) organised
4) planned
22. 1) feeble
2) pallid
3) unhealthy
4) unwell
23. 1) chic
2) bright
3) fragile
4) thin
24. 1) burden
2) credit
3) debt
4) misery
25. 1) coaxed
2) commanded
3) compelled
4) thrust

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26. Which of the following is **not** a result of global warming?
- (1) floods
 - (2) heat waves
 - (3) severe droughts
 - (4) emission of greenhouse gases
27. According to the passage, what is the root cause of global warming?
- (1) human activities
 - (2) climatic changes
 - (3) geographical changes
 - (4) lack of government support
28. What does French President Jacques Chirac mean when he said, "***Faced with this emergency, now is not the time for half measures. It is the time for revolution, in the true sense of the term.***" (lines 28 – 30)?
- (1) We need not hurry to find a solution to the problem.
 - (2) He is asking all nations to go to war with one another.
 - (3) There is an urgent and immediate need to address the situation.
 - (4) The world needs to play a passive role in dealing with global warming.
29. A word from the passage that suggests that the future of the world looks "depressing" is "_____".
- (1) bleak
 - (2) extreme
 - (3) weakened
 - (4) devastating
30. Scientists fear that the sea level will rise **more than expected** due to _____.
- (1) changes in rainfall pattern
 - (2) lifestyle changes by the people
 - (3) continuous melting of the polar ice sheets
 - (4) the use of air conditioners through the night

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BOOKLET B**

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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.

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|---------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) are | (D) but | (G) from | (K) on | (N) where |
| (B) as | (E) by | (H) with | (L) since | (P) which |
| (C) at | (F) for | (J) is | (M) so | (Q) have |

In developed countries, such as the UK and the USA, machinery and large farms mean that farming is big business. _____ contrast, in poorer areas, farming is small-scale,

(31):

providing enough food only for the farmer and his family. Animal farming _____ meat,

(32)

milk, wool and leather is also vitally important. The world's most widely drunk beverage is tea, made _____ a plant cultivated in China and India _____ 3rd century AD.

(33)

(34)

Coffee was first drunk in Ethiopia in the 15th century. _____ it became popular in

(35)

Europe, the plant was taken to Brazil and the Caribbean _____ it is now farmed on a

(36)

massive scale.

Different cultures _____ distinctive diets. Developed nations eat more meat

(37)

than _____ healthy, while Hindus in India view animals as sacred and

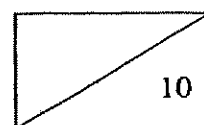
(38)

_____ eat vegetables only. A Mediterranean diet centres _____ seafood,

(39)

(40)

fruit and vegetables whereas Asian cultures often cook with spices.



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

Operations were so dangerous 150 years ago that most people did not survive.

(41)

Shock was a big killer, so ~~fysicians~~ gave their patients anaesthetics to numb the pain, such as wine and laughing gas!

(42)

(43)

Though ~~eefective~~, patients still died. Scottish ~~surgen~~ Joseph Lister realized that

(44)

(45)

germs are the ~~problem~~. After he had ordered that everything, include the doctors, must

(46)

be kept ~~absolootly~~ clean, fewer people died.

(47)

Another major breakthrough came with the ~~innishial~~ use of the heart-lung machine

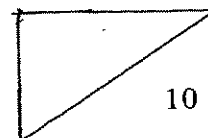
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in 1953. A heart can be stopped while the machine took over, give doctors time to

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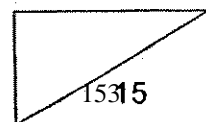
operate. In the 1960s, doctors begin transplanting hearts and other organs.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

We had no torch. The _____ that came through the chinks in the
 boards was pale and weak. We blundered _____ the dark. We held hands
 and _____ our free hands out in front of us. We walked into the wall. We
 caught our toes on the loose floorboards. We _____ as we climbed the
 stairs. We shuffled _____ the first landing. We felt for the
 _____ of the door to the room where we thought we had left Skellig. We
 inched the door open. We whispered, "Skellig! Skellig!" No _____ We
 moved forward _____, arms outstretched, feeling forward with our feet before
 we took each _____. Our breath was fast, shallow and trembly. My
 _____ was thundering. I opened my eyes _____, glared into
 the dark, _____ the shape of his body on the floor. Nothing there, just the blankets, the
 pillow, the plastic dish, the beer bottle rolling _____ from my stumbling feet.
 "Where is he?" whispered Mina.
 "Skellig," we whispered. "Skellig! Skellig!"
 We turned _____ to the landing again. We stumbled up the next
 _____ of stairs. We opened many doors, we stared past them into pitch black
 rooms, we whispered his name, we heard _____ but our own breath, our own
 uncertain feet, his name echoing back to us from bare floorboards and bare walls.

-Adapted from 'Skellig' by David Almond-

For each of 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 Boy Scouts went hiking. They also visited a farm.

_____ not only _____
but also _____

67 We lost the netball match. We are not disappointed.

_____ at _____

68 Joan plays the violin and the piano.

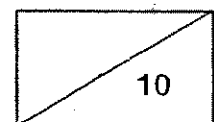
_____ besides _____

69 Uncle Mani cannot dive. He cannot even swim.

_____ let alone _____

70 "William," said Jane, "did you call me last night?"

Jane asked William _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Indonesia's Komodo National Park covers several small islands in the Java Sea. The Komodo dragon takes its name from one of these islands where it is mostly found.

Zoologists say that the Komodo is the largest of the monitor lizards which are a species of the lizard group. A full-grown adult may measure up to three metres and weigh about one hundred and thirty kilograms. Its teeth are serrated. Like a snake, it has a forked tongue. With muscular legs that can carry its body off the ground, Komodo dragons can run quite fast. They can live up to fifty years.

Komodo dragons sleep at night in the burrows they make. These burrows are where the females lay their eggs. Komodo dragons forage during the day, especially in the mornings.

Young Komodo dragons spend most of their time on trees during the hot afternoons. The larger ones, unable to climb, would laze away behind bushes. Their green and brown bodies **put them in good stead**.

Though Komodo dragons may eat *carrion*, they much prefer live prey; wild pigs, goats, deer and even larger animals like buffaloes. The larger ones may even eat the smaller ones and they do attack human beings. Their bites can transmit deadly toxins and its tail can be just as deadly with a flick. Komodo dragons can also hold their prey down with their tails. Unlike most reptiles which swallow their prey whole, the Komodo will tear chunks of meat off.

The local people have **given these creatures a wide berth**, choosing to stay close to the sea. Even so, there are still reports of missing villagers. At the National Park Headquarters, there are gruesome pictures depicting savage attacks by these reptiles. These serve as a reminder to tourists who are warned to be careful and not to wander around the park alone.

In their native habitat, Komodos have hardly any predators and yet their numbers seem to be dwindling. Poaching may be a possible reason as these creatures are much sought after. Another reason is perhaps man's hunting of the animals which the dragons prey on.

Now, the Komodo dragon is a **protected animal**.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

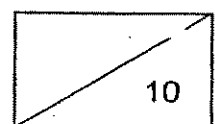
71 What is the name of the island where Komodo dragons are found?

72 Which characteristic of the Komodo dragon may remind one of snakes?

73 What evidence from the passage tells you that Komodo dragon is NOT a nocturnal animal?

74 How do the colours of the bodies of the Komodo dragon '*put them in good stead*' (Line 12) ?

75 What do you think the word '*carrion*' (Line 13) means?



76 How is the Komodo dragon able to tear off chunks of meat from its prey?

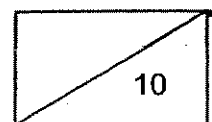
77 Explain the phrase "given these creatures a wide berth" (Line 18).

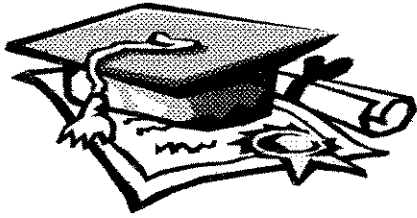
78 "Gruesome pictures were put up at the National Park Headquarters" (Line 20).
Suggest a possible reason for this.

79 Explain clearly why the Komodo dragon hardly has any predator.

80 Why is the Komodo dragon a "protected animal" (Line 25) now ?

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ANSWER SHEET

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| 1. 3 | 33) G | 65) nothing |
| 2. 3 | 34) L | |
| 3. 1 | 35) B | |
| 4. 3 | 36) N | |
| 5. 3 | 37) Q | |
| 6. 3 | 38) J | |
| 7. 1 | 39) M | |
| 8. 3 | 40) K | |
| 9. 3 | 41) physicians | |
| 10. 3 | 42) effective | |
| 11. 2 | 43) surgeon | |
| 12. 1 | 44) were | |
| 13. 4 | 45) including | |
| 14. 4 | 46) absolutely | |
| 15. 1 | 47) initial | |
| 16. 2 | 48) could | |
| 17. 2 | 49) giving | |
| 18. 3 | 50) began | |
| 19. 3 | 51) light | |
| 20. 1 | 52) through | |
| 21. 1 | 53) put | |
| 22. 4 | 54) stumbled | |
| 23. 1 | 55) towards | |
| 24. 3 | 56) knob | |
| 25. 3 | 57) answer | |
| 26. 4 | 58) together | |
| 27. 1 | 59) step | |
| 28. 3 | 60) heart | |
| 29. 1 | 61) wider | |
| 30. 3 | 62) away | |
| 31. E | 63) back | |
| 32. F | 64) flight | |

- 66)The Boy scouts not only went hiking but also visited a farm.
- 67)We are not disappointed at losing the netball match.
- 68)Joan plays the violin besides the piano.
- 69)Uncle Mani cannot swim swim let alone dive.
- 70)Jane asked William if he had called her the night before.
- 71)It is the Komodo Island.
- 72)It is the forked tongue.
- 73)It sleeps at night.
- 74)They help them to camouflage themselves.
- 75)It means dead animals.
- 76)It has serrated.
- 77)It means to avoid the Komodo dragon.
- 78)They remind tourists to be careful.
- 79)They are big and strong.
- 80)Their number are dwindling.

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Date: 7 May 2007

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

JOJO CROCODILE PARADISE

CROCODILES!

See them LIVE...
Like you've never seen them before!

Daily Events		
Time	Events	Location
12.00 pm	Crocodile Feeding	Enclosure
1.30 pm	Crocodile Show	Amphitheatre
3.00 pm	Video Screening	Auditorium
4.00 pm	Crocodile Show	Amphitheatre
5.00 pm	Crocodile Feeding	Enclosure
On-going	Take a picture with Croc	Plaza

Have you ever come so close to
a
CROCODILE?
Here's your chance!

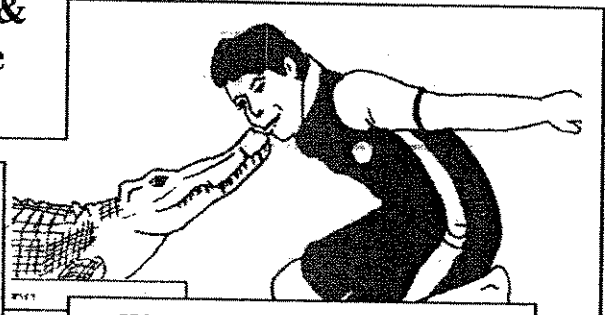


a **FUN-FILLED, EXCITING & ENTERTAINING** experience
awaits YOU!

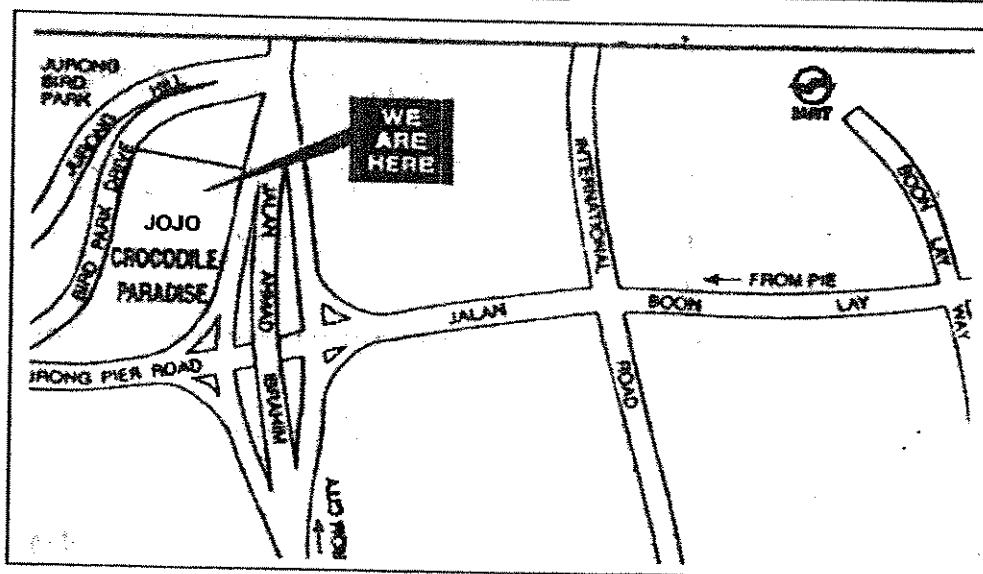
Operating Hours: 11 am – 6 pm

Admission: Adult \$6
Child (3-12 years) \$3 (concessionary rate)
Senior Citizen \$4

*Door Gifts for visitors who go as a family.



We proudly present you the
CROCODILE SHOW!



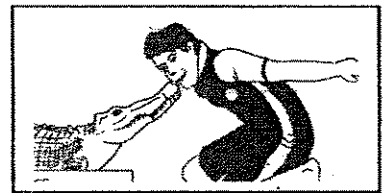
For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The words "CROCODILE PARADISE" are used in the advertisement to _____.

- 1) confirm that the activities are exciting
- 2) show that the crocodiles are well-fed there
- 3) emphasise that the staff enjoy working there
- 4) convince visitors that the attraction is a pleasant place

2. The picture on the right illustrates that _____.

- 1) crocodiles are tame by nature.
- 2) a crocodile is man's best friend
- 3) visitors will enjoy the crocodile shows
- 4) the trainer has put in a lot of hard work



3. The word "WE" in the label "WE ARE HERE" in the map refers to _____.

- 1) the visitors to the attraction
- 2) the entrance of the attraction
- 3) those working in the attraction
- 4) where the attraction is located

4. Paul can watch the crocodiles being feed at the _____.

- 1) plaza
- 2) arena
- 3) amphitheatre
- 4) crocodile enclosure

5. The advertisement encourages readers to go during the school holidays by offering _____.

- 1) door gifts
- 2) a variety of activities
- 3) concessionary tickets
- 4) an exclusive experience

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)

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.

I was very tired. My mind was in a blank. A policeman came by and asked if I was all right.

“Get another rickshaw , (13) I’m telling you he can’t pull you any more,” he said. Without thinking, I took out a handful of coins from my coat pocket and handed them to the policeman.

“Please give him these,” I said , (14) “He needs them more than I do.” The wind had dropped completely, but the road was still quiet. I walked on, thinking quietly to myself.

Setting aside what had happened earlier, what had I meant by that handful of coins. (15) Was it a reward? Who was I to judge the rickshaw man? I could not answer myself.

-adapted from a story by Lu Xun-

13. 1) [:] colon
 2) [,] comma
 3) [.] full stop
 4) [?] question mark
14. 1) [,] comma
 2) [.] full stop
 3) [?] question mark
 4) [!] exclamation mark
15. 1) [,] comma
 2) [.] full stop
 3) [?] question mark
 4) [!] exclamation mark

Section D – Vocabulary Discrete (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. The pearl necklace on the dressing table had disappeared without a _____.
- ① trail
 - ② sign
 - ③ mark
 - ④ trace
17. Mrs Kumar is an eloquent speaker. She is able to _____ herself well.
- ① utter
 - ② convey
 - ③ express
 - ④ communicate
18. The desert is actually full of life as many plants and animals can _____ to the harsh conditions of the desert.
- ① suit
 - ② adapt
 - ③ nurture
 - ④ develop
19. We were told not to _____ over the flight delay as the mechanics were already looking into the problem.
- ① fret
 - ② fight
 - ③ forgo
 - ④ forfeit
20. The _____ girl was reprimanded by the principal for being insolent.
- ① lazy
 - ② rude
 - ③ naughty
 - ④ disobedient

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

In the summer of 1881, Robert Louis Stevenson was living in a Scottish village with his family. During that memorable summer, Stevenson did not get to enjoy much sunshine. It rained **(21)on and off**. Most of the time, the sky was **(22)gloomy**. Stevenson, who was **(23)suffering from an illness**, had to stay at home; so did the rest of his family members although they were not sick. Stevenson's young stepson, Lloyd Osbourne, felt down in the dumps as he was being **(24)cooped up** in the house. He could not enjoy any outdoor activity, so he spent his time painting and drawing. Stevenson also dipped his brushes into pots of paint **(25)once in a while**.

21. 1) barely
 2) irregularly
 3) occasionally
 4) intermittently
22. 1) dull
 2) dark
 3) damp
 4) downcast
23. 1) frail
 2) sick
 3) weak
 4) feeble
24. 1) confined
 2) controlled
 3) contained
 4) conserved
25. 1) rarely
 2) merely
 3) incidentally
 4) occasionally

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

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

Mrs Ang frowned when the train arrived. It was crowded. She could not possibly jostle with the other commuters. She made her way towards the back of the cabin, shielding her right arm which was in a sling with her left hand.

Mrs Ang was involved in a hit-and-run accident on her way to work a week ago. She was crossing the road when a car suddenly appeared round a sharp bend and hit her. She was thrown onto the road divider. Instead of stopping to help, the driver drove off quickly. Luckily for her, witnesses helped by calling for an ambulance. She was fortunate to have suffered only a broken arm and cuts on her face and limbs. 5

The train started to move and Mrs Ang nearly lost her balance. She quickly grabbed an overhead strap with her left hand and managed to steady herself. A little girl stood up and offered her seat to Mrs Ang immediately. The little girl gave a smile at the same time. 10

Mrs Ang was touched by her thoughtfulness but was hesitant in accepting the seat. The little girl hardly reached Mrs Ang's waist. Mrs Ang looked around, hoping that someone else would offer her a seat instead. A man sitting beside the cabin door had his nose in a book while the passenger beside him pretended to be asleep. 15

She turned down the little girl's offer with a sigh. Just then, she felt a tap on her shoulder. It was a young man sitting behind her. He quietly offered his seat to her with a nod and a smile. 20

Mrs Ang thanked him gratefully and took the seat.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. Why did Mrs Ang frown when she saw the train?

- 1) She was in pain.
- 2) The train was crowded.
- 3) No one offered her a seat.
- 4) She did not know where to go.

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27. Mrs Ang tried to protect her broken arm in the crowded train by _____

- 1) putting on a sling
- 2) using her left hand to cover it
- 3) moving towards the back of the cabin
- 4) using her left hand to grab the overhead strap

28. The word "him" in line 17 refers to the _____

- 1) man sitting beside the cabin door
- 2) man who offered his seat to Mrs Ang
- 3) passenger who pretended to be asleep
- 4) the driver involved in the hit-and-run accident

29. Mrs Ang was touched because the little girl _____

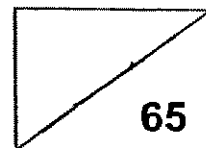
- 1) was cheerful
- 2) was very young
- 3) realised that Mrs Ang was in pain
- 4) realised that Mrs Ang needed a seat

Mrs

30. Mrs Ang did not accept the seat because she _____

- 1) was able to balance herself after all
- 2) knew the young man would offer his seat
- 3) thought the little girl needed the seat as well
- 4) could keep her balance by using the overhead strap

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

A) a	D) one	G) another	K) also	N) the
B) more	E) least	H) in	L) almost	P) as
C) some	F) our	J) an	M) most	Q) is

It is important to stay healthy. No (31) _____ wants to be ill. In order to be healthy, we must keep our bodies (32) _____ good condition. We must have plenty of fresh air, water, nutritious food and rest.

Rest is important (33) _____ it helps us to get over (34) _____ tiredness. The best kind of rest (35) _____ sleep. Besides rest, our bodies need to exercise. Exercise allows (36) _____ blood to circulate in our body. It also makes our muscles stronger and gives us (37) _____ energy.

(38) _____ important way of maintaining our health is by keeping ourselves clean. We must take our bath and brush our teeth at (39) _____ twice a day. It is (40) _____ necessary to visit a doctor or dentist regularly to ensure that we are healthy.

Section H – 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.

In many countries, most children start formal schooling when they are about seven

41)

42)

years old. Prior to that, they attend pre-school and nursery classes. **Kinergarden**

43)

programmes may be provided by the **govemen** or private institutions. They are designed to

44)

help children become independent, to be able to solving simple problems, and to get along

45)

well with their **piers**.

46)

Friedrich Froebel was a German teacher who spent many years teach in

Switzerland. Subsequently, he developed his own method of teaching young children. He

47)

48)

49)

put it into **practiz** when he opened a school at Germany in 1837. He call the school a

50)

"children's garden". The children in such schools played games, listened to storres and sing

songs.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

David went down the winding passage which smelt strange. He hoped that his torch would not suddenly run (51) _____, as it would be horrible to wander about in the dark inside the tunnel all by (52) _____.

The tunnel was narrow, twisting downwards. It allowed (53) _____ one person to pass through. Its (54) _____ was sometimes so low that David had to (55) _____ double so as not to knock against it. Sometimes, the roof was so high that David's torch showed him (56) _____ but darkness. It was all very queer.

"I'd be enjoying this more (57) _____ the others were here!" thought David, trying to (58) _____ up a brave front. Oh, how I wish I had someone to talk to!"

Unfortunately, David was all (59) _____. In the depths of his (60) _____, he hoped that the tunnel would come to an end soon.

However, the tunnel went on and on, always leading downwards. Then (61) _____ made David stop in his tracks. Coming up from the tunnel was a familiar (62) _____. David sniffed. "Tobacco smoke!" he thought. "Somebody must be near then. Somebody (63) _____ smoking. I'd better be careful."

He trod as quietly as he could, shading the light of his torch (64) _____ his hand. Suddenly he switched it off. He could see a light in the (65) _____. The tunnel must come out into a cave, which meant people must be near.

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. Jamie wants to keep fit. She exercises regularly.

_____ in order to

67. This rope is strong. That rope is also strong.

Both _____

68. You can complete the task only if you are determined to do so.

Unless _____

69. Mandy asked Don, "Must we hand in our project next Friday?"

Mandy asked Don _____

70. It was ten o'clock when I first reach the shop. I was here since then.

_____ since

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Everyone at the dining table was tense. No one spoke. Dawan noticed with silent gratitude that her mother had added some fishballs in the vegetable soup, probably in the hope that this treat would soften her husband's mood.

However, when Dawan's mother tried to bring up the subject of her daughter's schooling, she was immediately silenced by him. "What is all this talk of Dawan going away to study?" he snapped. "It's too early to even consider it. Let's wait for a few days."

"But if I'm really going, I should leave within the week," Dawan protested.

Her father looked at her. "I said, let *it* wait!" he growled. It was not until the end of the meal that Dawan mustered up enough courage to ask her father why he was against letting her accept the scholarship. He shoved a last spoonful of rice into his mouth, glared at Dawan. He was not used to being challenged for his actions. "Haven't you had enough schooling already? What do you want to keep studying for anyway?" he raised his voice.

Dawan **bit her tongue** and silently gathered the remaining dishes. As she walked away to the corner of the room that was the kitchen, she couldn't help but notice the soft smile on Kwai's face, knowing that as second in place, he was next in line for the scholarship. She tried to catch his eyes, but he was nervously drumming his fingers on the floor boards, and did not look at her.

"If I had won the scholarship, would you have let me go away to school, Father?" he asked abruptly. Dawan shot her brother a pleading look, dreading what he might say next. Kwai caught her look but lowered his head deliberately, to ignore her.

"If you'd won, of course it'd be different," the father answered. "You're a boy, and more schooling would have been useful for you." He paused, then added wistfully, "And useful for me too. Why, you could come back and help me to" Then he shook his head, as if to clear old dreams away. "What's the point of thinking about that now?" he sighed.

Feeling extremely restless, Dawan wandered down to the river. For the first time that day, Dawan had a chance to ponder alone about the question of studying in the City. She began to wonder if it was right for her to fight for her rights and stand in Kwai's way. Perhaps her father was right after all. With more schooling, Kwai could find good jobs, and earn some money to help the family. Maybe some day he might even become strong and important, and have the power to change the injustices in the village and in the country.

-adapted from "Sing to the Dawn"-

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For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.

71. How did Dawan's mother try to make ~~the~~ Dawan's father feel better?

72. Was the mood cheerful at dinner time? Which **word** in ~~the~~ passage tells you so?

73. Which ~~three~~^{four}-word phrase suggests that Dawan was afraid to talk to her father?

74. How did Dawan's father react when he thought she had challenged him?

75. Explain clearly what it meant when the writer said that Dawan "bit her tongue" (line 15).

76. "..... notice a soft smile on Kwai's face" (line 17). Why was Kwai smiling?

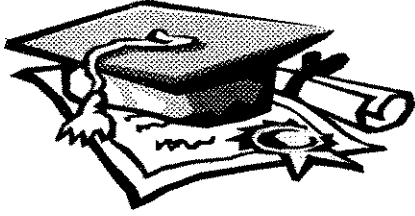
77. Why did Kwai lower his head when Dawan looked at him pleadingly?

78. "...he **sighed**" (line 27) Why do you think Dawan's father sighed?

79. Where would Dawan be going to further her studies if she could do so?

80. Which **sentence** in the passage suggests that Dawan was **not a selfish child**?

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ANSWER SHEET

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|-------|------------------|
| 1. 4 | 34) F |
| 2. 1 | 35) Q |
| 3. 4 | 36) N |
| 4. 4 | 37) B |
| 5. 4 | 38) G |
| 6. 1 | 39) E |
| 7. 1 | 40) K |
| 8. 2 | 41) or |
| 9. 3 | 42) kindergarten |
| 10. 4 | 43) government |
| 11. 1 | 44) solve |
| 12. 3 | 45) peers |
| 13. 3 | 46) teaching |
| 14. 2 | 47) practice |
| 15. 3 | 48) in |
| 16. 4 | 49) called |
| 17. 3 | 50) sang |
| 18. 2 | 51) out |
| 19. 1 | 52) himself |
| 20. 2 | 53) only |
| 21. 4 | 54) roof |
| 22. 4 | 55) bend |
| 23. 2 | 56) nothing |
| 24. 1 | 57) if |
| 25. 4 | 58) put |
| 26. 2 | 59) alone |
| 27. 2 | 60) heart |
| 28. 1 | 61) something |
| 29. 4 | 62) smell |
| 30. 3 | 63) is |
| 31. D | 64) with |
| 32. H | 65) distance |
| 33. P | |

- 66) Jamie exercises regularly in order to keep it.
67) Both the ropes are strong.
68) Unless you are determined, you cannot complete the task.
69) Mandy asked Don if they had to hand in their project the following Friday.
70) I have been at the shop since it was ten o'clock.
71) Dawan's mother tried to make Dawan's father feel better by adding some fishballs in the vegetable soup as a treat.
72) No, it was not. The word is "tense".
73) The four-word phrase is "mustered up enough courage".
74) He glared at Dawan and raised his voice at her.
75) It meant that Dawan wanted to say something, but stopped herself from saying it.
76) Kawai was second in place which meant that he was next in line for the scholarship, if Dawan was not going to the City to study in school.
77) Kwai lowered his head as he wanted to ignore his sister, so that he would not feel nervous.
78) Dawan's father sighed because Kwai did not get the scholarship to study in the school in the City and Dawan got the scholarship instead.
79) Dawan would be going to the City.
80) The sentence is "She began to wonder if it was right for her to fight for her rights and stand in Kwai's way."

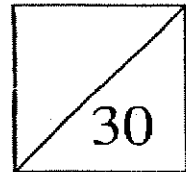
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**ROSYTH SCHOOL
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 5EM1/2**

Name: _____

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Booklet A

Instructions to Pupils:

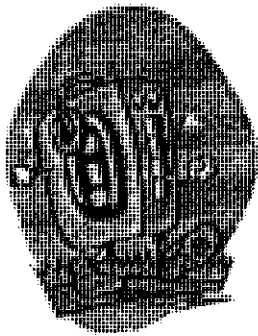
1. Do not open the booklets until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. **Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.**

* This booklet consists of 8 pages altogether .

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Study the advertisement and answer Q1 to Q 5. (5 marks)

LISTEN TO KRISOUND AND WIN A COMPLETE SET OF SIX GEORGE MICHAEL'S CDS



At Singapore Airlines, we bring you the very best in audio programmes with KrisSound.

This month, we bring you a special celebrity interview. Listen to the fabulous two-hour Hot Shots show on Channel 6 on flights out of Singapore for an exclusive interview with George Michael. Tune in and you could win one of five complete sets of his solo studio albums on CD, courtesy of Atlantic Records.

Tune In And Win- Special Lucky Draw For June 2007

Listen to Hot Shots show on KrisSound Channel 6 on flights out of Singapore and answer the question below.

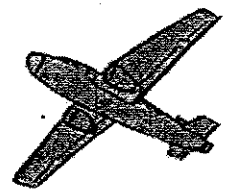
Before his solo career, which major band was George Michael with?

Write your answer on a postcard.
Add your name, address, flight number and the date of your flight.
Send it to:

KrisSound Competition (2007)
Manager Inflight Entertainment
Singapore Airlines
06-C Airline House
25 Airline Road
Singapore 819829

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES:

We are giving away George Michael CDs-*Dance into The Light-But Seriously, Both Sides, Face Value, Hello, I Must Be Going and No Jacket Required.*



The first five correct entries will each receive a special set of six CDs by Phil Collins, courtesy of Atlantic Records.

Passengers may submit only one entry. This competition is not open to employees of SIA, Inflight Productions and Atlantic records or their friends or relatives.

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. The two-hour Hot Shots show on Channel 6 can be heard on _____.
 - (1) all the airlines flight
 - (2) all the airline's flights in Asia
 - (3) flights arriving in Singapore
 - (4) flights departing from Singapore

2. To win the contest, one has to _____.
 - (1) obtain a postcard
 - (2) know George Michael's band
 - (3) submit as many entries as possible
 - (4) know the titles of George Michael's solo album

3. There can be as many as _____ winners of George Michael's complete set of solo albums on CD.
 - (1) three
 - (2) four
 - (3) five
 - (4) six

4. All entries must include _____.
 - (1) name, age and address
 - (2) name, address and flight number
 - (3) name, address, flight number and date of flight
 - (4) name, address, date and George Michael's flight number

5. Which of the following statements is correct?
 - (1) Atlantic Records sponsors the prizes.
 - (2) KrisSound interviews famous celebrity.
 - (3) KisSound offers CDs as prizes every month.
 - (4) Every passenger departing from Singapore can take part in the contest.

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. They saw a suspicious character loitering _____ here earlier.

- (1) at
- (2) aside
- (3) along
- (4) around

7. The little boy is crying because he _____ his way.

- (1) loses
- (2) has lost
- (3) is losing
- (4) has been losing

8. If Tom _____ that you were here then, he would not have gone out.

- (1) knew
- (2) knows
- (3) has known
- (4) had known

9. I know the woman _____ daughter won the first prize for the story-telling competition.

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

10. _____ students blamed each other for the incident.

- (1) All
- (2) Both
- (3) Each
- (4) Every

11. Your uncle sells sports equipment, _____ he?

- (1) isn't
- (2) don't
- (3) hasn't
- (4) doesn't

12. Jamie, ~~together with her sisters,~~ _____ to join the band when they start school next year. *(extra information)*

- (1) intend
- (2) intends
- (3) intended
- (4) intending

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)

The two little sisters carried the canaries in their cage out into the balcony. "It's such a lovely day (13) said Lillian with excitement. "They'll love the sun and the fresh air."
 "But won't it make them feel worse about having to live in a cage (14)" wondered Meg. They anxiously bent over the two chirping yellow birds. The birds flapped their tiny wings and tails and hopped from perch to perch (15) excited by the cooling breeze.

13. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 (2) [" ,] inverted commas and comma
 (3) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
 (4) [" !] inverted commas and exclamation mark
14. (1) [:] colon
 (2) [,] comma
 (3) [.] full stop
 (4) [?] question mark
15. (1) [:] colon
 (2) [,] comma
 (3) [.] full stop ~~and inverted commas~~
 (4) [?] question 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. Jeremy wants to buy a second hand car. He is looking up the _____ section in the newspaper.
- (1) Finance
 - (2) Lifestyle
 - (3) Classified
 - (4) Entertainment
17. You need to be more _____ in your revision if you want to do well. Don't wait till the eleventh hour!
- (1) consistent
 - (2) immediate
 - (3) continuous
 - (4) intermittent
18. Cindy enjoys spending her weekend reading the _____ for movies updates.
- (1) report
 - (2) review
 - (3) preview
 - (4) preface
19. My best friend encourages me to _____ to this magazine as it is very informative .
- (1) inscribe
 - (2) describe
 - (3) prescribe
 - (4) subscribe
20. Having been friends for years, you should _____ and forget about the misunderstanding.
- (1) sit on the fence
 - (2) bury the hatchet
 - (3) have the last laugh
 - (4) get in the same boat

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)

Danny, now in his fifties, has been collecting diecast cars since he was twelve. Now, he owns about three thousand diecast cars that he keeps on rows of custom-made shelves behind locked cabinets in his study room. He spends much of his time going through car magazines (21) and polishing his diecast cars. Since Danny cannot afford the real cars, he is satisfied to have the miniature replicas of real models. Many of the diecast cars in his collection are so old that they are no longer collectors' items. He paid between \$20 to \$2000 for a model. The more unique cars are generally more expensive. Sometimes, to save some money, he buys parts and puts them together to construct the models himself. (22) (23) (24) (25)

21. (1) buying
(2) reading
(3) collecting
(4) discussing
22. (1) glad
(2) delirious
(3) contented
(4) exuberant
23. (1) copy
(2) sample
(3) original
(4) example
24. (1) rare
(2) strange
(3) branded
(4) common
25. (1) creates
(2) gathers
(3) invents
(4) assembles

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Ninety-four year-old Charlie Osborne has earned an unenviable place in the Guinness Book of World Records. Calling it the longest-ever recorded attack of hiccups, the book claims that Mr Osborne has hiccupped 430 million times over a period of 66 years. His hiccups are painful and disruptive. They make it impossible for him to work or sleep peacefully at night. He also has to avoid eating solid food because of the ever-present danger of choking. Milk comprises the bulk of his full diet. 5

However, Mr Osborne is by no means the only victim as a result of this malady. The members of his family had to put up with his constant hiccups throughout the night. On numerous occasions, they were deeply alarmed when Mr Osborne had a severe attack and had difficulty in breathing. 10

Mr Osborne's ailment has puzzled scores of doctors. They could not find an explanation for his hiccups, let alone a cure. Many of the doctors suspect that he has an allergy but are puzzled because they cannot tell what he is allergic to. Others feel that the hiccups may be due to some muscular disorder of the chest. Mr Osborne himself thinks that his malady is the result of nerve damage suffered 66 years ago when he over-exerted himself while lifting a sheep on his farm. 15

About a year ago, Mr Osborne told reporters that he would pay a ten-thousand dollar reward for a cure. A report on the offer subsequently appeared in several newspapers. The response was overwhelming. Suggested remedies included homespun concoctions, vinegar, massage therapy and nerve treatments. Some remedies bordered on the ridiculous. A German suggested pressing the right thumb against the little finger. A Canadian recommended that pinching the nose while blowing air out with the mouth shut would stop the hiccups. Unfortunately, none of the remedies brought any relief. 20

26. What has earned Charlie Osborne a place in the Guinness Book of World Records?

- (1) He has been unable to sleep for 66 years.
- (2) He hiccups constantly throughout the night.
- (3) He has a longest-ever recorded attack of hiccups.
- (4) He is willing to pay ten thousand dollars for a cure.

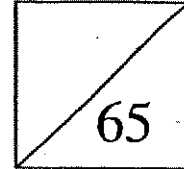
27. Which of the following is not an effect of Mr Osborne's hiccups?
- (1) He is in pain.
 - (2) He has to drink milk only.
 - (3) He is unable to go to work.
 - (4) He is unable to sleep at night.
28. Who does the word "others" in line 13 refer to?
- (1) It refers to Mr Osborne's family members.
 - (2) It refers to a few of Mr Osborne's doctors.
 - (3) It refers to the reporters who wrote about his offer.
 - (4) It refers to the people who offered him suggestions.
29. Which word below has the same meaning as the word 'malady' in lines 7 and 14?
- (1) The word is "crisis".
 - (2) The word is "illness".
 - (3) The word is "wellness".
 - (4) The word is "difficulty".
30. In Mr Osborne's opinion, what is the cause of his hiccups?
- (1) He is allergic to something.
 - (2) He has difficulty breathing.
 - (3) He has muscular disorder of the chest.
 - (4) He has over-exerted himself while lifting a sheep on his farm.



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Grammar Cloze (10x1 mark)

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.

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(A) either	(D) so	(G) that	(K) with	(N) down
(B) for	(E) such	(H) both	(L) these	(P) up
(C) however	(F) its	(J) it's	(M) this	(Q) while

Cahyo Alkantana is a volunteer doctor in the quake prone area of Aceh in Sumatra, _____ (31)

driving his jeep along the winding dirt roads in the region, he often encounters roadblocks set _____ (32)

by villagers who are desperate to raid any vehicle for food supplies it may be carrying. He has found a

solution to keep _____ villagers at bay. He would roll _____ the window of his jeep and say, (33) (34)

“Doctor, I am a doctor.” This is the only way _____ Cahyo could reach the quake victims. (35)

Villagers block the roads with wooden planks and other items _____ as used furniture in the (36)

hope of slowing the convoy trucks. They then line the streets on _____ side of the trucks to ask for (37)

food and water. Cahyo is deeply troubled by what he sees and has written a letter to plead _____ (38)

the government to step up _____ efforts to bring aid more quickly to the remote villages. (39)

_____ the success of Cahyo's letter has yet to be seen. He still sees scores of homeless and (40)

and hungry people on his routine drives around the region every day.

Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10x1 mark)

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

Have you ever wondered just how much work ~~goes~~ into the copy of newspaper that arrives at your
 (41)
 doorstep every morning? Indeed, the speed in which yesterday's news and even news received via the

internet in the wee hours of the morning becomes print is simply **amasing!**
 (42)

The editor of a newspaper makes sure that the paper is ready to be **published** by looking over the
 (43)
 (44)
 draft before it is sent for printing. He also pens his opinion in the **aditoriel** on certain issues. However,

(45)
 before he gets the final draft, it is the sub-editor who correct the language mistakes made.

Why then, you might ask, are there still errors and misprints? Often, the time between the receipt of
 (46)
 the write-ups from the journalists or the e-mailed reports from the overseas **politikal** correspondents
 the time to correct everything is so short that these cannot be avoided.

(47)
 After the draft has been editing, it will be sent for printing. Once the newspapers are ready, the main
 (48)
 distributors will deliver it to the newsagents or newspaper vendors and they in turn will make sure that
 their subscribers get them in time for their early morning reading.

(49)
 Now you know how tough it was to get that copy of newspaper to you on time. Let us all then be
 (50)
 payshen when that newspaper is sometimes a little late on arrival at your door.

Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word .

One of the main functions of the media, whether print or electronic, is to entertain. _____ (51)

most of the newspaper centres on providing factual accounts of events of the day, a large percentage of the newspaper is often devoted _____ comics, puzzles, advice and general entertainment. (52)

The entertainment content of television varies widely _____ that of radio. This is because television has the added advantage of having the _____ effect while radio centres mainly on (53)

the auditory. Comedy shows on television are popular. They often pull in an increase in viewership.

From the _____ to the old, people of all ages can appreciate the _____ in shows such as 'Mr. Bean' and 'Phua Chu Kang'. (55) (56)

On the _____ hand, magazines are entertaining in a different way. Magazines like Reader's Digest and The Times Magazine usually mix entertaining features _____ their usual report of world news. (57) (58)

Then there are the storytellers of old who pass on information through word-of-mouth and this comes absolutely _____! Not a cent needs to be spent unless you wish to tip a good story-teller. These storytellers would not mind _____ a little money for their part anyway. (59) (60)

The media, no matter what form it takes, is clearly able to _____ entertainment to a (61)

large group of people at a relatively low cost. Print media, like newspapers, often try to outdo one another to increase their _____ by including some film-star trivia or gossip. However, the newspapers in the country stay away from such _____. They usually concentrate on reporting _____ is truly newsworthy. In a country like Singapore, there are usually strict _____ on what may or may not be printed or advertised.

(62)

(63)

(64)

(65)

Be it print or electronic, media plays an important role in our lives.

Synthesis And Transformation (5x2 marks)

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).

66. John likes his meals served piping hot. ~~His~~ sister likes hers served piping hot too.

Both _____

67. Stella does not exercise regularly. George does not exercise regularly either.

Neither _____ nor _____

68 The class will go to the East Coast Park if it does not rain.

_____ unless _____

69 Mrs. Li decided to accept the job although the salary was low.

Despite _____

70 "Would you like a cup of tea while you are waiting?" asked the receptionist.

The receptionist asked _____

Comprehension Open-Ended (10 X 2 marks)

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

Mr. Lee is sixty-nine years old this year. When Jason, our reporter from *Today*, visited him for this interview, he was seated along the corridor, outside his tenth floor one-room flat in Ang Mo Kio enjoying the afternoon breeze. On seeing Jason, he managed a toothless grin, got up shakily and extended a hand that twitched visibly. Mr. Lee moved slowly with the help of a walking stick and had to pause for breath even as he took the few steps into his flat. When they were comfortably seated on the single sofa inside, he began to give an account of that fateful day twenty years ago. His mind was clear, as he recounted in Cantonese, the collapse of Hotel New World on Serangoon Road.

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"I shall never forget 15 March 1986. I had just dropped off a passenger at Orchard Road when the shocking announcement came over the radio. I made up my mind to go over to Serangoon Road to take a look."

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"The first thing I saw was a huge crowd. Some people were crying and others were just standing around. **Traffic had come to a standstill**. The policemen were trying to push everyone away from the site. I was able to recognise the people from the Singapore Civil Defence Force, the Fire Service and of course, the Singapore Police Force." Mr. Lee then had parked his taxi about three streets away and walked back to the site. Suddenly, he heard a woman screaming and trying to get closer to the huge mound of rubble, saying her daughter was under there.

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At first sight, Mr. Lee thought that nobody could have survived that collapse, let alone be alive under all that massive rubble after being buried and deprived of air. Mr. Lee had offered to help but a police officer told him that there were enough hands as it were and he would only get in the way. So, Mr. Lee had stood aside and watched the heavy cranes lift slabs of concrete off the pile. Meanwhile, engineers dug tunnels and sent men to try and locate any survivors. "It was terrible...parts of bodies...arms...legs..." Mr. Lee, refusing to continue, ended the interview abruptly.

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The relating of the whole incident left a deep impression on our reporter, Mr. Jason Koh. He was deeply saddened and yet glad in a way because he had "seen" through the old man's eyes how Singaporeans, who had been complete strangers, come together in a spirit of care and toiled through a round-the-clock rescue effort.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did the reporter from *Today* want to interview Mr. Lee ?

72 How do we know old Mr. Lee had trouble moving around?

73. What do you think Mr. Lee's occupation was in the 1980s ?

74. Explain what the writer meant by "Traffic had come to a standstill." in *Line 14*.

75. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "unexpectedly" ?

76. Why was the woman hysterical ?

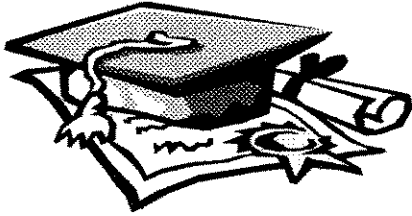
77. What does the phrase 'he would only get in the way' in *Line* ~~22~~²³ mean?

78. How was the rescue work carried out ?

79. According to the passage ,what were the two factors that possibly reduced the number of survivors?

80. After hearing Mr. Lee's story, why was the reporter deeply saddened but glad ?

End of Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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| 1. 4 | 34) N |
| 2. 2 | 35) G |
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| 7. 2 | 40) C |
| 8. 4 | 41) at |
| 9. 4 | 42) amazing |
| 10. 2 | 43) published |
| 11. 4 | 44) editorial |
| 12. 2 | 45) corrects |
| 13. 3 | 46) political |
| 14. 4 | 47) edited |
| 15. 2 | 48) them |
| 16. 3 | 49) is |
| 17. 1 | 50) patient |
| 18. 2 | 51) Although/Though/While |
| 19. 4 | 52) to |
| 20. 2 | 53) from/unlike |
| 21. 2 | 54) visual |
| 22. 3 | 55) young |
| 23. 1 | 56) entertainment |
| 24. 1 | 57) other |
| 25. 4 | 58) with |
| 26. 3 | 59) free |
| 27. 2 | 60) earning |
| 28. 2 | 61) provide |
| 29. 2 | 62) popularity |
| 30. 4 | 63) news |
| 31. Q | 64) what |
| 32. P | 65) rules |
| 33. C | |

- 66) Both John and his sister their meals served piping hot.
- 67) Neither Stella nor George exercises regularly.
- 68) The class will not go to the East Coast Park unless it does not rain.
- 69) Despite the low salary, Mrs Li decided to accept the job.
- 70) The receptionist asked if I would like a cup tea while I was waiting.
- 71) The reporter wanted Mr Lee to give an account of the collapse of Hotel New World on Serangoon Road.
- 72) He moved slowly with the help of a walking stick and had to pause for breath even as he took a few steps.
- 73) I think Mr Lee's occupation was a taxi driver in the 1980s.
- 74) The crowd probably blocked the way and traffic could not move.
- 75) The word is "Suddenly/Abruptly."
- 76) The woman was hysterical as her daughter was under a huge mound of rubble.
- 77) It means that he would only hinder/prevent the rescue workers from doing their job properly.
- 78) Heavy cranes lifted slabs of concrete off the pile while engineers dug tunnels and sent men to try and locate any survivors.
- 79) The mass of heavy rubble and the lack of.
- 80) He was saddened by the tragic loss of life/tragedy of collapse and glad that the strangers come to help out in the rescue effort.

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT ONE

PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

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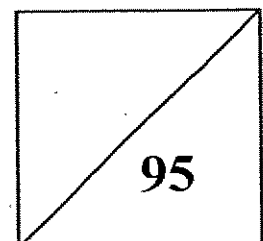
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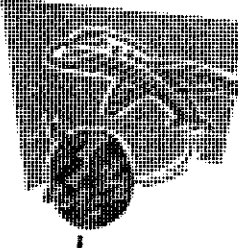
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Section A: Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5x1 mark)


Study the following text and answer questions 1 to 5.



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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.

1. The AC Tours Travel Fair will start on _____.
 - (1) 16 May
 - (2) 17 May
 - (3) 18 May
 - (4) 19 May

2. The cost of a trip to Hong Kong is the same as a trip to _____.
 - (1) Phuket
 - (2) Bangkok
 - (3) Chiangmai
 - (4) Koh Samui

3. A day trip to Shenzhen is part of the trip to _____.
 - (1) Korea
 - (2) Phuket
 - (3) Koh Samui
 - (4) Hong Kong

4. If Mr Lim himself wants to enjoy the special promotion for CDB Credit Card holders, he should book a tour to _____.
 - (1) Korea
 - (2) Bangkok
 - (3) Chiangmai
 - (4) Hong Kong

5. Which statement is not true of the seven-day Korea Summer Delight tour?
 - (1) Most meals are included.
 - (2) There are departures in May and June.
 - (3) You get a one night stay in Hong Kong.
 - (4) Tickets for rides at the Everland Theme Park are included

Section B: Grammar MCQ (7x1 mark)

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. I will pay for her meal if she decides to _____ us at the restaurant.
- (1) join
 - (2) joins
 - (3) joining
 - (4) will join
7. The police have vowed to catch the murderer, wherever he may run or _____.
- (1) hid
 - (2) hide
 - (3) hides
 - (4) hiding
8. My neighbour was involved in a car accident _____ made him a disabled person.
- (1) who
 - (2) when
 - (3) where
 - (4) which
9. Cats like fish but they are not keen _____ fruit.
- (1) at
 - (2) on
 - (3) of
 - (4) for
10. I do not see _____ I like in this shop. Let's try the next one.
- (1) nothing
 - (2) anything
 - (3) something
 - (4) everything

11. _____ of the boys is bold enough to stand up to the big bully.

- (1) All
- (2) Both
- (3) None
- (4) Some

12. Sally refused to sign the form _____ John agreed to change the date.

- (1) as
- (2) but
- (3) since
- (4) unless

Section C: Punctuation MCQ (3x1 mark)

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.

“What a surprise (13) exclaimed Mr Teo. “Imagine meeting you here at the travel fair. It is very crowded, isn’t it?”

“Are you planning to go to America or Japan (14) asked Mr Chan.

“Well, I am taking my children to visit their grandparents in Los Angeles (15) have some fun in Disneyland and then go to the Grand Canyon,” said Mr Teo.

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

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5x1 mark)

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. Jane _____ the temptation to buy the expensive bag from the new shop.
- (1) insisted
 - (2) resisted
 - (3) persisted
 - (4) prevented
17. The angry customer demanded to see the store manager to _____ a complaint.
- (1) offer
 - (2) lodge
 - (3) handle
 - (4) manage
18. The anxious mother was _____ with relief and burst into tears when she saw that her missing child was safe.
- (1) overcome
 - (2) overturned
 - (3) overbearing
 - (4) overburdened
19. The parents tried to _____ their bawling child with a new toy but to no avail.
- (1) spoil
 - (2) attract
 - (3) pacify
 - (4) present
20. Reading the newspapers every morning is part and parcel of Mr Wong's daily _____.
- (1) cycle
 - (2) routine
 - (3) exercise
 - (4) programme

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5x1 mark)

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.

“Please let me take you home,” James (21) begged earnestly. “You can’t drive when you are so (22) intoxicated. You can pick up your car tomorrow morning.”

Melvin (23) paid no attention to James and continued on his way to his car. Just then, a police car drove by. James stood (24) rooted to the ground, afraid that his worst fears would soon come true. However, the police car did not stop and carried on its way. James heaved a sigh of relief.

At that moment, Melvin, in his stupor, (25) stumbled and fell into the drain!

21. (1) requested
(2) demanded
 (3) beseeched
(4) compelled
22. (1) drunk
(2) feverish
(3) depressed
(4) exhilarated
23. (1) ignored
(2) avoided
(3) neglected
(4) discarded
24. (1) firmly
(2) securely
(3) uprightly
(4) stock-still
25. (1) hurtled
(2) staggered
(3) descended
(4) plummeted

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5x1 mark)**Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.**

Connie opened the door and let me in. Morrie was in his wheelchair by the kitchen table wearing a loose cotton shirt and even looser black sweatpants. They were loose because his legs had shrunk drastically; you could get two hands around his thighs and have your fingers touch. Had he been able to stand, he'd have been no more than five feet tall, and he'd probably have fitted into a 12-year-old's jeans.

"I got you something," I announced, holding up a brown paper bag. I had stopped on my way from the airport at a nearby supermarket and purchased some turkey, potato salad, macaroni salad and donuts. I wanted to contribute something. I was powerless to help Morrie otherwise. And I remembered his fondness for eating.

"Ah, so much food!" he sang. "The hospital would never have given me such delicacies."

We sat at the kitchen table, surrounded by wicker chairs. This time, without the need to make up sixteen years of information, we slid quickly into the familiar waters of our old college dialogue. During our conversation, I noticed that he only ate small morsels of the spread in front of him. The donuts and the turkey were left largely untouched. Occasionally, he had to stop to use the bathroom, a process that took some time. Connie would wheel him to the toilet, then lift him from the chair, and support him as he urinated into the beaker. Each time he came back, he looked tired and a little uneasy.

"Are you all right?" I asked. Morrie sighed. "I'm sorry. This is so embarrassing. It is the ultimate sign of dependency, but I'm working on it. I'm trying to enjoy the process. After all, I get to be a baby one more time." He laughed, and I was relieved that he did. We talked for a long time before I finally decided that it was time to go home. "See you again next Tuesday," he said, as he waved weakly to me.

(Adapted from 'Tuesdays with Morrie' by Mitch Albom)

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26. Which of the following is not a result of Morrie's disease?
- (1) His weight loss
 - (2) His inability to walk
 - (3) His decrease in height
 - (4) His inability to relieve himself
27. The first place that the writer visited after he had landed at the airport was _____.
- (1) his college
 - (2) the hospital
 - (3) a supermarket
 - (4) Morrie's house
28. Why did the writer bring food when he visited Morrie?
- (1) He loved to eat.
 - (2) He felt pity for Morrie.
 - (3) He felt that was all he could do.
 - (4) He thought there was not enough food in Morrie's house.
29. Why did Morrie look a little uneasy after each trip to the toilet?
- (1) He found the process of going to the toilet tedious.
 - (2) He was tired after making so many trips to the toilet.
 - (3) He did not like the feeling of being taken care by others.
 - (4) He was afraid the writer would be embarrassed by his dependency on others.
30. From the passage, we know that Morrie's disease did not take away his _____.
- (1) pride
 - (2) appetite
 - (3) optimism
 - (4) independence

BOOKLET B

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Section G : Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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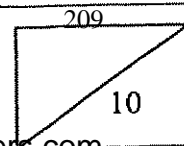
(A) is	(D) after	(G) out	(K) to	(N) behind
(B) into	(E) off	(H) beyond	(L) away	(P) about
(C) up	(F) bottom	(J) during	(M) are	(Q) that

An unidentified man was found burnt to death (31) _____ a pre-dawn fire in a terrace house in Ang Mo Kio yesterday. His charred body was burnt (32) _____ recognition.

Investigators suspect (33) _____ he was murdered. According to them, the victim had his hands tied (34) _____ his back with wire when they found him in the master bedroom. There (35) _____ also evidences to suggest he had tried to put (36) _____ a struggle before he was bound and killed. An autopsy will be carried (37) _____ today.

The pre-dawn fire caused a stir in the neighbourhood. Several residents living nearby went (38) _____ a state of panic when they found smoke entering their homes. They ran out of their houses and screamed for help.

Fire engines arrived at the scene within minutes and extinguished the fire. Policemen subsequently cordoned/ (39) _____ the whole area for investigation. So far, no one has come forward to provide more information (40) _____ the incident. Police hope that witnesses will help them to investigate the incident.

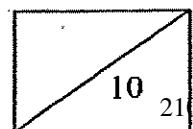


Section H : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 marks)

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

The sandwich is easily prepared and well-liked by people. But have you ever
 (41)
 wondered how the sandwich gets its name? John Montagu, a British gentleman from a place
 (42)
 called Sandwich, must be given the credit. He was **fone** of card games and could play for
 (43) (44)
 hours. In order to setisfy his hunger during the games, he will eat pieces of bread with thin
 (45)
 slices of meat between them. This simple **combineition** of ingredients soon gained popularity.
 (46)
 Over the years, chefs around the world had created new and interesting varieties of the
 (47)
 sandwich to **tantelize** the taste buds of people. Many restaurants today serve different types
 (48)
 of sandwich on their menu. In fact, the famous hamburger was develop from it. So, the next
 (49)
 time you visit a fast-food restaurant, do not forget the **oreginel**, **humble** sandwich.

Health-conscious people tend to shun the hamburger and go for a sandwich that
 (50)
 offers good nutrition. A sandwich with leafy vegetables and grilled lean meat is certain
 better than greasy hamburgers with fanciful names like "Bif O' Luv" and "Ropper".



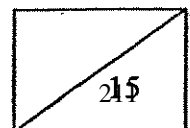
Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

It was the eve of Christmas in 1974. The weather forecast (51) _____ the people living in the coastal resort of Koh Samui in Thailand of an approaching tropical storm. Many did not (52) _____ the warning because they were in a festive mood. Their merrymaking soon turned to grief.

Packing wind speeds of up to 230 km per hour, the storm slammed (53) _____ Koh Samui in the early hours of Christmas Day. The entire town was (54) _____ in less than three hours. Collapsed (55) _____ overturned vehicles and fallen trees dominated the landscape. The calamity (56) _____ the lives of 623 people, including tourists from Europe and North America. About 3000 were injured while more than 60 were reported missing.

Efforts to help the (57) _____ started soon after the storm. Priority was given to (58) _____ them with food, water, medicine and clothing. At the same time, the homeless were (59) _____ to temporary shelters set up by the Thai military. Widespread flooding, however, made rescue operations very difficult and risky as many roads were submerged in (60) _____. Boats and helicopters were deployed from the (61) _____ areas of Koh Samui to solve the problem quickly.

Koh Samui took almost a year to (62) _____ from the effects of the tropical storm. It gradually developed into one of the most (63) _____ tourist destinations in Southeast Asia. But catastrophe struck again on 26 December 2004. On that fateful day, a (64) _____ powerful earthquake rocked the seabed off the coast of Sumatra. Its massive strength astonished scientists and geologists (65) _____ the world. The gigantic tidal wave, or tsunami, that resulted from the earthquake impacted Koh Samui and many other places.



Section J : Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the 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).

66. Jamie does not like drawing. Her brother does not like drawing too.

Neither _____

67. My father went to work this morning. He was ill.

Although _____

68. Jim met a businessman in Singapore. Jim borrowed money from a businessman.

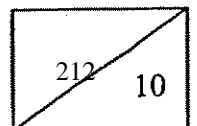
_____ whom

69. "Have you completed your project on plant cells?" Miss Lim asked her pupils.

Miss Lim asked _____

70. The market was very crowded. My parents could hardly purchase anything.

_____ that



Section K : Comprehension Open-Ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

"You are now standing right before the Angkor Wat!" exclaimed our Cambodian guide. It is indeed an impressive sight. My friends and I could hardly wait to set foot in the world-famous monument. Our visit to the Angkor Wat, an ancient city located in the vicinity of Lake Tonle Sap, was part of an educational trip organized and fully sponsored by the school. Built more than 800 years ago, the Angkor Wat is now an icon of Cambodia, a country in Southeast Asia. 5

According to the brochure given to us, the Angkor Wat was constructed in the twelfth century as the capital city of the former Khmer empire. At the height of its power, the Khmer empire ruled over present-day countries like Cambodia, Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. The Khmers are the ancestors of people living in Cambodia today. Building the Angkor Wat was no simple matter. It involved the Khmer people who themselves contributed a large number of architects, sculptors and other skilled workers. At the same time, thousands of slaves captured by the Khmer kings in their conquests were forced to provide the much needed hard labour. 10

The Angkor Wat occupies a sprawling site of more than 30 football fields. Stepping into the colossal structure, we were greeted by multi-storey buildings, intricate wall carvings, magnificent statues and other resplendent structures. The design of the Angkor Wat shows that the Khmers excelled in science and mathematics. The advanced state of the Khmer civilization is also seen in its sophisticated water management system. A complex network of canals was put in place to meet the needs of the people. "Do you feel being transported back in time?" asked the guide. Awestruck, no one responded to his question. All of us were enthralled by what we saw. 15 20

Historians believe that the Khmer empire started to weaken in the fourteenth century. A combination of persistent water shortages, diseases, overcrowding and wars eventually led to its downfall. In 1467, the Angkor Wat was abandoned after it was attacked by a large army from the Ayutthaya kingdom. Thereafter, the surrounding forests gradually encroached on the city and hid it from view. 25

It was only in 1858 that the Angkor Wat was revealed to the world. A French explorer, Henri Mourot, reportedly stumbled upon it when he was looking for rare butterflies in the dense jungles of Cambodia. The discovery immediately grabbed the 30

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attention of scholars, journalists and even treasure hunters worldwide. Long-standing rumours that an ancient civilization had once existed in Cambodia were finally confirmed.

Today, the Angkor Wat embodies the pride of the Cambodian people. The guide said, "It gives us a sense of historical and cultural importance that we are the descendants of a glorious civilization." He added that for Cambodia, one of the poorest nations in the world, the Angkor Wat has an important economic significance. As a renowned tourist attraction, it draws a large number of overseas visitors to the country every year. The tourists help to provide jobs and business opportunities for the Cambodians. In 1978, the Angkor Wat was designated as a World Heritage Site. The status allows the Cambodian government to receive a sum of money every year from the United Nations to maintain and preserve the antiquated city.

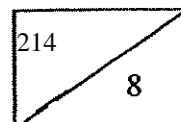
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. In which country is the 'world-famous monument' mentioned in line 3 located?

72. What made it possible for the writer to visit the Angkor Wat?

73. Who were the builders of the Angkor Wat?

74. Which word in the passage describes the Angkor Wat as an enormous construction?



75. What are two evidences in the passage that show the Khmers as a knowledgeable people?

76. How did the writer feel when he saw the structures inside the Angkor Wat?

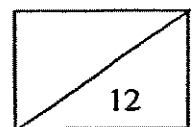
77. Give two reasons which led to the collapse of the Khmer empire.

78. What is the meaning of '**stumbled upon**' in line 30?

79. Do you think the discovery of the Angkor Wat was totally unexpected? Which sentence tells you so?

80. Why is the Angkor Wat important to the people of Cambodia today?

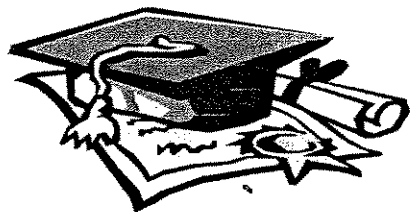
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ANSWER SHEET

AI TONG PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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|-------|---|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. 1 | 31) D | 41) got | 51) warned |
| 2. 3 | 32) H | 42) fond | 52) heed |
| 3. 4 | 33) Q | 43) satisfy | 53) into |
| 4. 1 | 34) N | 44) would | 54) destroyed |
| 5. 4 | 35) M | 45) combination | 55) buildings |
| 6. 1 | 36) C | 46) have | 56) took |
| 7. 2 | 37) G | 47) tantalize | 57) injured |
| 8. 4 | 38) B | 48) developed | 58) providing |
| 9. 2 | 39) E | 49) original | 59) sent |
| 10. 2 | 40) P | 50) certainly | 60) water |
| 11. 3 | | | |
| 12. 4 | 61) surrounding | | |
| 13. 4 | 62) recover | | |
| 14. 3 | 63) renowned | | |
| 15. 2 | 64) immensely | | |
| 16. 2 | 65) around | | |
| 17. 2 | 66) Neither Jamie nor her brother likes drawing. | | |
| 18. 1 | | | |
| 19. 3 | | | |
| 20. 2 | 67) Although my father was ill, he went to work this morning. | | |
| 21. 3 | | | |
| 22. 1 | | | |
| 23. 1 | 68) Jim borrowed money from a businessman whom he had met in Singapore. | | |
| 24. 4 | | | |
| 25. 2 | | | |
| 26. 4 | 69) Miss Lim asked her pupils if they had completed their project on plant cells. | | |
| 27. 3 | | | |
| 28. 3 | | | |
| 29. 3 | | | |
| 30. 3 | 70) The market was so crowded that my parents could hardly purchase anything. | | |

71) It is located in Cambodia.

72) It is made possible for the writer to visit the Angkor Wat as the trip was part of an educational trip which was organized and fully sponsored by the school.

73) The builders were the Khmer people and the slaves captured by the Khmer kings.

74) The word is "colossal."

75) The two evidences are the design of Angkor Wat and the sophisticated water management system.

76) The writer felt a sense of awe and fascination.

77) The two reasons are the combination of persistent overcrowding and wars.

78) It means accidentally discovered.

79) No, I do not think it was totally unexpected. The sentence is "Long-standing rumours that an ancient civilization had once existed in Cambodia."

80) It is a source of national pride and helps to attract tourists to Cambodia.

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PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2007

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 8 May 2007

Class: Primary 5 _____

Time: 7.45 a.m. - 9.35 a.m.

Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

BOOKLET A

	SCORE	MARKS
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Parent's Signature: _____

Section A (5x1 mark)

Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Bangkok Garden Thai Restaurant

30%
OFF

Mother's Day

12th & 13th May 2007

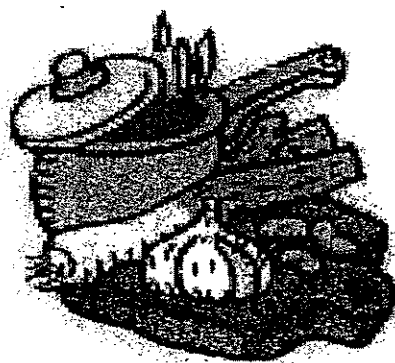
This Mother's Day, treat Mum to a great Thai feast right here at the Bangkok Thai Restaurant. The finest spread of mouth-watering Thai specialities, served just the way the Thais do, awaits you at the most incredible price in town. Come, ask for our specialities!

Live Band Entertainment
Nightly from 6.00p.m. to 10.30p.m.

Visit our website at
www.bangkokgarden.com
or call us at 6279 2928

133, Cecil Street, #B1-01, Keck Seng Tower,
Singapore 069535
Opens daily: 11.30a.m. – 2.30p.m.
6.00p.m. – 11.00p.m.

#01-58, Elias Road, Ocean Building,
Singapore 188375
Opens daily: 12 noon – 2.30p.m.
7.30p.m. – 12a.m.



Reservation Hotline: 6442 2346
Reservations will have to be
made 1 week in advance

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 OMR.

1. You should call 6442 2346 if you _____.
- (1) hope to get a 30% discount
 - (2) want to know more than what is stated
 - (3) want to ask questions about the promotion
 - (4) wish to treat your mother to a special meal
2. The phrase ' _____ ' in the advertisement tells you that the restaurant serves authentic Thai food.
- (1) finest spread
 - (2) our specialities
 - (3) served just the way the Thais do
 - (4) awaits you at the most incredible price
3. The main aim of this advertisement is to _____.
- (1) pay tribute to all mothers
 - (2) promote the Mother's Day special
 - (3) advertise the premium spread of Thai cuisine
 - (4) reminds us that Mother's Day falls in the month of May
4. The promotion will last _____.
- (1) nightly
 - (2) for two days
 - (3) until 12th May 2007
 - (4) from 6.00 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.
5. You can have your dinner at the Elias Road branch at _____.
- (1) 6.00 p.m.
 - (2) 6.30 p.m.
 - (3) 7.00 p.m.
 - (4) 8.00 p.m.

Section B (7 x 1 mark)**Grammar**

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 OMR.

6. Do you know that Ivan _____ from the swimming competition?

- (1) withdrew
- (2) withdraws
- (3) has withdrawn
- (4) was withdrawing

7. I caught my brother _____ a sweet from the box secretly.

- (1) stole
- (2) steals
- (3) stolen
- (4) stealing

8. _____ Tina had known the truth, she would not have helped him.

- (1) If
- (2) As
- (3) When
- (4) Despite

9. Both of us _____ the best of friends since young. Now we are not.

- (1) will be
- (2) had been
- (3) would be
- (4) have been

10. Mr Lim owns three dogs, one of _____ is a German Shepherd.

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

11. Peter _____ home shortly. You can serve dinner in an hour's time.

- (1) comes
- (2) is coming
- (3) will have been
- (4) has been coming

12. Without stopping to rest, we finally _____ to the end of the canal.

- (1) swim
- (2) swam
- (3) swum
- (4) swimming

Section C (3 x 1 mark)**Punctuation**

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 OMR.

It was unusually crowded at the clinic that day. Anur waited patiently for his turn. After waiting for close to an hour, he finally met the doctor (13) Anur looked pitifully at the doctor and whispered, "Doctor (14) wherever I touch, it hurts."

The doctor asked, "What do you mean?"

"When I touch my shoulder, it really hurts. If I touch my knee, it hurts too! When I touch my forehead, it really, really hurts (15) the man cried out in agony.

The doctor held up Anur's hands and chuckled as he said, "I know what is wrong with you. You have broken your finger."

13. (1) (,) comma
 (2) (.) full stop
 (3) (?) question mark
 (4) (!) exclamation mark
14. (1) (,) comma
 (2) (.) full stop
 (3) (?) question mark
 (4) (!) exclamation mark
15. (1) (, ") comma and inverted commas
 (2) (. ") full stop and inverted commas
 (3) (? ") question mark and inverted commas
 (4) (! ") exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D (5 x 1 mark)**Vocabulary**

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 OMR.

16. I will _____ my father to let me go to the camp until he changes his mind.
- (1) inform
 - (2) request
 - (3) enquire
 - (4) persuade
17. The plan to build an old folks' home has _____ because of insufficient funds.
- (1) fallen in
 - (2) fallen out
 - (3) fallen over
 - (4) fallen through
18. According to the will, Susy is to receive a large _____ after her granduncle passes away.
- (1) token
 - (2) reward
 - (3) inheritance
 - (4) subscription
19. The crooked businessman is a _____ as he has cheated unsuspecting customers of their money.
- (1) miser
 - (2) dodger
 - (3) swindler
 - (4) prankster
20. Mr Leng will be summoned as a _____ at the court hearing because he saw the accident.
- (1) lawyer
 - (2) witness
 - (3) reporter
 - (4) conspirator

Section E (5 x 1 mark)**Vocabulary Cloze**

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

Johnny worked in a factory that makes semi-conductors for computers. It was

(21)

without a doubt that he was one of the most efficient workers around. However, Johnny

(22)

was not well-liked as he would blow his own trumpet over how good and fast he was at

(23)

work during his lunch break. He would even criticise others to make them feel bad about

(24)

themselves by saying that they should not be so incompetent.

Yassim had always found Johnny an eyesore and was sure that he would make a

mistake one day. True enough, Yassim was proven right when Johnny was fired from the

(25)

job for stealing some semi-conductors from the factory and selling them to a buyer at a

cheaper price.

21. (1) tabulates
(2) composes
(3) formulates
(4) manufactures

22. (1) skilful
(2) reliable
(3) talented
(4) productive

23. (1) talk about
(2) rant about
(3) boast about
(4) gossip about

24. (1) blame
(2) instigate
(3) condemn
(4) scrutinise

25. (1) unbeaten
(2) defended
(3) successful
(4) vindicated

Section F (5 x 1 mark)**Comprehension**

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

As early as 1000 BC, the Chinese cut and stored ice for use in warmer weather. 500 years later, the Egyptians and Indians made ice on cold nights by leaving water in wet earthenware pots outside. In 18th century England, servants collected ice in the winter and put it into ice houses. The sheets of ice were packed in salt, wrapped in strips of flannel and stored underground to keep them frozen until summer. 5

Ice houses were then replaced with smaller ice boxes that were made of wood. These boxes were lined with tin and **insulated** with sawdust. Drip pans collected the melted water from the boxes and someone had to empty them every day. In the 18th century, scientist Michael Faraday liquefied ammonia to cause cooling. Today's refrigerator and freezer, together with air conditioners and de-humidifiers, work on an idea adapted from Faraday's experiments. 10

Refrigerators compress a gas into a liquid. This process generates heat, which you can usually feel at the back of your refrigerator. The liquid is pumped through pipes to the inside of the refrigerator before being allowed to expand back into a gas. This process absorbs heat, cooling the inside of the refrigerator. 15

However, people did not switch from ice boxes to modern refrigerators voluntarily. Warm winters in 1889 and 1890 in America created shortages of natural ice. Grocery stores and food industries were forced to use large refrigerators to freeze and store fish, dairy products and meat so that they would not go bad.

In 1911, General Electric released a home refrigerator that was invented by a French monk. This model used compressors that were fitted with a dial in the back of the refrigerator to control its temperature. Later, more stylish steel refrigerators were introduced. Today, the refrigerator is one of the most common home appliances. 20

Adapted from <http://www.cbc.ca/kids/general/the-lab/history-of-iventon/fridge.html>

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 OMR.

26. In the past, what did people do to ensure that they get their supplies of ice in the summer?

- (1) They cut and buried the ice with salt.
- (2) They filled their earthenware pots with water every night.
- (3) They cut the ice and then stored it in wet earthenware pots.
- (4) They salted the ice, wrapped it with cloth and stored it underground.

27. What was the use of a drip pan from an ice box?

- (1) It stored sawdust.
- (2) It kept the ice cold.
- (3) It collected melted water.
- (4) It gathered liquefied ammonia.

28. In line 7, 'insulated' means _____.

- (1) mixed
- (2) gelled
- (3) covered
- (4) separated

29. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Refrigerators compress a liquid into a gas.
- (2) Scientist Michael Faraday invented the first home refrigerator.
- (3) Faraday's experiments benefitted the operation of de-humidifiers.
- (4) The first refrigerator had a dial on its back to control its temperature.

30. What forced the people in America to switch to refrigerators?

- (1) The designs of these ice boxes became more stylish.
- (2) There was a shortage of natural ice in 1889 and 1890.
- (3) General Electric released a home refrigerator to the public.
- (4) Everyone had to freeze and store fish, dairy products and meat.

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE MID-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2007

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

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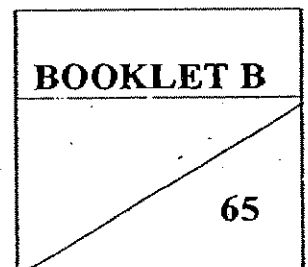
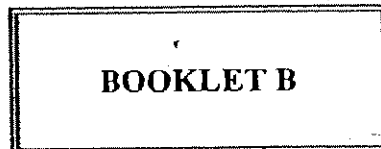
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Grammar Cloze

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EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) as	(D) those	(G) on	(K) therefore	(N) was
(B) that	(E) where	(H) for	(L) in	(P) even
(C) more	(F) to	(J) most	(M) which	(Q) were

The Eiffel Tower of Paris is one of the most famous monuments
 _____ earth. Whenever someone tries to promote France or
 (31) _____ Europe, an image of Eiffel Tower will _____ probably
 (32) _____ (33) be used.

The Eiffel Tower, which was created by Gustave Eiffel, was completed in
 1889 _____ a tribute to the French Revolution. This had promoted the
 (34) _____ three most important values, equality, liberty and fraternity, _____ the
 (35) French. Even today, more than a century later, the French continue to be proud of
 these values. When the Eiffel Tower was completed, it created quite a stir as it was
 the first of its kind anywhere _____ the world. Other engineers from Britain
 (36) and America had tried to create an iron structure like _____ of the Eiffel
 (37) Tower, but all their efforts _____ in vain as their structures were not
 (38) stable enough. The Eiffel Tower was _____ something that many
 (39) French people are proud of until today. They had succeeded _____
 (40) others had failed.

Section H (10 x 1 mark)**Editing for Spelling and Grammar**Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

Write the correct word in the relevant box.

I do not know if you have noticed when you select your mushrooms. We have a

(41)

(42)

wide **rainged** of mushrooms on the supermarket shelves. They come in lovely shades off

(43)

coffee, suede and cream. Some are **clumbed** together, looking like a flower, while others

look like a clutch of pretty round buttons.

(44)

For years, we had to settle for just **kanned** mushrooms. Then came the fresh

(45)

buttons, the first fresh mushrooms in the market. However, this days, we have much

more.

(46)

Mushrooms were a rich source of proteins, vitamins, minerals and fibre.

(47)

Mushrooms also have therapeutic properties that trigger the body's immune **cistern**

(48)

(49)

Anyway, I could not **reesiist** these new types of mushrooms and spends hours

(50)

thinking of how to cook them. I decided to fry and pile it over slices of rare beef. It

turned out to be the right combination.

Adapted from The Straits Times, Mind Your Body, 14 March 2007

Section I (15 x 1 mark)**Comprehension Cloze**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Do you enjoy reading? Books are important in our daily _____ (51). Reading is not only an interesting _____ (52) but also a useful one as it provides us _____ (53) knowledge and information. Through reading, we can get to know many things, including how people in other parts of the world live.

We can also improve the _____ (54) of our language through reading. Most students acknowledge that reading can widen their vocabulary and _____ (55) them to write compositions _____ (56) effectively. They are thus able to express _____ (57) better.

Besides empowering us to be effective writers, reading also enables us to pass our leisure _____ (58) meaningfully. By reading books, magazines and newspapers, we can increase our general knowledge and _____ (59) up with the current affairs.

However, we must read widely. Reading only newspapers and magazines _____ (60) not enough as they do not provide adequate information and details. There are all _____ (61) of books on different subjects and of various interests. It is therefore important that all of us _____ (62) full use of the books that are available in public _____ (63).

It is good to cultivate the _____ (64) of reading. It is never too _____ (65) to start. You can begin today.

Section J (5 x 2 marks)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Jim took some cough mixture. He wanted to stop his cough.

To _____

67. The market was crowded. The housewife managed to buy some vegetables.

_____ although _____

68. "I am going to Europe next year," said John.

John said that _____

69. Crocodiles have medicinal values. They are bred on commercial farms.

_____ for _____

70. The washing machine is not working properly. You have just repaired it.

_____ which _____

Everything was ready. Then, it emerged. The body slid into his waiting hands and the baby cried out. Its blue skin turned pink. It was a boy, red-faced and dark-haired. His eyes alert, suspicious of the lights and the cold air. The doctor quickly cut his son's umbilical cord.

"He is beautiful," the nurse said. She waited while he examined the child. Then, she took the infant to the nursery to bathe and clean him. The weak cries stirred his wife. 5

"Where is the baby?" his wife asked, opening her eyes. "Is everything all right?"

"We have a son," the doctor said, smiling down at her. "You will see him as soon as he is clean. He is absolutely perfect."

His wife's face, soft with relief and exhaustion, suddenly tightened with another contraction. She cried out. He was startled but, at the same time, he understood what was happening. 10

"Nurse? I need you here right now," the doctor said.

After a moment of confusion, the nurse joined him by the table. "Twins?" she asked.

The baby was smaller and came easily, sliding so quickly into his gloved hands. He leant forward to make sure it did not fall. 15

"It's a girl," the doctor said as he cradled her like a football, face down, tapping her back until she cried out. Then, he turned ^{the baby} over to see her face. He froze. The tell-tale features were unmistakable.

"Poor coordination, possible heart complications and mental impairment." He remembered his professor's words as they examined a child with Down's syndrome years ago. 20
The doctor felt shaky as he cut the umbilical cord.

"She must not know about this," he mumbled to himself. He then told the nurse to take the girl out of the delivery room immediately. "What shall I do now?" he murmured for he knew his wife would not be able to take the news.

Get a Tutor to go through the Papers
The doctor found the nurse in the nursery, cradling the baby in his arms. "This is a place. I want you to take her there. They will take good care of her," the doctor said. She knew exactly where he was referring to. 25

Looking at the baby with pitiful eyes, the nurse wondered, "Would she be happy in an orphanage?" She wrapped the baby and left. Instead of heading for the orphanage, the nurse went home and packed her belongings. She drove to a faraway place where no one knew her. 30 She was determined to raise the poor girl as her own.

Adapted from The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What did the doctor do immediately after the boy was delivered?

72. Where did the nurse take the boy to after he was delivered?

73. Which two-word phrase from line 5 to 10 tells you that the boy was in the pink of health?

74. In line 10 and 11, explain what the doctor meant when he said he understood what was happening.

75. Why did the doctor lean forward during the second delivery?

76. How did the doctor know that there was something wrong with the second child?

77. Name two symptoms of Down's syndrome.

78. Why did the doctor tell the nurse to take the baby girl out of the delivery room immediately?

79. What did the doctor instruct the nurse to do with the baby girl?

80. What was the girl's fate?

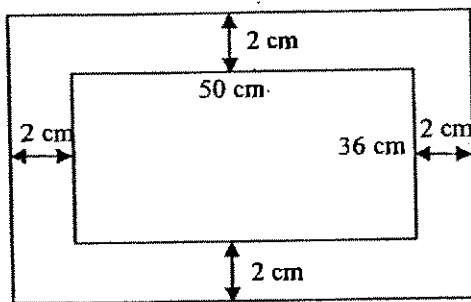
- 23 Express 8 months as a fraction of $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Ans: _____

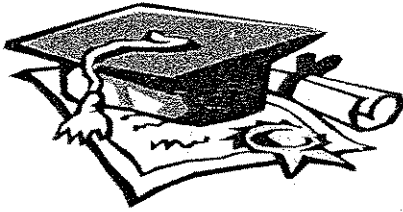
- 24 A farmer put stakes along the sides of his rectangular plot of land measuring 65 m by 50 m. The stakes were placed 5 m apart. How many stakes did he use?

Ans: _____

- 25 Gary wanted to mount his picture measuring 50 cm by 36 cm, on a cardboard. He wanted to leave a border of 2 cm around his picture. What was the area of the cardboard?



Ans: _____ cm^2



ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

- | | | | |
|-------|---|-------------|----------------|
| 1. 4 | 31) G | 41) range | 51) lives |
| 2. 3 | 32) P | 42) of | 52) hobby |
| 3. 2 | 33) J | 43) clumped | 53) with |
| 4. 2 | 34) A | 44) canned | 54) vocabulary |
| 5. 4 | 35) F | 45) there | 55) helps |
| 6. 3 | 36) L | 46) are | 56) more |
| 7. 4 | 37) B | 47) system | 57) themselves |
| 8. 1 | 38) Q | 48) resist | 58) time |
| 9. 2 | 39) K | 49) spent | 59) keep |
| 10. 2 | 40) E | 50) them | 60) is |
| 11. 2 | | | |
| 12. 2 | 61) kinds | | |
| 13. 2 | 62) make | | |
| 14. 1 | 63) libraries | | |
| 15. 4 | 64) habit | | |
| 16. 4 | 65) late | | |
| 17. 4 | 66) To stop his cough, Jim took some cough mixture. | | |
| 18. 3 | | | |
| 19. 3 | | | |
| 20. 2 | 67) The housewife managed to buy some vegetables although the market was crowded. | | |
| 21. 4 | | | |
| 22. 4 | | | |
| 23. 3 | | | |
| 24. 3 | 68) John said that he was going to Europe the following year. | | |
| 25. 4 | | | |
| 26. 4 | | | |
| 27. 3 | 69) Crocodiles are bred on commercial farms for they have medicinal values. | | |
| 28. 3 | | | |
| 29. 3 | | | |
| 30. 2 | 70) The washing machine which you have just repaired is not working well. | | |

71) He cut the boy's umbilical cord.

72) The nurse took the boy to the nursery after he was delivered.

73) The phrase is "absolutely perfect."

74) He knew that his wife was going to give birth again.

75) He leant forward to make sure the baby did not fall.

76) The doctor saw the unmistakable features of a child with Down's.

77) Two symptoms of Down's syndrome are poor coordination and possible heart complications.

78) He knew that his wife would not be able to take the news that their second child had Down's syndrome.

79) The doctor instructed the nurse to take the baby girl to the orphanage.

80) The girl was raised by the nurse.

English Language Listening Comprehension

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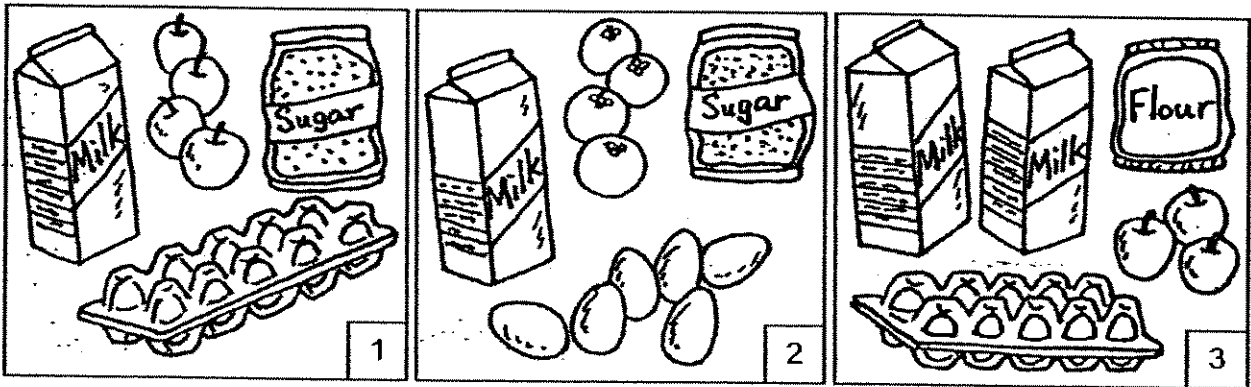
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Text 1

Q1. Which picture shows the things Carl has to get for his mother?

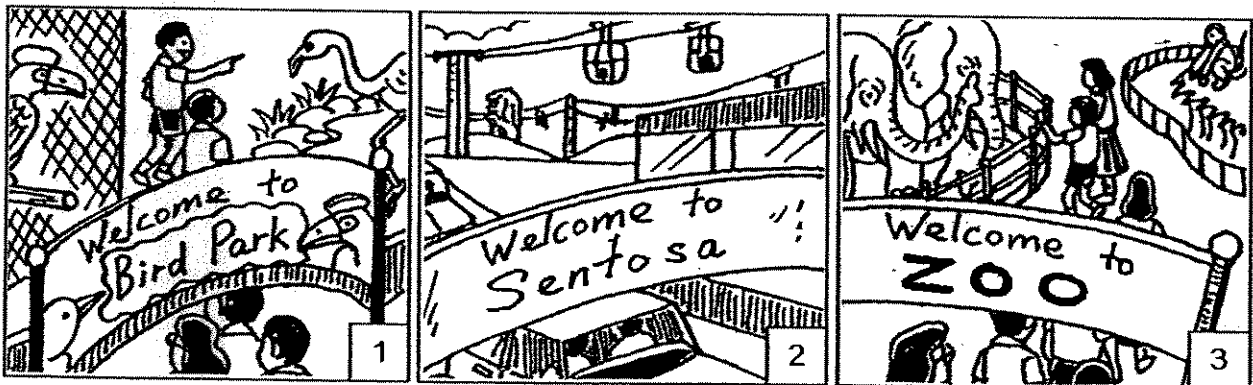
① ② ③



Text 2

Q2. Which place is the group visiting?

① ② ③



Q7. Who are the people who can save the sharks?

- (1) Only restaurant owners.
- (2) People who eat shark's fins.
- (3) Governments.

Text 5

Q8. What does Jason aspire to become? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) A Scientist
- (2) A Flying Instructor
- (3) A Fighter Pilot

Q9. How old is Jason? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) 9 years old
- (2) 16 years old
- (3) 20 years old

Q10. Why was Jason on cloud nine? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) He was flying a plane.
- (2) He was 2000 feet up in the air.
- (3) He was being treated to a breathtaking aerial view of Singapore.

Q11. Where did the money for the activity come from? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) A local newspaper
- (2) The Singapore Youth Flying Club
- (3) The boys' schools

Text 6

Q12. What nationality is Thung Vu Diong? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) Cuban
- (2) Cambodian
- (3) Vietnamese

Q13. Who started the farm? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) Thung Vu Diong
- (2) Thung Vu Diong's father
- (3) Thung Vu Diong's grandfather

Q14. How old is Thung Vu Diong now? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) 30 years old
- (2) 24 years old
- (3) 20 years old

Q15. Why does Mr Thung want to increase the number of animals on his farm? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) The number of visitors to his farm is increasing.
- (2) Business has been growing steadily.
- (3) He wants to export his products.

Q16. How do we know that the alligators on the farm are more dangerous than the crocodiles? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) The Cuban reptiles are known to be aggressive.
- (2) Mr Thung has been attacked by the alligators several times.
- (3) Cambodian crocodiles are never aggressive.

Text 7

Q17. Why has John's father gone overseas? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) To scuba-dive.
- (2) To work.
- (3) To celebrate John's grandfather's birthday.

Q18. Which is the second place John's father is travelling to? ... (1) (2) (3)

- (1) Hongkong
- (2) Manila
- (3) Taiwan

Q19. Why can't John go swimming with Susan? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) His mother does not allow him to do so.
- (2) He is spending time with his family.
- (3) He is going scuba-diving.

Q20. Which day of the week did the conversation between Susan and John take place? (1) (2) (3)

- (1) Monday
- (2) Wednesday
- (3) Friday



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PAPER 2 - BOOKLET A

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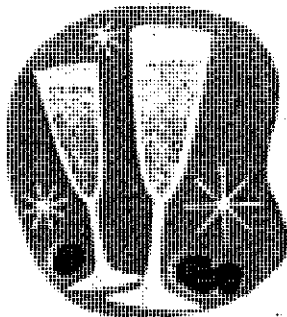
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Study the content page below and then answer the questions that follow it.

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Would you like to subscribe?
To have *Lunch-Box* (Australia)
delivered to your door at no extra
charge, visit www.lunchbox.com.

For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

1. This is the contents page of a _____ magazine.
 - (1) food
 - (2) health
 - (3) beauty
 - (4) children's

2. *Lunch-Box* is the name of the _____.
 - (1) editor
 - (2) recipe
 - (3) company
 - (4) magazine

3. The pages in the magazine are organised in _____ different categories.
 - (1) two
 - (2) five
 - (3) four
 - (4) three

4. Some of the recipes in this issue are probably suited for _____.
 - (1) spring
 - (2) winter
 - (3) summer
 - (4) autumn

5. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Children's recipes include making scones.
 - (2) Food notes help readers make a good salmon dish.
 - (3) Subscribers to the magazine will not enjoy any free delivery.
 - (4) Readers' feedback is published in every issue of the magazine.

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. He saw two mighty puffs of orange-red smoke billowing and _____ through the trees.

- (1) roll
- (2) rolls
- (3) rolled
- (4) rolling

7. _____ either Ben or his friends replied to your invitation?
I need to confirm the guest list now.

- Has
- Had
- Have
- Should

8. Mary and Jane saw the girl _____ into the treacherous sea.

- (1) plunge
- (2) plunges
- (3) plunged
- (4) was plunging

9. She _____ like a sore thumb in her green and blue outfit.

- (1) stood up
- (2) stood in
- (3) stood out
- (4) stood away

10. "Esio Trot _____ simply tortoise spelled backwards," Mr Hong said. "Look at it, Jane."

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

11. He was well-known for his fondness _____ Persian rugs.

- (1) of
- (2) in
- (3) at
- (4) for

12. Rose is scrutinizing her car which _____ damaged by vandals last night.

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

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)

"Go, turtle go (13) the small boy screamed. "Go back to the sea."

The two hooded black eyes of the turtle peered at the boy. They were bright and lovely (14) full of wisdom of great age. The boy looked back at the turtle (15) "Goodbye, old man," he said. "Go far away."

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

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. Uncle Tan, my elderly neighbour's _____ behaviour is causing us some concern. Sometimes he leaves all the windows and doors in his house open for days.
- (1) eclectic
 - (2) eccentric
 - (3) effeminate
 - (4) egotistical
17. It was quite a _____ for my skinny brother to move the refrigerator by himself.
- (1) fete
 - (2) feat
 - (3) faze
 - (4) feint
18. Sally grinned and looked _____ when she realised her mistake.
- (1) sick
 - (2) sorry
 - (3) sheepish
 - (4) shell-shocked
19. My grandfather who used to be a diplomat has written a book full of amusing _____ about his travels.
- (1) portfolios
 - (2) anecdotes
 - (3) summaries
 - (4) presentations

20. That pile of rags near the electrical circuit board is a fire _____.

- (1) danger
- (2) hazard
- (3) attraction
- (4) conductor

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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)

Telling herself this could not be so difficult – millions of Chinese ate with chopsticks every day, didn't they – Jane tried again, got a tenuous hold on the capsicum, and raised it toward her mouth. The chopsticks separated and the capsicum went sliding down the front of her blouse into her lap. (21)

Jane picked up the capsicum with her fingers and slipped it back on to her plate. With her paper napkin, she scrubbed the stain and succeeded only in smearing it onto her blouse. (22)

Miserable, she looked to see if the others had noticed. Helen, who had laid down her chopsticks and was surreptitiously tugging at the top of her skirt, which was too tight, cast Jane a glance of sympathy. (23)

21. (1) firm
(2) faint
(3) weak
(4) strong

22. (1) swept
(2) rubbed
(3) dabbed
(4) brushed

23. (1) fixing
(2) enlarging
(3) smudging
(4) distributing

24. (1) calmly
(2) quietly
(3) timidly
(4) secretly

25. (1) look
(2) gaze
(3) glare
(4) squint

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

Mole was almost deafened by the blast of wind about him in the woods and blinded by the stinging snow that drove into his face. To make matters worse, the snow was getting deeper all the time and it was harder to make out the path ahead.

The trees swayed and creaked about him in the night and if the wind was not trying to rip his coat off his back, the brambles and branches were, grasping, clutching and scratching him as he struggled on. It was dark, dreadfully dark. 5

His storm lantern was at least some help, for it cast a useful beam of light ahead and enabled him to avoid veering too much off the path. 10

"I will not give up!" he muttered to himself, pulling his belt tighter, hunching his head lower, pushing his feet harder and gripping the lantern ever more firmly. "If it's not Rat himself who's in trouble, then it's Otter. What else could Portly's words have meant? Either way, Rat will need help!" 15

With bold brave words such as these, Mole kept himself going, grateful for being able to make out the old oak tree and the rabbit warren, which he recognized as being on the way to Rat's house. He shouted for a short time near the rabbit warren and even shouted down to see if anyone was about – but, of course, rabbits can never be relied on, especially when they are most needed, and there was no reply. 20

Out of the wind, away from the driving snow, he felt his will to go on weakening rapidly and if it had been any other animal than his dear friend Rat whom he felt needed him, he might have taken heed of his nephew's advice and sheltered through daylight in the hope that the blizzard might abate. 25

"I must go on and I shall!" he cried suddenly, charging out into the blizzard once more and battling on.

It was only much later when the dark of the night had grown darker 30 still and the blizzard even more bitter that a horrible thought occurred to Mole, stopping him dead in his tracks. He saw that the snow was now settling so fast that **tracks made** but moments before had all but gone.

The horrible thought, which would surely have been obvious to a practical animal like Rat, was this: Rat's house was on the far side of the 35 river, so how was he going to get over to it? The bridge was a long way off and Rat's boat was on the far side of the river too.

The answer was that he had no answer, but having got so far, he decided to press on all the same, convinced that it was what Rat himself would have done.

*Adapted from *The Willows in Winter* by William Horwood*

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. _____ informed the Mole that someone was in trouble.

- (1) Rat
- (2) Otter
- (3) Portly
- (4) The Mole's Nephew

27. Mole did not have much problem with the _____ in the woods.

- (1) strong wind
- (2) heavy snow
- (3) storm lantern
- (4) sharp branches

28. When the Mole felt like giving up, he _____.

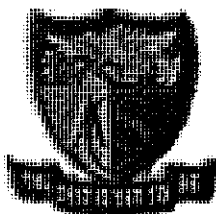
- (1) went to seek the rabbit's help
- (2) thought of his friendship with Rat
- (3) decided to heed his Nephew's advice
- (4) reminded himself of the blizzard he had endured

29. The tracks he had made were covered by snow, so Mole _____.

- (1) could not find the rabbits
- (2) might be lost if he turned back
- (3) had to take shelter until daylight
- (4) would not know how to get to Rat's house

30. Mole remained undaunted by his obstacles because he _____.

- (1) would get help from his other friends
- (2) could find Rat's boat on the river bank
- (3) had found a great solution to his problem
- (4) knew Rat would persevere if he was in his shoes



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PAPER 2 - BOOKLET B

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Paper	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1. Composition	55	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	95	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	10	
2.3 Editing (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
2.6 Comprehension	20	
3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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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) and | (G) now | (K) than | (N) to |
| (B) as | (E) back | (H) of | (L) then | (P) which |
| (C) after | (F) in | (J) or | (M) their | (Q) who |

The other day, I was thinking about the phrase 'It's a dog's life'.

According my dictionary, this means 'life is hard
(31) (32)

unpleasant', but that definition is surely obsolete. A dog's life these days, at least

 my house, means one of pampered leisure.
(33)

This is by no means the only phrase in the English language

 suggests a dog's life is a miserable one. When we become less
(34)

successful we were in the past, we go 'to the dogs'; when we do
(35)

something very badly, we make a 'dog's breakfast' of it; if we really feel bad,

we are 'as sick as a dog'. Those have irritated or offended us and
(36)

caused our disapproval are sent to 'the doghouse'.

Cats do no better. They are portrayed _____ humourless

(37)

tyrants ('While the cat's away, the mouse will play') _____ as self-satisfied

(38)

and smug ('The cat that got the cream').

Many of these phrases reflect a time when cats and dogs were not as

cherished as they are

. My own personal motto 'love me, love my

(39)

dog' dates _____ as far as 1485.

(40)

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

There are now a lot more people with smelly feet in Singapore than
there were a few years ago.

(41)

Cases of athlete's foot, caused by a fungus, has tripled to more than

(42)

one thousand cases a year in less than a **dekade**.

(43)

Athlete's foot is characterise by a scaly dry rash on the bottom and

(44)

sides of feet, or cracks between the toes, which emit a **fowl** odour.

(45)

That the number of those with stinking feet has rose ~~sharply~~ was

(46)

revealed by Dr Seow Chew Swee at the **Nationel** Skin Centre during a press

conference. Dr Seow attributed the increase to the long hours that people

(47)

spend wearing shoes. Enclosed feet, especially when the weather are hot,

(48)

are warm and moist – an ideal **enviroment** for fungus to grow in.

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(49)

(50)

All this fungal infections can be cured by using **creems**, lotions or powders, most of them available over the counter.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

New Zealand mountaineer, Mark Inglis, who lost both legs 25 years ago, has become the first double amputee to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

From the _____ of the world's highest mountain,
(51)
Inglis called his wife to say he had made it. Mrs Anne Inglis said the telephone reception was _____ and she was unable to say
(52)
_____ he had reached the peak but thought it was around
(53)
mid-day.

She said his prosthetic _____ had been no trouble,
(54)
and _____ one snapped earlier this month, her husband had
(55)
described the mishap as "a minor hiccup". He was carrying a spare
_____ of legs and repair equipment.
(56)

New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark said Mark Inglis' feat would send a message to _____ with physical disabilities that
(57)
their ambitions should _____ be limited.
(58)

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Inglis was a mountain rescue _____ when he and a
(59)

fellow climber had both legs amputated below the knee _____
(60)

suffering frostbite when trapped in an ice cave in Mount Cook, New

Zealand's _____ peak in 1982.
(61)

Before the Everest bid, Inglis said the _____ that he
(62)

had lost both legs and that no one had ever scaled the 8850 metre mountain

_____ artificial limbs was of secondary importance.
(63)

"I'm not doing this to be the _____ double amputee –
(64)

if I am, then it's the icing on the _____ - but I've been climbing
(65)

most of my life and Everest is the achievement really."

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 school was built. The parents were generous.

_____ because of

67 The dog will bite you if you continue being rough with it.

Unless _____

68 "Can you do the washing tonight?" my grandmother asked me.

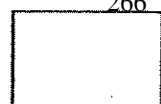
My grandmother asked me _____

69 Many people came to the carnival even though it was raining heavily.

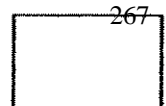
_____ in spite of

70 We were really surprised when Christopher passed his driving test.

Much _____



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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I was taken as a prisoner of war in July 1917 to Colsterdale camp near Masham, and I did not want to stay there. I tried several times to get through the barbed wire and I also took part in one of the tunnelling schemes which was discovered by the British just before the tunnel was completed.

One day, I had an idea – I would walk out through the gate disguised as our English canteen manager, Mr Budd. So I started watching him as he left the camp every evening. The sentries never asked him for the password as everyone knew Mr Budd too well for that. This was also a disadvantage, but my idea was to escape in the evening after dark.

Every male passenger in those war days had to produce a document when buying a railway ticket, particularly when travelling to London. As I did not want to walk there, I decided to travel as a woman.

When I heard that Mr Budd was going to be sent to another camp, I had no time to lose. I began collecting a woman's outfit in the camp.

The day of the escape arrived and I approached the gate disguised as Mr Budd. I wore a false moustache and a pair of spectacles in exactly the way Mr Budd wore them. My cap, rain coat and bag were also exact replicas of the ones with which Mr Budd used to leave the camp every evening. My friends all thought I really was Mr Budd when they saw me.

As Mr Budd used to leave the camp at about 8 pm, I decided to leave at about ten minutes to eight. Some friends of mine would keep the real Mr Budd busy in the canteen until after eight. As the sentries were changed at eight o'clock sharp, I was sure the new sentry would not be surprised to see the real Mr Budd leaving the camp.

I walked to the gate smoking my pipe as if I were Mr Budd after a day's work at the canteen. I shouted 'Guard' as Mr Budd did.

The sentry called out, "Who's there?"

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"Budd," I answered.

"Right," he said and opened the big door.

I walked slowly away from camp towards the Masham station.

A little further on, I decided to change into my woman's clothes. After some time, I noticed three soldiers following me. They were from the camp. I thought about throwing away my bag, but this was impossible.

The soldiers came closer and closer until finally they overtook me. They stopped and said, "Good evening, miss. Have you by any chance seen a man with a bag like yours? A prisoner of war has escaped and we are out looking for him."

I tried for a time to speak in a high voice, asking them not to speak to a woman on her own. They asked if they could look at the bag I carried. I refused, of course, but I knew. It was all over with me.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which phrase in the first paragraph tells us that the writer had strong feelings about staying in Colsterdale camp?

72. How many different ways of escape did the writer try altogether?

73. Why did the writer choose to disguise himself as Mr Budd to escape?

74. Which city was the writer headed for after his escape?

75. In what way was Mr Budd being known to everyone a disadvantage for the writer?

76. Why did the writer decide to travel as a woman after his escape?

77. How do we know that the writer's disguise was good?

78. Why did the writer think of throwing away his bag when he realised he was being followed?

79. Why did the writer speak in a high voice to the soldiers?

80. What did the writer mean when he said 'It was all over with me'?

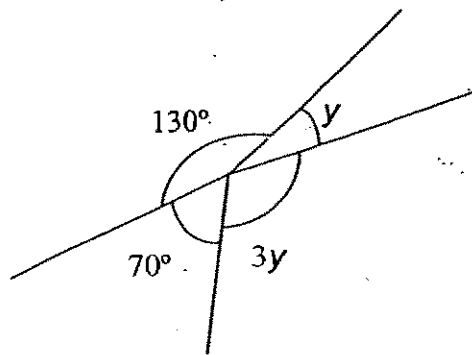
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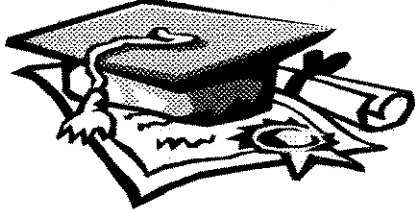
- 33 $\frac{3}{8}$ of a box of balls are red, $\frac{3}{10}$ of them are green and the rest are black. If there are 36 green balls, how many black balls are there?

Ans: _____

- 34 Find $\angle y$.



Ans: _____^o



ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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|-------|--|-------------------|------------|
| 1. 1 | 31) N | 41) have | 51) top |
| 2. 4 | 32) D | 42) decade | 52) bad |
| 3. 3 | 33) F | 43) characterized | 53) when |
| 4. 4 | 34) P | 44) foul | 54) legs |
| 5. 4 | 35) K | 45) risen | 55) when |
| 6. 4 | 36) Q | 46) National | 56) pair |
| 7. 1 | 37) B | 47) is | 57) others |
| 8. 1 | 38) J | 48) environment | 58) not |
| 9. 3 | 39) G | 49) these | 59) guide |
| 10. 1 | 40) E | 50) creaws | 60) after |
| 11. 4 | | | |
| 12. 3 | 61) highest | 63) with | 65) cake |
| 13. 4 | 62) fact | 64) first | |
| 14. 2 | | | |
| 15. 3 | 66) The School was built because of the generosity of the parents. | | |
| 16. 2 | | | |
| 17. 2 | | | |
| 18. 3 | 67) Unless you do not continue being rough with the dog, it will bite you. | | |
| 19. 2 | | | |
| 20. 2 | | | |
| 21. 3 | 68) My grandmother asked me if I could do the washing that night. | | |
| 22. 2 | | | |
| 23. 3 | | | |
| 24. 4 | 69) Many people came to the Carnival in spite of the heavy rain. | | |
| 25. 1 | | | |
| 26. 3 | | | |
| 27. 3 | 70) Much to our surprise, Christopher passed his driving test. | | |
| 28. 2 | | | |
| 29. 2 | | | |
| 30. 4 | 71) The phrase is did not want to stay there. | | |
| | 72) The writer tried three different ways. | | |

73)The sentries never asked him for the password as everyone knew Mr Budd too well.

74)The writer headed for London.

75)Mr Budd was know by everyone so the writer's disguise wōuld have to be good.

76)If he traveled as a women, he would not have to produce a document.

77)His friends all though he looked like Mr Budd.

78)His bag contained the clothes used in his disguise as Mr Budd.

79)The writer was acting as a women.

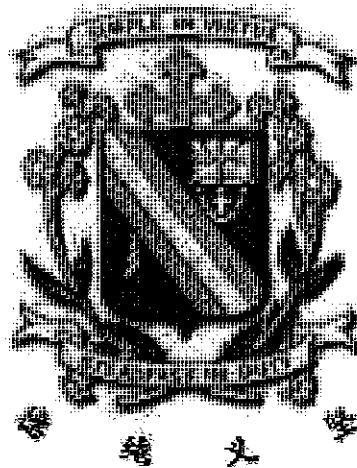
80)He knew that his plan to escape had failed.

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Semestral Assessment 1 – 2007

English Language

PAPER 1

4th May 2007

Total Time : 1 hour 10 minutes

55 marks


**Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.**

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

(1) Below is an advertisement.

ANIMAL BEFRIENDERS' CLUB
invites you to the 'Befriend Animals' workshop during the
school holidays!

Befriend Animals
...Learn About Animals
...Have Fun At The Same Time !



Dates: Monday, 4 June – Tuesday, 5 June 2007

Time: 8.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Programmes:

Monday, 4 June:
Visit to the Singapore Zoological Gardens : Guided tour by zoo-keepers
Workshop 1 (after lunch) : "Pets and their Nutrition"

Tuesday, 5 June:
Visit to the Jurong Bird Park : Guided tour by keepers
Workshop 2 (after lunch) : "Training your Pet Bird"

Cost per person:
\$50 (inclusive of entrance fees, guided tours, transportation and 2 lunches)

To sign up, visit our website: [www. animalbefrienders.com.sg](http://www.animalbefrienders.com.sg)

Your Task

Imagine that you are Jackie. You and your best friend, Jane, are animal lovers. You saw the advertisement and you are keen to attend the workshop.

Write Jane an email asking her to sign up for the workshop with you.

You should refer to the advertisement on page 2.

In your email, include the following information:

- why she should attend the workshop
- how you feel about the workshop
- the dates and time of the workshop
- where you will be visiting
- what the cost is and what it covers

You may reorder the points. You should write in complete sentences.

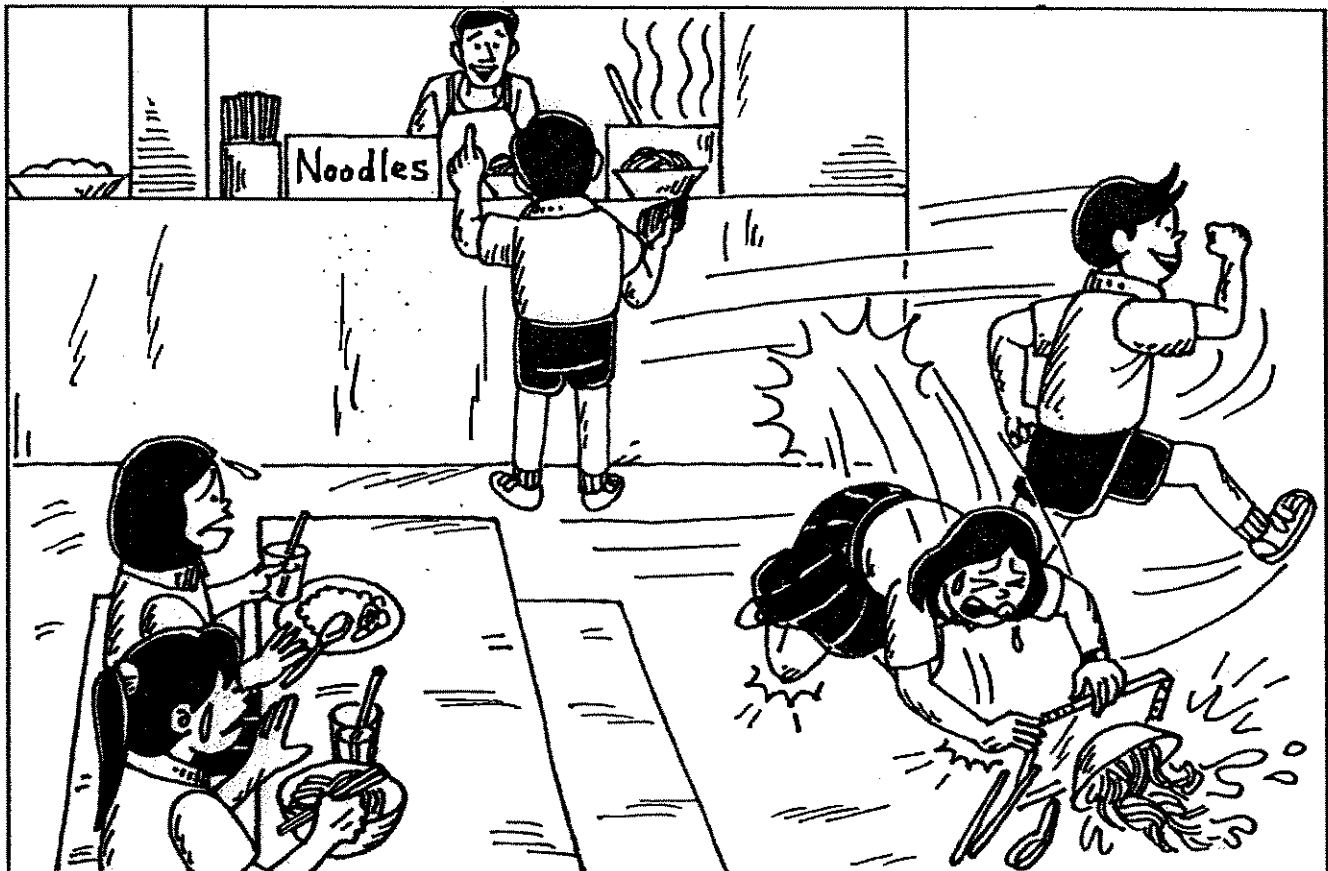
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Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two questions in Part 2.

Answer only one of them.

- (2) Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



For your story, make use of the points below. You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

- why the boy was running
- how the girl felt
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

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- (3) I was on my way to school one morning. During the journey, the bus broke down. I decided to get off the bus quickly. Suddenly, someone shouted at me.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 150 words.

In your composition, make use of the points below:

- who that person was
- what happened next
- what happened in the end

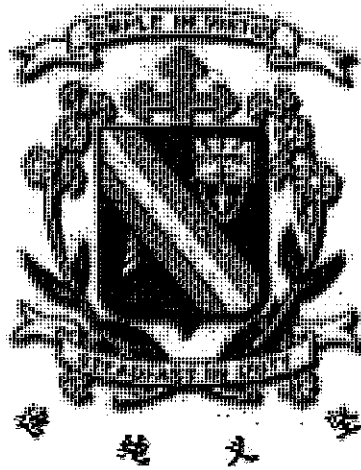
You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

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English Language

PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

4th May 2007

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

30 questions
30 marks

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

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

CHANG SISTERS TRAVEL FAIR 2007!

DON'T MISS OUT THESE GREAT DEALS IN TOWN AT SANTECK EXHIBITION HALL 502

China, Shanghai – 8 days

\$1 088

Departure dates: 10 June, 18 June

Australia, Gold Coast – 8 days

\$898

Departure dates: 6 June, 17 June

Hong Kong, Disneyland – 4 days

\$568

Departure dates: 8 June, 18 June

Cruise to Penang – 5 days

\$588

Departure dates: 15 June, 23 June

Here's how you can book your holidays by visiting the following:

- Our website: www.changsisisterstravel.com
- Booth CT475 at Santeck Exhibition Hall 502, from 15 March - 22 March, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
- Chang Sisters Travel Office, Chang Building, 20 Took Sai Road, from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily, Tel: 6123 4567

Senior citizens (above 55 years old) will be given a luggage bag* worth \$199 upon booking any tour packages. Children below the age of 6 will further enjoy a 50% discount and a Switch Morton Watch# will be given free.

Book before 15 March to enjoy a 10% discount on all tour packages!

*Sponsored by CK Leather

#Sponsored by Chang Time Pte Ltd

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 Which one of the following placed this advertisement in the newspaper?

- (1) CK Leather
- (2) Chang Time Pte Ltd
- (3) Chang Sisters Travel
- (4) Santeck Exhibition Hall

X The travel fair will be from _____.

- (1) 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- (2) 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- (3) 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- (4) 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

X Mrs Parker has applied for leave from 17 June to 23 June. She is interested to book a tour. Which of the tour packages can she book?

- (1) China, Shanghai
- (2) Cruise to Penang
- (3) Australia, Gold Coast
- (4) Hong Kong, Disneyland

4 Mr Indira wishes to enjoy a 10% discount off his tour package. He should book his tour to China on _____.

- (1) 10 June
- (2) 18 June
- (3) 10 March
- (4) 15 March

5 Mr and Mrs Goh who are both 56 years of age decided to book a tour package to Australia. They will each receive _____.

- (1) a luggage bag
- (2) a Switch Morton Watch
- (3) \$199 worth of travel vouchers
- (4) a 50% discount off any tour packages

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. Having _____ the pictures of Japan, Glen decided to change his holiday destination to Australia.
- (1) see
 - (2) saw
 - (3) seen
 - (4) seeing
7. Dennis claimed that Janet made him _____ the book.
- (1) steal
 - (2) stole
 - (3) steals
 - (4) stolen
8. "~~Someone~~ _____ my dictionary without my permission!" shouted Andy angrily.
- (1) is taking
 - (2) has taken
 - (3) are taking
 - (4) have taken
9. Jason, _____ we all had thought was honest, cheated the company of a huge sum of money.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose

10 _____ Miss Wong _____ Mr Tan will forgive you if you do not mend your ways.

- ~~(1) Either ... or~~
- ~~(2) Both ... and~~
- ~~(3) Since ... then~~
- ~~(4) Neither ... nor~~

11 _____ they hurried, they missed the train.

- (1) If
- (2) Unless
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

12 When Mary saw the beautiful toy at a shop, she could not keep her eyes _____ it.

- (1) to
- (2) off
- (3) from
- (4) away

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)

Beth, Jo and Meg were sisters. Their mother left them to look for their father.

Every day (13) the sisters did their daily chores but they thought about their mother.

One day, Beth said to Jo and Meg (14) Please go and see the Hummels."

"I can't go. Can you go, Jo?" Meg asked.

"No, I have a cold," Jo answered.

"Can you go, Beth (15) Meg said.

"No I can't. Mother is not around. I have to stay at home," Beth replied.

"All right, I will go then," said Meg reluctantly.

Adapted from 'Little Women'.

- 13 (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full-stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
- 14 (1) [.] full-stop
(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(3) [. "] full-stop and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
- 15 (1) [" ,] inverted commas and comma
(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(3) [" .] inverted commas and full-stop
(4) [? "] question 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. (5 marks)

- 16 The room is _____ now. The pupils have been dismissed.
- (1) vacant
 - (2) vaunted
 - (3) vacuum
 - (4) vacuous
- 17 Please allow the sugar to _____ in the water first before you add in the fruits.
- (1) fade
 - (2) melt
 - (3) blend
 - (4) dissolve
- 18 My grandmother loves the _____ of chrysanthemums.
- reek
 - scent
 - odour
 - aroma
- 19 The principal has already typed the _____ for today's meeting indicating the important matters to be discussed.
- (1) memo
 - (2) agenda
 - (3) minutes
 - (4) announcement
- 20 The noise from the construction site had _____ Sufen so much that she could not do her work.
- (1) affected
 - (2) effected
 - (3) infected
 - (4) defected

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

Eeling and Xiaohui found a place at one corner of the Bishan National Library. They carried the books they had found to the table. While they were (21) quickly looking through the materials, a group of boys came in. They walked into the library nosily, making a din and disturbing everyone. Eeling (22) recognised that they were from Seletar Primary School.

Everyone was annoyed that the (23) quiet and peaceful environment of the library had been shattered by these (24) unruly boys. A man told the boys to lower their volume but it was (25) to no avail. When Mrs Leo, the librarian, strode towards them, the boys immediately kept as quiet as church mice.

- 21 (1) surfing
(2) checking
(3) browsing
(4) researching
- 22 (1) knew
(2) spotted
(3) accepted
(4) discerned
- 23 ~~(1) ambience~~
~~(2) sanctuary~~
~~(3) tranquillity~~
~~(4) atmosphere~~
- 24 (1) rude
~~(2) rowdy~~
(3) domineering
(4) disrespectful
- 25 (1) of no use
(2) of no point
(3) of no reason
(4) of no benefit

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

I was sitting on a wooden seat at the University of Illinois indoor swimming pool, and I was not enjoying myself. The air was hot and wet, and the seats were hard and the noise was terrible - shouts from the swimmers, and the officials and the public were making my head ache.

I had come to watch a swimming competition organised by Chicago businesses, to collect money for sick people. A number of companies had sent teams. My old school friend Alicia was in the Berman Airplanes team, and she had asked me to come and watch her swim. I came, because she was an old friend - though we did not meet now, as we had different interests.

At school, Alicia was interested in only two things: swimming and engines. She studied engineering at university, before she joined Berman Airplanes Company and worked on the design of planes. And me? I am a private detective. My business is crime.

Six competitors were standing at the end of the pool, ready to start the first women's event. From where I sat it was not easy to recognise Alicia. I knew she was wearing a red swimsuit, but there were three swimmers in red. The pool was divided into seven lanes. My programme said that Alicia was in lane two.

The woman in the first lane was complaining about something. The organiser changed the swimmers' positions, leaving the first lane empty. Now one red suit was in lane two, one in lane three and one in lane six. I did not know which one was Alicia.

The starting gun was fired, and six bodies threw themselves into the water. There was a perfect start in lane six - that must be Alicia.

The woman in lane two seemed to be having problems. What was wrong? The water around her was turning red. I pushed through the crowd to the side of the pool, kicked off my shoes and jumped in.

I swam under the water to the second lane and pulled the woman to the edge, where someone lifted her out. It was no one I knew.

Adapted from 'Crime Story Collection'.

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 author was a/an _____.

- (1) engineer
- (2) investigator
- (3) business woman
- (4) swimming official

27 The author was at the swimming pool to _____.

- (1) solve a crime
- (2) support her friend
- (3) take part in the competition
- (4) collect money for the sick people

28 The author had difficulty recognising Alicia at the end of the pool because _____.

- (1) of the author's orientation
- (2) no swimmer was at lane one
- (3) Alicia was wearing a red swimsuit
- (4) the pool was divided into seven lanes

29 Which word has the same meaning as 'pushed through the crowd' (line 27 – 28)? The word is '_____'.
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- (1) frisk
- (2) prod
- (3) shove
- (4) nudge

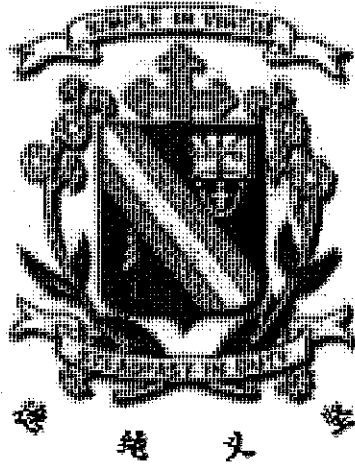
30 Why did the author jump into the pool?

- (1) She wanted to save Alicia from drowning.
- (2) It was her duty as a lifeguard to save lives.
- (3) She wanted to rescue the woman in lane two.
- (4) The officials asked her to pull the woman to the edge.

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English Language

PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

4th May 2007

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

50 questions
65 marks

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

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

Parent's Signature/Date

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) are	(D) in	(G) of	(K) through	(N) were
(B) by	(E) into	(H) some	(L) under	(P) what
(C) from	(F) is	(J) that	(M) was	(Q) when

Understanding fossils is truly an interesting and amazing experience.

Fossils are the stone-like ~~remains~~ (31) _____ plants and animals living in prehistoric times. (32) _____ the hands of scientists called palaeontologists, fossils tell us what life Earth (33) _____ like millions of years ago.

Experts claim that fossils (34) _____ Liaoning, China, have shown us (35) _____ the first flowers and feathered dinosaurs looked like. African fossils reveal that the Sahara was a lush forest some 112 million years ago, inhabited (36) _____ the 12m – long Sarcosuchus Imperator nicknamed SuperCroc!

Fossils are created (37) _____ various ways. Some are remains that were buried (38) _____ earth and water. Over time, each cell of organic material was slowly replaced by minerals, turning the remains (39) _____ stone. Fossils are also created (40) _____ creatures and plant fragments were trapped, embedded and preserved in sticky tree resin.

Can you imagine what a fossil of early ancestors of the human race living some 3.2 million years ago can tell us about our past? How fascinating is that!

Adapted from "Rock 'N' Read" (Little Red Dot 27/3/07) by Ellen Whyte

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

At the crash site, there was no sign of bodies except pieces of what used to be the plane.

(41)

There were pieces of wreckage everywhere; a twisted ~~bark~~ of metal,

(42)

clothes and other belongings strewn in the area. Ghastly sights of burnt

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bodies in mangled heaps greeted the rescuers. The search of victims was

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started in ~~fishermen~~ in sampans using their nets in the ~~mirky~~ waters. A

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rescue operation team is organised by both Indonesia and Singapore to carry

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out the ~~salvage~~ work. The rescue operation progressed slowly at first as it was

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(49)

mainly a ~~merfuek~~ task. Divers had to comb the riverbed, which was ~~deep~~ with

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mud. Despite their best efforts, no ~~servifers~~ were found.

This terrible air accident took the lives of 158 people.

Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Do you know that all of us have something distinctive that no one else in the world possesses?

The Chinese were the first (51) _____ to realise the uniqueness of one's fingerprint. No two people can have the same fingerprints no matter how closely (52) _____ they are.

The importance of fingerprints (53) _____ widespread in the late nineteenth century. Many people all over the world realised how (54) _____ thumbprints were after Sir Francis Galton began to study the pattern of ridges and discovered that no two people had identical thumbprints.

Police began to keep (55) _____ of fingerprints of people who (56) _____ crimes. When the police wanted to check if a suspect has a (57) _____ record, they would run his thumbprints through the records and the (58) _____ were known immediately.

The earliest passbooks issued (59) _____ the Post Office Savings Bank (POSB) contained the (60) _____ of the passbook holder. This enables him to perform banking transactions in a (61) _____ and secure environment.

Then , many people did not have an education. They were therefore (62) _____ and did not have a signature. Using thumbprints was a safe way to (63) _____ more people access to banking services.

Many places with high security also require the use of thumbprints to (64) _____ the premises. Soon, we will be able to use our (65) _____ to open doors as scientists have found that our iris is also unique. A simple iris-scan will enable the computer to identify a person.

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 English test was terribly difficult. I did not do well for it .

_____ as

67 Mrs Wong asked Tom, "Can you help me carry these books?"

Mrs Wong asked _____

68 "I will study harder for the English test next week," Joe told Mrs Lim.

Joe told Mrs Lim _____

69 Alice should stay home to prepare for the test. She went to the movies with her friends.

Instead of _____

70 Mr Tan was not just a good football player but an excellent basketball player.

_____ both _____

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Tucked away in the northern corner of Singapore is a special farm, where the half a million hens there lay what could be said to be the healthiest eggs in Singapore. A special hen diet there is the cornerstone of Chan Ah Huat Agriculture Farm's success.

A special diet created by Mr Chan causes the hens to produce eggs that contain thirty percent less cholesterol than other ordinary eggs. In fact, the Health Promotion Board has given the farm permission to label their eggs with the Healthier Choice symbol.

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To achieve *this*, the farm had to lower the cholesterol level of the eggs by at least twenty-five percent. The farm decided that one way was to examine the foods that the hens ate. Hence, Mr Chan began to experiment with what he fed his hens. Finally, after more than a year of hard work, he came up with the secret feed formula that enabled him to achieve his goal.

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For more than a year, Mr Chan Ah Huat and his son, Mr Chan Say Yong worked 14-hour days to manipulate the chicken feed after doing research on nutrition. Using a computer program to calculate the proportion of the ingredients, they were able to come up with many variations of the mixture in the chicken feed. They then selected 2 000 birds that were not choosy about what they ate and had a good appetite from their coop. The eggs from these hens were sent to a laboratory to analyse.

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Success did not come easy. Month after month, laboratory results showed that the cholesterol levels of eggs from the hens that had consumed various mixtures were only lowered marginally.

Mr Chan said, "We were always off by only a very few percentage points. We were disappointed initially, but thought that if we soldiered on, we would be able to make it."

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In July last year, their persistence paid off. Their hens' eggs achieved the thirty percent mark. When pressed for the formula to their special feed, Both Mr Chan and his son did not want to comment, as the competition in this industry is stiff. With the 150 million eggs produced in Chan Ah Huat Agriculture Farm, they make up about 12 percent of Singapore's total egg consumption. Mr Chan's competitors are not going to have an easy time catching up.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71 What is the cornerstone of Chan Ah Huat Agriculture Farm's success?

72 Why did the Health Promotion Board give Mr Chan the permission to use the Healthier Choice symbol on his eggs?

73 What does the word "this" in line 9 refer to?

74 What was the first step Mr Chan's family decided to take in order to lower the cholesterol level of their eggs?

75 How did Mr Chan decide on the types of hens used for the experiment?

76 What did Mr Chan use to arrive at the various proportions of mixtures to be tested on the hens?

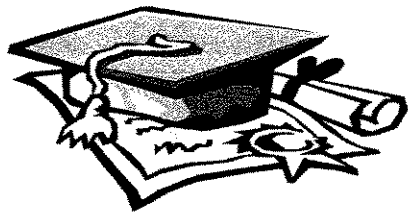
77 Why was Mr Chan disappointed initially?

78 Which two-word phrase in the passage tells us that Mr Chan did not allow his initial failures to discourage him?

79 Why did Mr Chan not want to comment about the formula of his special feed?

80 Explain in your own words the meaning of the sentence "Mr Chan's competitors are not going to have an easy time catching up."

END OF PAPER



ANSWER SHEET

CHIJ PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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|-------|--|--------------|------------------|
| 1. 3 | 31)G | 41)bulls | 51)people |
| 2. 2 | 32)D | 42)around | 52)related |
| 3. 4 | 33)M | 43)for | 53)became |
| 4. 3 | 34)C | 44)by | 54)unique |
| 5. 1 | 35)P | 45)murky | 55)records |
| 6. 3 | 36)B | 46)was | 56)committed |
| 7. 1 | 37)K | 47)salvage | 57)criminal |
| 8. 2 | 38)L | 48>manual | 58)results |
| 9. 3 | 39)E | 49)in | 59)by |
| 10. 4 | 40)Q | 50)survivors | 60)finger prints |
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| 12. 2 | 61) safe | | |
| 13. 1 | 62)uneducated | | |
| 14. 2 | 63)enable | | |
| 15. 4 | 64)protect | | |
| 16. 1 | 65)eyes | | |
| 17. 4 | | | |
| 18. 2 | 66)I did not do well for the English | | |
| 19. 2 | test as it was terribly difficult. | | |
| 20. 1 | | | |
| 21. 3 | 67)Mrs Wong asked Tom if he could help | | |
| 22. 1 | her carry those books. | | |
| 23. 3 | | | |
| 24. 2 | 68)Joe told Mrs Lim that she would study | | |
| 25. 1 | harder for the English test the | | |
| 26. 2 | following week. | | |
| 27. 2 | | | |
| 28. 1 | 69)Instead of staying at home to prepare | | |
| 29. 3 | for the test, Alice went to the | | |
| 30. 3 | movies with her friends. | | |
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| | 70)Mr Tan was both a good football | | |
| | player and an excellent basketball player. | | |

71) It is a special hen diet.

72) The Health Promotion Board granted the permission as the eggs from Chan Ah Huat Agriculture Farm contains thirty percent less cholesterol than other ordinary eggs.

73) It refers to the permission from the Health Promotion Board to the Health Choice symbol.

74) It was to examine the foods that the hens ate.

75) He chose hens that were not choosy what they ate and had a good appetite.

76) They used a computer program.

77) He was always off by only a very few percentage points.

78) The two-word phrase is soldiered on.

79) The competition in the egg selling business is stiff and he was afraid that the competitor may use his formula.

80) He means that fellow egg sellers will not be able to sell as many eggs as Mr Chan does.

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

Booklet A	/ 30
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Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index Number in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1) marks

Study the following poster and answer questions 1 to 5.



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2 - 22 July 2007

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Local Irresistibles
Who can say no to Singapore classics like durian cakes, pastries & pancakes, braised pork buns, laksa, nasi lemak, otaf and Malay kueh?

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The delicious delicacies will leave you begging for more. Try oyster mee swa, spicy (mala) tofu, tapioca pancake, strudel and sausage.

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Sawasdee! Enjoy the flavours of Thailand in delights like mango salad, Thai kueh, tidbits and desserts.

Vietnam Favourites
Vietnamese fare never fails to whet the appetite. Tuck into rice paper popiah, rice noodles, laksa and desserts.

Pick Up A Gift
A quirky handy automatic toothpick dispenser is yours when you spend \$100* or more (max. 3 combined receipts on same day). From 2 - 22 July, while stocks last.

Unwind At Lunch-time Concerts
Tue - Sun (3 - 8 July) (1pm)
Expect an afternoon of charming musical performances, held in conjunction with South West District Arts Festival.

Be Mesmerised By Chef Act "Magic Show"
Sat & Sun, 7, 8, 14 & 15 July (7pm)
Ever popular magician Danny will blow your mind apart with a performance that will dazzle the eye and tickle your funny bone.

Culinary Secrets At Cooking Demo
Mon - Fri, 9 - 13 July (1pm)
Marvel at Chef Derrick Sia's skills as he whips up dishes like Poached Salmon with Ginseng, Salsa Saucy Jumbo King Prawn Pasta, Tiramisu and many more scrumptious creations.

Tap Your Feet At The Rhythm Safari
Mon - Fri, 9 - 13 July (7pm)
Catch the samba fever with the swinging acts of The Rhythm Safari. Full of surprises, the adrenalin-driven group will have you grooving to the beat!

Food For Thought Drama
Sat & Sun, 14 & 15 July (1pm)
A creative way of showing how the human body works... brought to you by talents from West Spring Secondary School.

STOP for Best Bargains Lucky Draw
From 25 May - 22 July, you stand to win the latest handphones worth more than \$5,000 with every \$50 spent (max. 3 combined receipts on same day). Present your receipt for your Lucky Draw form at the Information Counter, Level 1 (max. 5 forms, regardless of total spending). Terms & conditions apply.

*Limited to one gift per shopper per day, regardless of total spending. Redemption @ Info Counter, level 1. T & C apply.

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. One can enjoy the lunch-time musical performances at West Mall starting from _____
- ① 2 July
 - ② 3 July
 - ③ 7 July
 - ④ 9 July
- ()
2. The event at West Mall is basically a/an _____ fair.
- ① arts
 - ② food
 - ③ trade
 - ④ musical
- ()
3. The food spread includes food from _____ only.
- ① Thailand, Japan and Vietnam
 - ② Thailand, Japan, Vietnam and Beijing
 - ③ Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam and Beijing
 - ④ Singapore, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, Beijing and Taiwan
- ()
4. A shopper must spend _____ to be eligible for the Lucky Draw.
- ① \$50 or more
 - ② \$100 or more
 - ③ at least \$50 in three or less combined receipts
 - ④ at least \$100 in three or less combined receipts
- ()
5. Which of the following statements is not true of the event?
- ① Lunch-time concerts are available daily.
 - ② The Lucky Draw in West Mall starts on 25 May.
 - ③ Shoppers can catch dance performances at the event.
 - ④ Pupils from West Spring Secondary will perform only on weekends.
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Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1) marks

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. "You are such a/an _____ liar! I'll never believe you again!" shouted John.

- ① invariable
- ② incorrigible
- ③ inhospitable
- ④ incorruptible

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17. As our opposing team did not turn up for the match, we were given a _____.

- ① walk up
- ② walk off
- ③ walk out
- ④ walk over

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18. David has been a _____ to his friends because he is very quarrelsome.

- ① wet blanket.
- ② fish out of water
- ③ thorn in the flesh
- ④ snake in the grass

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19. The workers are in low spirits as a pay cut is _____.

- ① eminent
- ② imminent
- ③ dominant
- ④ prominent

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20. Adrian has always been a very _____ businessman. He tends to make good decisions because of his accurate judgements.

- ① skilled
- ② astute
- ③ reliable
- ④ renowned

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Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1) marks

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

Bernard was walking home alone one dark night when he heard footsteps behind him. Before he could turn around to see who it was, he was hit on the head and everything went black.

Bernard awoke when someone shook him (21)vigorously. The person untied him and he stumbled blindly out of the van. He was dragged roughly into a (22)dilapidated building. Part of the roof had caved in. He was pushed into a room. Bernard removed his blindfold and gag and saw that there was only one piece of furniture in the room. The floor was filled with dust. He could hear low voices outside and (23)inched closer to the door. He strained his ears but could (24)barely hear anything. After a while, there was (25)absolute silence.

21. (1) quickly
(2) forcefully
(3) suddenly
(4) deliberately ()
22. (1) dirty
(2) dark
(3) rugged
(4) rundown ()
23. (1) moved slowly
(2) moved swiftly
(3) moved quietly
(4) moved painfully ()
24. (1) nearly
(2) hardly
(3) gradually
(4) completely ()
25. (1) lingering
(2) complete
(3) expected
(4) immediate (309)

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1) marks**Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.**

A long time ago, there was a princess who lived in the land of Magawa. The princess was exceptionally beautiful so she turned down all the men who came to ask for her hand in marriage. The princess then stated that she would marry the suitor who managed to bring her a live elephant. The other members of the royal family tried to convince the princess to make her choice an easier one as elephants were very rare. However, the princess was very stubborn and refused to heed their advice.

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Therefore the King sent out word to the people in his kingdom. The news spread far and wide. The tortoise at the village square, who always wished he could marry the princess, soon heard about it and decided to **give it a shot**.

One of the tortoise's long-time friend was an elephant. The tortoise looked up his friend and told him that the land of Magawa would soon be celebrating their annual coming-out ceremony for all the young ladies in the community, including the princess.

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The elephant decided to attend the joyous occasion and they set off immediately. However, the tortoise was soon lagging behind. Upon seeing his friend's struggle, the elephant stooped low to let the tortoise mount his back. When the crowd saw the tortoise riding **triumphantly** into the village on the elephant's back, they were amazed! They could not believe that anyone could easily find an elephant, capture him and bring him alive into the city just to marry the princess but the tortoise seemed to have done that and more. He practically rode into the city on the elephant's back.

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The tortoise bowed to the King and said, "Your highness, here is the elephant I have brought to ask for the hand of your daughter in marriage."

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The king then looked over at his daughter. The princess had dressed for a great "coming-out" ceremony and was not prepared to be married to the short, poor, ugly tortoise. He could see that she looked very unhappy and unwilling.

The people cheered and applauded at what was unfolding. The arrogant princess was going to be numbed by the marriage to the tricky, short and ugly tortoise.

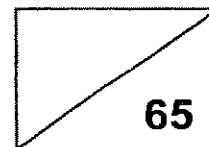
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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. The princess was a/an _____ woman.
- ① proud
 - ② careful
 - ③ humble
 - ④ exceptional
- ()
27. The phrase "give it a shot" (line 9) means to _____.
- ① fulfil a wish
 - ② confirm the news
 - ③ take action to ensure success
 - ④ try at it, regardless of the result
- ()
28. The elephant agreed to go to Magawa because he wanted to _____.
- ① help his friend, the tortoise
 - ② marry the beautiful princess
 - ③ go to the annual "coming-out" ceremony
 - ④ celebrate the annual "coming-out" ceremony
- ()
29. Which of the following words has the same meaning as "triumphantly" (line 16)?
- ① proudly
 - ② happily
 - ③ boastfully
 - ④ victoriously
- ()
30. The people cheered and applauded as _____.
- ① they were happy for the tortoise
 - ② they were happy for the princess
 - ③ the princess was going to get married
 - ④ the princess was going to be humbled
- ()

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 5**

**Booklet B**

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1) marks

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

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|-------------|----------|----------|---------|-------------|
| A) and | D) any | G) each | K) most | N) over |
| B) although | E) apart | H) every | L) near | P) through |
| C) all | F) down | J) into | M) on | Q) together |

Ah Lin looked longingly at the fruit. There were two of them, tied (31) _____ with gunny string. The smell of the durians reached her nostrils (32) _____ made her salivate. She knew she would not have the chance to eat it.

The family went out in the late morning. Uncle went to attend to his coffee shop while Aunt and Chuan Chuan went to the temple (33) _____ the market. Ah Lin stole back into the kitchen to have a look at the durians. (34) _____ a large slit in one of them, she could see the rich creamy softness of the durian flesh. An overpowering desire to taste this flesh drew her to the fruit. She squatted (35) _____, pushed her small fingers inside the slit and scooped out a portion of the tasty flesh. She brought her fingers (36) _____ her mouth. She was thrilled at the delicious taste of the durian flesh. (37) _____ bit on the fingers was licked clean. After her fingers were cleaned completely, her tongue moved slowly (38) _____ her lips and beyond the lips towards the chin, to remove (39) _____ smear of the precious stuff there.

She was very nervous and when the family came back, she kept her eyes (40) _____ the ground and did not dare look at them.

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Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1) marks

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

The principal stood behind the podium and cleared his throat. The paper in front of

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him **russled** slightly. His audience sat quietly and listened respectful.

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"Fellow teachers, boys and girls," he said. "I will like to express my gratitude to each

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one of you. The fifteen years I have serve at Greenview Secondary School have been the

happiest and most rewarding time of my life."

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"Nevertheless, it is time for me to move in. I have been offered another position, one

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that I would be foolish to refuse. It is a difficult and challenging job, and I relish the

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oporchunity to learn and to grow. I sincerely hope that all of you, as you go along in life, will

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welcome and embrace the change as a means of **self-devalopement**."

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"I thank all my **colleaks** for their unfailing support and friendship, and especially for

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their recent words of **ancouragment**."

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1) marks**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

Mrs Martin was an old lady who lived by herself in a cottage in the country. She had become accustomed 51) _____ it as she had done so for the past twenty years. There was nothing she was afraid of so much so that her 52) _____ were not even shut at night.

One cold night, while Mrs Martin was boiling some water to make tea, a young man in old clothing climbed in through (an) 53) _____ window. He crept up from behind and covered her mouth with his hand. He was 54) _____ that she did not struggle.

On seeing her warm eyes, he 55) _____ his hand from her mouth.

"I don't want to hurt you, madam," said the young man. The old lady, showing no fear of the young man, made her 56) _____ calmly to her rocking chair.

In the 57) _____, the man, who saw two tiny teaspoons on her table, snatched them up and examined them carefully.

"I'm afraid they're not silver," she said apologetically.

"Look here, you've got money in this house. 58) _____ is it?" the man asked impatiently.

"Here, try these cookies. I just 59) _____ them today in my new oven," said Mrs Martin. "You are a burglar, aren't you?"

"I wasn't born 60) _____. I've been unemployed for a year now. I have no choice as hunger has 61) _____ me into burglary," he said.

"Yes, I understand. It's unfortunate that you've chosen to rob 62) _____ on the very day that I've lost my purse. Well, young man, let me 63) _____ you an offer. I need someone to take care of my garden but I can't 64) _____ to pay you. Instead, I'll give you food."

"It's a sporting offer, madam," the young man said as he 65) _____ into a smile.

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2) marks

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. Susan does not look like her mother. Her sister does not look like her mother.

Neither _____

67. June filled the bottle. Then she put it in the refrigerator.

_____ after _____

68. You may go to the movies but finish your homework.

_____ unless _____

69. "These species of orchids are unusual," Mrs Tan told Bob.

Mrs Tan told Bob _____

70. She was famous. Yet she was unhappy

Despite _____

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2) marks

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

I first met Benjy in 1965. A store owner was putting a sign above his door that read "Puppies For Sale". Signs like that have a way of attracting children, and sure enough, I appeared under the store owner's sign. "How much are you going to sell the puppies for?" I asked. The store owner replied, "Anywhere from \$30 to \$50."

I reached in my pocket and pulled out some change. "I have \$2.50. Can I please look at them?" I requested. 5

The store owner smiled and whistled. Out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of his store followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur. One puppy was lagging behind. Immediately I singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, "What's wrong with that little dog?" 10

The store owner explained that the veterinarian had discovered that the little puppy did not have (a hip socket). It would always limp. It would always be lame. I became excited and told the store owner that it was the puppy that I had wanted to buy. The store owner disagreed and said that he would rather give that dog to me instead.

I got quite upset. I looked straight at the store owner's eyes, pointing my finger and said, "I don't want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I'll pay the full price. In fact, I'll give you the \$2.50 now and \$1 a month until I have him paid for." The store owner countered, "Do you really want to buy this little dog? He's never going to be able to run and jump and play with you like the other puppies." 15 20

To this, I reached down and rolled up my pants to reveal a badly twisted, crippled left leg supported by a big metal brace. I looked up at the store owner and replied softly, "Well, I don't run well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands!"

I managed to convince the store owner who allowed me to take Benjy home. My parents (did not think much) of my plan of keeping a lame puppy and they were unwilling to pay for it. I could see that the only problem here was money. Getting my way this time was not going to be easy. 25

That was fifteen years ago. Benjy slept on my bed every night and we had long and meaningful conversations. In fact, Benjy was largely responsible for my decision to pursue a career as a veterinarian. When my new hospital opened its doors, my parents brought Benjy to me. He looked horrible. He had become quite ill that week. I did a thorough check on him and was forced to a bitter conclusion. You see, I have been in the practice long enough to know when a situation was **hopeless**. 30

It seemed fitting that in the new hospital, Benjy was the first dog whose suffering we should ease. We had the last of our long conversations before he fell asleep gently in my arms. Farewell, Benjy. 35

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For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be in complete sentences.

71. What was the store owner's purpose of hanging the sign on the door?

72. How was Lady related to Benjy?

73. What caused Benjy to be lame?

74. How did the store owner persuade the author against having the little puppy?

75. Why did the author think that he would understand Benjy?

76. Do you think the author's parents supported his plan of keeping the puppy? Which **four-word phrase** tells you so?

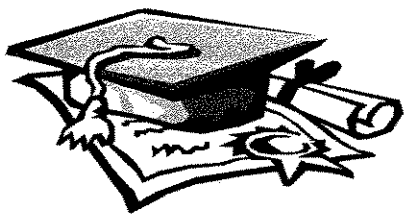
77. According to the passage, what was the greatest problem for the author to keep the dog?

78. Which **sentence** in paragraph 8 tells us that the author had a close relationship with Benjy?

79. Explain clearly what the author meant by the “..situation was hopeless” (line 34)

80. What did the author do to “ease” (line 36) Benjy's suffering?

End-of-Paper



ANSWER SHEET

NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH 2007
CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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| 1. 2 | 31) Q | 41) rustled | 51) to |
| 2. 2 | 32) A | 42) respectfully | 52) windows |
| 3. 4 | 33) L | 43) would | 53) open |
| 4. 3 | 34) P | 44) served | 54) relieved |
| 5. 1 | 35) F | 45) on | 55) removed |
| 6. 1 | 36) J | 46) but | 56) way |
| 7. 3 | 37) H | 47) opportunity | 57) meanwhile |
| 8. 3 | 38) N | 48) self-development | 58) where |
| 9. 1 | 39) D | 49) colleagues | 59) baked |
| 10. 2 | 40) M | 50) encouragement | 60) rich/poor |
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| 12. 1 | 61) forced | | |
| 13. 3 | 62) me | | |
| 14. 4 | 63) make | | |
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| 16. 2 | 65) broke | | |
| 17. 4 | 66) Neither Susan nor her sister looks | | |
| 18. 3 | their mother. | | |
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| 27. 4 | of orchids were unusual. | | |
| 28. 3 | | | |
| 29. 4 | 70) Despite being famous, she was unhappy. | | |
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| | Despite the fact that she was famous, | | |
| | she was unhappy. | | |

71) It was to advertise/attract people to the sake of the puppies.

72) Lady was Benjy's mother.

73) Benjy did not have a hip socket and that caused it to be lame.

74) The store owner persuaded the author against having the little puppy by telling him that the puppy would never be able to jump, run and play with the author like other puppies.

75) He was crippled, just like Benjy.

76) No, I do not think so. The four-word phrase is "did not think much".

77) The author did not have enough money to pay the store owner for the dog as his parents did not approve of him keeping it and were unwilling to pay for it.

78) The sentence is "Benjy slept on my bed every night and we had long and meaningful conversations".

79) The author meant that nothing could be done to save Benjy's life.

80) The author put Benjy to sleep.

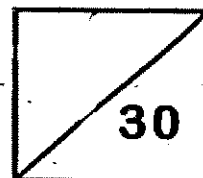
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BOOKLET A

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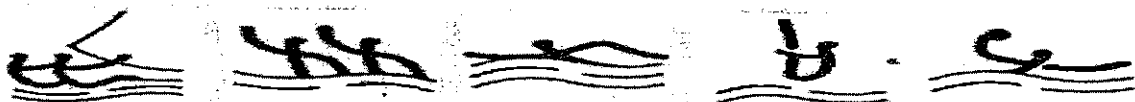
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Healthy Lifestyle Campaign - Fun Activities for All

- a joint project with Singapore Sports Council and People's Association

WATER SKIING



Date : 23 Sept, Sat
 Venue: Seletar Island
 Fee : \$ 129 (member's child*)
 \$ 139 (guest's child*)

Details

3 sessions; 2h per session; Instructor;
 ski/vest/ gloves and refreshment
 provided
 * 12 - 16 years old

WINDSURFING

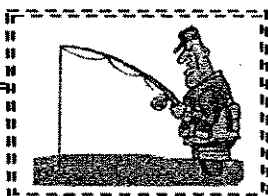


Date : 21-22 Oct
 Sat & Sun
 Venue: East Coast Sea Sports
 Club
 Fee : \$ 80 (members)
 \$ 90 (guests; include 1-year
 club membership)

Closing date : 1 Sept

Be one of the lucky 15 people to
 sign up and spend a great time at
 East Coast. Get a nice tan and
 make new friends as you learn
 basic windsurfing skills from our
 friendly instructors!

FISHING



Date : 7 Oct, Sat
 Venue: Punggol Point
 Fee : \$ 48 (members)
 \$ 58 (guests)
 (Inclusive of 2 seafood meals)

Limited to the first twenty
 anglers over the age of 55.
 So.....why wait? Sign up now
 before it is too late!

+ Bring your own rods

SPEEDBOAT RIDES



Enjoy the exciting speedboat rides
 around the Southern Islands!
 Held every weekend in Sept and Oct
 Time : 2 pm to 6 pm
 Fee : \$75 (members)
 \$85 (guests)

To sign up, call the Games Executive on 64571001, email to games_exe@csc.com.sg or
 complete and mail the application form found on our website at least 2 weeks before the
 commencement of activities.

For each question, 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. This advertisement is published by the _____.
 - (1) CSC Club
 - (2) People's Association
 - (3) Singapore Sports Council
 - (4) Healthy Lifestyle Campaign.

2. The organisers will provide the anglers with _____.
 - (1) the fishing rods
 - (2) a one -year membership
 - (3) a seafood lunch and dinner
 - (4) speedboat rides around the islands

3. Peter who is enjoying his school holidays in October can sign up for _____.
 - (1) fishing and water skiing
 - (2) fishing and speedboat rides
 - (3) windsurfing and water skiing
 - (4) windsurfing and speedboat rides

4. The main purpose of organising these activities is to promote _____.
 - (1) water sports
 - (2) healthy living
 - (3) the fun activities
 - (4) the club's programmes

5. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Every activity organised is suitable for applicants of all ages. ,
 - (2) There is no quota on the number of applicants for all activities.,
 - (3) The fun activities are organised by three different organisations.
 - (4) All applications must be submitted two weeks before the activities begin.

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6. After the trekkers had finished _____ and pitching their tents, they sat around the campfire.
- (1) chose
 - (2) choose
 - (3) chosen
 - (4) choosing
7. The distinguished-looking man _____ the scouts saluted is the guest-of-honour.
- (1) who
 - (2) whose
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
which
8. The frantic old lady asked the people she met if they knew where _____.
- (1) was her grandson
 - (2) her grandson was
 - (3) her grandson has been
 - (4) had been her grandson
9. With his waist strapped securely _____ a safety harness and his hands holding tightly to the nylon rope, the climber scaled the cliff.
- (1) in
 - (2) to
 - (3) on
 - (4) by

10. As neither my coach nor _____ agree with the linesman's decision, we will lodge a complaint to the convenor.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) we
- (4) they

11. _____ he has an alibi, it would be impossible to prove his innocence.

- (1) If
- (2) Since
- (3) Unless
- (4) Because

12. Before his retirement, my father _____ had the opportunity to travel abroad despite working for a tour agency for more than twenty years!

- (1) never
- (2) always
- (3) sometimes
- (4) occasionally

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. (3marks)

After breakfast, the twins hurried down to the park with their new skates. The boating lake was already crowded with skaters of all ages. They wondered where Jack and Peter would be waiting (13)

“Come on, Timothy,” shouted Tony (14) let’s not waste precious time! Jack and Peter are already here.” The twins hurried across, and soon the four friends were merrily circling the pond, arm in arm.

The rush of the cold air brought colour to their cheeks. Their breath formed vapour trails like those from a high (15) flying plane. “This is fun!” gasped Jack. “Now let’s try moving in one straight line.” So with Peter leading and Tony bringing up the rear, the four friends went skating at fine speed among the other skaters.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [, “] comma and open quotation mark
(2) [, ”] comma and close quotation mark
(3) [. “] full stop and open quotation mark
(4) [. ”] full stop and close quotation mark
15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [-] hyphen
(3) [,] comma
(4) [;] semi-colon

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. Steve Jobs will _____ the company's annual Worldwide Developers Conference with a keynote address.
- (1) kick in
 - (2) kick up
 - (3) kick off
 - (4) kick over
17. The coach advised the players against _____ even though the chance of winning the championship was remote.
- (1) holding the aces
 - (2) jumping the gun
 - (3) throwing in the towel
 - (4) giving the game away
18. During the soccer match, when the _____ witnessed the foul made by the player, he flashed the yellow card at him.
- (1) judge
 - (2) referee
 - (3) umpire
 - (4) linesman
19. To _____ the dengue-carrying Aedes mosquitoes, the authorities are intensifying their efforts to seek out and destroy the breeding sites.
- (1) defeat
 - (2) prevail
 - (3) suppress
 - (4) overcome
20. When the Singapore national players returned from their successful performance, their supporters were ready with banners to give them a rousing _____ at the airport.
- (1) encore
 - (2) ovation
 - (3) applause
 - (4) reception

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)

The Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) is a biannual multi-sport event. The Games is
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participated by the eleven countries located in Southeast Asia.

The Games is considered both a spectacular event and an invaluable opportunity for athletes
(22)
to gain competition experience and preparation for the upcoming Asian Games and
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Olympic Games. It is also created to strengthen camaraderie and understanding among
(24)
neighbouring countries in the region.

The twenty-third Southeast Asian Games was hosted by the Philippines. Although the
Games was centred around the capital city of Manila, the different sporting events had to be
spread across the country in ten other cities:
(25)

21. (1) affair
(2) episode
(3) incident
(4) experience
22. (1) thought of
(2) known for
(3) regarded as
(4) looked upon
23. (1) pending
(2) looming
(3) imminent
(4) approaching

24. (1) rapport
(2) affection
(3) affiliation
(4) friendship

25. (1) allotted
(2) stretched
(3) extended
(4) distributed

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

For years, the 4-minute mile was considered not merely unreachable but dangerous to the health of any athlete who attempted to reach it.

For Roger Bannister, it was the moment he proved everyone wrong.

When he crossed the finish line with a time of 3 minutes and 59.4 seconds, he broke through a psychological barrier as well. 5

He is now Sir Roger Bannister, a neurosurgeon. On May 6, 1954, he was a 25-year-old medical student at Oxford, running on the university's track at Iffley Road before a meager crowd of one thousand, who were mainly students.

He was running with the 2-year-old memory of disappointment still burning within him. 10

He had expected -- and had been expected -- to win the 1,500 metres, the metric mile, at the 1952 Olympics. Even the Duke of Edinburgh had timed his visit to Helsinki in order to be there to celebrate Roger's triumph.

During the race, Bannister, who was jostled, never got into contention. He finished fourth. Only a remarkable performance down the road could erase the disappointment. He achieved it at Iffley. 15

In the weeks leading up to that attempt, Bannister set a fierce training schedule for himself with workouts conducted each day for one and a half hour during his lunch break.

On the day of the run, Bannister waited until he was 300 yards from the finish line before surging forward. With strong, swift strides, he drew away steadily from Chris Chataway and, with his head thrown back slightly, he came thundering down the homestretch to climax his spectacular performance. 20

He crossed the finish line and began sagging to the ground, drained of all his energy. "It was only then that real pain overtook me," he said. "I felt like an exploded flashlight with no will to live; I just went on existing in the most passive physical state without being unconscious." 25

The crowd that had urged him on fell silent.

The time was announced. "Three ..." The rest was drowned out by the cheers.

Source : St. Petersburg Online Sports

(Adapted)

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26. What was the 'psychological barrier' (line 5) that Roger had to overcome?
- (1) A loss of memory two years ago
 - (2) Being a neurosurgeon and an athlete
 - (3) The fear of not crossing the finish line
 - (4) His unsuccessful attempt at the Olympics
27. The Duke of Edinburgh was present at the 1952 Olympics to _____.
- (1) witness Roger emerge victorious
 - (2) present the medals to the sportsmen
 - (3) watch the finals of the Olympic Games
 - (4) join the crowd of one thousand students
28. From the reporter's comments about Roger's training schedule in lines 17-19, we know that his training was _____.
- (1) extreme
 - (2) rigorous
 - (3) extensive
 - (4) thorough
29. The phrase that best describes how Roger ran his 4-minute mile is _____.
- (1) 'strong, swift strides' (line 21)
 - (2) 'passive physical state' (line 26)
 - (3) 'an exploded flashlight' (line 25)
 - (4) 'drained of all his energy' (line 23)
30. "It was only then that real pain overtook me....." (lines 25)
The word 'then' refers to the time when _____.
- (1) Roger became unconscious
 - (2) Roger's time was announced
 - (3) Roger slumped to the ground
 - (4) Roger was cheered by the crowd

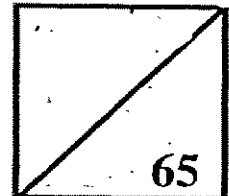
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BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all instructions carefully.
3. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

***This paper consists of 7 pages altogether.**

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Grammar Cloze (10x1 mark)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) while	(D) despite	(G) this	(K) between	(N) rather
(B) other	(E) besides	(H) whose	(L) those	(P) has
(C) as	(F) and	(J) another	(M) that	(Q) who

Jonathan prepared himself to run in the "SpeedPost Times" Marathon by subscribing to a tough running routine. He kept up his daily five-kilometre run _____ the fact that it rained for most of the two weeks before the sporting event. _____ a precaution, Jonathan donned a waterproof parka and trackpants whenever he ran. Jonathan's father, _____ is a retired coach, remarked that his son was a very determined fellow whenever he set his heart on something. He lets on ~~that Jonathan's other love was water colour landscape painting~~. Faced with a choice _____ the two, he chose one over the _____. Jonathan himself has pointed out that he would _____ run a marathon than sit still for hours with his painting.

Mr. Sundram pointed out that his son developed _____ love for running long distances in his teens. As a young adult now, Jonathan dreams of becoming the national champion _____ planning, at the same time, to take on the tougher marathon in Boston, USA.

Lately, Jonathan has also quashed _____ rumours that he was unlikely to win because after all, it would be his fifth attempt at the championship title. Both father _____ son are sure that the trophy will be added to their family treasures soon. For now, Jonathan continues his training.

Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10x1 mark)

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

Golf originated from a game played on the eastern coast of Scotland during the 15th century.

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Players will usually hit a pebble along a natural **kause** of sand dunes, rabbit runs and tracks with

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a stick and a **primitve** club. The **populareety** of golf soon spread quickly to Europe and the

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upper class were often see teeing off on a Sunday afternoon at the many **clubs** which spring up.

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The first official **refirance** to golf was in the historic town of St. Andrews in 1552. In 1754,

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the St. Andrews Society of Golfers was **formed** to compete in its annual **compitition**. Golf was

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confirmed as a global sport while it was made an Olympic sport in 1900. Now, every four years,

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players the world over gather to play for the **trofee** known as the St. Andrews' Cup. To score a

coup at the prestigious international event would establish one as golfer supreme in the world of

golf.

Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

I remembered that day in 1970 well. It _____ a blisteringly hot day and I was lined up
 for the "Potato Sack" race. _____ nervous, I clutched the ends of the sack in my
 _____ tightly. I could see my parents sitting in the stands, _____ their hands
 wildly and yelling words of _____. "Go on, Clara! You can do it!" came repeatedly
 over the air above the deafening _____ of the rowdy crowd. Sweat slowly
 _____ down my face as I strained to listen for the crack of the pistol going
 _____. Would I be able to take the honours? Could I run or hop _____ than
 Geeta Menon? She was one of the quickest runners in the class. Then...there went the gun!

I was running or rather hopping for my life! The turnaround cone was just up
 _____! I told myself I must not _____. Rounding the cone, I noticed, out of
 the _____ of my eye, that Geeta was not as agile as I thought. Yes, she was a good
 runner _____ with her feet in a sack, she seemed all tied up, like a clumsy oaf. My
 heart lifted a little then and I _____ on reaching the finishing line first

Luiging forward, I literally fell on top of the tape. I could not _____ my eyes and
 ears when my parents rushed up to congratulate me. I had won! I would cherish that moment
 for a long time afterwards.

Synthesis And Transformation (5x2 marks)

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).

66 I love to eat chilli crabs. My mother often cooks them for me.

_____ since

67 Mr. Muthu regularly donates to charity. He is not well-off.

Although _____

68 Mary will help you with your homework. You must ask her politely first.

Unless _____

69. John likes reading the articles on the forum page but he likes the articles in the editorial more.

John prefers _____

70. Robert said, "I threw the rotten apples away."

Robert said _____

Comprehension Open-Ended (10 X 2 marks)

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

Recently, one form of dance seems to have caught the attention of students, housewives and white-collar professionals in Singapore. It is none other than belly-dancing! Dance schools offering belly-dancing lessons have sprouted overnight. Belly-dancing, a dance known as *Raqs Sharqi* (Dance of the East in Arabic) is fast catching on not only as an exercise but as a dancesport with competitions held regularly all over the world. Originally belly-dancing was believed to have begun in the Middle East as a series of abdominal exercises designed to help women prepare for childbirth. It was found in some cases to be effective for post-natal weight loss as well. 5

Unlike 'physical' rugged sports such as karate or scuba-diving, belly-dancing expresses one's inner emotions and demonstrates the body's agility to sway and bend in a myriad of fluid movements to either soft and soothing music or to the beat of pulsating rhythms. 10

Most local dance instructors are female as belly-dancing is (generally) viewed as an exotic and sensual dance which showcases the abdominal as well as chest-hip movements of the female form. However, 18-year-old Darren Ho breaks away from the norm. He is Singapore's only professional male belly dancer-cum-instructor! Darren makes an average of about \$900 a month, performing at company events and giving private dance tuition to groups of students numbering no larger than six. It is quite a bit of extra pocket money since he is still a student at a local technical institution. When asked if his parents objected to his choice of 'profession', he said that his parents, who were conservative, initially opposed as they perceived the dance to be more suited for women. Nonetheless, Darren was determined to learn this dance form after watching an MTV program showing Shakira, a well-known artist, performing the belly-dance in one of her videos. At the age of thirteen, he enrolled at a dancing school in Arab Street. He mastered the skills quickly and this has earned him the praises from the founder of the Belly Dance Discovery School, Yuki Chan, who says that Darren has a very good and clean technique. 15 20 25

Lifting his arms in a graceful, expansive movement, Darren says, "Dancing is about the passion." We can be quite sure that he would be passing on this passion to people who are interested in belly-dancing. 30

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Who are usually found at belly-dancing classes ?

72. Which sentence tells you that more people are taking up belly-dancing?

73. Which word from paragraph 2 suggests that belly-dancing movements can be quick and fast?

74. What is the **main** reason why Middle-Eastern women took up belly-dancing originally ?

75. Which phrase in paragraph 3 means "to do something out of the ordinary" ?

76. Why is Darren Ho different from the other belly-dancing instructors in Singapore ?

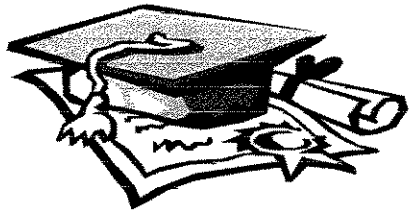
77. What are the two benefits that Darren Ho gained from belly-dancing ?

78. What does Darren do when he is not teaching belly-dancing?

79. How do you know Darren Ho is a person of exceptional talent ?

80. Explain in your own words what the last sentence "We can be quite sure that he would be passing on this passion to people who are interested in belly-dancing" (line 29-30) means.

End of Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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|-------|--|----------------|------------------|
| 1. 1 | 31)D | 41)would | 51)was |
| 2. 3 | 32)C | 42)course | 52)Feeling |
| 3. 4 | 33)Q | 43)or | 53)hands |
| 4. 2 | 34)K | 44)popularity | 54)waving |
| 5. 3 | 35)B | 45)seen | 55)encouragement |
| 6. 4 | 36)N | 46)sprang | 56)noise |
| 7. 3 | 37)G | 47)reference | 57)trickled |
| 8. 2 | 38)A | 48)competition | 58)off |
| 9. 2 | 39)L | 49)when | 59)faster |
| 10. 1 | 40)F | 50)trophy | 60)ahead |
| 11. 3 | | | |
| 12. 1 | 61)panic | | |
| 13. 2 | 62)corner | | |
| 14. 1 | 63)but | | |
| 15. 2 | 64)concentrated | | |
| 16. 3 | 65)believe | | |
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| | rotten apples away. | | |

71) Students, housewives and white-collar professionals in Singapore are usually found at belly-dancing classes.

72) The sentence is "Dance school offering belly-dancing lessons have sprouted overnight."

73) The word is "pulsating."

74) It was to help women prepare for childbirth.

75) The phrase is 'breaks away from the norm.'

76) Most local belly dancing instructors are female as belly-dancing is generally viewed as an exotic and sensual dance which showcases the the abdominal as well as chest-hip movements of the female form, but Darren Ho is a male instructor and the only one in Singapore.

77) He earned extra pocket money giving private dance tuition to group of students and build up his reputation/recognition.

78) He is a student in the local technical institution.

79) He mastered the skill quickly and earned praises from the founder of Belly Dance Discovery School, Yuki Chan, said that Darren has a very good dance technique.

80) Darren will continue to teach belly-dancing to those who want to learn it.



Anglo-Chinese School (Primary)

P5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2007

END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 - BOOKLET A

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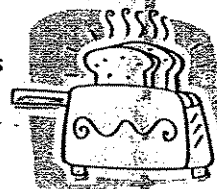
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Study the itinerary below and then answer the questions that follow it.

1-Day Desaru Tour

8 – 10am: Assemble outside #01-27 Golden Mile Complex and depart for Malaysia via Tuas second link. After immigration clearance, we will stop for breakfast at a local coffee shop at your own expense. There, you will be able to buy the popular local snacks: maltose biscuits and cuttlefish snacks and have some coffee tasting.

10am – 12pm: We will proceed to Ostrich Farm which showcases hundreds of ostriches. You will get a chance to learn how ostriches breed as well as buy some ostrich products.

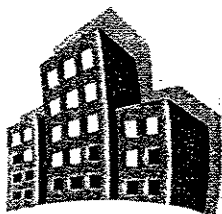
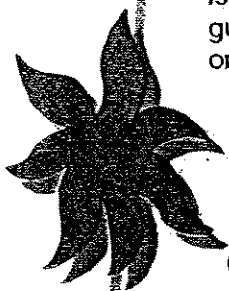


12 – 2.30pm: Seafood lunch with lobster will be served. After lunch, you will be free to explore Desaru at your own leisure and purchase local products and souvenirs.

2:30 – 5pm: We will continue our journey to the Desaru Fruit Farm where you can taste some of the fruits grown at the farm. 50 hectares of the farm is planted with sweet green orange trees while the remaining 50 hectares is planted with musk lime, starfruit, durian, watermelon, apple, mawar guava, rambutan, mangosteen and other local fruit trees. These fruits will only be in season in the early part of the year.

5 – 6.30pm: After the visit to the fruit farm, enjoy a sumptuous seafood dinner at a restaurant.

6:30 – 8pm: Assemble at the jetty, you will take a boat ride along the Straits of Johor to see fireflies.
(To be cancelled if weather does not permit)



8 – 9pm: Transfer back to Singapore.



For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. The itinerary is a description of a tour to _____.
 - (1) Desaru, Thailand
 - (2) Desaru, Malaysia
 - (3) Desaru, Indonesia
 - (4) Desaru, Singapore

2. You will be able to buy _____ at the coffee shop.
 - (1) Maltose biscuits and coffee powder
 - (2) Maltose biscuits and local delicacies
 - (3) Maltose biscuits and ostrich products
 - (4) Maltose biscuits and cuttlefish snacks

3. The firefly viewing is conducted after dinner so that _____.
 - (1) the tourists have time to shop.
 - (2) the tourists will have time to rest
 - (3) the weather will be good enough
 - (4) it will be dark enough to see the fireflies

4. The tour is probably organised in _____.
 - (1) July
 - (2) February
 - (3) December
 - (4) September

5. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Local products can be purchased at the Ostrich Farm.
 - (2) Ostrich products can be purchased at the Ostrich Farm.
 - (3) Local snacks can be purchased at the Desaru Fruit Farm.
 - (4) Ostrich products can be purchased at the Desaru Fruit Farm.

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. Either the physicians in this hospital or the chief administrator _____ going to have to make a decision soon.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. Those curtains are probably the _____ in the store.
- (1) fancy
 - (2) fancier
 - (3) fanciful
 - (4) fanciest
8. Bill and his friends looked in wonder as the plane _____ up into the sky.
- (1) climb
 - (2) climbs
 - (3) climbed
 - (4) has climbed
9. Parents tend to compare schools _____ their PSLE results.
- (1) by
 - (2) to
 - (3) with
 - (4) through
10. Upon entering the restaurant, Johnny realised that he _____ there before.
- (1) is being
 - (2) has been
 - (3) had been
 - (4) was being
11. John scooped _____ rice onto his plate at the buffet table.
- (1) many
 - (2) some
 - (3) a few
 - (4) several

12. You completed the homework by yourself, _____ you?

- (1) didn't
- (2) aren't
- (3) weren't
- (4) couldn't

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)

We were sent to the principal's office. The five of us still did not know what we had done wrong (13) but it must have been something terrible. Nevertheless, we walked bravely into the office.

"You are all trouble-makers, aren't you (14) the principal began. We looked blankly at each other. What was he referring to (15) All of us stood dumbfounded.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
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(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
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(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

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16. The whole class was _____ by her sudden outburst of anger. No one understood why it had happened

- (1) awed
- (2) amused
- (3) confused
- (4) concerned

17. The students _____ against the accusation made at them.

- (1) giggled
- (2) rebelled
- (3) protested
- (4) complained

18. When Rosanne won the award for being the top sportswoman in Singapore, she was filled with _____ towards her coach, Mr Randy.

- (1) triumph
- (2) concern
- (3) gratitude
- (4) grievance

19. The moment we entered the jungle, a sort of semi-darkness _____ us.

- (1) engulfed
- (2) engaged
- (3) embraced
- (4) embedded

20. The cheap sale in the supermarket had _____ many customers.

- (1) agitated
- (2) attracted
- (3) alienated
- (4) attenuated

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)

Handing out red packets of money, otherwise known as 'Hong Bao', to single

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juniors, during Chinese New Year is a traditional practice of elders. This

(22)

manages to incite contrasting emotions amongst Singaporeans.

(23)

While the young and unmarried delight in receiving the Hong Baos, married

(24)

adults generally experience the uncomfortable sinking feeling of dread every time

(25)

the New Year approaches.

21. (1) but
(2) not
(3) can
(4) also
22. (1) current
(2) modern
(3) authentic
(4) customary
23. (1) make
(2) cause
(3) inspire
(4) develop
24. (1) jeer
(2) gloat
(3) rejoice
(4) savour
25. (1) fully
(2) totally
(3) nearly
(4) usually

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Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow it.

I have always loved September. As a schoolboy, I loved it, because it is the Month of the Conker. It is no good knocking down conkers from the branches in August because they are still soft and white. However, in September, they are a deep rich brown colour and shine as though they have been-polished. That is the time to gather them by the bucketful.

5

I recently wrote to *The Times* newspaper bemoaning the fact that children were not playing conkers with the same fervour as when I was young. This caused an explosion of angry letters from young enthusiasts all over the country. Nearly one thousand people wrote to me, boys and girls, telling of their love for the sport and of the great contests that were taking place all over the country in the autumn. I received press clippings about the World Conker Championships held at Ashton in Cambridgeshire and about the All England Conker Championships that were held in Henley. From these letters I learnt that the whole of Britain is still alive with ardent conker players. Many girls wrote to me saying they were just as good as the boys and I was delighted to hear it.

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15.

We all know, of course, that a great conker is one that has been stored in a dry place for at least a year. This matures it and makes it rock hard and therefore very formidable. We also know about the short cuts that less dedicated players take to harden their conkers. Some soak them in vinegar for a week. Others bake them in the oven at a low temperature for six hours. However, such methods are not for the true conker player. No world-champion conker has ever been produced by short cuts.

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I could go on for hours about the best shape to select for a fighting conker. The flat sharp-edged one, never the big round fellow. I could talk about the relative merits of using thin and thick string. I could write several pages on the various aiming methods to use, the best swing to adopt when delivering the blow, the importance of keeping your head still throughout the stroke and the necessity of a correct stance, but there is no space for all of that here. Suffice to say that it is a splendid game to play during the winter months and one that requires a cool head and a keen eye.

25

When I was nine, I made myself a Conker Practising machine on which I would string up six conkers in a row and work at busting them one after the other. Let's face it, you do not become top class at any sport, be it golf, tennis, snooker or conkers, unless you practise long and hard. The best conker I ever had was a conker 109. I can still remember that frosty morning in the school playground when my 109 was finally shattered by Perkins' conker 74 in an epic contest that lasted over half an hour. After it, I felt even more shattered than my conker.

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Adapted from *Conkers!* by Roald Dahl

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. From the passage, it can be inferred that conkers _____.
- (1) grow on trees
 - (2) are found in water
 - (3) thrive on the ground
 - (4) should be baked from scratch
27. There was a strong reaction to the writer's letter to *The Times* because _____.
- (1) he thought only boys played the game
 - (2) the young players felt they were unfairly criticised
 - (3) many people thought he was ignorant of the game
 - (4) he was bemoaning the fact that many players took short cuts
28. A true conker player would _____.
- (1) not mind the shape of a conker
 - (2) take pains in soaking a conker in vinegar
 - (3) avoid using a conker which is not matured
 - (4) know how to produce a conker in the shortest possible time
29. As the writer was an expert conker player, he _____.
- (1) could brag about his expertise
 - (2) was indifferent when he lost to Perkins
 - (3) knew that August was a good month to play conkers
 - (4) had participated in the World Conker Championships in Henley
30. The writer suggested that an outstanding conker player should _____.
- (1) use two types of strings
 - (2) tilt his head when throwing a conker
 - (3) spend more time sharpening his skills
 - (4) depend on the Conker Practising machine



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P5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2007

END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION

PAPER 2 - BOOKLET B

Name: _____ () Class: Primary 5 ____

Date: 29 October 2007

Duration of paper: 1h 50 min

Paper	Maximum Marks	Marks Obtained
1. Composition	55	
2. Language Use & Comprehension	95	
2.1 OAS (Booklet A)	30	
2.2 Grammar Cloze	10	
2.3 Editing (Spelling & Grammar)	10	
2.4 Comprehension Cloze	15	
2.5 Synthesis & Transformation	10	
2.6 Comprehension	20	
3. Listening Comprehension	20	
4. Oral Communication	30	
Total	200	

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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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(10 marks)

(A)	a	(D)	because	(G)	is	(K)	the	(N)	who
(B)	are	(E)	has	(H)	of	(L)	was	(P)	whom
(C)	at	(F)	have	(J)	on	(M)	which	(Q)	with

Most of us have a sweet tooth and a favourite form of confectionery is chocolate.

The huge range of chocolate products _____ display in sweet shops and

(31)

supermarkets shows us how popular chocolate _____.

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so fond _____ it that we become chocoholics.

(33)

We _____ regularly told that a diet containing too much sugar and fat is bad

(34)

for us, and chocolate contains a great deal of these. Thus, we _____ got used to

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the idea that eating chocolate is a sinful pleasure.

Eating chocolate often makes us feel good. Even some health experts do not

deny this, _____ it is thought to have a biochemical effect on the part of the brain

(36)

that is concerned _____ pleasure. If you are feeling depressed, some chocolate

(37)

can be a real tonic _____ cheers you up instantly. Unfortunately, this effect is

(38)

transitory and you may soon feel down again.

Nutritionists tend to concentrate on the negative side effects of chocolate. They

insist that the combination of _____ high fat content and a high sugar content can

(39)

be a cause of obesity in people _____ over-indulge in it. Chocolate is also said

(40)

to cause headaches in some people, and is considered to be one of the main triggers of

migraine.

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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)

The rain that falls today is not **exatly** the same as that which fell on Earth hundreds

(42) (43)

of years ago. Rain is **increassinly** being acidified by pollution which came from factories, cars, our homes and power stations.

(44)

Ordinary rainwater is already slightly acidic. However, in severely polluting areas,

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the rain is as acidic as lemon juice or vinegar. Acid rain can caused damage to trees;

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lakes, **wildlive**, buildings and human health.

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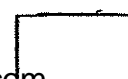
The term "acid rain" did not only include the wet rain we see and feel. It also covers acid snow, hail, mist and fog.

(48) (49)

Acid pollution is a **globe** problem. Many governments has realised the seriousness

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of the problem and are introducing **maresures** to ensure they act more responsibly.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Steven Spielberg is a remarkable man. He is the most successful director Hollywood has ever seen. He is responsible for some of the highest grossing _____ in history such as *E.T.*, the *Indiana Jones* trilogy, *Jaws* and *Jurassic Park*. (51)

Spielberg first came into prominence with his movie, *Jaws*, the _____ of a man-eating great white shark. At the same time, he was _____ involved with George Lucas in the production of the *Star Wars* trilogy, which is _____ the struggle between good and evil in outer space. This theme of good _____ evil, with the good always winning, is at the core of most of his movies. Perhaps it is because his films have such simple plots that he has failed time and _____ at the annual Academy Awards. His films have _____ many times in the minor categories for sound, editing and special effects, but the most-coveted _____ for best picture and best director continued to elude him until *Schindler's List*. (52) (53) (54) (55) (56) (57) (58)

The movie, about the murder of millions _____ Jews in Nazi Germany and one man's courageous _____ to save some of them, is brilliantly shot in black and _____, giving the _____ a sense that what they are seeing actually _____. The movie is extremely well-directed with fast-flowing action, a strong storyline and there were many memorable scenes _____ as the terrifying eviction of the Jews from the Krakow ghetto. Strong performances by the leading _____ as well as the supporting cast give the film depth. The Jews are not faceless victims but are portrayed as human beings, with their hopes, desires and personal sense of humour. Similarly, the Nazis are not simply monsters but men whom one can actually feel sorry for. (59) (60) (61) (62) (63) (64) (65)

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. Joshua could not find his watch. He searched everywhere for it.

Although _____

67. The hikers continued on their journey. They had rested for a while.

before _____

68. Brandon gave the girl a balloon. She is his favourite niece.

_____ whom

69. Matthew exclaimed, "I bought the latest Harry Potter book!"

Matthew exclaimed that _____

70. Sally told her son that they would not go to the park if it rains

_____ unless

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

One afternoon, Adam came home from school with a puzzled look on his face. After asking him what was on his mind, he said, "Are all people the same even if their skin colour is different?"

I thought for a moment, before saying, "I'll explain, if you can just wait until we make a quick stop at the supermarket. I have something interesting to show you." 5

At the supermarket, I told him that we needed to buy some apples to make a pie. We went to the fresh fruits section where we found apples of different colours, red, green, even yellow. We bought some apples of each colour and went home. 10

After returning home, as we put all the groceries away, I told Adam, "It's time to answer your question." I placed one of each type of apple on the counter top; first a red apple, followed by a green apple and finally a yellow apple. Then I looked at Adam who was sitting on a high stool at the other side of the counter.

"Adam, people are just like apples. They come in all different colours, shapes and sizes. See, some of the apples have been bumped around and are bruised. On the outside, they may not even look as delicious as the others." As I was talking, Adam began examining each one carefully. 15

Then, I took each of the apples and peeled them, placing them back on the counter top, but in a different place. 20

"All right Adam, tell me which one is the red apple, the green apple and the yellow apple."

He said, "I can't tell. They all looked the same after you peeled off the skin!"

"Take a bite of each one. See if that helps you figure out which one is which." 25

He took big bites but he still could not tell them apart. Then a huge smile came across his face. "People are just like apples! They are all different, but once you take off the outside, they're pretty much similar on the inside."

"Right," I agreed. "Just like how everyone has their own personality but are still basically the same." 30

He totally got it. It was the perfect analogy.

Now when I bite into an apple, it tastes a little sweeter than before. What perfect fruit for thought.

Adapted from *Chicken Soup for the Preteen Soul*

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did Adam come home with a puzzled look on his face?

72. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "fascinating"?

73. Explain clearly what the expression "... *even yellow*" in line 9 means.

74. What was the writer's intention when she told Adam to wait till they return from the supermarket?

75. According to the writer, what are the two ways in which people are similar to apples?

76. Why did Adam begin examining each apple carefully as the writer began talking about the apples?

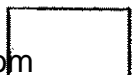
77. Why did the writer place each peeled apple in a different place?

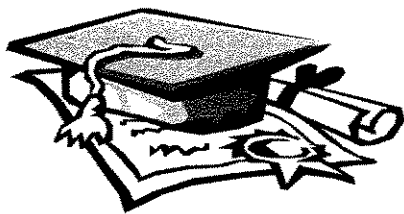
78. Why was Adam unable to tell the apples apart even after taking bites from them?

79. Quote the sentence in the passage which shows that Adam understood the analogy presented by the writer.

80. Why did the writer feel that when she bites into an apple now, it tastes a little sweeter than before?

END OF PAPER





ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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| 1. 2 | 31) J | 41) exactly | 51) films |
| 2. 4 | 32) G | 42) increasingly | 52) story |
| 3. 4 | 33) H | 43) comes | 53) also |
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| 6. 1 | 36) D | 46) wildlife | 56) again |
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| 8. 3 | 38) M | 48) global | 58) awards |
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| 10. 3 | 40) N | 50) measures | 60) attempt |
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| 19. 1 | for his watch, he could not find it. | | |
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| 21. 4 | 67) The hikers had rested for a while | | |
| 22. 4 | before they continued on their | | |
| 23. 2 | journey. | | |
| 24. 3 | | | |
| 25. 4 | 68) The girl whom Brandon gave the | | |
| 26. 1 | balloon to is his favourite niece. | | |
| 27. 2 | | | |
| 28. 3 | 69) Matthew exclaimed that he had bought | | |
| 29. 1 | the latest Harry Potter book. | | |
| 30. 3 | | | |
| | 70) Sally told her son that they would | | |
| | go to the park unless it rained. | | |

71) Adam was puzzled as he was not sure if people were the same even if their skin colour was different.

72) The word is "interesting".

73) It means that yellow apples are very rare.

74) The writer wanted to use some apples in order to answer Adam's question.

75) They can differ from the outside but be similar in the inside.

76) He was trying to understand what the author was saying.

77) The author was trying to show Adam that there would be no way of telling the apples apart.

78) They all tasted similar.

79) The sentence is "He totally got it".

80) The author has succeeded in explaining to Adam.

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PAPER 2

Instructions to Pupils

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 × 1 mark)

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.

WALKATHON for a good cause

Fund-raising for the tsunami victims

By the New Season Sports Club
on Sunday, 25 November 2007
at MacRitchie Reservoir

Join as a family for a good cause and win attractive prizes!

There will be a **LIVE** telecast on Channel Asia.
You can make contributions to the following hotline
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Early bird discount
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Register by 1
November 2007;
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registration fee.
Student pass is
required

Register Now!

Register at any community club or at Singapore Post. You can also log on to our website: www.nssc.org.sg

Registration fee - \$20 (ages 21 years and above)
- \$10 (ages 16-20)
- \$8 (ages 10-15)

Please register by 15 November 2007.

This project is organised by New Season Sports Club for the children who had lost their family and home in the tsunami. Give generously to the needy!

Sponsors:
Channel Asia
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Group),
HBBC Bank
and Niki
Sports Wear

For more information, kindly log on to www.nssc.org.sg or call 6625 6625.

1. The event is organised by _____.
 - (1) Channel Asia Television Group
 - (2) New Season Sports Club
 - (3) MacRitchie Reservoir
 - (4) Singapore Post

2. Students are given special concession if they _____.
 - (1) register by 15 November 2007 and make contributions
 - (2) register by 15 November 2007 and produce their student passes
 - (3) register by 1 November 2007 and make contributions
 - (4) register by 1 November 2007 and produce their student passes

3. The event will be shown 'live' on Channel Asia on _____.
 - (1) 15 November 2007
 - (2) 19 November 2007
 - (3) 25 November 2007
 - (4) 5 December 2007

4. Emily wishes to donate some money. According to the advertisement, she will have to _____.
 - (1) visit the Singapore Post
 - (2) log on to www.nssc.org.sg
 - (3) call 1800-4456686
 - (4) call 6625 6625

5. Which one of the following statements is **not true**?
 - (1) Niki Sports Wear is a sponsor for the event.
 - (2) All tsunami victims will benefit from the event.
 - (3) Anyone can register for the event at any community club.
 - (4) Attractive prizes can be won if the whole family registers.

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 × 1 mark)

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. Gloria, together with her cousins _____ the orphanage this November.
- (1) is visiting
 - (2) are visiting
 - (3) has visited
 - (4) have visited
7. Ever since the accident, the authorities have) _____ steps to improve the traffic control system.
- (1) take
 - (2) took
 - (3) taken
 - (4) taking
8. Neither the pupils nor the teacher _____ on the coach when the accident happened.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
9. Many people died of tuberculosis _____ the epidemic.
- (1) at
 - (2) for
 - (3) on
 - (4) during
10. I saw her _____ that chair when no one was in the class.
- (1) kick
 - (2) kicks
 - (3) kicked
 - (4) had kicked

11. _____ the maid's contract is renewed, she will return to her own country.
- (1) If
 - (2) Since
 - (3) Unless
 - (4) Although
12. Sharon is the air stewardess _____ (we) met on the flight back to Singapore.
- (1) whose
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) where

Section C: Punctuation (3 × 1 mark)

For each question from 13 to 15, 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.

John was my classmate. He was a brilliant boy. However (13) I did not have a good impression of him. I thought he was very stingy.

Recently, something happened to change my opinion of John. Our teacher told us that our school was helping to raise funds for the victims who have lost their homes in the flood and hoped that we would donate some money to this worthy cause.

For the next few days, he would bring food from home. He did not spend any money in the canteen nor at the school bookshop. Once, I made a remark, "Don't you ever have any cravings for titbits in school (14)

"I don't fancy titbits actually," John replied. "Well, if you offer me some, I won't decline it (15) he added.

The next day, when my teacher passed the donation tin around, she commented that the highest donor in my class was John. He had donated sixty dollars, which he had saved up from his pocket money. I regretted my earlier opinion of him as a miser.

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

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

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. This antiseptic cream reduces _____ and relieves pain.
- (1) dehydration
(2) germination
(3) degeneration
(4) inflammation
17. The children were being _____ when they laughed and pointed at the old man's strange walking stick.
- (1) indolent
(2) insolent
(3) indulgent
(4) indifferent

18. Please write clearly. Your handwriting is _____.
- (1) illicit
 - (2) illegible
 - (3) illiterate
 - (4) illegitimate
19. This store sells good-quality products at _____ prices when it has a sale.
- (1) essential
 - (2) exorbitant
 - (3) economical
 - (4) expendable
20. There are some _____ characters loitering outside your shop. You may want to alert the police for your safety.
- (1) docile
 - (2) dubious
 - (3) dejected
 - (4) degrading

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1 mark)

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.

"It's just an ant's bite!" the clinic assistant said impudently. She swiftly inserted needles into
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the areas below my knee, forearm and abdomen. I was left lying on the bed for the needles to work

their magic. Soon, my stomach pain eased. Supported by my mother, I stepped out of the clinic,
(22)

subdued by the experience. I was awed by the whole incident. My respect for my mother's wisdom
(23) (24)

was reinforced. Though my mother was not infallible, she could still teach me many things that I did
(25)

not know.

21. (1) loudly
(2) rudely
(3) seriously
(4) reassuringly

22. (1) lessened
(2) remained
(3) increased
(4) disappeared

23. (1) amused
(2) humbled
(3) restrained
(4) overpowered

24. (1) amazed
(2) disturbed
(3) frightened
(4) threatened

25. (1) steady
(2) perfect
(3) reasonable
(4) experienced

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

As a thirteen-year-old, the thought of finally moving to a new country sounded amazing. My parents were also looking forward to leaving, but were more cautious about the challenges ahead. **I should have been as well.**

The first day in a new country felt strange. I woke up and went outside. I was surprised by how fast people talked and the way they seemed to take deep breaths while speaking.

It was soon time for school. I was really excited to see my new school. I had this naive idea that I would make lots of friends and have a great time. How wrong I was. Straightaway, I was singled out as the refugee kid and was soon made fun of on a daily basis. It did not help that I did not speak the language but I could still understand when I was being made fun of. You do not need language skills to realise that you are not liked. What made it worse was what was behind the jokes: all the prejudices that go with the stigma of the word "refugee".

I was determined not to let people see my despair, so I had to gather my courage and prove people wrong. However, it was hard to stay strong. Day after day my self-esteem was being eroded little by little. During my time in middle school, which lasted for three years, I always sat alone at the school canteen.

It was not easy for me to understand why all this was happening. My parents knew about my difficulties but I did not want to trouble them as I felt they had enough problems of their own to deal with. There was hardly anyone to talk to or confide in but I believe nothing lasts forever. Unfortunately, at that time, it felt like eternity.

Nowadays, I can look back at my harsh times of growing up in a foreign country and see how it has made me the much stronger person that I am today. I feel that I have overcome all those difficulties of integrating into a new society, with its new language, culture and customs. These difficulties have helped me to believe in myself and to ignore people's prejudices. I can also use my experiences as a refugee to help others understand the truth behind the issues involved and gain an insight into how it feels to be a refugee.

Due to my background, not many people even believed that I would finish high school. Having made it through university and gaining work experience have proven those people wrong. Instead of listening to others telling me how

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<p>incapable I was because of being a refugee, I decided instead to set my own goals. Today, I have achieved some of them though I still have many more things I want to achieve.</p> <p>I have proven that it is possible to integrate into a new society, preserve one's ethnic identity and most importantly, remain true to myself.</p> <p>Adapted from "It Is Tough Growing Up As A Refugee" by Baharak Bastmani</p>	35
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For each of the question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. "I should have been as well" in **line 3** tells us that the author should have been more _____.
- 1) suspicious of strangers
 - 2) cautious when she interacts with classmates
 - 3) prepared for the problems that she might face
 - 4) optimistic about her new life in a foreign country
27. How did the author know that she was being made fun of by her classmates?
- 1) Her parents revealed the truth to her.
 - 2) She could interpret her classmates' behaviour.
 - 3) She understood the language of her classmates.
 - 4) Another classmate informed her that she was being ridiculed.
28. Which word in the passage tells us that feelings of shame and dishonour are associated with being a refugee?
- 1) naive (line 8)
 - 2) ethnic (line 37)
 - 3) stigma (line 13)
 - 4) prejudices (line 13)
29. Why didn't the author confide in her parents about her problems?
- 1) Her parents would not understand.
 - 2) Her parents were always not at home.
 - 3) She did not want her parents to worry about her.
 - 4) She did not have a close relationship with her parents.

30. In what way has the author shown to others that she was capable?

- 1) She set her own goals.
- 2) She made it through university.
- 3) She was recognised as a citizen of the new society.
- 4) She learnt to speak the native language of her classmates.

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 x1 mark)

There are ten blanks 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. Each word can only be used once.

(A) after	(B) are	(C) as	(D) at	(E) because
(F) by	(G) for	(H) from	(I) in	(K) into
(L) is	(M) next	(N) of	(P) since	(Q) with

At examination time, students talk about nothing but examinations.

In school, you can see students with their heads buried (31) _____ their books. Most of them are trying to cram in as much knowledge as they can (32) _____ the eleventh hour.

(33) _____ you enter the examination hall, you can feel the tense atmosphere. When the invigilator enters, the hall is so quiet that you can hear a pin drop. The invigilator informs the students (34) _____ the hard and fast rules that they have to abide (35) _____ during the examination. If anyone is caught violating any of the rules, he or she will be disqualified (36) _____ the examination.

(37) _____ the question papers have been given out, the students begin to read the questions. By the expressions on their faces, you can tell whether or not the questions (38) _____ a walk in the park. Some students stare blankly (39) _____ space, probably hoping that the answers will appear in front of them. Some complete the question paper in half an hour and you wonder how intelligent they must be to have completed it so quickly. When the time is up, they hand in their answer sheets, heave a sigh of relief and go home to prepare (40) _____ the next paper.

Section H: Editing (10×1 mark)

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

(41)

Have you heard of Florence Nightingale? She is popular known as the 'Lady with

(42)

the Lamp'. Florence Nightingale was an **extrodinary** woman. She came from a **wealthy**

family and her parents had expected her to marry and settle down. Instead, she chose to

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be a nurse. She **apoached** her parents about her desire to enter training as a nurse, but

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they were horrific at the low-class nature of her interest, and tried to **distuede** her.

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Ultimately, they forbided her, but within a few years, she ignored their protests and

enrolled in the Institution of Deaconesses in Germany. She returned to London at the

age of thirty-three to become the superintendent of a woman's hospital.

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In 1854, thousands of wounded British **sholdgers** were dying due to the poor

medical conditions in the makeshift hospitals that had been set up. The British people

were **angered** that their men, who had served their country so well, were now being

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niglekted in their hour of need.

(49)

Nightingale worked tiredly, caring for them, day and night. By night, she

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carried a lamp through the corridors, stopping in times to help the suffering. For this, she

was nicknamed the 'Lady with the Lamp'.

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Section I: Comprehension Cloze Passage (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Volcanoes are often considered a destructive force. When a volcano _____, it
 (51)
 destroys both the land and people surrounding _____. Steam and ashes are forced through
 (52)
 the _____ of the volcano, spraying the surrounding area _____ fiery debris and
 (53) (54)
 boiling molten rock called lava.

Volcanoes can also be considered helpful. Many beautiful islands in the Pacific Ocean,
 _____ as Hawaii, were completely formed by volcanic eruptions. These
 (55)
 islands _____ excellent soil and drinking water because the land is made of
 (56)
 _____ that has cooled and broken down to _____ soil. When lava cools, it becomes
 (57) (58)
 ponds, making pools where fresh water can collect. As lava breaks down into soil, its
 minerals make the soil rich _____ fertile. Cooled lava is also a good road-building
 (59)
 material. In Iceland, the steam _____ active volcanoes is used to supply heat and power
 (60)
 _____ factories and homes.

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 Many volcanoes have become tourist _____ because they are so powerful and
 (62)
 beautiful. People enjoy climbing _____ to the top of these volcanoes to get a bird's eye
 (63)
 _____ of the countryside. Some like to stand at the crater's edge to _____ at the
 (64) (65)
 bubbling lava and hot steam inside. At night, the hissing steam and glowing flames
 are a dramatic sight.

Adapted from *INSIGHTS: Reading as Thinking*
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Section J: Transformation and Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the question 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).

66. Could you please help Sally with her Social Studies project?

Would you mind _____
_____?

67. "How did you fare in your interview today?" he asked me.

He asked me _____

68. Neither Lucy nor John speaks Japanese well.

Both _____

69. Sam studied very hard for the final examination. He wanted to perform well.

_____ in order to

70. The pupils were very noisy in the hall. The discipline mistress had to shout at them.

_____ so _____
that _____

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Section K: Comprehension open-ended (10×2 marks)

<p>I wouldn't have become famous if it hadn't been for the watermelon. Besides, I wouldn't have been in possession of the watermelon if it hadn't been for the kids, so I'd better start with that.</p>	
<p>Normally, the choice of books that I read to my class is dictated by the school, but this morning, I'd rebelled and read them a Brer Rabbit story I'd found in a box of (battered) childhood books. I thought one day I might have children myself, and then I could read them the stories that Mum had read to me before she died.</p>	5
<p>I wish I could say the class was enthralled by this classic piece of storytelling, but what mainly emerged afterwards was that (nobody knew what a watermelon was. I drew one on the blackboard for them in red and green chalk. However, all I drew were complete blank stares. I decided to bring in a watermelon for them the next day.</p>	10
<p>On the way home, I got off the bus a stop later than usual. I walked down the road past the greengrocers and stalls. It was just after five o'clock, so the traffic was already starting to grind to a halt. The fumes were hot against my face, but I was feeling almost cheerful. I was fighting my way through crowds of people as usual, but many of them were in good spirits and wearing bright colours.</p>	15
<p>I bought a watermelon the size of a basketball and the weight of a bowling ball. It needed four carrier bags one inside the other and there was virtually no practical way of carrying it. Very gingerly, I swung the bag over my shoulder, almost spinning myself into the traffic as I did so, and carried the melon like a man with a sack of coal on his back. It was about 300 metres to the flat. I'd probably make it.</p>	20
<p>As I crossed the road and turned into Holloway Street, people stared at me. <u>Goodness knows what they thought I was up to, a skimpily dressed young blonde hunched over and carrying what must have looked like her own weight in iron ore in a shopping bag.</u> Then it happened.</p>	25
<p>There were two of them, apparently joined together by straps. The one behind was a woman, older than he was. She lost her footing horribly and hit the ground and rolled over. I saw her feet crazily high in the air and she crashed against a bin. I saw her head hit the pavement. The man wrenched himself free. He was holding a bag – her bag. He held it in two hands, chest high. He had a strange, tight smile on his face (and his eyes were glassy. He was running straight for me, so I had to step out of the way. However, I didn't just step out of the way. I let the watermelon slip off my shoulder, leaned back and swung it. Its circular progress was suddenly halted as it hit the man full in the stomach, with the most amazing thud. There was a whoosh of ejecting air and he went down as if there were no body inside his clothes and they were attempting to fold themselves up on the pavement. He clawed at the pavement a bit, but he wasn't able to get up. Then we were all surrounded by a crowd and I couldn't see him any longer.</p>	30 35
<p><i>Adapted from 'Beneath the Skin' by Nicci French</i></p>	

Answer the following questions in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What do you think is the occupation of the author? (Be as specific as you can in your answer)

72. Why did the author decide to buy a watermelon?

73. Which word in the first three paragraphs of the passage has the same meaning as 'worn out and badly out of shape'?

74. Why did people stare at the author in line 23?

75. In your own words, describe as clearly as possible how the author made use of the watermelon to stop the man.

76. Give a word that has the same meaning as 'gingerly' in line 20.

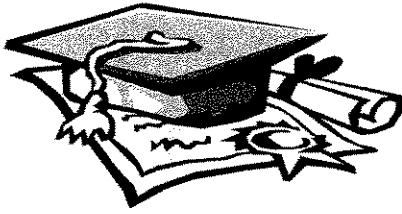
77. Why was the man trying to run away?

78. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the author lived very near where she bought the watermelon?

79. **'...and his eyes were glassy.'** (line 32)
Explain in your own words what the above phrase means.

80. How do you think the author became famous after this incident?

END OF PAPER



ANSWER SHEET

RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL - PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH 2007
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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|---------|-------|---|------------|
| 1. 2 | 31) J | 41) popularly | 51) erupts |
| 2. 4 | 32) D | 42) extraordinary | 52) it |
| 3. 3 | 33) C | 43) approached | 53) top |
| 4. 3 | 34) N | 44) horrified | 54) with |
| 5. 2, 3 | 35) F | 45) dissuade | 55) such |
| 6. 1 | 36) H | 46) forbade | 56) have |
| 7. 3 | 37) A | 47) soldiers | 57) lava |
| 8. 3 | 38) B | 48) neglected | 58) form |
| 9. 4 | 39) K | 49) tirelessly | 59) and |
| 10. 1 | 40) G | 50) at | 60) from |
| 11. 3 | | 61) to | |
| 12. 3 | | 62) attractions | |
| 13. 1 | | 63) up | |
| 14. 4 | | 64) view | |
| 15. 3 | | 65) look | |
| 16. 4 | | | |
| 17. 2 | | | |
| 18. 2 | | 66) Would you mind helping Sally with her Social Studies project. | |
| 19. 3 | | | |
| 20. 2 | | | |
| 21. 2 | | 67) He asked me how I had fared in my interview that day. | |
| 22. 1 | | | |
| 23. 2 | | | |
| 24. 1 | | 68) Both Lucy and John do not speak Japanese well. | |
| 25. 2 | | | |
| 26. 3 | | | |
| 27. 2 | | 69) Sam studied very hard for the final examination in order to perform well | |
| 28. 3 | | | |
| 29. 3 | | | |
| 30. 2 | | 70) The pupils were so noisy in the hall that the discipline mistress had to shout at them. | |

71)The author works as a teacher in a nursery.

72)Her class did not know what a watermelon was and she bought to show them.

73)The word is "battered".

74)The people did not know what the author was up to, a skimpily dressed young blonde hunched over and carrying what looked like her own weight in iron ore in a shopping bag.

75)She swung the watermelon in a circular way and used it to hit the man in the stomach.

76)The word is "carefully."

77)He was a robber and he had snatched the lady's handbag.

78)The sentence is "It was about 300 metres to the flat."

79)His eyes were lifeless.

80)After the incident, reporters interviewed her, took some pictures of her, and then put them on the news and newspapers.

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO

PRIMARY 5

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

DURATION : 1 h 50 min

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INSTRUCTIONS

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Follow all instructions.
Answer all questions.**

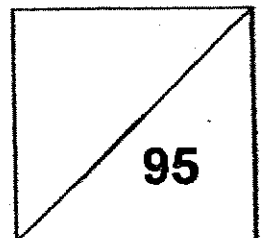
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BOOKLET A

Section A: Comprehension-Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

Exclusive 9-DAYZ offer not to be missed!

>> 1-year subscription
(52 issues) at \$135

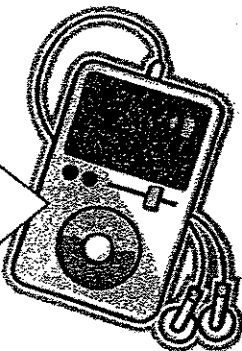


FREE!
Swatchy
watch
worth \$98!

OR top up
\$29.95 to get
a SOMY MP3
player worth
\$158!

>> 2-year subscription
(104 issues) at \$255

FREE!
Somy MP3
player worth
\$158!



OR :
Hand in completed form
and cash payment at
participating*
WALTSUNS outlets and
redeem your gifts
instantly!

Complete the order form printed overleaf and

**Fax to (for credit card payment only):
6412 3457**

**Mail to (for cheque or credit card payment only):
Medicorn Publishing
Subscription Division, 1 Medicorn Street,
Singapore 641 234**

Enquiries :
mdcpsubhelp@medicorn.com.sg
or call 6412 3458 (Mon-Fri, 10am – 4pm)

Promotion ends December 31, 2007
Gifts available while stocks last

***Participating outlets :**
Bisham J10, Toa Pagah Central,
AMK Hut, Thornson Plaza
~ Subscribe in October to receive an
additional gift of \$20 Waltsuns voucher ~

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. "9-Dayz" is likely to be _____.
- (1) a watch
 - (2) an MP3 player
 - (3) a weekly magazine
 - (4) a monthly publication
2. There are _____ ways of submitting the subscription forms.
- (1) one
 - (2) two
 - (3) three
 - (4) four
3. Angelina wants to find out more about this offer. She should _____.
- (1) call 6412 3457
 - (2) visit any Waltsun's store
 - (3) email to mdcpsubhelp@medicom.com.sg
 - (4) send a fax to Medicom Publishing
4. Han Sheng reads this advertisement in November. He wants to subscribe to "9-Dayz" for two years. He will receive _____.
- (1) 52 issues of "9-Dayz" and a watch
 - (2) 104 issues of "9-Dayz" and an MP3 player
 - (3) 104 issues of "9-Dayz", \$29.95 and a watch
 - (4) 52 issues of "9-Dayz", \$20 Waltsuns voucher and an MP3 player
5. Which of the following is NOT true?
- (1) The subscription offer is valid till the end of 2007.
 - (2) Ms Tan can send a cheque with the completed order form to Medicom Publishing for subscription.
 - (3) Jamal has to pay an additional \$29.95 for his 1-year subscription to receive a free MP3 player.
 - (4) Mr Lim will receive a \$20 Waltsuns voucher if he subscribes at the AMK Hut Waltsuns outlet in September.

Section B : Grammar MCQ (7 x 1 mark)

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. Mdm Rosnah has paid for the tickets, _____?
- (1) has she
 - (2) does she
 - (3) hasn't she
 - (4) doesn't she
7. You should not start writing _____ I tell you to do so.
- (1) if
 - (2) until
 - (3) since
 - (4) despite
8. I heard the girl _____ at the concert yesterday. She gave a marvellous performance.
- (1) sing
 - (2) sang
 - (3) sung
 - (4) sings
9. You, unlike your cousin, _____ not at all interested in sports.
- (1) is
 - (2) do
 - (3) are
 - (4) does
10. Mrs Tan is very generous _____ her praises when we behave well.
- (1) to
 - (2) on
 - (3) for
 - (4) with

11. "Collect your tickets _____ from the counter, I will not be able to do so for you," Mrs Fong told her daughters.

- (1) herself
- (2) yourself
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

12. Joshua, _____ I have known since Primary 1, is migrating to Australia next month.

- (1) who
- (2) who's
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

Section C : Punctuation MCQ (3 x 1 mark)

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.

She took out a box, lined with red velvet, from her school bag. Inside was the finest yo-yo Alma had ever seen.

"Gosh!" she exclaimed. "It's beautiful (13)

"It's also extremely expensive (14) Arabella confirmed, snatching it away before Alma could even touch it.

Alma sighed. She knew she could never afford such a wonderful yo-yo. A good yo-yo was one of the things Alma wished she had. Others in her wish list included (15) a doll which could walk and talk, a stopwatch and a room of her own.

Adapted from : Alma and the Magic Yo-Yo

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

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from question 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. Celia was _____ when she learnt that her brother was up to mischief again.
- (1) puzzled
 - (2) gracious
 - (3) liberated
 - (4) annoyed
17. When Keane reached home, he realised that the house was in a topsy-turvy condition. It must have been _____.
- (1) tattered
 - (2) ransacked
 - (3) trespassed
 - (4) investigated
18. I had to _____ Nicole's birthday party invitation as I had another appointment.
- (1) turn off
 - (2) turn over
 - (3) turn away
 - (4) turn down
19. Both movies, Ratatouille and Arctic Tale, were screened _____ and we could only choose one to watch.
- (1) tardily
 - (2) punctually
 - (3) concurrently
 - (4) consecutively
20. When Sam the great magician was on the stage, he managed to create the _____ that he was walking through a block of wood.
- (1) illusion
 - (2) allusion
 - (3) alliteration
 - (4) illumination

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

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

Peter got off the bus and looked around (21) eagerly at the surroundings. His heart was beating very fast and he was so excited. He had wanted to join this (22) excavation trip for a long time but his parents had objected to it. Finally, he passed all his subjects with flying colours and his parents allowed him to go for the trip with the school teacher.

The pupils were organised into groups of four. They had to work on the ruins of the ancient temple. This trip was led by (23) an expert in this field. Peter's school teacher, Mr Lee had led (24) numerous trips before.

Peter was so thrilled that he was not aware what was going to (25) befall him.

21. (1) with joy
(2) in curiosity
(3) with keen interest
(4) slowly and carefully
22. (1) discovery
(2) exploration
(3) exhumation
(4) archaeological
23. (1) a teacher
(2) a professor
(3) a specialist
(4) an apprentice
24. (1) plenty
(2) many
(3) a handful
(4) uncountable
25. (1) fall on
(2) happen to
(3) place with
(4) move around

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

"We're out of petrol!" Dad muttered angrily, chiding himself for being overconfident. "We should never have travelled in this old wreck."

My family and I had decided to spend the weekend in Penang with my Malaysian uncle and aunt. Before we departed, Mum had nagged at Dad repeatedly to fill up the fuel tank, but he simply answered, "I have driven this car for ten years and I know its mileage. We can get there and back on half a tank of fuel." Mum sat back and stopped protesting.

However, things had not gone that way. Almost half way through the journey, Dad found out that the rusty tank had sprung a small leak, letting out a slow but steady stream of the precious black gold. Drops of oil stained the highway, clearly visible on the road surface.

As the skies darkened and night approached, we felt more obliged to stay in the car, though Dad continued waving down any car that passed by. Most of the passing cars slowed down, only for the drivers and passengers to stare at us. I was beginning to feel thoroughly disillusioned with people's lack of concern, when a car sputtered to a halt just behind ours. I looked up to see a rough-looking man coming out from the car. His jeans were torn, his jacket was patched. My heart sank. Just as we were so helpless and defenseless, this weird fellow had turned up to rob us!

How wrong I was! It turned out that the stranger worked at an auto workshop a few kilometres down the road. With an assortment of tools that he drew from the trunk of his battered old car, he expertly fixed a temporary seal on our fuel tank to stop the leak. He even gave us half the amount of fuel in his fuel tank to sustain us till we reached the next petrol station. I was touched by this Good Samaritan's sincerity. He refused to accept any money from Dad, not even for the petrol! He simply nodded modestly at our repeated thanks and praise, got into his car and drove off into the night. As we watched his taillights gradually fade into the horizon, we wondered if we would ever meet such a warm, mild-mannered and kind-hearted man again.

Source : Always in Season – A Second Harvest of Kindness Stories

26. Where were the author and his family?
- (1) They were in Penang.
 - (2) They were at a petrol station.
 - (3) They were on an Malaysian expressway.
 - (4) They were on their way home after visiting their Malaysian relatives.
27. What happened to their car?
- (1) It suffered a puncture.
 - (2) Its engine broke down.
 - (3) It met with an accident.
 - (4) Its fuel tank had a hole.
28. What did Dad mean when he said, "...and I know its mileage..." ?
- (1) He knew how old his car was.
 - (2) He knew the fuel tank was rusty.
 - (3) He knew when the car would break down.
 - (4) He knew the distance the car could travel on a tank of petrol.
29. The Good Samaritan probably worked as a _____.
- (1) mechanic
 - (2) samaritan
 - (3) highway patrol officer
 - (4) petrol kiosk attendant
30. What lesson did the author learn from this incident?
- (1) To listen to his mother.
 - (2) Not to drive to Penang.
 - (3) Not to judge a book by its cover.
 - (4) To be familiar with a car's mileage.

BOOKLET B

Name : _____ ()

Class : Pr 5 _____

Section G : Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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.

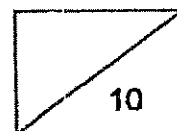
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) of	(D) by	(G) in	(K) the	(N) to
(B) within	(E) a	(H) off	(L) at	(P) on
(C) or	(F) and	(J) an	(M) as	(Q) for

December 26, 2004 is a date to remember. That fateful morning, a severe earthquake occurred off the coast of Aceh, Indonesia. It caused (31) _____ ocean floor to shift abruptly. This movement (32) _____ turn caused a big volume of seawater to be displaced. As a result, a tsunami was formed.

Fishermen noticed that the seawater retreated (33) _____ a few hundred metres from the shore. A period of stillness followed; (34) _____ minutes, however, a huge tidal wave rushed towards the shore (35) _____ a speed of 800 kilometres per hour, equivalent to the speed of (36) _____ airplane. The wave reached a height of ten metres!

The tsunami destroyed a lot of property along the coast. The impact (37) _____ the waters claimed many lives as the victims were not fast enough (38) _____ escape. The tsunami travelled (39) _____ far as the east coast of India. It persisted (40) _____ several hours. Almost 300 000 people drowned in the sea, were lost or declared missing. Indonesia was especially badly hit. This was deemed the worst natural disaster of the year.



Section H : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1mark)

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

The Great Wall of China, which stretches more than 6 000 kilometres from the east to the west of China, is one of the eight wonders of the world. It was build 2000 years ago. It was used as a **defense** against the attacks of neighboring countries.

Some sections of the Great Wall are now in ruins. Over the years, the Great Wall goes through many repairs and extensions. In the Ming **dinasty**, a major renovation was carried out.

The Badaling section of the Great Wall is the most popular section. Many tourists visited the Great Wall here. You can climb up the steps, enter the watch towers and take away distant views. A cable car is also **avai**lable here. This place is usually packed with tourists and **souvinier** vendors.

A large number of Chinese flock to the Great Wall every year. There is a Chinese say that goes, "If you have not been to the Great Wall, you are not a good man."

Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

An elderly woman was cheated of more than \$5 000 by a conman claiming to be a 'miracle' doctor. Madam Tan Si Lian (51) _____ the conman at the void deck of her flat when she was there chatting with her friends.

Madam Tan said that the man introduced himself as Physician Loh, a doctor from Tibet. He commented that Madam Tan was not in good health and showed (52) _____ some black stones which were (53) _____ in a red bag. He claimed that the black stones had divine healing (54) _____. They would be able to (55) _____ her back to health. He also said that the black stones had cured many people with incurable illness in China. Thus, he was sure that the black stones (56) _____ help Madam Tan too. Because Physician Loh spoke so politely and looked so sincere, she readily (57) _____ him. She confided that she indeed often suffered (58) _____ backaches and pains in her joints.

He told her that numerous people wanted the black stones but as he was (59) _____ to meet Madam Tan, he decided to sell the black stones to her for a (60) _____ fee. Madam Tan was elated and quickly went to an ATM and (61) _____ her money from her savings account without a second (62) _____. It was after she had handed the money (63) _____ to Physician Loh and taken the stones home that she (64) _____ she had been duped. When she washed the stones in hot water, their colour began to (65) _____. What she was left with were stones that had been painted with water colour!

Section J : Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions from 66 to 70, rewrite the 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).

66. Kelvin prefers playing basketball to rollerblading.

_____ would rather _____

67. "Meimei, will your mother be home today?" Mdm Soh asked.

Mdm Soh asked Meimei _____

68. The diners were very annoyed. Their orders had been mixed up by the waiter.

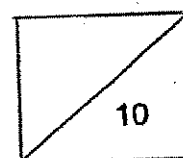
_____ whose _____

69. My baby sister will not sleep. She must drink her milk first.

Unless _____

70. Even though the house was in a poor condition, Mr and Mrs Lim decided to buy it.

_____ in spite of _____



Section K : Comprehension OE (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

For more than a month, Ron's father had planned to trek into the rugged Trinity Alps and photograph the rare weeping spruce trees. Ron had begged to go along with him to this American mountain range close to Ron's hometown.

"I've only got a week to get in there and back," his father protested. "My editor wants the photographs for the next issue of the magazine. It's too hard a trip for a thirteen-year-old." "Ron can do it. He's got courage," his mother said. "And I'll feel better if you don't go alone." **5**

So here Ron was in the jeep with his father. They had left home at dawn and headed for the hills. ~~At first it was fun watching the mountains get closer and bigger, but now, all Ron wanted was food and sleep.~~ **10**

"End of the road," his father finally called out, as he pulled up near a lake. "You unroll the sleeping bags and I'll build a fire and warm up the stew." Ron's plate of stew went down fast. He was asleep ten minutes later.

He awoke the next morning to the smell of frying bacon. They ate quickly, then they started up an old rocky trail. After some steep climbing, the trail leveled off along a deep gorge. **15**

"This looks treacherous," his father told him. "You wait here, Ron. I'll go ahead and look." Ron sat down, grateful for the rest. He watched his father pick his way carefully over the loose rocks.

Then Ron leapt to his feet as he saw a rock break loose from the slope and ~~hurled~~ directly toward his father. "Look out, Dad!" Ron yelled. **20**

His father saw the big rock coming and jumped back, but it smashed into his leg. He wavered, lost his balance and slid off the trail and down into the gorge.

Gone was Ron's weariness. He scrambled down the side of the gorge, calling as he went. No answer. Then, nearer the bottom, he saw the still form of his father and ran to him. His father tried to sit up. "It's my leg, Ron. It's broken, I think." **25**

Ron looked up at the tall mountain above him. The peak was not far away. He would climb that and build a fire. It was a hard climb, but Ron seemed to have an inner strength. His breath was coming in choking gasps when he reached the top. He rested for a while, then he gathered a big pile of dry wood that blazed up when he put a match to it. Afterward he cut green branches and threw them on to make smoke. 30

A long time seemed to pass. Then he heard a sound coming closer and closer – it was a helicopter! He jumped up and down and waved his arms. The helicopter floated to a landing on the grassy slope. Ron ran to it. 35

A ranger got out of the helicopter. "What's the big idea of building a big fire up here?" he demanded angrily.

"We need help. My father's hurt," Ron told him.

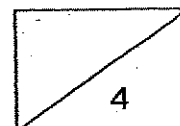
"All right – we'll douse the fire then take off." They circled down the mountain and found a landing place near Ron's father. 40

Source : D'Light Vol. 87

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. In which country were the Trinity Alps located?

72. What was Ron's father's occupation?



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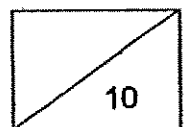
73. Why was Ron's mother in favour of Ron going on the trip?

74. How did Ron and his father travel to the mountain range?

75. What foodstuff did the duo pack for the trip?

76. What injury did Ron's father sustain?

77. What alerted the ranger to the mountain?

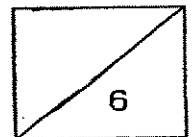


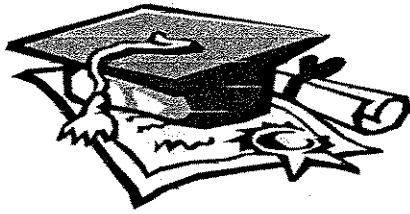
78. Why did the ranger 'douse the fire' (line 38) first before offering help to Ron and his father ?

79. Which word in the passage means to move or fall very fast?

80. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Ron was tired and hungry?

~ End of Paper ~





ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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|-------|--|------------------|------------|
| 1. 3 | 31) K | 41) built | 51) met |
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| 3. 3 | 33) H | 43) neighbouring | 53) put |
| 4. 2 | 34) B | 44) went | 54) powers |
| 5. 4 | 35) L | 45) dynasty | 55) nurse |
| 6. 3 | 36) J | 46) visit | 56) could |
| 7. 2 | 37) A | 47) some | 57) trust |
| 8. 1 | 38) N | 48) available | 58) from |
| 9. 3 | 39) M | 49) souvenir | 59) fated |
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| 11. 3 | | | |
| 12. 3 | 61) withdrew | | |
| 13. 1 | 62) thought | | |
| 14. 3 | 63) over | | |
| 15. 1 | 64) realised | | |
| 16. 4 | 65) disappear | | |
| 17. 2 | 66) Kelvin would rather play basketball than rollerblading. | | |
| 18. 4 | | | |
| 19. 3 | | | |
| 20. 1 | 67) Mdm Soh asked Meimei if her mother would be home that day. | | |
| 21. 3 | | | |
| 22. 4 | | | |
| 23. 3 | 68) The diners, whose orders had been mixed up by the waiter, were very annoyed. | | |
| 24. 2 | | | |
| 25. 2 | | | |
| 26. 3 | | | |
| 27. 4 | 69) Unless my baby sister drink her milk first, she will not sleep. | | |
| 28. 4 | | | |
| 29. 1 | | | |
| 30. 3 | 70) Mr and Mrs Lim decided to buy the house in spite of its poor condition | | |

71)The Trinity Alps were located in America.

72)He was a magazine photographer.

73)She did not want Ron's father to go alone as she thought that the trip[would be dangerous and felt that Ron had courage and could take care of himself.

74)They traveled to the mountain range by a jeep.

75)The duo packed bacon and stew.

76)He sustained a broken leg.

77)The smoke from the fire that Ron started alerted ranger.

78)He did not want the fire to spread.

79)The word is "hurtle".

80)The sentence is "At first, it was fun watching the mountain get closer and bigger, but now, all Ron wanted was food and sleep."

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**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 5

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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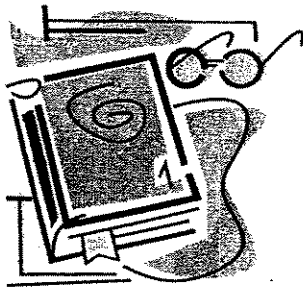
Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1m = 5m)

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

E-BAE STORES

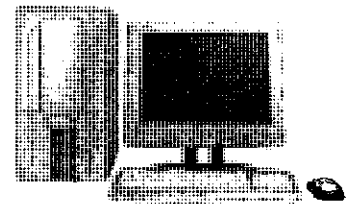
A one-stop shopping paradise for ALL

We sell used clothes, games, books, CDs and DVDs. This is also a place for buyers to buy your second hand goods. E-BAE is the best platform to market or purchase your dream items. It is fuss-free, hassle-free and no shopping crowd. All goods are going at the lowest prices you can find in town.

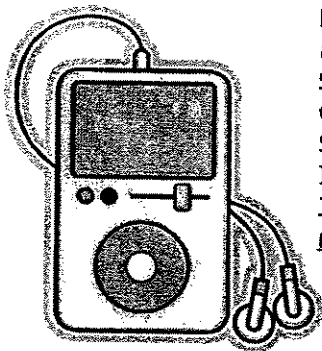


Anyone who has Parry Potter book series by J. K. Rowling in relatively good condition to sell? e.g Parry Potter and the Deathly Pillows, Parry Potter and the Order of the Dragon, Parry Potter and the Half-blood Princess...please e-mail potion@yahoo.com

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For sale: Palm-size branded PEAR iPod with a sleek black and silver body. 1 year old. Storage size : 2GB Original Price : \$159 Sale Price : \$100 Interested? Please contact Jace at moveit@pacific.net.sg



Looking for the right bag for the right occasion? We have an array of fashionable bags to suit your needs. All on rent or going at amazingly low prices. Drop an e-mail message to Chanel at quirkyfinds@yahoo.com or visit chanel.blogspot.com to answer your needs.

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. What kind of merchandise can one find at the E-BAE Stores?
 (1) used goods
 (2) obsolete goods
 (3) expensive goods
 (4) brand new goods

2. Which of the following items is **NOT** sold online?
 (1) worn-out shoes
 (2) fashionable bags
 (3) electronic goods
 (4) computer accessories

3. Benny is looking for a portable gadget to download his songs so that he can listen to them while hiking, how much must he pay?
 (1) \$100
 (2) \$120
 (3) \$159
 (4) \$198

4. If Aunt Sally needs a bag for a dinner party, which email address can she use to contact the person in charge?
 (1) potion@yahoo.com
 (2) quirkyfinds@yahoo.com
 (3) moveit@pacific.net.sg
 (4) frogprince@hotmail.com

5. According to the advertisement, which of the following is a benefit of shopping online? The shopper will _____.
 (1) be hassled.
 (2) pay high prices.
 (3) jostle with crowds.
 (4) shop with ease and comfort.

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 x1m = 7m)

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. One hundred dollars _____ a lot of money to give to an eight-year old girl.

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

7. The pupils prefer English lessons _____ Health Education lessons.

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

8. If I _____ a butterfly, I would love to fly among the tulips in Holland.

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

9. They did not bother to lock the door of their flat _____ the recent spate of burglaries in the neighbourhood.

- (1) despite
- (2) though
- (3) because
- (4) however

10. When Ahmad was walking down a flight of steps, he heard someone _____, "Freeze!".

- (1) shout
- (2) shouts
- (3) shouted
- (4) was shouting

11. The doctors have warned that my uncle who is suffering from cancer may not _____ the night.

- (1) pull on
- (2) pull into
- (3) pull over
- (4) pull through

12. The man _____ you met at the café is my ^{uncle} ~~aunt~~.

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

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m = 3m)

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.

"Pam's Pizza Parlour!" Pam said. "May I help you (13)

"Yes, I'd like to order a large pepper pepperoni pizza with hot peppers and green peppers," said the lady on the other end of the phone.

"Is that all (14) ma'am?" asked Pam.

"Yes, but please put the hot peppers on half the pizza and the green peppers on both halves."

"Also, I'd like the pepperoni on the hot pepper part but not on the green pepper part."

"But didn't you say you wanted the green peppers on both parts?"

"That's right," the lady replied.

"That's not possible (15) Pam pronounced.

13. ~~(1)~~ [?] question mark
- (2) [,] comma and inverted commas
- (3) [.] full stop and inverted commas
- (4) [?"] question mark and inverted commas

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

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1m = 5m)

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. The quick-thinking six-year old child _____ the two comen.
- ~~(1)~~ praised
~~(2)~~ defeated
~~(3)~~ outwitted
~~(4)~~ challenged
17. The young man will _____ a large sum of money from his grandfather.
- ~~(1)~~ inherit
~~(2)~~ possess
~~(3)~~ transfer
~~(4)~~ download
18. Can these shelves _____ the weight of all these books?
- ~~(1)~~ hold
~~(2)~~ uphold
~~(3)~~ sustain
~~(4)~~ maintain

19. That house had been neglected for a long time. That accounts for it being in such a _____ state.

- (1) destroyed
- (2) demolished
- (3) dilapidated
- (4) disentangled

20. The surgery was a success. It _____ his eyesight.

- (1) revived
- (2) restored
- (3) renewed
- (4) reinstated

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1m = 5m)

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.

I entered the house easily. It was not locked. It looked filthy and there was a (21) musty smell about it that irritated my nose. I surveyed the place for a while. Satisfied that it was unoccupied, I breathed a heavy sigh of relief and sat down to rest. The rain continued to fall (22) relentlessly. Before I knew it, I fell asleep.

When I finally awoke, it was already dusk. It was then that I began to feel frightened. I wondered what my parents would feel. After a short while, darkness (23) enveloped the house and fear crept into my heart. "When can I get home?" I asked myself (24) countless times. I cringed in a little corner and hoped and prayed that dawn would come soon.

When the sun finally rose again, my joy knew no bounds knowing that I could go home and see my parents at last. However, my joy was (25) short-lived when I heard quickened footsteps approaching the house. My heart pounded as I awaited for my fate.

21. ~~(1)~~ stale
 ~~(2)~~ pungent
 ~~(3)~~ pleasant
 ~~(4)~~ aromatic
22. ~~(1)~~ constantly
 ~~(2)~~ incessantly
 ~~(3)~~ periodically
 ~~(4)~~ persistently
23. ~~(1)~~ filled
 ~~(2)~~ sealed
 ~~(3)~~ invaded
 ~~(4)~~ surrounded
24. ~~(1)~~ limited
 ~~(2)~~ several
 ~~(3)~~ numerous
 ~~(4)~~ measurable
25. ~~(1)~~ lengthy
 ~~(2)~~ enduring
 ~~(3)~~ steadfast
 ~~(4)~~ momentary

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Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m = 5m)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Upon waking up, Tien found himself lying on a stretch of sandy shore with his face half-buried in the sand. The rays of the sun beat on his face which blinded him momentarily. When he regained sight, he found, to his horror, that his clothes had been almost torn apart. They looked like rags. His limbs ached and his body was covered with bruises. He pulled himself together and tried to stand up. Before he could steady himself, he was brought to his knees due to exhaustion. As he lay on the sand, he began to scan the environment for signs of human habitation. But the area seemed barren except for a few coconut trees and a few shrubs that were scattered here and there.

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He remembered how, a few hours before, he had still been struggling for survival in the vast South China Sea. The boat that had carried his friends and him out to sea for a fishing trip had run into a terrible storm. Seng, who was the captain of the vessel, and had been at the wheel, lost control of the boat. The boat was tossed violently from side to side in the storm. Suddenly, it hit a sharp object, most probably a protruding rock from the sea, and was wrecked.

15

Tien could not recall how he had managed to drift onto land. However, he was very thankful that he was still alive. He sat on the beach and looked around. His friends were not in sight. He was saddened by the fact that they might have all drowned. Then he began looking out for some source of help.

20

He had almost given up hope of ever finding people around the deserted place when he suddenly spotted a thin column of smoke on the far side of a ridge which was almost hidden from view. "Could it be a **mirage**?" Tien asked himself. Even if it was, it gave him some fresh hope of surviving the terrible ordeal that he was going through. Though weak and drained, he struggled on towards the place from where the smoke was rising.

25

After plodding on for what seemed like hours in the scorching heat, he found himself standing at the top of another hill. From there, he saw a little green valley speckled with a few huts and coconut trees in the sun. His eyes are not playing tricks on him. It is a village located at the bottom of the valley. The sight gave Tien renewed **vigour**. He began to run to the village with his last ounce of energy.

30

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.

26. Tien found himself all alone _____.
- (1) in a desert
 - (2) on the sea
 - (3) on a beach
 - (4) in an oasis
27. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?
- (1) Tien was hit by a sharp object.
 - (2) Tien and his friends were fishing at South China Sea.
 - (3) Tien lost control of the boat he and his friends were in.
 - (4) Tien and his friends perished after their boat was wrecked.
28. In line 25, the word '**mirage**' refers to the _____.
- (1) deserted place
 - (2) people in the village
 - (3) thin column of smoke
 - (4) little huts in the valley
29. What did Tien see after climbing to the top of the second hill?
He saw _____.
- (1) the far side of a ridge.
 - (2) a village in the valley.
 - (3) another hill in the distance.
 - (4) some people and coconut trees.
30. The word '**vigour**', in line ³³~~29~~, has the same meaning as _____.
- (1) valour
 - (2) interest
 - (3) courage
 - (4) strength



**NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
2007 SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 5**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 1 h 50 min

Booklet A	/30
Booklet B	/65
Total	/95

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Instructions to pupils:

- 1. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all questions.**

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Section G: Grammar Cloze (10 X 1m = 10m)

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

Use each WORD once ONLY

A) an	B) at	G) is	K) over	N) which
B) are	E) by	H) it	L) the	P) who
C) as	F) from	J) its	M) their	Q) with

A radio station of their own by year's end – that is one of the aims as Northlight School teams with MediaCorp's Singapore Media Academy to learn _____ finer points of broadcasting, podcasting and film-making.
(31)

Besides learning the basics such _____ creating a podcast, students will also pick up scriptwriting skills and pronunciation tips _____ industry experts at the academy, _____ hopes to train 200 students from the school _____ the next three years.
(32)
(33)
(34)
(35)

This is the first time the academy _____ reaching to school, as part of _____ community outreach effort.
(36)
(37)

Northlight School caters to students _____ have difficulties handling mainstream education. It adopts _____ experiential approach in teaching and learning.
(38)
(39)

Emphasis is given to nurturing the students' socio-emotional development by recognising _____ achievements, encouraging peer support, and creating conditions to promote self esteem.
(40)

(Adapted from *Today*, 6 September, 2007)

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Section H: Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1m = 10m)

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

(41)

There it was! The old, **antick**, snop with the bay window lit up in the moonlight so that everything was clear as day. There were the old oak table, the blue-and-white saucers and a string of dusty beads.

(42)

He found himself wondering **wether** they were magic beads – and

(43)

what would happen if he bought it.

(44)

Nothing was changed; nothing at all, **except** that there was clear space on

(45)

(46)

the dusty old table which a little ship had once stand. Peter put his hand to the door. It opened easily at his touch. "Almost as if someone was expecting him,"

(47)

he thought, a little **frighthed**. A faint tinkle sounded at the back of the shop. He

(48)

stood alone in the moonlight among objects that might be **preceous** beyond any

(49)

counting, or mere junk that nobody wanted at all. He dared not fnoved in case he

(50)

swept something of his elbow, or trod on something with his foot.

He stood there with the little boat in his hand, and wanting more than anything in the world to run right away with it.

(Adapted from *The Ship That Flew* by Hilda Lewis)

Marks

Section I: Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2m = 10m)

For each of the questions 51 to 55, 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).

51. The children will be late for the concert if they do not hurry.

Unless _____

52. The man is a famous artist. Sean spoke to him just now.

_____ whom _____

53. Aisha apologised to her mother. She spilled the bowl of soup.

_____ for _____

54. My father would like to join us for this trip to England. His schedule simply does not permit it.

Much as _____

55. The tourist asked, "Which bus can I take to Vivo City?"

The tourist asked me _____

Marks

Section J: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1m = 15m)

In the following passage, there are 15 blanks numbered 56 to 70. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A boy was watching his grandmother write a letter. At one point, he asked, "Are you writing a story about what we've done? Is it a story about me?"

His grandmother _____ writing her letter and said to her
(56)
_____, "I am writing about you, actually, but more important
(57)

_____ the words is the pencil I'm using. I hope you will be like this
(58)
pencil when you grow up." Intrigued, the boy looked at the pencil but it did not
seem very _____. The boy scratched his head in bewilderment.
(59)

"That depends on how you look at things. It has five _____ which,
(60)
if you manage to hang on to them, will make you a person who is always at peace
_____ the world," the grandmother continued to explain.
(61)

"First quality: you are capable of great things, but you must never forget
that there is a _____ guiding your steps. We call that hand, God.
(62)

Second quality: now and then, I have to stop writing _____ use
(63)
a sharpener. That makes the pencil suffer a little, but afterwards, it is much
_____. You, too, must learn to bear certain pains and sorrows
(64)
_____ they will make you a better person.
(65)

Third quality: the pencil always allows us to use an eraser to rub out
any _____. This means that correcting something we did is not
(66)
necessarily a bad thing; it _____ to keep us on the road to justice.
(67)

Fourth quality: what _____ matters in a pencil is not its wooden
(68)
exterior, but the lead _____. So always pay attention to what is
(69)
happening inside you.

_____, the pencil's fifth quality: it always leaves a mark. In
(70)
just the same way, you should know that everything you do in life will leave a
mark, so try to be conscious of that in your every action."

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Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10 x 2m = 20m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

In ancient China, a certain prince from the region of Thing-Zda was about to be crowned emperor; however, according to the law, he first had to get married. Since this meant choosing the future empress, the prince needed to find a young woman whom he could trust absolutely. On the advice of a wise man, he decided to summon all the young maidens of the region so as to find the most worthy candidate. An old lady, who had served in the palace for many years, heard about the preparations for this gathering and she was very upset, for her daughter nurtured a secret love for the prince.

When the old lady got home, she told her daughter and was horrified to learn that she intended to go to the palace. The old lady was desperate. She knew that her daughter would not stand a chance. All the richest and most beautiful girls from the region would be present. She did not want her daughter's suffering to turn into madness. However, her daughter turned a deaf ear to her advice. She knew that she would not be chosen but it was her only chance to spend at least a few moments close to the prince, and that would make her happy.

That night, when the young woman reached the palace, all the most beautiful girls were indeed there, wearing the most beautiful clothes and the most beautiful jewels, and **prepared to do anything to seize the opportunity on offer**. Surrounded by the members of his court, the prince announced the challenge. He gave each maiden a seed and said that the young woman who brought him the loveliest flower would be the future empress of China.

The girl took her seed and planted it in a pot. She took care of it with great patience and tenderness. Three months passed and no shoots had appeared. She tried everything she could; she consulted the farmers and peasants, who showed her the most varied methods of cultivation, but all to no avail.

At last, six months were up, and still nothing had grown in her pot. Even though she had nothing to show, she knew how much effort and dedication she had put in during that time, and so she told her mother that she would go back to the palace on the agreed date and at the agreed hour. Inside, she knew that this would be her last meeting with her true love, and she would not have missed it for the world.

The day of the audience arrived. The girl appeared with her pot, and saw that all the other candidates had achieved wonderful results: each girl bore a flower lovelier than the last, in the most varied forms and colours.

Finally, **the longed-for moment came**. The prince studied each of the candidates' pot with great care and attention. Having inspected them all, he announced the result and chose the servant's daughter as his new wife. All the other girls present protested, saying that he had chosen the only one of them who had failed to grow anything at all. In response, the prince calmly explained the reasoning behind the challenge.

"This young woman was the only one who cultivated the flower that made her worthy of becoming the empress: the flower of honesty. All the seeds I handed out were sterile."

(Adapted from *Like the Flowing River* by Paulo Coelho)**Go on to the next page**

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did the prince decide to get married?

72. Why was the old lady upset when she first heard that the prince was getting married?

73. List two things the old lady's daughter did to make her seed grow.

74. With reference to the phrase "**prepared to do anything to seize the opportunity on offer**" (line 20), what was **the opportunity** the writer was referring to?

75. Quote the sentence to show that the old servant's daughter finally gave up hope of ever marrying the prince.

76. How long were the maidens given to grow the seed that was given to them?

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77. In line 40, what does the phrase "**the longed-for moment came**" refer to?

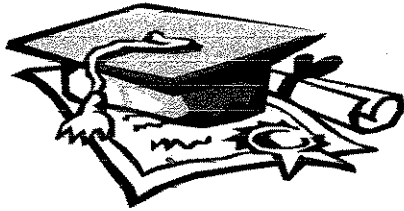
78. Why did the other maidens protest when the prince chose the old servant's daughter to be his bride?

79. Which word in the last paragraph suggests that nothing could have ever grown from the seeds?

80. From the passage, what is the main quality that the prince looked for when he was choosing his future empress?

Marks

END OF BOOKLET B



ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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|-------|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| 1. 1 | 31) L | 41) antique | |
| 2. 1 | 32) C | 42) whether | |
| 3. 1 | 33) F | 43) them | |
| 4. 2 | 34) N | 44) except | |
| 5. 4 | 35) K | 45) where | |
| 6. 1 | 36) G | 46) stood | |
| 7. 1 | 37) J | 47) frightened | |
| 8. 4 | 38) P | 48) precious | |
| 9. 1 | 39) A | 49) move | |
| 10. 1 | 40) M | 50) with | |
| 11. 4 | | | |
| 12. 3 | 51) Unless the children hurry, they | | |
| 13. 4 | will be late for the concert. | | |
| 14. 2 | | | |
| 15. 4 | 52) The man whom Sean spoke to just | | |
| 16. 3 | now is a famous artist. | | |
| 17. 1 | | | |
| 18. 3 | 53) Aisha apologised to her mother | | |
| 19. 3 | for spilling the bowl of soup. | | |
| 20. 2 | | | |
| 21. 1 | 54) Much as my father would like to | | |
| 22. 2 | join us for this trip to England | | |
| 23. 4 | his schedule simply does not | | |
| 24. 2 | permit it. | | |
| 25. 4 | | | |
| 26. 3 | 55) The tourist asked me which bus he | | |
| 27. 2 | could take to Vivo City. | | |
| 28. 3 | | | |
| 29. 2 | 56) stopped | 61) with | 66) mistakes |
| 30. 4 | 57) grandson | 62) hand. | 67) helps |
| | 58) than | 63) and | 68) really |
| | 59) special | 64) sharper | 69) inside |
| | 60) qualities | 65) as | 70) Lastly |

71) He was about to be crowned emperor but according to the law, he first had to get married.

72) The old lady's daughter nurtured a secret love for the prince.

73) She took care of it with great patience and tender ness and consulted the farmers and peasants, who showed her the most varied methods of cultivation.

74) The writer was referring to the opportunity to become the Prince's new wife.

75) The sentence is "Inside, she knew that this would be the last meeting with her true love, and she would not have missed it for the world."

76) They were given six months to grow the seed that was given to each of them.

77) It refers to the Prince's decision on who his bride would be.

78) Her pot was the only one that had failed to grow anything at all.

79) The word is "sterile."

80) He wanted an empress who was honest.

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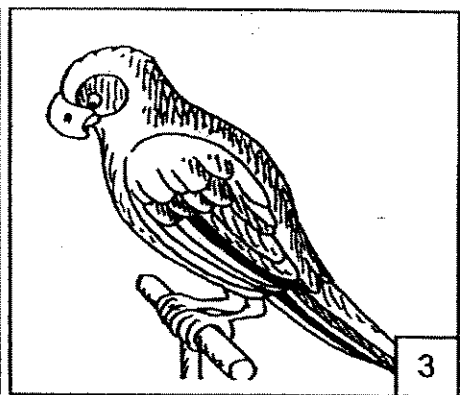
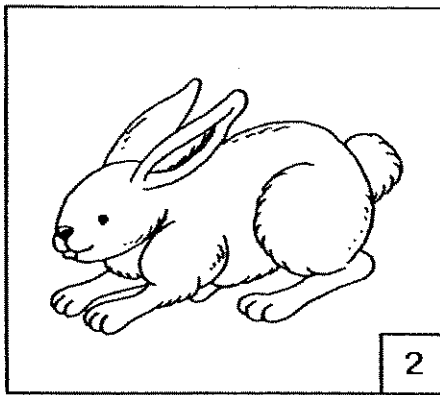
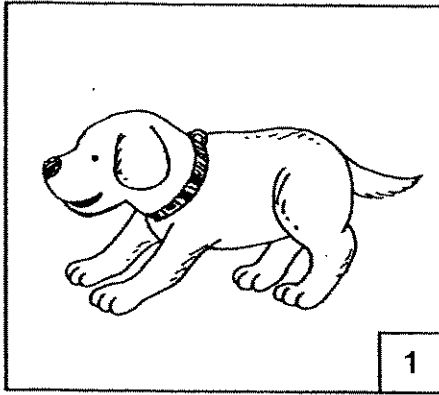
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For each question, choose the correct answer (1, 2 or 3).

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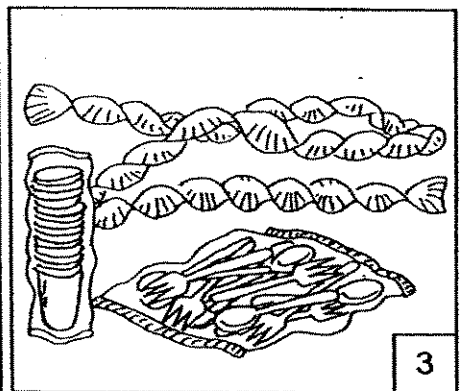
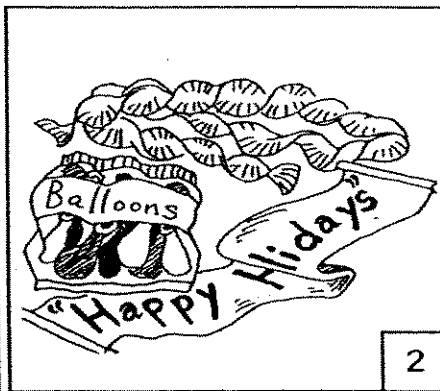
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Q1. Which of the following animals is not for sale?



Text 2

Q2. Which picture shows the items Sharifah has to buy?

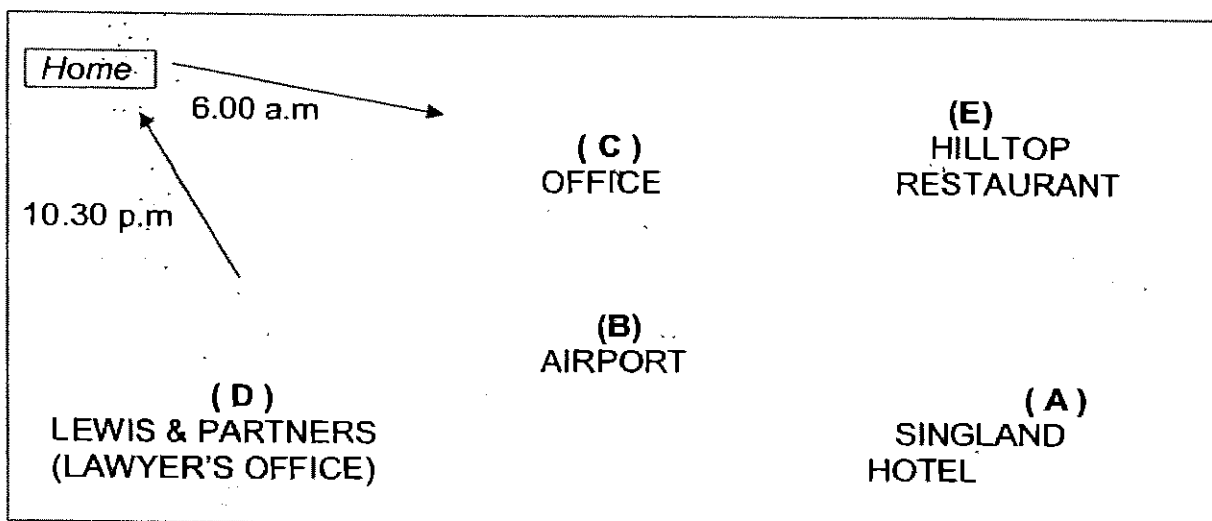


Q3. Which of the following shows, in their correct order, where Ronald was that day?

- (1) BADEC
- (2) BECAD
- (3) BCEDA

Q4. Where was Ronald at 9 pm?

- (1) at (A)
- (2) at (C)
- (3) at (E)



Text 4

**Q5. Why were the university students collecting unwanted items?
They wanted to _____.**

- (1) have something to do while on vacation
- (2) raise money by selling all the items
- (3) help typhoon victims

Q6. Who had donated the items?

- (1) Mr. Alan Tan
- (2) HDB residents
- (3) university students

- (1) the sale of old newspapers
- (2) the owner of a courier company
- (3) the students who worked hard during their vacation

Text 5

Q8. Where are Mary and her father?

- (1) at a football stadium
- (2) at the Football Association
- (3) at home

Q9. Why does Mary want to watch the final match?

- (1) Her favourite team will be playing.
- (2) It will be the most exciting game she will ever watch.
- (3) She wants to meet Uncle Hassan and Jefri.

Q10. How does Mr. Wong intend to get the tickets for the final match?

He will _____.

- (1) join the queue to buy them
- (2) ask Jefri's father to help him get them
- (3) go to the Football Association to buy them

Q11. Which two teams will play in the Finals?

- (1) Kallang United and Thomson Rovers
- (2) Thomson Rovers and Lions Football Club
- (3) Lions Football Club and Kallang United

Text 6

Q12. How many people lived in the apartment?

- (1) three people
- (2) four people
- (3) five people

Q13. At what time of the day would Madam Poh be alone at home?

- (1) in the early morning and late afternoon.
- (2) in the late morning and early afternoon.
- (3) in the late morning and late afternoon.

Q14. What was Kenny's profession?

- (1) He was a door-to-door salesman.
- (2) He delivered hampers.
- (3) He was a businessman.

Q15. Why did Madam Poh not open the door at first?

- (1) She knew it could be dangerous to do so.
- (2) It was easier to open a window.
- (3) Kenny had told her never to open the door to anyone.

Q16. Why did she let the men into the apartment?

- (1) She was tricked into doing so.
- (2) She wanted the hamper.
- (3) They were Kenny's friends.

Text 7

Q17. How many places did Henry's father have to go to?

- (1) two places
- (2) three places
- (3) four places

Q18. Why was Henry worried?

- (1) His father had not signed the application form.
- (2) He did not know where his father was.
- (3) He could not understand the rules of the competition.

Q19. How old would Henry probably be?

- (1) 12 years old
- (2) 14 years old
- (3) 16 years old

Q20. Where was Henry going that afternoon?

- (1) to Jason's house
- (2) to Sentosa
- (3) to the Siglap Community Club

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A**

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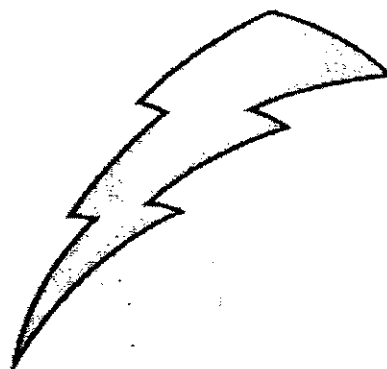
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ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

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Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.

Geronimo Internet
Blazing a Trail across the World Wide Web!
*Make the right
choice with
Geronimo's Fiery
Broadband!*



promotion ends 31 December 2007



Ask our friendly operators
about our great deals today!
~~The first 50 callers each day~~
~~will get an extra 50% off our~~
~~already great prices!~~

Check out our fabulous free gifts!



Terms and Conditions :

Minimum contractual period of 24 months applies. ~~Early termination penalties~~
~~apply.~~ One-time start-up fee of \$190 (w/GST) applies. Geronimo Internet is not
liable for any failure to provide the stated discount due to conditions not being
met. Geronimo Internet reserves the right to change the free gifts given.

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. What is the purpose of this advertisement?
It is to get people to _____
 - (1) blaze a trail across the World Wide Web
 - (2) call Geronimo Internet and talk to its friendly operators.
 - (3) win handphones, plasma televisions or digital cameras
 - (4) sign up for Geronimo Internet's Broadband access plans

2. How can a caller get 50% off Geronimo Internet's access plans?
He / she can _____
 - (1) call them
 - (2) e-mail Geronimo Internet
 - (3) go to the Geronimo Internet shops
 - (4) be among the first 50 callers each day

3. Which of the items below is not a free gift provided by Geronimo Internet?
 - (1) handphones
 - (2) video cameras
 - (3) digital cameras
 - (4) plasma televisions

4. What incentives will Geronimo Internet use during the promotion period to entice customers?
 - (1) free gifts only
 - (2) 50% discount only
 - (3) 50% discount and free gifts
 - (4) friendly operators and free gifts

5. Jerome signed up for an Internet broadband plan but wants to terminate the plan after 15 months. Which of the statements below is true?
He will _____
 - (1) not get a free gift
 - (2) have to pay for the free gift
 - (3) not have to pay any penalties
 - (4) have to pay an early termination penalty

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. Neither Joanne nor Kelly _____ interested in going for the dance.
- (1) am
 - (2) are
 - (3) is
 - (4) were
7. Tanny is not allowed to go shopping _____ she finishes her work.
- (1) because
 - (2) unless
 - (3) regardless
 - (4) while
8. Her mother told her that she ought to help _____ friends whenever they needed help.
- (1) its
 - (2) her
 - (3) his
 - (4) their
9. Jonathan exclaimed to Anne, "Your car is so advanced! You use a card to _____ the engine instead of a key!"
- (1) start in
 - (2) start of
 - (3) start on
 - (4) start up
10. Karen reported Ken to the police because she saw him _____ an old lady.
- (1) assault
 - (2) assaulted
 - (3) assaults
 - (4) was assaulting

11. Serene is a member of the club that _____ to discuss famous literary works every Thursday.
- (1) gather
 - (2) gathers
 - (3) gathered
 - (4) is gathering
12. The baby crawled _____ the cobwebs under the bed to reach her favourite toy.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) over
 - (4) through

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For each question from 13 to 15, 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.** (3 marks)

Somewhere inside her (13) Joelle could feel a huge sob welling up. Summoning a huge effort, she stopped it before it could come out. Groping around in the dark, her hand touched something that felt cold and slimy.

Suddenly a voice boomed in the darkness, "Stop moving (14)"

Shocked, Joelle immediately stopped her movements. "Who is that speaking? I am lost and I need help (15) she said into the darkness.

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| 13. | (1) | [,] | comma |
| | (2) | [!] | exclamation mark |
| | (3) | [.] | full stop |
| | (4) | [-] | hyphen |
| 14. | (1) | [,] | comma |
| | (2) | [!] | exclamation mark |
| | (3) | [.] | full stop |
| | (4) | [?] | question mark |
| 15. | (1) | [,] | comma |
| | (2) | [,"] | comma and inverted comma |
| | (3) | [!] | exclamation mark |
| | (4) | [."] | full stop and inverted comma |

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. General Lee won the war because of his military _____. He deployed his soldiers well.
- (1) abilities
 - (2) options
 - (3) tactics
 - (4) uses
17. Larry said _____, "I do not believe that you own twenty dogs!"
- (1) disbelievingly
 - (2) patiently
 - (3) shockingly
 - (4) seriously
18. It is a / an _____ sight to see someone who looks exactly like you, or what is known as a "doppelganger".
- (1) cheery
 - (2) jovial
 - (3) obvious
 - (4) uncanny
19. Tiana is a good friend to have, as she is honest and without _____. She is always frank about her opinions.
- (1) ability
 - (2) faith
 - (3) guile
 - (4) talents
20. The class was very upset when they learnt that one of their classmates had _____ leukemia.
- (1) accepted
 - (2) contracted
 - (3) limited
 - (4) tolerated

For each question 21 to 25, choose a suitable answer to replace the underlined words. **Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet**

(5 marks)

I wish I could say I had a rapturous return. Instead, Nani Flowers growled at me with a fearsome look on her face, saying, "I don't know why you had to go away in the first place."

Before Nani Flowers could explode, I gathered her bulky body in my arms and kissed her. "Well," I said, "I don't care if you're not glad to see me, because I'm just in seventh heaven to be home. I feel like I've been away for ages!"

Adapted from "The Whale Rider" by Witi Ihimaera

21. (1) carefree
(2) dangerous
(3) depressing
(4) joyful
22. (1) fiery
(2) formidable
(3) scared
(4) withering
23. (1) blow up
(2) detonate
(3) get angry
(4) get bigger
24. (1) compact
(2) large
(3) soft
(4) unwieldy
25. (1) dying
(2) ecstatic
(3) unfortunate
(4) unlucky

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)

The stench of ammonia rising off bat guano burns my nose, and the acrid vapours nearly choke me. A muffled roar rises from deep inside the abyss below me. Listening carefully, I can distinguish myriad clicks and squeaks amid the rush of beating wings. I peer down the beam of my headtorch into the 20m shaft and see blurred movement. In a moment, 110,000 little bent-wing bats will begin an evening's hunting. They will emerge en-masse from Bat Cleft, where I sit, a small, 2.5m by 9m fissure in the limestone sidewall of Mount Etna, Queensland, Australia. 5

At 7pm sharp, the first bats spiral upwards and out of the cleft and disappear into the waning twilight. The furore has begun. Soon hundreds are fluttering around me, their wing tips touching my face and arms as they burst up from the chambers 22m below. Bat Cleft is so narrow that bats must fly zigzag from one end of the cleft to the other to get enough altitude on each pass before they reach the open sky. So many bats spiralling upwards create a continuous wind in my face and a low-pitched roar such as you hear in a conch shell. 10

Slithering over the boulders close by is a small, dark snake about 80cm long - a spotted python *Liasis maculosus*. A big, green tree frog is already positioned on one of the boulders that the snake passes. The snake crawls over my boot and finally stops on a jagged rock that juts into the cleft. It anchors itself by gaining purchase on the pitted, rough limestone, and then stretches the upper half of its body into the air of the abyss. Bats make their turn at this point and bump into the rock, and the snake. The little python soon nabs a bat by biting from side to side when it feels touched. It pulls the bat into its constricting coils. 15 20

While watching this drama, I forget to check the frog. I look down, aghast at the amazing spectacle below me. The posterior of a little bent-wing bat hangs out of the mouth of the frog. In the next two minutes, the frog makes three gulping movements, and its bat disappears. 25

Adapted from an original article in the March 2003 issue of BBC Wildlife Magazine

26. What was most likely the reason why the author was unable to see the bats clearly at first?
- (1) The torchlight was weak.
 - (2) He had night blindness.
 - (3) The bats were too deep in the shaft.
 - (4) He could smell the stench of ammonia.
27. Which word from the passage has the same meaning as the phrase "a sudden outburst?"
- (1) "furore"
 - (2) "myriad"
 - (3) "muffled"
 - (4) "en-masse"
28. What created a continuous wind in the author's face? (from line 13)
- (1) It was the acrid vapours from the bat guano.
 - (2) It was from the active volcano which was Mt Etna.
 - (3) It was from the bats fluttering around the author's face.
 - (4) It was from the bats trying to get enough space to gain altitude.
29. How is the snake able to catch bats?
- (1) It squeezes the bats.
 - (2) It stops on a jagged rock.
 - (3) It launches itself into the air.
 - (4) It uses its upper body to grab hold of the bats.
30. What is the "amazing spectacle" mentioned by the author in line 24?
It refers to _____
- (1) a tiny bat
 - (2) the frog eating a bat
 - (3) the snake catching bats
 - (4) a bat flying into the frog's mouth

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PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

Total Time for Booklet A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

Maximum Marks: 65 marks

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write all your answers in this booklet.

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)

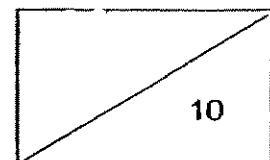
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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✓(B) as	✓(E) this	✓(H) from	✓(L) by	✓(P) that
✓(C) is	✓(F) when	✓(J) for	✓(M) had	✓(Q) of

The pufferfish is truly unique and special. Just (31) _____ looking at a pufferfish, you can tell that it (32) _____ no ordinary fish. Some have likened the pufferfish (33) _____ underwater hamsters or even panda bears. Regardless (34) _____ what you see when you look at the pufferfish, you cannot help (35) _____ notice their expressive faces that sometimes even appear to be smiling.

Aside (36) _____ the pufferfish's unique looks, pufferfish have very interesting personalities. Pufferfish are said to be able to recognize their caregivers. I have watched first hand (37) _____ a puffer fish wiggled at the front of the tank begging for food, watching (38) _____ owner carefully. Porcupine puffers are even said to spit water out of the top of the tank when they want food. I would not believe it if somebody had told me but I watched a puffer fish come out of its hiding spot (39) _____ it heard its owner singing to it. It stayed at the front of the glass appearing to be listening, and left to return to its nook only after its owner had stopped singing. I do not have an explanation (40) _____ this but it was incredible. It confirmed for me that the pufferfish is no ordinary fish!

Adapted from www.pufferfish.net



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

Dr Larson's latest book , "The Chocolate and the Brain "is

(41)

the latest best seller. It is a well ~~writen~~ book. It has wit and content that

(42)

the layman will have no ~~difikulty~~ understanding.

(43)

In his book, Dr Larson ~~deat~~ briefly with the history of chocolate. He

talks of how chocolate is made from cocoa beans.

(44)

(45)

The second part of his book ~~is fascination~~. He talks of the research

(46)

that has been done on chocolate. ~~Acordding~~ to Dr Larson, chocolate contains

(47)

(48)

about 380 chemicals. ~~Sceintists~~ have tried to find out which ~~so~~ these

chemicals make ~~people~~ so happy. It is hard to know because these chemicals

(49)

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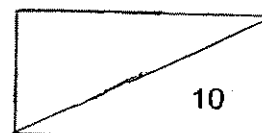
can be found within other foods as well. Finally, he talks about the ~~benifeets~~

(51)

of eating chocolate. He also warns of the dangers of ~~eat~~ too much ~~eating~~

chocolate.

This book is a must read for all -especially chocolate lovers.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

When I was very young, I believed sisters were sent as a punishment for innocent little boys. Sisters – and I had three older ones – were strange and horrible beings dedicated to ensure that a brother's time on the (51) _____ would be unpleasant.

My mother was always (52) _____ with cleaning and cooking, and often (53) _____ me in the care of my sisters. They loved (54) _____ and hot water, so three or four times a day, one of them took great (55) _____ in scrubbing me. In the case of my younger sister, a perfectionist by the time she was five, she ensured that I was clean all the (56) _____. She hated dirt and therefore regarded the filth on my face as a (57) _____ to the family.

I was (58) _____ my sisters did not know how to have fun. They (59) _____ toys, guns, sticks, rocks - all the things that I loved. My sisters took their (60) _____ of looking after me so seriously that they never (61) _____ me to play with any object they considered (62) _____. To them, even going (63) _____ was seen to be dangerous! On glorious sunny days when I should have been (64) _____ to some playground, my iron-willed little guardians would box me in instead.

However, as I (65) _____ back on the days they had to endure their little brother, I salute their patience and devotion and am grateful to have them in my life.

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. We were very surprised that our school tennis team emerged as champions.

Much _____

67. "The postman came at 3pm," said Sam.

Sam said that _____

68. The king was complacent. It proved to be his kingdom's downfall.

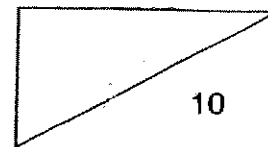
_____ caused by _____

69. Old James took off his glasses. He fumbled with his glasses.

_____ as _____

70. Betty won the title of "The Best Speller". She is still a very humble pupil.

Having _____



Back in the fifteenth century, in a tiny village near Nuremberg, lived a family with eighteen children. The father and head of the household, a goldsmith, worked almost eighteen hours a day at his trade.

Despite their poverty, two of the children had a dream. They wanted to pursue their talent for art but they knew that their father would never be financially able to send either of them to Nuremberg to study at the Academy of Arts.

After many long discussions at night in their crowded bed, the two boys finally worked out a pact. They would toss a coin. The loser would go down into the nearby mines and with his earnings, support his brother while he attended the academy. Then, when that brother who won the toss completed his studies in four years, he would support the other brother at the academy, either with sales of his artwork or, if necessary, also by labouring in the mines. They tossed a coin. Albrecht Durer, the younger of the two, won the toss and went off to Nuremberg.

Albert went down into the dangerous mines and for the next four years, financed his brother whose work at the academy was almost an immediate sensation. Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors. By the time he graduated, he was beginning to earn considerable fees for his works.

When the young artist returned to his village, the Durer family held a festive dinner to celebrate Albrecht's homecoming. After the meal, Albrecht rose from his position at the head of the table to drink a toast to his brother for the years of sacrifice that had enabled Albrecht to fulfill his ambition. His closing words were, "And now, Albert, brother of mine, now it is your turn. Now you can go to Nuremberg to pursue your dream and I will take care of you."

Albert sat, tears streaming down his pale face, he sobbed and repeated, over and over, "No, brother. I cannot go to Nuremberg. It is too late for me. Look what four years in the mines have done to my hands! The bones in every finger have been smashed at least once, and lately I have been suffering from arthritis so badly in my right hand that I cannot even hold a glass to return your toast, much less make delicate lines on parchment or canvas with a pen or a brush. No, brother ... for me it is too late."

One day, to pay respect to Albert for all that he had sacrificed, Albrecht Durer painstakingly drew his brother's abused hands with palms together and thin fingers stretched skyward. He called his powerful drawing simply "Hands" but the entire world almost immediately opened their hearts to his great masterpiece and renamed his tribute of love "The Praying Hands."

Adapted from "<http://www.ftmagic.com/prayinghands.html>"

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. How many siblings did Albrecht and Albert Durer have?

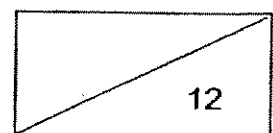
72. What was Albrecht's father's occupation?

73. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "an agreement"?

74. What was ~~Albrecht's~~ ^{Albrecht's} and Albert's dream? ..

75. What did Albert work as to support his brother financially?

76. Which sentence tells us that ~~Albrecht's~~ ^{Albrecht's} artwork was more superior to his teachers'?



Albrecht

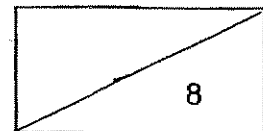
77. How did the Durer family welcome ~~Albercht~~ back?

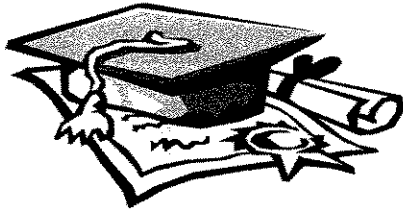
78. What does the "it" in line 28 refer to?

79. What was the consequence of Albert working in the mines?

80. Why did Albrecht Durer draw Albert's hands?

-END OF PAPER-





ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

- | | | | |
|-------|--|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. 4 | 31) L | 41) written | 51) planet |
| 2. 4 | 32) C | 42) difficulty | 52) busy |
| 3. 2 | 33) K | 43) deals | 53) leaving |
| 4. 3 | 34) Q | 44) fascinating | 54) soap |
| 5. 4 | 35) N | 45) about | 55) care |
| 6. 3 | 36) H | 46) According | 56) time |
| 7. 2 | 37) B | 47) Scientists | 57) disgrace |
| 8. 2 | 38) G | 48) of | 58) convinced |
| 9. 4 | 39) F | 49) in | 59) disliked |
| 10. 1 | 40) J | 50) benefits | 60) job |
| 11. 2 | | | |
| 12. 4 | 61) allowed | | |
| 13. 1 | 62) dangerous | | |
| 14. 2 | 63) out | | |
| 15. 2 | 64) off | | |
| 16. 3 | 65) looked | | |
| 17. 1 | | | |
| 18. 4 | 66) Much to our surprise, our school | | |
| 19. 3 | tennis team emerged as champions. | | |
| 20. 2 | | | |
| 21. 4 | 67) Sam said that the postman had come | | |
| 22. 2 | at 3pm. | | |
| 23. 3 | | | |
| 24. 2 | 68) The downfall of the kingdom was | | |
| 25. 2 | caused by the king's complacency. | | |
| 26. 3 | | | |
| 27. 1 | 69) Old James fumbled with his glasses | | |
| 28. 4 | as he took them off. | | |
| 29. 4 | | | |
| 30. 2 | 70) Having won the title of "The Best | | |
| | Speller", Betty is still a very | | |
| | Humble pupil. | | |

71) They had sixteen siblings.

72) He was a goldsmith.

73) It is "pact".

74) They wanted to become Artists.

75) He worked as a labourer in the mines.

76) It is "Albrecht's etchings, his woodcuts, and his oils were far better than those of most of his professors".

77) The Durer family held a festive dinner to welcome Albrecht back.

78) It refers to the dream to go to Nuremberg to study at the Academy of Arts.

79) He could not become an artist.

80) Albrecht wanted to pay respect to Albert for all that he had sacrificed.

PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2007

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 23 October 2007

Class: Primary 5 _____

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 9.50 a.m.**Total Time For Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes****INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES****Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.****Follow all instructions carefully.****Answer all questions.**

BOOKLET A

Parent's Signature: _____

	SCORE	MARKS
BOOKLET A		30
BOOKLET B		65
TOTAL		95

Section A (5 x1 mark)

Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and then answer questions 1 to 5.

**Be A Member of
COMPMART
And Enjoy These Benefits!**

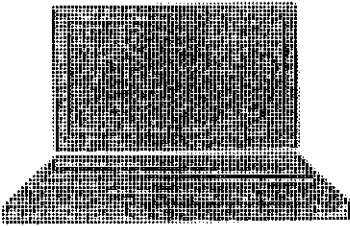
- Up to 50% discount on computer products
- Free delivery and installation
- 24-hour technical support (Call Technical Assistant at 62353535)
- Free 10-year warranty
- \$30 voucher for lifetime members only

Name : _____

Address : _____

Contact Number : _____

* Email Address : _____



APPLYING FOR :

<input type="checkbox"/> 1-year Membership Membership Fee : \$20	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-year Membership Membership Fee : \$40
<input type="checkbox"/> 5-year Membership Membership Fee : \$60	<input type="checkbox"/> Lifetime Membership Membership Fee : \$80 <i>(free for purchases exceeding \$15 000)</i>

Signature : _____ Date : _____

Please send completed form to **COMPMART**
123 Wood Ring Road
Singapore 456123
or fax form to 68765432

For more information, log on to <http://www.compmart.com.sg>
or call Suzy at 97773777

* Required if you want to receive our regular newsletter

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 OAS.

1. Compmart is a company which _____
 - (1) advertises for technical support
 - (2) gives out vouchers to all members
 - (3) sells and installs computer products
 - (4) provides lifetime membership for loyal customers

2. In order to just purchase a laptop at a discounted price, Julia needs to fill in the form and pay at least _____
 - (1) \$20
 - (2) \$40
 - (3) \$60
 - (4) \$80

3. To receive Compmart's regular newsletter, Julia should _____
 - (1) call Suzy at 67773777
 - (2) submit her email address
 - (3) log on to Compmart website
 - (4) fax in her request to 68765432

4. Which of the following statements is true if Julia is a member of Compmart?
 - (1) She has to pay for her laptop to be installed.
 - (2) She has to collect her laptop at 123, Wood Ring Road.
 - (3) She does not need to pay for membership if she spends \$15 000.
 - (4) She does not need to wait for a sale to buy a laptop at a discount.

5. The main purpose of the advertisement is to _____
 - (1) advertise computer products
 - (2) obtain customers' personal particulars
 - (3) attract customers to be members of Compmart
 - (4) keep the public informed of Compmart's regular sales

Section B (7 x 1 mark)

Grammar

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 OAS.

6. I saw John _____ from the flight of stairs today.

- (1) fall
- (2) fell
- (3) falls
- (4) fallen

7. _____ determination and perseverance, you will succeed eventually.

- (1) By
- (2) For
- (3) With
- (4) Under

8. The lady, _____ handbag has been stolen, is crying.

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

9. Joseph made it to the finals, _____ he?

- (1) does
- (2) doesn't
- (3) did
- (4) didn't

10. Everyone in the auditorium, including the ushers, _____ given a small gift as a token of appreciation last night.

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

11. Bala will not win the game _____ he tries his best.

- (1) when
- (2) while
- (3) unless
- (4) because

12. The audience are getting restless. They _____ in the hall for half an hour but the concert has not started yet.

- (1) will have sat
- (2) would have sat
- (3) had been sitting
- (4) have been sitting

Section C (3 x 1 mark)

Punctuation

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 OAS.

There was a car full of old women. As it was moving along very slowly, a police officer gestured the driver to pull over and asked her why she was driving so slowly (13)

The driver replied, "Well, the sign over there says '23' so I was driving at 23 kilometres per hour."

"No, that's the route number, not the speed limit (14) You can drive at 60 kilometres per hour," the police officer explained patiently.

The driver then laughed, "Oh, that explains why the rest were yelling at me just now."

The officer asked why and a passenger from behind screeched, "Because we just got off route 125 (15)

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

Vocabulary

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 OAS.

16. Why does Gary look so _____? He looks as if some misfortune has befallen him.
- (1) doubtful
 - (2) dominant
 - (3) distrustful
 - (4) distraught
17. Due to the poor _____, the movie did not receive good reviews as many critics felt that the actors and actresses were playing ill-suited roles.
- (1) cue
 - (2) climax
 - (3) casting
 - (4) conflict
18. Although the F1 racer did not come in first, his determination to finish the race despite the damage to his car won him the admiration of the _____.
- (1) audience
 - (2) observers
 - (3) witnesses
 - (4) spectators
19. Jane read the _____ in the newspapers as she wanted to give her friend a bestseller.
- (1) comic strips
 - (2) book review
 - (3) editorial content
 - (4) television schedule
20. Due to the unexpected bombings, the _____ that was sent to the Middle East to gather news for his article could not return to his country.
- (1) media
 - (2) reporter
 - (3) publisher
 - (4) illustrator

Section E (5 x 1 mark)**Vocabulary Cloze**

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

The belief that animals can predict earthquakes has been around for years. In
(21)

373 B.C., historians recorded that animals, including rats, snakes and weasels, abandoned the
(22)

Greek city of Helice in huge numbers. They did so days before a quake destroyed the place.
(23)

Accounts of similar animal anticipation of earthquakes have surfaced across the centuries since. Catfish moving violently, chickens that stop laying eggs and bees leaving their hive in a panic have been reported. Countless pet owners claimed to have witnessed their cats and dogs acting strangely before the ground shook—barking or whining for no
(24)
apparent reason, or showing signs of nervousness and restlessness.
(25)

21. (1) discern
(2) foretell
(3) estimate
(4) perceive
22. (1) deserted
(2) abdicated
(3) surrendered
(4) relinquished
23. (1) ruined
(2) jostled
(3) trounced
(4) overcame

24. (1) queerly
(2) startlingly
(3) remarkably
(4) astoundingly

25. (1) vital
(2) main
(3) basic
(4) obvious

Section F (5 x 1 mark)

Comprehension

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

There are more than 500 different kinds of carnivorous plants, with diets ranging from insects to spiders to one of two-cell organisms. To be considered carnivorous, a plant must attract, trap, kill and digest insects or other animal life.

One carnivorous plant in particular has captured the public's imagination - The Venus flytrap. Many people first see this amazing plant in action during their elementary school years and are fascinated by its strange dietary habits and unique appearance. 5

Although the Venus flytrap has captivated people across the world, the plant actually grows in an incredibly small geographic area. In the wild, these plants are found in a 1200-kilometre region along the coast of North and South Carolina. Within this area, they are further limited to living in humid and sunny areas such as swamps and wetlands. 10

Movies such as *Jumanji* and *Little Shop of Horrors* give the Venus flytrap a bad reputation. While Audrey, the mutant flytrap in the movie *Little Shop of Horrors*, developed a taste for humans, the Venus flytrap actually feeds on insects and arachnids like spiders, flies, caterpillars, crickets and slugs.

Non-carnivorous plants, on the other hand, depend on the soil around them for survival. 15 They must make amino acids, vitamins and other cellular components to live. To accomplish this, these plants absorb nutrients like nitrogen, magnesium, calcium and potassium from the soil.

Although Venus flytraps get a good deal of their sustenance like other plants do, the soil they grow in is not as rich. Thus, they eat insects to ensure they obtain the necessary amount of 20 nutrients. In the swamps where they live in, the soil is acidic. Minerals and other nutrients are also scarce. Most non-carnivorous plants cannot survive in this environment because they cannot make enough of the building blocks that are necessary for growth.

The Venus flytrap has the ability to thrive in this unique ecological conditions because insects provide a good source of the nutrients that are missing from the soil. They also contain 25 energy-laden carbohydrates.

Adapted from How Stuff Works: How Venus Flytraps Work
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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 OAS.

26. Many people are extremely interested in the Venus flytrap because it _____.
- (1) can live in swamps and wetlands
 - (2) has a unique way of protecting itself
 - (3) has peculiar ways of obtaining nutrients
 - (4) can only grow in an incredibly small geographic area
27. Which of the following statements does **not** describe the habitat of the Venus flytrap?
- (1) Venus flytrap grows in a hot environment.
 - (2) Venus flytrap grows in a wet environment.
 - (3) Venus flytrap grows in a dry environment.
 - (4) Venus flytrap grows in a damp environment.
28. The word 'They' in line 16 refers to _____.
- (1) Vitamins
 - (2) Amino acids
 - (3) Venus flytraps
 - (4) Non-carnivorous plants
29. Many non-carnivorous plants do not thrive in the habitat of the Venus flytrap because _____.
- (1) the environment is too warm
 - (2) they need a unique ecological environment
 - (3) they are not able to get enough nutrients and minerals
 - (4) the Venus flytraps will steal nutrients and minerals from them
30. According to the passage, which one of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) There are more than 500 species of Venus flytraps.
 - (2) The Venus flytrap gets carbohydrates and nutrients from insects.
 - (3) A Venus flytrap tracks, kills and digests insects and small animals.
 - (4) The Venus flytraps can be found along the coast of North and West Carolina.

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PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH LANGUAGE END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION – 2007

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

Name: _____ ()

Date: 23 October 2007

Class: Primary 5 _____

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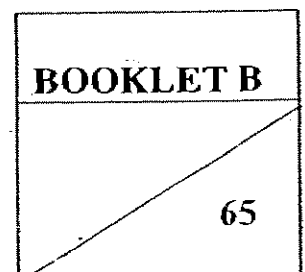
INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.



Section G (10x1 mark)

Grammar Cloze

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and
(B) that
(C) while

(D) on
(E) has
(F) its

(G) their
(H) by
(J) fewer

(K) less
(L) in
(M) are

(N) were
(P) to
(Q) had

In 1885, Karl Benz, a German, invented the first motorcar. Today, the use of motorcar _____ become an important form of transport. There

(31)

_____ currently about 200 million cars on the roads all over the world. Some

(32)

cars are designed for speed, _____ others are designed to save fuel. When a

(33)

car is economical, it is able to travel a longer distance using _____ fuel.

(34)

Although cars are a comfortable and convenient form of transport, owning a car has _____ disadvantages as well. Cars can cause accidents and emit carbon

(35)

monoxide which _____ turn causes pollution. That is why, new cars these

(36)

days are designed _____ make driving safer and "cleaner". They emit less

(37)

carbon monoxide.

In the next century, we may see the production of new cars _____

(38)

use electricity or steam instead. Cars which are powered entirely _____

(39)

electricity or steam help to reduce pollution. Until such time comes, vehicles that rely

_____ fuel continue to be our main form of transport. To help save the

(40)

environment in the meantime, we should use unleaded fuel to reduce pollution.

Section H (10 x 1 mark)**Editing for Spelling and Grammar**Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.

Write the correct word in the relevant box.

I was thrilled. In conjunction with the Speak Mandarin Campaign, I had been

(41)

chosen to represent my class to **diliver** a speech on any topic in Mandarin. I was

(42)

overwhelmed by the exciting but, at the same time, I was feeling apprehensive as this was

the first time I would be speaking in front of the whole school. I would be very

(43)

embaressed if I had presented badly.

I started to look for a topic to speak on. I went to the library and looked through

(44)

its database of books and magazines. I surf the internet for information too. Finally, I

decided to give a speech about nature conservation as it was my favourite topic. After I

(45)

had did my research, I penned down a script for my speech. I memorised the script and

(46)

also **reherseed** repeatedly in front of the mirror. My parents also helped me by listening

(47)

attentively while I giving my speech at home.

On the day of the performance, instead of feeling nervous over my presentation,
(48)

I was very enthusiastick about my speech. Much to the delight of my teacher and
(49)
classmates, I was an excellent speaker! The thunderous applause that I had resieved that

day was something I could never forget.

(50)

This experience gave me the courage and confident to pursue my interest in
public speaking. I hope my teacher will give me the opportunity to speak publicly again.

Section I (15 x 1 mark)

Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

To many Singaporeans, Mr Lee Kong Chian is a familiar name. Popularly known as the 'Rubber and Pineapple King', he was a person who had _____ generously to our society by
(51)
pouring his wealth into education and other philanthropic work. Mr Lee was particularly concerned with the welfare of the less _____ as he could relate to them.
(52)

Coming from a poor family, his father could not _____ to send him to school.
(53)
Fortunately, his father's friends helped him pay for his education. Mr Lee Kong Chian finished his education with very good results. He first worked in a rubber and pineapple plantation before _____ up his own business. Soon, he enjoyed great success and his fortunes multiplied.
(54)
Before long, he _____ a millionaire.
(55)

Despite being wealthy, Mr Lee Kong Chian did not _____ his humble
(56)
beginnings. Knowing the importance of education and being the recipient of the act of kindness _____ by his father's friends when he was young, Mr Lee Kong Chian spent a lot of
(57)
money to build schools. Today, some of the beneficiaries of his charity _____ The
(58)
Chinese High School, Chung Cheng High and Tao Nan School. In Chinese High School, there is a library that is _____ after him. Between 1952 and 1993, the Lee Foundation Limited
(59)
which was founded by Mr Lee Kong Chian donated three hundred million dollars to various causes with no strings _____ Mr Lee Kong Chian's generosity has provided relief to the poor
(60)
_____ all races.
(61)

Upon Mr Lee Kong Chian's death in 1967, he left a large portion of his assets to the future _____ . This large sum of money was set _____ for charitable
(62) (63)
purposes. Mr Lee Kong Chian had helped _____ the lives of the poor. He will always
(64)
be _____ by Singaporeans for his generosity. What a great philanthropist he was!
(65)

Source: <http://www.huayinet.org/biography/biography-leekongchian.html>

Section J (5 x 2 marks)

Synthesis

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. The orphans are poor. They do not have many toys.

because _____

67. I have not had my dinner. My father has not had his dinner too.

Both _____

68. He will be in trouble. His mother cannot find money to pay his medical bills.

If _____

69. "Tom, can I go to the party tonight?" Samantha asked.

Samantha asked _____

70. The girls refused to talk to each other. They should work out their differences.

Instead of _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Mendanbar reached the stream and turned left. "Maybe it had been a mistake to cancel all those boring formal festivals and dinners," he mused. "I've missed this opportunity to meet some of the ordinary people who live in the Enchanted Forest. The people who do not make trouble," he mumbled. "Ordinary" was not the right word for anyone who lived in the Enchanted Forest, not if they managed to stay alive and in more or less their proper shape. 5

His reflections were cut short by a loud roar. Glancing up, Mendanbar saw a huge lion bounding towards him along the bank of the stream. It looked fierce and was not at all friendly. As it leapt for his throat, Mendanbar **bastily** whipped out his wand and waved it. The lion sailed over Mendanbar's head and landed well behind him, looking surprised. It whirled and tried again, but this time Mendanbar was ready for it. With a swift wave, he froze the lion in the middle of rearing on its hind legs and stepped back to study it. 10

The lion roared again, plainly frustrated as well as deeply mortified and confused. Mendanbar frowned and waved his wand at the lion again. At once, he could understand the lion.

"Let me down!" the lion shouted. "This is entirely undignified. How dare you treat me like this?" 15

"I'm the king of this forest," said Mendanbar. "It's my job to keep it as safe as I reasonably can. Also, I don't like being jumped at when I'm just walking along, minding my own business."

"What?" the lion stopped thundering. "Oh, bother. I'm exceedingly sorry, Your Majesty. I didn't recognise you. You're not wearing your crown." 20

"That's not the point," said the King. "It shouldn't make any difference."

"On the contrary," the lion said earnestly. "I'm the guardian of the Pool of Gold, and I'm supposed to keep unauthorised people from dipping branches into it or diving into it. I know I am not supposed to attack anyone before a questioning session. But if you're the King of the Enchanted Forest, you're not an unauthorised person at all. I do apologise." 25

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Adapted from *Searching for Dragons* by Patricia C. Wrede

71. Why did Mendanbar not want to attend the dinners and festivals ?

72. What would Mendanbar be able to do if he was at the festivals and dinners ?

73. Where was Mendanbar when he heard the roar ?

74. Which **four-word** phrase from Paragraph 2 tells you that the lion was determined to hurt Mendanbar ?

75. Why did Mendanbar have to defend himself from the lion "hastily" (line 8)?

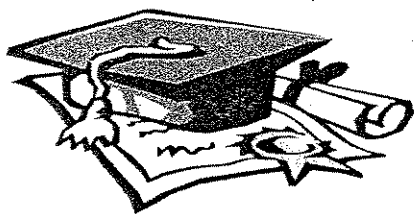
76. What happened to the lion the second time he tried to attack Mendanbar ?

77. What did Mendanbar do on his **third** use of magic?

78. Why did the lion not recognise Mendanbar?

79. What **two** things did the people do at the Pool of Gold?

80. In your own words, explain what Mendanbar meant by "It shouldn't make any difference." (line 22)



ANSWER SHEET

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|-------|---|------------------|---------------|
| 1. 3 | 31) E | 41) deliver | 51) donated |
| 2. 1 | 32) M | 42) excitement | 52) fortunate |
| 3. 2 | 33) C | 43) embarrassed | 53) afford |
| 4. 4 | 34) K | 44) surfed | 54) setting |
| 5. 3 | 35) F | 45) done | 55) became |
| 6. 1 | 36) L | 46) rehearsed | 56) forget |
| 7. 3 | 37) P | 47) gave | 57) done |
| 8. 3 | 38) B | 48) enthusiastic | 58) are |
| 9. 4 | 39) H | 49) received | 59) named |
| 10. 3 | 40) D | 50) confidence | 60) attached |
| 11. 3 | | | |
| 12. 4 | 61) of | | |
| 13. 3 | 62) generation | | |
| 14. 2 | 63) aside | | |
| 15. 4 | 64) improve | | |
| 16. 4 | 65) remembered | | |
| 17. 3 | 66) The orphans do not have many toys | | |
| 18. 4 | because they are poor. | | |
| 19. 2 | | | |
| 20. 2 | 67) Both my father and I have not had | | |
| 21. 2 | our dinner. | | |
| 22. 1 | | | |
| 23. 1 | 68) If his mother cannot find money to | | |
| 24. 1 | pay his medical bills he will be | | |
| 25. 4 | in trouble. | | |
| 26. 3 | | | |
| 27. 3 | 69) Samantha asked Tom if she could go | | |
| 28. 4 | to the party that night. | | |
| 29. 3 | | | |
| 30. 2 | 70) Instead of refusing to talk to each | | |
| | other, the girls should work out | | |
| | their differences. | | |

71) He felt that the dinners and festivals were boring.

72) He would be able to meet some of the ordinary people who lived in the Enchanted Forest.

73) He was walking along the stream when he heard the roar.

74) The phrase is "whirled and tried again."

75) The lion had already leapt and was reaching for his throat.

76) It was frozen in the middle of rearing on its hind legs.

77) He enabled the lion to speak.

78) Mendanbar was not wearing his crown.

79) They dripped branches and dived into the pool of Gold.

80) The lion should be fair to every body.

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2nd Semestral Assessment – 2007

English Language

PAPER 1

27th September 2007

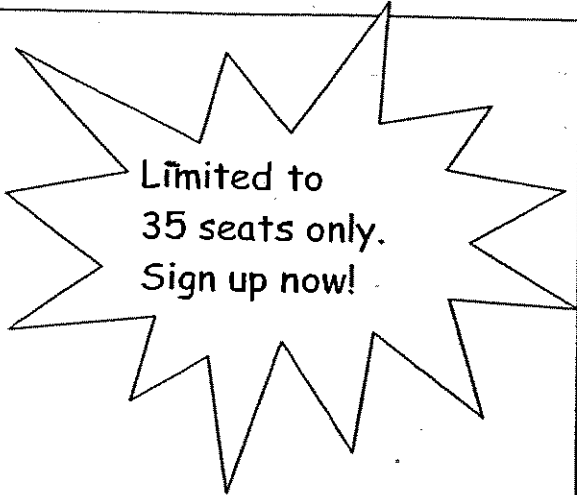
Total Time for Paper 1 : 1 hour 10 minutes

Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
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(1) Below is a page from a brochure.

Specially for SAM Junior Club

Kid's Mooncake Making Workshop



Limited to
35 seats only.
Sign up now!

Closing Date of registration : Mon, 24 Sept 2007

Date : Sunday, 30th September 2007

Venue : Sam's Eatery, 15 East Coast Way
Singapore 150987

Time : 2 pm to 5.30 pm (Pre-registration starts at 1.30 pm)

Fee : Sam Junior Club Member - \$32 per child
Non-Sam Junior Member - \$40 per child

Programme : 2 pm to 3.30 pm Snow Skin Mooncake Making
3.30 pm to 4 pm Tea Break
4 pm to 5.30 pm Lantern Making

Price includes all materials and light refreshments.

For enquiries, please call Sally at 6745 4567 or
visit us at www.sam.junior.com.sg

Your Task

You are a member of the SAM Junior Club and you are interested in attending this workshop. You would like to invite your cousin, Alicia, who is a non-member, to join you at this workshop as she loves to bake. Write a letter to Alicia, asking her if she would like to attend this workshop with you.

In your letter, include the following information :

- when and where this workshop will be held
- how much Alicia has to pay
- what the workshop activities include
- why you think Alicia should sign up for the workshop
- whom she can contact to find out more about the workshop

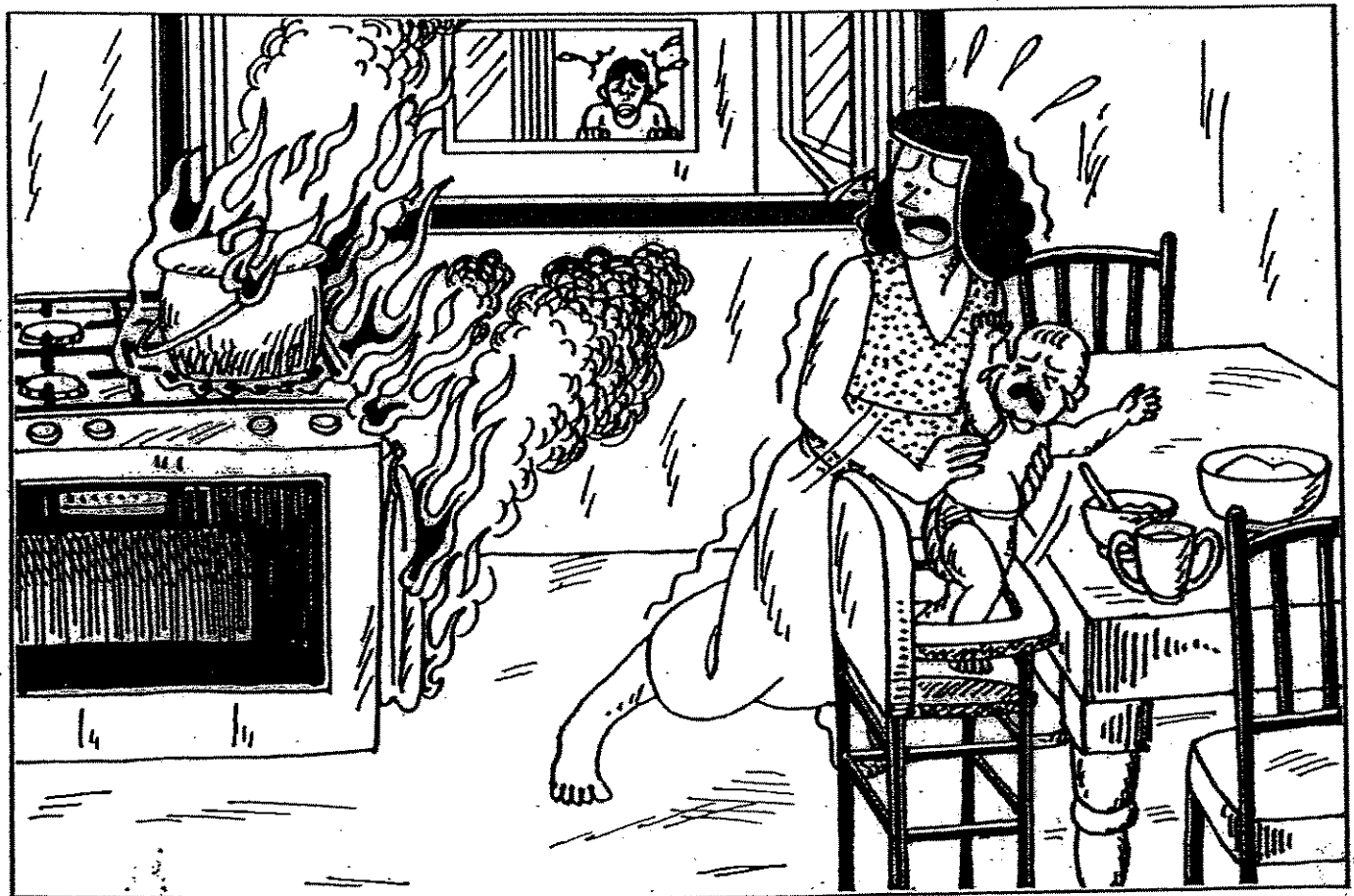
You may reorder the points. You should write in complete sentences.

Part 2 : Continuous Writing (40 marks)

There are two questions in Part 2.

Answer only ONE of them.

- (2) Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



For your story, make use of the points below :

- how the fire started
- what the neighbour did
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

- (3) You were in a shop looking for a present for your mother. You noticed a boy behaving suspiciously. Suddenly you saw him slip his hand into the handbag of a woman who was busy attending to her crying baby in a pram.

Based on the situation above, write a composition of at least 150 words.

In your composition, make use of the points below:

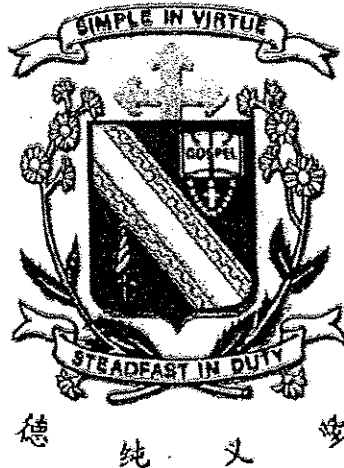
- how you felt at the moment
- what you did
- what happened in the end

You may reorder your points. You may also include other relevant points.

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Semestral Assessment 2 – 2007

English Language

PAPER 2

BOOKLET A

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Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

30 questions
30 marks

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Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.

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

Family Day 2007
At the Esplanade
15 December 2007, Saturday
9.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.
Welcome to the Party of the Year!



A Fun-filled Fiesta for the whole family to enjoy!
In aid of 26 charitable organisations of Community Chest &
National Council of Social Service

Family Telematch

Watch family teams play exciting games such as 3-legged race and sack race to foster family bonding. Many fabulous prizes to be won!

Children's Fun World

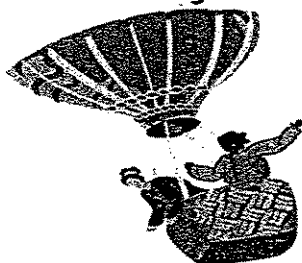
Bring your kids and they will be squealing with delight. Go through the amazing maze, jump and have fun on a happy clown bouncer, participate in our live bird shows and mingle with the clowns!

Stage Entertainment

Watch out for our impressive skits on family values and don't miss the 'Dikir Barat' national champs! Plus lots more items!

Madmax Hot Air Balloon Rides*

First time ever in Singapore. Travel 10 floors up and have a unique view of the Padang.



* Not suitable for pregnant women & children under 12 years old.

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 Family Day 2007 Telematch is organised so that _____.

- 1) family togetherness can be promoted
- 2) a sense of pride can be cultivated in children
- 3) creativity can be instilled amongst family members
- 4) understanding can be fostered amongst different races

2. The proceeds from the carnival will also be used to _____.

- 1) construct the Community Chest premises
- 2) fund the year-end celebration of the NCSS
- 3) help the various charities of the Community Chest
- 4) foster close relationship amongst different families

3. Children can _____ in the Children's Fun-World.

- 1) dress up as a clown
- 2) impersonate as a bouncer
- 3) jump and play on a clown bouncer
- 4) watch birds mingle with the clowns

4. Both adults and children can take part in the activities such as the _____.

- 1) skits
- 2) telematch
- 3) amazing maze
- 4) hot air balloon rides

5. The Madmax Hot Air Balloon Rides _____.

- 1) are only meant for the adult visitors
- 2) have been showcased before in Singapore
- 3) might not be so popular due to its risk factor
- 4) would most likely be the highlight of the event

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) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(7 marks)

6. The twins _____ parents died in the recent earthquake are cared for by a social welfare organisation.

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

7. The teacher will not address you _____ you are polite.

- 1) if
- 2) since
- 3) unless
- 4) because

8. The children _____ lucky not to be caught in the heavy downpour earlier.

- 1) was
- 2) were
- 3) had been
- 4) have been

9. _____ missing the train, my father still reached his office on time.

- 1) Despite
- 2) Although
- 3) However
- 4) In spite of

10. Veronica, as well as James, _____ not very keen in attending the camp next week.

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



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11. I saw the old lady _____ into the sea to escape from the burning ship.

- (1) jump
- (2) jumped
- (3) has jumped
- (4) was jumping

12. "Henry, can you _____ the file along when you come for the meeting tomorrow?" said Mr Gan.

- (1) bring
- (2) fetch
- (3) send
- (4) take

For each question, from 13 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(3 marks)

Jane approached the mansion. Everything inside appeared dark and deserted (13) but she could clearly see the tiny pinpoint of light indicating that someone was inside searching. "Someone with a torch (14) she gasped. What should she do now? Should she run back to the beach house and call the police? What if it was too late by the time the police arrived (15) She could not take any chance. She pushed open the heavy door with bated breath. With her heart pounding wildly, she tiptoed inside. All of a sudden, the lights flickered and Jane saw only a shadowy figure; there was no one.

13. [.] full stop
 [,] comma
 [?] question mark
 [!] exclamation mark

14. [,"] comma and inverted commas
 [."] full stop and inverted commas
 [?"] question mark and inverted commas
 [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. [,] comma
 [?"] question mark
 [,"] inverted comma
 [!"] 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) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

16. My classmate is very _____. She always wants to know what I am doing.

- (1) sensitive
- (2) fastidious
- (3) inquisitive
- (4) precocious

17. If anyone had witnessed a crime, he or she has to _____ in court.

- (1) verify
- (2) certify
- (3) rectify
- (4) testify

18. It was such a _____ story that tears welled up in my eyes.

- (1) pathetic
- (2) poignant
- (3) pessimistic
- (4) provocative

19. Samy _____ the coffee slowly because it was piping hot.

- (1) gulped
- (2) sipped
- (3) slurped
- (4) gobbled

20. The baby _____ the moment his mother was out of sight.

- (1) bawled
- (2) hollered
- (3) clamoured
- (4) screeched

For each question, from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

It was very crowded at Dupers as they were having their annual sale. The atmosphere put my baby sister in a bad mood. I was flustered too, because I simply dislike crowds. We quickly headed to the Children's Department. I helped to keep an eye on my sister while my father chose suitable toys. My sister became restless; she started to throw tantrums and did not allow me to placate her. So, I was beginning to feel really angry with her. My father glared at her grimly and told her we would just cut short the shopping trip and return home. My sister cried more loudly. She sat on the floor and kicked her feet, wails loudly. Her loud wailing soon drew the attention of the other shoppers. My father was piqued. He tried to drag my sister up but she refused to budge. I squirmed with embarrassment and tried to think of a quick solution.

21. (1) worried
 (2) agitated
 (3) panicked
 (4) disgusted
22. (1) cool
 (2) calm
 (3) coax
 (4) cuddle
23. (1) harshly
 (2) violently
 (3) hatefully
 (4) viciously
24. (1) shocked
 (2) annoyed
 (3) dismayed
 (4) humiliated
25. (1) rise
 (2) walk
 (3) move
 (4) trudge



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

In a village in Selangor, Malaysia, where I grew up, coconut trees shaded the wooden houses, where fathers bowed to the earth working the paddy, mothers stayed at home and their children ran around barefoot.

When I was ten and my sister Aini was seven, we had a hard time; Father was not earning enough from his jobs at the rubber estate and the paddy factory. Finally he decided that he could make a better living collecting rattan from deep in the forest and selling it to a nearby furniture manufacturer.

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Mother was extremely worried that tigers would eat him, but Father said that it was better to risk his life being eaten by a tiger than sit at home and not eat anything at all. So early one morning, he set out on his motorcycle looking for rattan. Suddenly, Aini and I had no way of getting to school, which was far from our home. I could think of nothing better than to miss school and play with my little sister. As we stood at the front door waving goodbye to Father, I whispered to Aini that we were going to scoop up tadpoles from the backyard pond and put them in a glass jar as pets. We both grinned in anticipation.

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Our happiness did not last long. Mother suddenly appeared behind us with her hands on her hips and said, "What are you both doing here? It's getting late."

"Get dressed," she ordered.

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"Get dressed for what?" I questioned. **Mother's eyes bulged.** "My, surely not for your wedding. For school, of course," she replied assertively. My jaw dropped. "Father is gone, and we can't walk to school, if that's what you mean," I cried. Mother shook her head and answered, "You're not walking. I'm going to take you to school today. There's your father's bicycle."

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Looking towards the lawn, we saw an extremely old bicycle leaning against the coconut tree. The handle was bent into an odd, twisted shape and the right pedal was nothing but an iron rod. It had been quite some time since anyone had used the bicycle and I wondered if it even worked. I told Mother that the bicycle would be so slow that we would be old by the time we reached school. Irritated by my insolence, she told me sharply not to get smart with her or she would make my ears hot and tingling.

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I looked at Aini for support. She declared that she would be ashamed forever if she went to school on that bicycle. Mother shot back that she did not remember adopting the prime minister's daughter. "So you're going to school on that today," she said. End of the argument. With hearts as heavy as the house, we got into our school uniforms with sour looks on our faces and stomped out of the house.

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Adapted from Reader's Digest, August 2007

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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 on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. What does the writer suggest when he says "we had a hard time"?

- 1) They had poor living conditions.
- 2) They were abused by their parents.
- 3) They could not meet their basic needs.
- 4) They had to work very hard in the paddy.

27. The sentence "Mother's eyes bulged." tells that the writer's mother was _____.

- 1) amused
- 2) petrified
- 3) troubled
- 4) displeased.

28. Based on the passage, how did the writer usually go to school?

- 1) He rode the old bicycle.
- 2) His father sent him to school.
- 3) His mother sent him to school.
- 4) He rode his father's motorcycle.

29. The writer's mother said that she would _____ his ears when he tried to be smart with her.

- 1) whip
- 2) twist
- 3) peck
- 4) scratch

30. We can conclude from the passage that the writer felt _____ after his mother insisted that he and Aini went school.

- 1) uptight
- 2) appalled
- 3) indignant
- 4) dismayed

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PAPER 2

BOOKLET B

27th September 2007

Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

50 questions
65 marks

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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.

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|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| (A) across | (D) away | (G) in | (K) off | (N) through |
| (B) against | (E) by | (H) into | (L) on | (P) up |
| (C) and | (F) from | (J) of | (M) past | (Q) with |

I spent six weeks at the bai, a kind of sanctuary for gorillas, in the Republic of the Congo, taking photographs of these fascinating creatures.

I was perched in a tree house. From here, I was able to view a clearing that drew my subjects from the dark forest and _____ the sunlight. I went _____ doctor's orders, recovering from hepatitis but determined to photograph one of the three bais along the Lokwe River in Odzala National Park.

Elephants help keep bais open _____ clearing trees and churning the forest floor to scoop up mineral-rich earth. Other animals move in to do the same _____ to graze.

I camped far _____ the bai to avoid spooking the animals _____ my scent. It paid _____ when I caught a gorilla family warily watching an elephant. I rose daily at 4.30 a.m. and fired _____ my stove to make strong coffee and instant oatmeal. I then faced an adrenaline-pumping walk _____ thick foliage where potentially dangerous encounters with animals were always _____ my mind. I know well the risk in facing a charging elephant or a defensive male gorilla.

~ Adapted from National Geographic, 'The Clearing' by Michael Nichols, March 2001~⁴⁹⁴

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

(41)

Rain and floods are creating havoc in many parts of the world. Australia is **bareing** the brunt of quirky weather patterns.

(42)

Residents of south-eastern Australia, which had recently battled savage bushfires

(43)

and a long-standing **drowht** yesterday, fōund themselves confronting another climatic

(44)

emergency – the region's worse flood in 37 years.

(45)

(46)

Yesterday, massive flood waters sweep across parts of the parched region, **forsing**

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hundreds to abandon their homes and **biznuses**. Officials warned the floods could worsen

as rivers peaked.

(48)

Many roads and schools remain closed, and hundreds of homes is without power.

(49)

Meanwhile, the **dayri** farming town of Newry has disappeared under water.

(50)

It is not just Australia that is below the spell of the freaky weather. South Asia has

also suffered an onslaught of severe weather, as storms and floods hit Afghanistan, India

and Pakistan over the last week, killing more than 500 people and affecting about 900,000 in

all.

Fill in the blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A great part of Arabia is desert. Here there is _____ but sand and
 rock. The sand is so hot in the daytime that you cannot walk on it with your
 _____ feet. Here and there in the desert are springs of water
 _____ down in the ground. Here the intense rays of the sun cannot
 _____ them and dry them up. These springs are few and far
 _____ from one another. Grass covers the ground all around them. Fig
 trees and tall palms surround the spring, _____ it a cool, green and
 shady place. This is indeed a welcome _____ for any hot and parched
 traveller seeking respite. Such a _____ is known as an oasis.

Some Arabs live in the desert all the year round. They live in _____
 which can be dismantled very easily as they move from one oasis to another. This migration
 enables the nomads to _____ shade and grazing ground for their flocks of
 sheep, goats and camels. The Arabs are _____ to have the finest horses
 in the world. They are also passionate about their horses, acquiring equestrian skills of
 _____ them since young. They are very fond of their horses and love them
 as much as their loved ones. The horses are _____ in high esteem.
 They are also treated with much _____. The Arabs even allow their horses
 to _____ their tents with their families. Not surprisingly, they never put
 heavy loads upon their horses and look after them very well.

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. Minah left the room. The room was dark and eerie.

_____ which _____

67. You have to change the battery. Then the clock will work.

_____ unless _____

68. "Betty, did you give Miss Tan your book yesterday?" Sandy asked.

Sandy asked Betty _____

69. Mr Wong is a good cook and so is his wife.

Both _____

70. David wants to go fishing. His brothers want to go fishing.

_____ as well as _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

A few weeks into the long holidays, I was beginning to feel rather restless. I had gone shopping with my friends, caught the latest movie in town, read all the books I wanted to, and now I did not know what to do with myself. I even contemplated on getting a part-time job, but I was too lazy. As I lay on my bed, my grandmother sighed and said, "Susan, why don't you tidy up your room? It is such a mess. Come on, you have slept enough. Get up now!"

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Slowly, I dragged myself out of bed and wearily set about the mammoth task. It seemed impossible; so much junk strewn about the floor, magazines and books all over the table and cobwebs decorating the corners.

As the afternoon wore on, I began to feel happier actually. I suppose the sight of my tidier room must have lifted my spirits. Soon I found myself humming cheerfully.

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After wiping the dust off my writing table, I sat down on my chair to rest awhile. My eyes fell on a sturdy metallic box at one corner of my room. I felt elated suddenly as I remembered what I had put in there. Inside were my most precious belongings: souvenirs, badges, friendship bands and other knick-knacks that I had kept as a schoolgirl. The thought of rummaging through those belongings further brightened my day.

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I dragged the box to the centre of the room and tried to pry open it. It would not budge. Locked I thought; where did I put the key? My mind worked furiously. Oh yes, the key was in the left-hand corner of my writing table. I distinctly remembered putting it there. I opened the drawer and searched inside, but the key was not there. I removed the drawer and emptied its contents on the floor. After a few minutes of searching, I found myself boiling inside. There was no key. There was no key in the other drawer too. I wanted to scream.

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Muttering oaths and curses under my breath, I searched all the possible places in the room. I spent a good part of an hour going twice over all these places, but I still could not find the missing key.

Finally, I stormed out of the room and yelled at my parents, questioning them about the key. Nobody could help me. They were unhappy with the way I had behaved. I went back into the room, stared at the offending box and gave it a kick. All I got was a painful toe.

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I considered prying the box with a crowbar, but I decided against it because it was too beautiful to be destroyed. Then I tried opening the stubborn lock with whatever keys my hands could get hold of. It was futile and I gave up in despair. I pushed the box back into its corner.

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Later that week, Mike, my younger brother, invited me to go fishing with him. I accepted his invitation. I dug up some worms while he prepared the fishing rods. Soon we were at our favourite spot by the river. I cast my line and waited for the fish to bite.

Suddenly, Mike yelled in delight. He had a bite and began pulling in his line. He had caught a big bass. Then from the corner of my eye, I saw something familiar. The weight that Mike had tied to his line. I grabbed the weight and looked hard and long at it. It was my missing key.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What two things did the writer do during the long holidays?

72. What was the 'mammoth task' that her grandmother had asked her to do?

73. Which three-word phrase tells us that the writer was pleased with what she had done?

74. What does 'there' in line 13 refer to?

75. Why was the writer so determined to open the box?

76. What was the writer's reaction when she could not find the key?

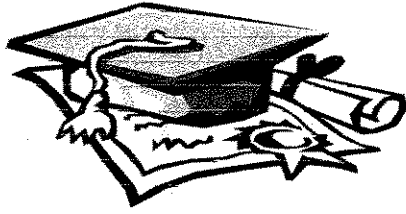
77. Give a word to describe the author's behaviour towards her parents.

78. Explain why the writer found the box 'offending'?

79. Which sentence shows that the writer decided not to open the box due to her failed attempt?

80. What had happened to the writer's key?

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ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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| 1. 1 | 31)H | 41)bearing | 51)nothing |
| 2. 3 | 32)B | 42)who | 52)bare |
| 3. 3 | 33)E | 43)drought | 53)deep |
| 4. 2 | 34)C | 44)worst | 54)reach |
| 5. 4 | 35)F | 45)swept | 55)away |
| 6. 4 | 36)Q | 46)forcing | 56)making |
| 7. 3 | 37)K | 47)businesses | 57)sight |
| 8. 2 | 38)P | 48)are | 58)place |
| 9. 1 | 39)N | 49)dairy | 59)tents |
| 10. 1 | 40)L | 50)under | 60)seek |
| 11. 1 | | | |
| 12. 1 | 61)known | | |
| 13. 2 | 62)riding | | |
| 14. 4 | 63)held | | |
| 15. 2 | 64)love | | |
| 16. 3 | 65)share | | |
| 17. 4 | 66)Minah left the room which was | | |
| 18. 2 | dark and eerie. | | |
| 19. 2 | | | |
| 20. 1 | 67)The clock will not work unless | | |
| 21. 2 | you change the battery. | | |
| 22. 2 | | | |
| 23. 1 | 68)Sandy asked Betty if she had given | | |
| 24. 2 | Miss Tan her book the day before. | | |
| 25. 3 | | | |
| 26. 3 | 69)Both Mr Wong and his wife are good | | |
| 27. 4 | cooks. | | |
| 28. 2 | | | |
| 29. 2 | 70)David as well as his brothers wants | | |
| 30. 3 | to go fishing. | | |

- 71)The writer had gone shopping with her friends and caught the latest movie in town.
- 72)The task was to clean up her messy room.
- 73)The three-word phrase is "lifted my spirits."
- 74)It refers to the metallic.
- 75)The things in the box reminded her of her school days.
- 76)She was angry.
- 77)The word is "rude."
- 78)She could not open the box where all her precious items were kept, no matter how hard she tried.
- 79)It was futile and I gave up in despair.
- 80)Her younger brother mike had used it as a weight for his fishing line.

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Primary 5 End-of-Year Examination 2007
English Language Listening Comprehension

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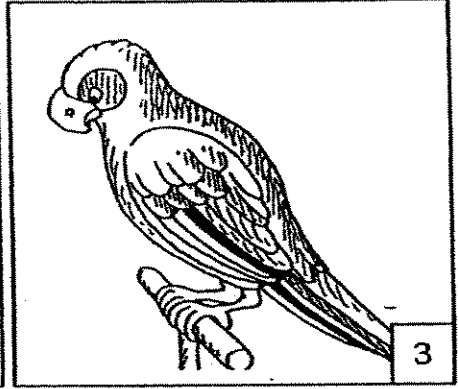
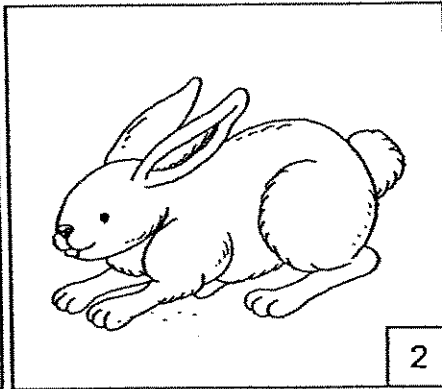
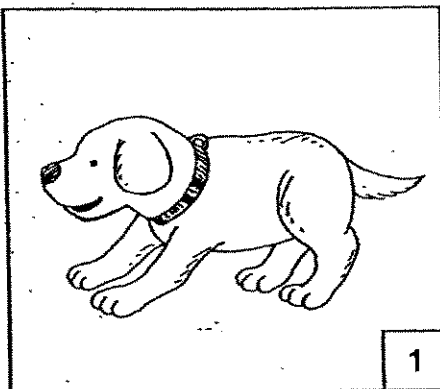
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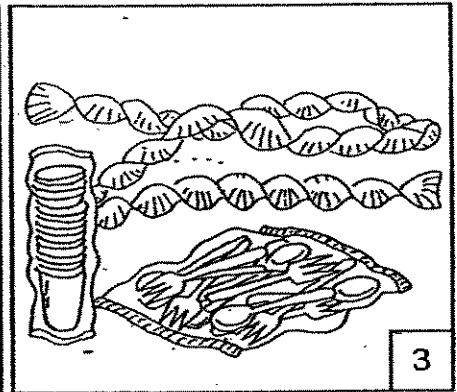
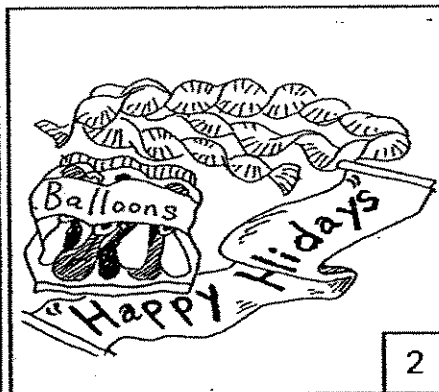
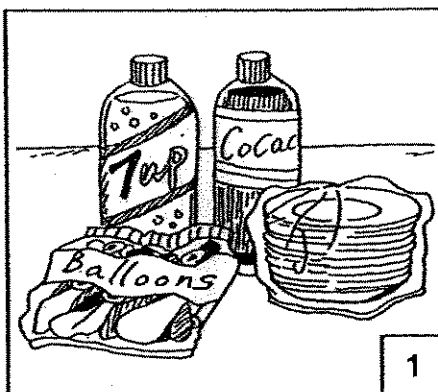
Text 1

1. Which of the following animals is not for sale?



Text 2

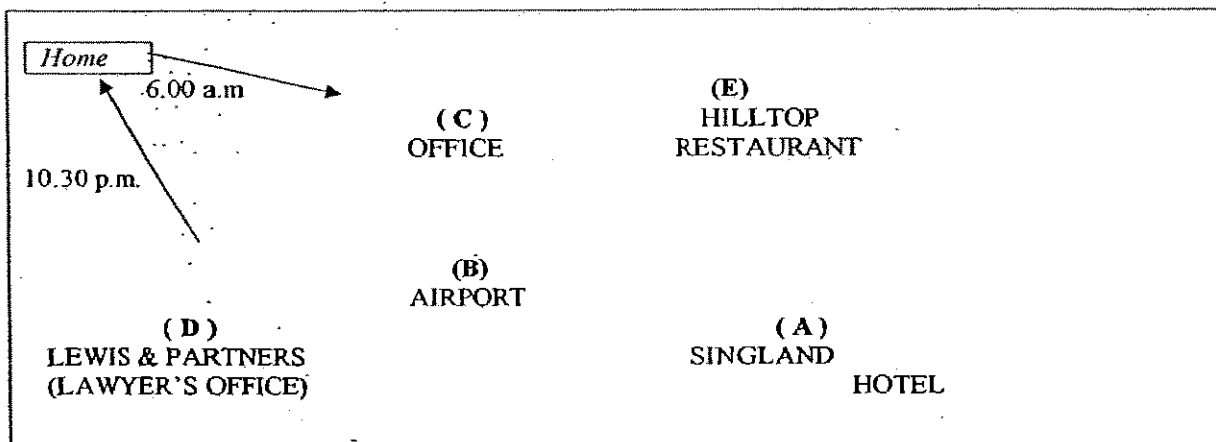
2. Which picture shows the items Sharifah has to buy?



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Text 3

3. Which of the following shows, in their correct order, where Ronald was that day?
- ① BADEC
 - ② BECAD
 - ③ BCEDA
4. Where was Ronald at 9 p.m.?
1. At (A)
 - ② At (C)
 - ③ At (E)

**Text 4**

5. Why were the university students collecting unwanted items?
- ① They wanted to have something to do while on vacation.
 - ② They wanted to raise money by selling all the items.
 - ③ They wanted to help typhoon victims.
6. Who had donated the items?
- ① Mr. Alan Tan
 - ② HDB residents
 - ③ University students
7. Where would the money to buy food and medicine come from?
- ① The sale of old newspapers.
 - ② The owner of a courier company.
 - ③ The students who worked hard during their vacation.

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Text 5

8. Where are Mary and her father?
- ① At a football stadium.
 - ② At the Football Association.
 - ③ At home.
9. Why does Mary want to watch the final match?
- ① Her favourite team will be playing.
 - ② It will be the most exciting game she will ever watch.
 - ③ She wants to meet Uncle Hassan and Jefri.
10. How does Mr. Wong intend to get the tickets for the final match?
- ① He will join the queue to buy them.
 - ② He will ask Jefri's father to help him to get them.
 - ③ He will go to the Football Association to buy them.
11. Which two teams will play in the Finals?
- ① Kallang United and Thomson Rovers
 - ② Thomson Rovers and Lions Football Club
 - ③ Lions Football Club and Kallang United

Text 6

12. How many people lived in the apartment?
- ① Three people
 - ② Four people
 - ③ Five people
13. At what time of the day would Madam Poh be alone at home?
- ① In the early morning and late afternoon.
 - ② In the late morning and early afternoon.
 - ③ In the late morning and late afternoon.

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14. What was Kenny's profession?
- ① He was a door-to-door salesman.
 - ② He delivered hampers.
 - ③ He was a businessman.
15. Why did Madam Poh not open the door at first?
- ① She knew it could be dangerous to do so.
 - ② It was easier to open a window.
 - ③ Kenny had told her never to open the door to anyone.
16. Why did she let the men into the apartment?
- ① She was tricked into doing so.
 - ② She wanted the hampers.
 - ③ They were Kenny's friends.

Text 7

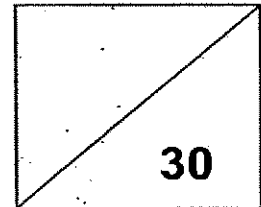
17. How many places did Henry's father have to go to?
- ① Two places
 - ② Three places
 - ③ Four places
18. Why was Henry worried?
- ① His father had not signed the application form.
 - ② He did not know where his father was.
 - ③ He could not understand the rules of the competition.
19. How old would Henry probably be?
- ① 12 years old
 - ② 14 years old
 - ③ 16 years old
20. Where was Henry going that afternoon?
- ① To Jason's house.
 - ② To Sentosa.
 - ③ To the Siglap Community Centre.

END OF PAPER

Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 End-Of-Year Examination 2007

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 3 October 2007

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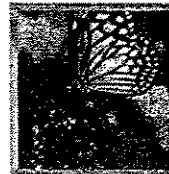
Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.

School outings will never be the same again with the Sentosa Choice Package!

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Stroll through lush surrounds and learn about butterflies as over 50 species flutter around you in the outdoor conservatory.

Opening hours: 9 a.m. - 6.30 p.m. daily (last entry 6 p.m.)



Fort Siloso Tours

History comes to life in Singapore's only preserved colonial coastal fort with the country's largest collection of World War II memorabilia. Choose any of the three self-guided tours and explore the many sights and sounds of both military and civilian life in a bygone era.

Opening hours: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily (last entry 5.30 p.m.)



Images of Singapore

Let the nation's founding fathers hold your class spellbound as they share fascinating stories about their lives and times of the four main races. Let our nation's history, culture and heritage speak to your students 'in person'!

Opening hours: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily (last entry 6.30 p.m.)



Sky Tower **

Take geography lessons to a whole new high with a bird's eye view of the Singapore coastline and some of our neighbouring islands - from 131 metres above sea level!

Opening hours: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. daily (last ride 8.45 p.m.)



The Merlion

Feed eager young minds with our uniquely quaint mix of mythology and history. Treat the class to a larger-than-life encounter with Singapore's national icon. Learn about how Singapore got her name with the island's founding by Prince Sang Nila Utama.

Opening hours: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. daily (last entry 7.30 p.m.)



Sentosa Choice Package *

* S\$12 per student (Usual Price S\$25 per child) S\$18 per adult (Usual Price S\$35 per adult)

* Sentosa Choice Package lets you visit any 3 attractions in any order. Package includes admission to Sentosa Island by Sentosa Bus or Sentosa Express and on-island transportation.

** Not available to Sentosa Choice Package between 2 and 5 p.m. daily.

To order, fill in the 'Sentosa Purchase Requisition Form' and fax to 6275 1039.

For enquiries, please call 1800 SENTOSA (736 8672) or email: education@sentosa.com.sg

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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 "Sentosa Choice Package" allows students to _____.
- ① enter Sentosa at no additional charge
 - ② visit all the five attractions in the brochure
 - ③ go on a Sky Tower ride between 2 and 5 p.m.
 - ④ enjoy a discount when visiting Sentosa with their families
- 2 To find out more about "Sentosa Choice Package", teachers can _____.
- ① send a fax to 6736 8672
 - ② send an email to education@sentosa.com.sg
 - ③ board Sentosa Bus, Sentosa Express or on-island transportation
 - ④ fill in the purchase requisition form and mail to the Sentosa management
- 3 Which of the following is true? Students can _____.
- ① visit Fort Siloso at night
 - ② engage guides to lead them around Fort Siloso
 - ③ see military personnel who are on duty guarding the fort
 - ④ view items from World War II which are on display at Fort Siloso
- 4 Students can enjoy an aerial view of Singapore coastline at _____.
- ① Sky Tower
 - ② Fort Siloso
 - ③ Images of Singapore
 - ④ Butterfly Park & Insect Kingdom
- 5 The word or group of words which has the same meaning as "attractively odd" is _____.
- (1) quaint
 - (2) bygone
 - (3) fascinating
 - (4) larger-than-life

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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 have to buy some eggs from the supermarket. There is _____ left.

- ① all
- ② any
- ③ none
- ④ some

7 At this point in time, no one in this class _____ who invented the game of badminton.

- ① know
- ② knew
- ③ knows
- ④ has known

8 Does your dog always _____ like this?

- ① bark
- ② barks
- ③ barked
- ④ barking

9 Everyone except Mr and Mrs Tan _____ already at the party.

- ① is
- ② are
- ③ was
- ④ were

10 The man _____ we saw at the restaurant is my neighbour.

- ① who
- ② which
- ③ whom
- ④ whose

11 Listen! Someone _____ shouting for help!

- ① is
- ② are
- ③ was
- ④ were

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12 The burglar _____ climbing over the fence and entering the property.

- ① saw
- ② seen
- ③ is seeing
- ④ was seen

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)

Tina was at the bakery. "What are these (13)" she asked.

The bakery assistant replied (14) Those are orange muffins. They are really fresh as they were baked just an hour ago."

"I'll take eight," said Tina, "and ten of those brownies."

As the assistant carefully placed the items in a box (15) Tina thought of the party she was going to hold that afternoon. She was so excited that she could hardly wait!

- 13
- ① [,] comma
 - ② [.] full stop
 - ③ [?] question mark
 - ④ [!] exclamation mark

- 14
- ① [:] colon
 - ② [,] comma
 - ③ [, "] comma and inverted commas
 - ④ [. "] full stop and inverted commas

- 15
- ① [:] colon
 - ② [-] hyphen
 - ③ [,] comma
 - ④ [.] full stop

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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 The fishermen tried to _____ what they could from the shipwreck.

- ① secure
- ② recoup
- ③ salvage
- ④ repossess

17 There is a pot of hot chicken soup _____ gently on the stove. It will be ready soon.

- ① sizzling
- ② steaming
- ③ simmering
- ④ smouldering

18 Gopal is tired and he is going to _____.

- ① take forty winks
- ② keep the ball rolling
- ③ beat about the bush
- ④ build castles in the air

19 I am totally _____ by the clues to this crossword puzzle.

- ① besotted
- ② bewitched
- ③ bedazzled
- ④ bewildered

20 The guest of honour stood on the _____ when he delivered his speech at the ceremony.

- ① plane
- ② plank
- ③ platform
- ④ pedestal

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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)

"Galapagos" is the Spanish word for "tortoises". These animals gave their name to the Galapagos Islands where they were found.
(21)

Galapagos tortoises can grow to be five feet long and weigh over 150 kilogrammes. An adult tortoise is powerful enough to lift a man. They can go without food and survive on very little water for several weeks. The female lays eggs in a hole in the sand or among the rocks.
(22)

The babies are very small with soft shells. Many animals eat the eggs and baby tortoises. Only one in about 3000 survives to become an adult tortoise. Adults often live for over a century.

Tortoises lived on the Galapagos Islands for millions of years before ship captains discovered them and found that the tortoises were easy to catch. The ship's crew could collect 200 daily. Around 1930, many zoos tried to breed the tortoises but only two were fruitful. In
(23)
(24)

1936, Ecuador made twelve of the islands into a national park. In 1959, a research station was established on Santa Cruz Island. Scientists and wardens help protect the tortoises.
(25)

- 21 1 started
 2 existed
 3 initiated
 4 originated
- 22 1 burly
 2 strong
 3 robust
 4 resilient
- 23 1 hoard
 2 gather
 3 amass
 4 accumulate
- 24 1 thriving
 2 plentiful
 3 booming
 4 successful
- 25 1 set in
 2 set up
 3 set off
 4 set out

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Up in the tree house, Ben was surveying the park. He had caught sight of some strange shaggy animal which was galloping through the trees. Ben watched it intently. It looked astonishingly like a bear. However, there were no bears in England nowadays, except in the zoo. Ben knew that. Had it escaped? Was there a keeper after it? Bears climbed trees. Ben knew that too – or thought he did. Or was it only koala bears, those funny little ones with the big noses that climbed trees? 5

All this time, Ben was watching and the animal was coming nearer. Now a shiver went down Ben's spine although he was sheltered from the wind in the tree house. He knew what the animal was and it was not a bear. He had seen it in one of those library books. 10

Ben climbed down the tree, his heart thumping. He crossed the grass slowly for the animal was very large. It was almost as tall as he was. He advanced on the 'bear', holding out his hand but the animal danced skittishly like a circus pony and would not be touched.

Ben decided that was the wrong way. He sat down on the grass. "Come on then," he said, patting the ground next to him. Sure enough, the huge shaggy creature came and sat down, tongue lolling out, mouth laughing and leaning against Ben like a sack of potatoes. 15

Kathy came running towards Ben. "What is it?" she cried. She slowed down as she got nearer and before she had reached them, she sat down on the grass and watched. Now the other children were watching too. "What is it? Is it yours?" they asked. 20

To the first question, Ben said, with secret pride, "It's an Old English Sheepdog, of course, a pedigree one." He had seen a photograph in a library book. To the second, he said nothing, merely sat loftily, and left everyone to decide for himself. 25

After a little while, when the crowd was quite big, he got to his feet and said, "Come on." The dog rose and went with him.

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 Ben scrutinised the strange creature from the tree house because _____.

- ① it was galloping through the trees
- ② he was keeping watch on the park
- ③ it was shaggy and looked like a bear
- ④ he knew that it had escaped from the zoo

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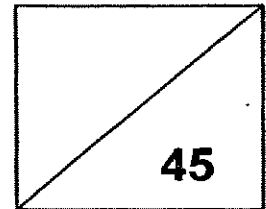
- 27 Ben knew so much about the strange creature because he _____.
- ① befriended it at the park
 - ② read about it in a library book
 - ③ observed it from the tree house
 - ④ learnt about it from his visit to the zoo
- 28 Ben thought the strange creature was dangerous at first because it _____.
- ① was shaggy
 - ② lolled out its tongue
 - ③ was almost as tall as he was
 - ④ leaned against him like a sack of potatoes
- 29 Ben sat down on the grass as he wanted to _____.
- ① rest
 - ② pat the ground next to him.
 - ③ have Kathy and the other children watch him
 - ④ touch the strange creature when it went near him
- 30 Ben did not give an answer when the children asked if the dog belonged to him because he _____.
- ① did not know what to say
 - ② was hoping to keep the dog
 - ③ did not want the children to take the dog away
 - ④ wanted the children to answer their own question

END OF BOOKLET A

Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 End-Of-Year Examination 2007

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET B

1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 3 October 2007

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 5 printed pages.

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) about | (D) by | (G) it | (K) the | (N) where |
| (B) an | (E) if | (H) of | (L) them | (P) with |
| (C) around | (F) inside | (J) on | (M) when | (Q) within |

When I was young, I was always told never to walk under a ladder. Something dreadful would happen to me _____ I did. At that time, I was very afraid _____ the consequences. Looking back as _____ adult, it made a great deal of sense. You can get seriously hurt if a ladder fell _____ you.

(31) (32) (33) (34)

Not all superstitions, however, make sense. For instance, playing with scissors is believed to bring about disunity _____ the family. Opening an umbrella _____ the house would ^{cause} ~~cause~~ one to be bald. My own favourite, however, is the one _____ black cats and coffins. It makes a scary ghost story for cold campfire nights _____ the wind is howling and the fire is burning ^{low} ~~now~~.

(35) (36) (37) (38)

Believing wholeheartedly in superstitions can sometimes make _____ come true. A friend of mine was nearly killed in a serious accident. He was walking along the kerb when a black cat crossed his path. He tried to avoid _____ by stepping onto the road. Luckily, the driver of the oncoming car had quick reflexes. If not, that could have been the end of both my friend and the cat.

(39) (40)

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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)

Andy, John and Henry met at the bus stop at 8 a.m. They were going to the beach for a picnic and a swim.

(41)

Upon arrived, they laid out the mat quickly and left their belongings there. Then, they

raced one another to the inviting sea and jumped in with a splash.

(42)

The tide was high and they enjoyed themselves **treemendouzly**. An hour later, Andy

(43)

and Henry felt hungry and got out of the water to grab a bite. John remained on the water.

(44)

He was so catch up in the fun that he swam further and further away. The current was also

(45)

getting stronger. He only realised how far he was where he turned to look back. He thought

that he had better get back to the shore. John tried to swim back but the current was too

(46)

powerful. He struggle furiously.

Andy and Henry looked up and saw their friend battling for his life. They alerted the

(47)

(48)

lifeguard who took action imediately. Together with his kolleaque, they jumped in to

rescue John.

(49)

When they emerged from the water, John collapsed with **exzostion**. The

(50)

lifeguard revifed him using the resuscitation method. John came around but he was still

weak. When John felt much better, they headed for home and they each thanked God in

their hearts that nothing had happened to John.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Each year, thousands of saplings are planted all over Singapore. Some of these are to _____ old trees that have been felled because they are diseased or (51) dying. The _____ trees are planted to keep the environment fresh and (52) green and contribute to Singapore being a garden city.

Trees are not merely decorative. They _____ a vital role in (53) maintaining the balance of oxygen and carbon dioxide in the air. Plants take in carbon dioxide to make food and give _____ oxygen which we need to stay alive. (54) In this way, _____ become natural purifiers. (55)

In Singapore, trees are a welcome _____ for their shade and (56) screen from the glare of the _____. Trees lined along the pavement (57) provide _____ and cool comfort which are both economical and effective. (58) They also create a natural, green environment which can help to reduce stress. Their green leaves _____ relief for our eyes while serving to keep temperatures from (59) going too high or too low.

Trees are also essential during rainfall. For this purpose, a fairly large area in the centre of our land-scarce island has been set _____ as a greenbelt. This (60) underlines the importance that is placed on trees. Trees are also important to prevent soil

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erosion which can _____ in landslides. Trees also help in the absorption
(61)
of rainwater thus reducing the possibility _____ the occurrence of floods.
(62)

Although Singapore is not a country which _____ mainly on
(63)
farming, trees and parks are by no means a rare sight. Dotted liberally around the island
_____ varying sizes of parks and gardens.
(64)

Along roads and housing estates, trees are _____ to act as a
(65)
screen against noise and dust. The sounds and smoke emission of the cars are absorbed by
the trees and the residents enjoy a quiet and clean 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. She opened all the windows. The room would be ventilated.

_____ so as

67. "Karen, do you know what the quarrel is about?" asked Andy.

Andy asked _____

68. The flight was cancelled. The weather was bad.

_____ due to

69. I did not know Jason was coming. I would have bought some ice-cream.

Had I _____

70. Joe is still determined to take another test although he failed his driving test five times.

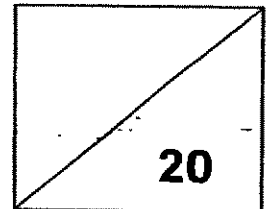
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Methodist Girls' School (Primary)
Primary 5 End-Of-Year Examination 2007

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 (LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET C

1 hour 50 minutes



Name : _____ ()
Class : P 5. _____
Date : 3 October 2007

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

There it lay, dog-eared amidst the clutter of old notes and books. I reached out for my old diary, blowing away the layers of dust that had collected over the years. Flipping the pages at random, I found an entry, made twenty years ago, that caught my eye.

As I began reading, I was instantly transported to that time, when I was just twelve years old. I remembered vividly the incident that led me to sever ties with my best friend, Rita. 5

"Come on, Jenny. Please don't do this. What if you get into trouble?" Rita was pleading with me to drop my plans to cheat during the Primary School Leaving Examinations. 10

"No one will find out. There is no time and if I don't do this, we might not be in the same school next year," I reasoned. Rita and I had been inseparable since Primary Three, which was why the thought of her going to a better secondary school where I could not qualify was unbearable.

She tried countless times to talk me out of it but I was still determined to do it. I even refused to listen to her when she told me that she would help me catch up with the topics taught. I was really adamant to go ahead with my plans. 15

Later that day, our form teacher, Mrs Ng, called out my name and told me that she wanted to see me after class. I thought she had found me daydreaming instead of paying attention. I began to mentally make up excuses. 20

"Jenny, I know about your plans for the upcoming exam," said Mrs Ng. I looked up at Mrs Ng in utter disbelief, my eyes wide with shock. How did she know? Who told her?

"Jenny, I am warning you because I care," her voice was gentle but firm. "So whatever funny thoughts you might have, I want you to drop them." At this point, I was so ashamed that I did not dare to even look up at Mrs Ng. I only managed to nod meekly as hot, angry tears streamed down my face. In my mind, all I could think about was Rita! How could she betray me? 25

As I stepped out of the office, I saw Rita. She was waiting outside as I was talking to Mrs Ng. Rita walked slowly towards me and said, "Sorry, Jenny. I had to. I didn't want you to get caught, so I..." 30

I never did let her finish what she wanted to say. I simply brushed Rita aside and never spoke to her again. I had never felt more furious and betrayed in my life.

After the examinations, Rita and I went our separate ways to different secondary schools. We lost contact and never managed to reconcile our friendship. 35

I closed the old diary and wiped a tear from my cheek. On hindsight, I never should have been so hot-headed and ended our friendship. After all, what I planned to do was absolutely dishonest and Rita made a difficult but brave decision to do the right thing.

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. "There *it* lay, ..." What does the word *it* in line 1 refer to?

72. Which word in paragraph 1 suggests that the place was messy?

73. Describe the condition of the item which the writer had found.

74. Why was the writer "still determined to do it" (lines 15-16) despite Rita's advice ?

75. Why was the writer mentally rehearsing some excuses for Mrs Ng?

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76. Why do you think the writer looked at Mrs Ng "in utter disbelief" (line 22)?

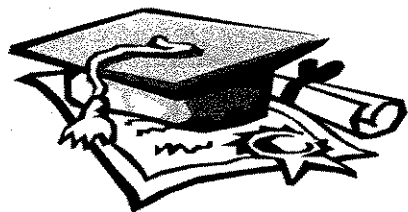
77. Which sentence tells you that it was indeed Rita who had told Mrs Ng about the writer's plans?

78. What was the writer's first reaction when she saw Rita outside the office?

79. "Rita made a difficult but brave decision." (line 38) Explain why Rita's decision was brave and difficult at the same time.

80. After reading the diary entry, what were the two things that the writer regretted doing?

END OF PAPER



ANSWER SHEET

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|-------|--|------------------|-------------|
| 1. 1 | 31) E | 41) arrival | 51) replace |
| 2. 2 | 32) H | 42) tremendously | 52) young |
| 3. 4 | 33) B | 43) in | 53) play |
| 4. 1 | 34) J | 44) caught | 54) out |
| 5. 1 | 35) Q | 45) when | 55) they |
| 6. 3 | 36) F | 46) struggled | 56) sight |
| 7. 3 | 37) A | 47) immediately | 57) sun |
| 8. 1 | 38) M | 48) colleague | 58) shade |
| 9. 1 | 39) L | 49) exhaustion | 59) provide |
| 10. 3 | 40) G | 50) revived | 60) aside |
| 11. 1 | | | |
| 12. 4 | 61) result | | |
| 13. 3 | 62) of | | |
| 14. 3 | 63) relies | | |
| 15. 3 | 64) are | | |
| 16. 3 | 65) planted | | |
| 17. 3 | 66) She opened all the windows so as to ventilate the room. | | |
| 18. 1 | | | |
| 19. 4 | | | |
| 20. 3 | 67) Andy asked Karen if she knew what the quarrel was about. | | |
| 21. 4 | | | |
| 22. 2 | | | |
| 23. 1 | 68) The flight was cancelled due to the bad weather. | | |
| 24. 4 | | | |
| 25. 2 | | | |
| 26. 3 | 69) Had I known that Jason was coming, I would have bought some ice-cream. | | |
| 27. 2 | | | |
| 28. 3 | | | |
| 29. 4 | 70) Despite failing his driving test five times, Joe is still determined to take another test. | | |
| 30. 4 | | | |

71) It refers to the writer's old diary.

72) The word is "clutter".

73) It was dog-eared, and very dusty.

74) She felt that she had so time to be ready for the examination and she did not want to be separated from her good friend.

75) The writer thought that Mrs Ng had caught her daydreaming instead of paying attention and was making up-excuses for Mrs Ng.

76) The writer was shocked that Mrs Ng knew her plans to cheat in the exam.

77) The sentence is "I had to".

78) She felt very furious and betrayed.

79) Rita risked losing the friendship to uphold what is right.

80) The writer regretted being hot-headed and ending their friendship she also regretted planning to do something dishonest.

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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)**

Name: _____ ()

Class: Pr. 5 _____

Date: 24 October 2007

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Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

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2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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1. The brochure advertises the programmes in a/an _____ centre.

- ① sports
- ② business
- ③ child care
- ④ enrichment

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2. Children who have signed up for the Berries Star Programme attend lessons _____.

- ① weekly
- ② fortnightly
- ③ two times a week
- ④ once every two weeks

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3. The main aim of the advertisement is to _____.

- ① instruct parents on how to help their children
- ② persuade parents to sign up for the programmes
- ③ inform parents about the success of the programmes
- ④ explain to parents how their children will be taught in the centre

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4. The programmes conducted by the centre are meant for _____.

- ① primary school children only
- ② nursery and primary school children only
- ③ kindergarten and nursery school children only
- ④ nursery, kindergarten and primary school children

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5. ^{which} What one of the following statements is not true?

- ① Registration for all programmes starts on 31 October.
- ② The company has more than one centre in Singapore.
- ③ The discount for the trial lesson applies to selected centres.
- ④ Interactive and creative ways are used in the programmes to motivate students.

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Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)

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.

"Oh (13) gasped the congregation, as the bride appeared at the entrance of the church. Framed by an arched doorway, she was a picture of loveliness.

The organist began to play "Here Comes The Bride", as Clare together with her father, glided slowly towards the altar and her husband-to-be. She paused briefly to squeeze the hand of her favourite aunt and whispered, "Thank you so much for coming! (14) Her aunt smiled.

"I now pronounce you man and wife," the minister announced. The church erupted into happy cheers. (15) Then, as they left the building, flower petals were strewn and everyone was happy for the couple.

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

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1) marks

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. John hurt his head in the accident and thought that he might lose _____ but luckily, he did not.
- ① connection
 - ② conscience
 - ③ consideration
 - ④ consciousness
- ()
17. Sam's skin _____ in a rash after he had eaten the seafood.
- ① broke up
 - ② broke off
 - ③ broke out
 - ④ broke down
- ()
18. Although I could not hear him from a distance, I was able to _____ of what he said by reading his lips and from his hand gestures.
- ① catch the drift
 - ② test the water
 - ③ make a splash
 - ④ drift with the tide
- ()
19. He has been such an _____ supporter of the Manchester United soccer team that he will not miss any of its matches.
- ① ardent
 - ② arduous
 - ③ arrogant
 - ④ articulate
- ()
20. When the village was flooded, the people had to be _____ quickly.
- ① extricated
 - ② evaluated
 - ③ excavated
 - ④ evacuated
- ()

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

Every day that week, there had been full-page (21)commercials in the daily newspaper about the sale.

Readers had been informed that this was the sale not to be missed – the sale of a lifetime! Not only were thousands of items marked down (22)substantially, the first one hundred customers would also receive gifts.

For more than two hours before the store opened on the first day of the sale, the queue stretched at least fifty metres down the street. At first, the people were (23)relatively patient but nearer the opening time, some of the people began (24)jostling for position and angry voices were raised. (25)Apprehensive store guards moved along the line, in case the crowd became disorderly.

21. ① reports
 ② captions
 ③ illustrations
 ④ advertisements ()

22. ① slightly
 ② generally
 ③ apparently
 ④ considerably ()

23. ① fairly
 ② usually
 ③ seemingly
 ④ exceptionally ()

24. ① walking briskly
 ② pushing roughly
 ③ moving carefully
 ④ prancing happily ()

25. ① Alert
 ② Anxious
 ③ Annoyed
 ④ Astonished ()

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

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

"You must get away tonight," the man had told David. "Stay awake so that you're ready just before the guard is changed. When you see me strike a match, the current will be cut off and you can climb over the fence. You will have half a minute for it, no more."

That evening, David questioned the man, "What if I don't escape?" 5

The man shrugged his shoulders and answered, "That will be none of my business. I have to leave here tomorrow and whatever my successor may decide to do about you, I shall not be able to interfere. But you will soon be big and strong enough to do repairs that were caused by wars."

David knew only too well that those other places would not be any better than where he now was. "And if I get away without being caught, what then?" he asked. 10

"You will find a bottle of water and a compass just by the big tree down the road out to the mines. Follow the compass southwards to the harbour and **steal onto a ship** that is bound for Denmark. You will be safe there."

David almost showed his surprise, but he controlled himself and hiding his feelings, he said instead, "I don't know what a compass is." 15

The man then showed him one, telling him that the four letters indicated north, south, east and west and that the needle which swung freely, always pointed in the same direction. Then he added, "The half minute that the current is cut off is intended for you. If you try to take anyone with you, you can be sure that neither of you will get away. Now, clear off before you are missed." 20

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. David was told to escape when the _____.

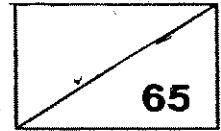
- ① current was cut off
 ② guard was changed
 ③ man lit a matchstick
 ④ man told him to do so

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27. David needed to climb over a/an _____ fence.
- ① metal
 - ② electric
 - ③ wooden
 - ④ concrete
- ()
28. The phrase "steal onto a ship" (line 13) means to _____.
- ① steal a ship
 - ② board a stolen ship
 - ③ steal when on board a ship
 - ④ slip onto a ship without anyone knowing
- ()
29. David hid his feelings from the man probably because David did not want him to know that he _____.
- ① did not trust him
 - ② was grateful to him
 - ③ did not know how to use a compass
 - ④ was surprised at his willingness to help him escape
- ()
30. David had been advised _____.
- ① to escape alone
 - ② not to escape at all
 - ③ to escape with a friend
 - ④ to escape with the man
- ()

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PRIMARY 5**

**Booklet B**

Name: _____ ()

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. The letters "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| A) a | D) before | G) he | K) on | N) we |
| B) an | E) by | H) into | L) them | P) was |
| C) after | F) down | J) it | M) to | Q) were |

We reached Tentholm. Everything (31)_____ safe, and we set to work to collect what we wanted. Jack and Ernest ran (32)_____ to the beach to capture the geese and ducks. This they found no easy matter, for the birds, left so long alone, were shy and nothing would get (33)_____ to come on shore and be caught.

Ernest finally hit upon (34)_____ ingenious plan. He took a big piece of cheese and tied it to a long string. He threw his bait (35)_____ the water and the hungry ducks instantly made a grab at (36)_____. Then with a little manoeuvring, (37)_____ drew them on shore. Ernest and Jack were busily tying the birds together (38)_____ the feet. The geese and ducks were fastened (39)_____ our bags and we started homeward by the seashore.

After a cheerful and pleasant walk, we reached our home. (40)_____ releasing the geese and ducks into the stream, I clipped their wings to prevent them from leaving us.

Section H – 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.

41)

An onion is a round, white vegetable made out of one skin within another. It is strong smelling and very often used in cooking. It is a tear jerker when it is being peeled but it

42)

43)

becomes **absolutly** delicious when it is fried. It is a **nescesary** ingredient for cooking and it gives that extra "bite" when it is eaten raw with satay.

Together with the garlic, the onion is popularly used in most Asian dishes. It is

44)

45)

being consume by the tons and is belief to have great health property. The onion is also

46)

important for its medicinal value. The Malays think of it as 'cooling' and they rub it on them

47)

abdomen when they have a **stomacheach**.

48)

Western medical **signtists** have fried, boiled and done all sorts of things to the onion

49)

50)

and fed them to **genuinea** pigs. They have made conclusions that proof the medicinal value of

the onion. The onion reduces the risk of heart attacks by raising the activity of the blood to

prevent blood clots.

A guide dog is an animal that has been specially trained to act as the eyes of the visually-impaired owner. Guide dogs are usually bred by guide dog associations. (51)_____ that are not easily excitable are more suitable for the job.

A guide dog puppy (52)_____ its trainings at about eight weeks old, when it goes to live with people (53)_____ 'puppy raisers'. Puppy raisers not only house-train the puppy, they (54)_____ help it to get used to riding in public (55)_____, like buses and trains, and visiting busy places like shops. These are things a guide dog must be able to (56)_____ with ease.

When a guide dog is about a year old, it is (57)_____ to see if it has the intelligence and skills to be a guide dog. If so, it begins demanding training that (58)_____ about three to five months.

There are two parts to the dog's training. In the first part of the training, an instructor gets the dog used to wearing a harness and handle and teaches it commands such (59)_____ 'forward'. One of the most difficult skills the dog must learn is to (60)_____ an instructor's command, if following the command will lead the instructor into danger. For (61)_____, if the dog has been told to go 'forward' onto a street, but there is a car coming, it should not move.

In the (62)_____ part of the training, the dog meets its new owner and the (63)_____ begin working together as a team. The dog also learns that whenever its harness is on, it has to work, but when it comes off, it can (64)_____ like a normal dog, having fun with its owner.

Guide dogs are a crucial (65)_____ of life for many visually-impaired people. They help to provide independence and confidence in a unique way.

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. My mother left early for work. She did not want to miss the bus.

In order not to _____

67. Mrs Tan treated Serene very well. Serene was like her own child.

_____ as if

68. "Peter, did you drink the glass of milk that was on the table yesterday?" asked Dave.

Dave asked _____

69. It is my first time there. I do not know how to drive to the museum.

_____ since

70. You can cut this paper with a pair of scissors. You can also cut this paper with a penknife.

_____ either

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

After an early breakfast, I sent four men down to Mohan to bring up two buffaloes. Meanwhile, I set off to inspect the ground where the woman had been killed. From the direction I had received, I had no difficulty in finding the spot where the man-eater had attacked and killed the woman.

There were two bundles of grass left behind by her companions, when they had run off in fright to the village. The men had told me that the body of the woman had not been found. However, from the fact that three perfectly (good lengths of rope) and the dead woman's sickle had been left in the jungle as they had been, it was more likely that no attempt had been made to find her. The villagers were afraid that the same thing would happen to them.

The woman had been killed at the (upper end of a small landslide) and the man-eater had taken her down the slide and into a thick patch of grass. Here it had waited, possibly to give the other two women time to get out of sight, before it brought its kill straight down the hill into the thick jungle. The tracks were now four days old, and as there was nothing to be gained by following them further, I turned back to the hut.

The men had not returned from Mohan with the buffaloes, so I could not place them in the jungle as I had planned. Therefore after lunch, I set out again to have another look. I had the whole afternoon before me, and examined about three miles of the road very carefully.

Although the road I was on was overgrown with short stiff grass, I could still make out several important clues left by the man-eater. I found several scratch marks just round the corner where the road turned. Then on the top of a nearby ridge were more scratch marks, but I did not find any paw prints until I got to the first hairpin bend. Here, in cutting the bend, the striped beast had left its tracks when it jumped down onto some soft earth. The tracks, which were a day old, were a little distorted, but even so, it was possible to see that they had been made by a big, old, male wild beast.

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided. All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

71. Why did the writer send four men down to Mohan?

72. What did the victim leave behind when she was killed in the jungle?

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73. Why had there been 'no attempt' (line 9) to find the victim?

74. Where was the victim killed?

75. Which sentence in paragraph 3 suggests that the man-eater had planned the attack?

76. What does the word 'them' in line 15 refer to?

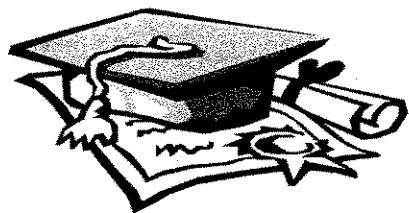
77. What do you think the writer planned to use the buffaloes for?

78. What does the word "hairpin" (line 23) tell you about the bend?

79. What animal, do you think had attacked the woman?

80. Based on how the writer had examined the clues, what kind of person does the writer appear to be?

End-of-Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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| 1. 4 | 31)P | 41)up | 51)Those |
| 2. 3 | 32)F | 42)absolutely | 52)begins |
| 3. 2 | 33)L | 43)necessary | 53)called |
| 4. 4 | 34)B | 44)consumed | 54)also |
| 5. 1 | 35)H | 45)believed | 55)transport |
| 6. 4 | 36)J | 46)their | 56)do |
| 7. 3 | 37)G | 47)stomach ache | 57)tested |
| 8. 2 | 38)E | 48)scientists | 58)lasts |
| 9. 4 | 39)M | 49)guinea | 59)as |
| 10. 4 | 40)D | 50)proved | 60)disobey |
| 11. 3 | | | |
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| | pair of scissors or a penknife. | | |

71) He wanted them to bring up two buffaloes.

72) The victim left behind her sickle and a good length of rope.

73) The villagers were afraid that they would be killed/attacked by the man-eater.

74) She was killed at the upper end of a small landslide.

75) The sentence is "Here it had waited, possibly to give the other two women time to get out of sight, before it brought its kill straight down the hill into the thick jungle."

76) It refers to the tracks made by the man-eater when it took its kill down the hill into the thick jungle.

77) The buffaloes were used as a bait to lure the man-eater out.

78) It tells me that it was a sharp bend.

79) It was a tiger which had attacked the women.

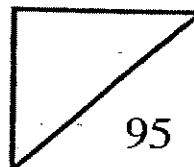
80) The writer appears to be a careful and observant person.

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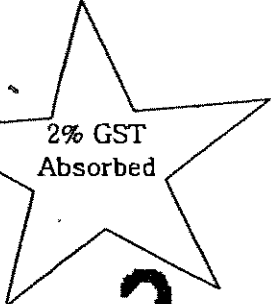
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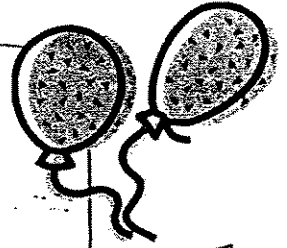
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Designer T-shirts for
all ages.
3 for the price of 2
While stocks last!

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

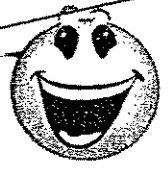
Limited to 5 sets
per customer

Joint Special Promotion with
ABC Sports Company

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

Light-Weight umbrellas for the
first 100 shoppers.

\$10 voucher
for every \$100
purchase



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.

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 Feet

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.

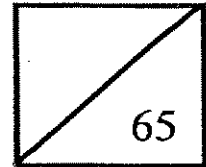


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Grammar Cloze (10 X 1 mark)

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 **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 **signels** which they emit to alert other plants of danger.

(43)
 "If a caterpillar or even a koala started 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 antcipate a similar attack after ricieving these signals. They will in turn release
 (47) (48)
 the **neecessary** 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.

(52) 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?

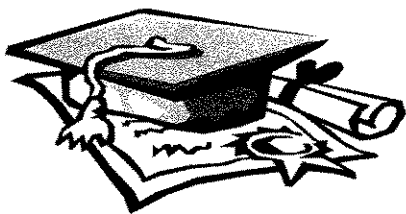
76. The writer and her friend were "disappointed" line 18. Quote the phrase that tells you this.

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?



ANSWER SHEET

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|-------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. 3 | 31)D | 41)with |
| 2. 2 | 32)Q | 42)signals |
| 3. 3 | 33)F | 43)starts |
| 4. 4 | 34)P | 44)defend |
| 5. 4 | 35)M | 45)it |
| 6. 2 | 36)C | 46)receiving |
| 7. 3 | 37)G | 47)necessary |
| 8. 1 | 38)J | 48)unusual |
| 9. 3 | 39)L | 49)suggested |
| 10. 3 | 40)B | 50)transplanted |
| 11. 2 | | |
| 12. 4 | 51)best/well | 61)both |
| 13. 2 | 52)chances | 62)into |
| 14. 2 | 53)difficulties | 63)again |
| 15. 1 | 54)improve | 64)form |
| 16. 4 | 55)skills | 65)by |
| 17. 3 | 56)to | |
| 18. 3 | 57)advice | |
| 19. 3 | 58)attention | |
| 20. 4 | 59)resume | |
| 21. 1 | 60)with | |
| 22. 4 | | |
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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 passers-by funnily and even shook their cans to donations from the passers-by.

74) The passers-by thought that the volunteers were irritating. Some passers-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 passers-by who did not donate to them, where as he donated to another can holder.

76) The phrase is "to our dismay".

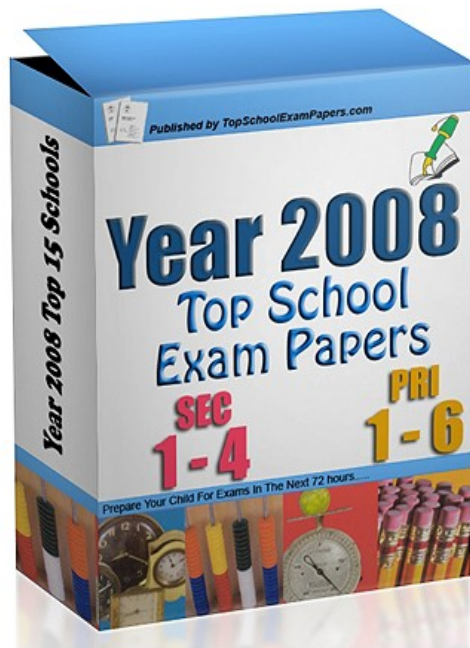
77) It means that they failed filling the can.

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 passengers-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.

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