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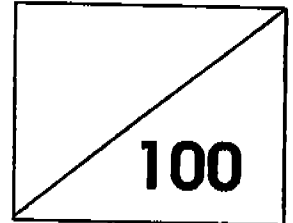
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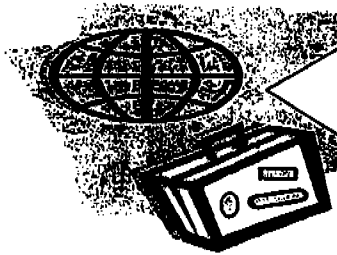
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1. The travel exhibition is organised by _____.
 - (1) local banks
 - (2) airline companies
 - (3) local travel agents
 - (4) credit card companies

2. Mr and Mrs Tan, a married couple, bought a package worth \$1800 to Gold Coast with Royal Woods Resort just before closing time. They will receive _____ as free gifts if they pay with their Citibank VISA credit card.
 - (1) a bottle of wine or champagne and a travel bag
 - (2) a bottle of wine and champagne, a travel bag and an air ticket
 - (3) a bottle of wine and champagne, a travel bag and a goodie bag
 - (4) a bottle of wine or champagne, two travel bags and a surprise gift

3. As part of the 25th Anniversary celebration, the first 25 customers to the fair each day are entitled to receive _____.
 - (1) a teddy bear
 - (2) a goodie bag
 - (3) an instant camera
 - (4) a copy of the Hertz Overseas Driving Guide

4. The exhibition aims to _____.
 - (1) boost tourism in other countries
 - (2) promote local travel companies
 - (3) thank Singaporeans for their support to NATAS
 - (4) give out gifts to people who attend the exhibition

5. Which of the following is **true**?
 - (1) Visitors to the exhibition can get a new mobile phone free by logging on to the NATAS website at the fair.
 - (2) John was given a teddy bear at the entrance when he visited the exhibition because he turned 25 years old that day.
 - (3) The participant in the Mini Instant Camera Draw needs to mail in the completed contest form before 23 March 2004.
 - (4) Mrs Lee paid an entrance fee of \$15 when she visited the exhibition with her aged mother, two teenaged sons and a nine-year-old daughter.

Section B (7 marks)

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. James, together with his best friends, _____ bungee jumping this coming June holidays.
- (1) is going
 - (2) are going
 - (3) was going
 - (4) were going
7. I ensured that I _____ my lunch before I turned up for the long meeting.
- (1) take
 - (2) had taken
 - (3) have taken
 - (4) would be taking
8. I assure you that I _____ come home at 8 p.m. and I am going to keep this promise.
- (1) will
 - (2) may
 - (3) might
 - (4) should
9. Lionel witnessed the young boy _____ a toy car from the department store.
- (1) steal
 - (2) stole
 - (3) has stolen
 - (4) had stolen
10. "Did you _____ your project to me?" asked Devi.
- (1) submit
 - (2) submits
 - (3) submitted
 - (4) have submitted

11. "Would you mind _____ borrowing your dictionary for a short while? I need it for my assignment," asked Jamie.

- (1) my
- (2) his
- (3) her
- (4) mine

12. Mr Mohan _____ far before he realised that he ~~had forgotten~~ to bring his packed lunch to work.

- (1) is not walking
- (2) has not walked
- (3) had not walked
- (4) has been walking

Section C (3 marks)

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.

"Help me," he said very quietly, speaking in the way that the dying speak
(13) I want to fly more than anything else in the world ..."

"Come along then," said Jonathan Seagull. "Climb with me away from
the ground, and we'll begin."

"You don't understand. My wing (14) It can't move."

"Maynard Gull, what is standing in your way (15) You have the freedom
to be yourself, your true self, here and now. Nothing can stand in your way. It is
the Law of the Great Gull."

Adapted from Jonathan Livingston Seagull - a story by Richard Bach

13. (1) (.) full stop
(2) (,) comma
(3) (. ") full stop and open inverted commas
(4) (, ") comma and close inverted commas
14. (1) (.) full stop
(2) (,) comma
(3) (. ") full stop and open inverted commas
(4) (, ") comma and close inverted commas
15. (1) (.) full stop
(2) (?) question mark
(3) (. ") full stop and close inverted commas
(4) (? ") question mark and close inverted commas

Section D (5 marks)

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. Our former president, Mr Wee Kim Wee, has penned _____ to share his personal experiences and reflections with fellow Singaporeans.
- (1) a biography
 - (2) a bibliography
 - (3) an autography
 - (4) an autobiography
17. Music is used in plays to _____ the mood of the scene.
- (1) widen
 - (2) broaden
 - (3) lengthen
 - (4) heighten
18. Father had arrived at the airport _____ to see Grandmother before she took off for her month-long vacation.
- (1) before his time
 - (2) from time to time
 - (3) for the time being
 - (4) in the nick of time
19. The seamstress sewed the small sequins _____ on the bridal gown in a skilful manner.
- (1) deftly
 - (2) smartly
 - (3) cleverly
 - (4) adequately
20. The manager took a _____ at the letter before signing and returning it to his secretary.
- (1) peep
 - (2) gaze
 - (3) glance
 - (4) glimpse

Section E (5 marks)

For each question from 21 to 25 on page 9, 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.

The next morning I woke cold, hungry and shivering, and bitten all over. It took me some moments to remember where I was and all that had happened

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to me. I was suddenly overwhelmed by one cruel reality after another: my utter

(22)

loneliness, my separation from my mother and father, and the dangers all

around me.

I cried aloud in my misery, until I saw that Stella was gone. I ran out of

(23)

the cave. She was nowhere to be seen. I called for her. I listened for her but only

the gibbons howled in reply. Then I turned and saw her, half hidden from me,

but even so I could see that her head was down. She was clearly intent on

something. I clambered up to find out what it was.

I heard her drinking before I got there, lapping rhythmically, noisily, as

(24)

she always did. She did not even look up as I approached. That was when I saw

(25)

that she was drinking from a bowl, a battered tin bowl. Then I noticed

something strange up on a flat shelf of rock above her.

Adapted from Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo

21. (1) recall
(2) retain
(3) replay
(4) review
22. (1) engulfed
(2) defeated
(3) overawed
(4) overcome
23. (1) clearly
(2) audibly
(3) distinctly
(4) intelligibly
24. (1) steadily
(2) musically
(3) pulsatingly
(4) sporadically
25. (1) drew near
(2) gained on
(3) caught up
(4) came close

Section F (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Yesterday, despite the strict orders from the soldiers, my grandmother left her house dressed as if she were off to lunch: she wore her customary silk and one of her many hats. She had not forgotten her gloves, white ones. During the night she had aged dreadfully. Her dress was crumpled and her gloves were streaked with dirt. She started to whimper weakly when she saw me but she had no more tears in her. I did not want to see her this way and I turned my head. This was the time of day, morning, when my stylish grandmother would make her rounds in the family house. Wearing her hat and gloves, presumably she came to say good morning; more likely it was to see what the cooks were up to in the kitchens. .

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Father assured me that he would try to find out where we were at the next stop and he managed to smile at me. Father knew children; he knew they needed to know where they were. How else would they know where they were going to? Even in a sealed cattle car, they needed this information.

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His smile helped. I turned my attention to familiar everyday needs. I needed to use a toilet. I also wanted to get out of my rumpled clothes, to wash my face and brush my teeth. My mother might not know - or care - where we were but she would surely know where the toilet was. I climbed back up to her. To my astonishment, she whispered that there was no toilet, that she would explain everything to me later. Later? I was horrified. Later could be too late.

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"Hush! I'll comb your braids for you."

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I felt better and although my need for a toilet was becoming more urgent, I realised that I was frightfully hungry too. I had not eaten for more than a day and my stomach was rumbling noisily. In the bunks opposite us, the peasants were eating. They had brought huge slabs of cheese.

"I'm hungry," I whispered.

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My mother hushed me and told me we would get some food when the train stopped. Hearing our exchange, one of the women offered me a piece of cheese. My hand reached out but to my distress, my mother shook her head. "No, thank you," I was forced to say. "I'm not really hungry now."

Adapted from *The Endless Steppe* by Esther Hautzig

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. The writer turned away from her grandmother because she was _____.
- (1) upset to see her grandmother cry
 - (2) afraid to see her grandmother aged so quickly
 - (3) angry that her grandmother was dressed in finery
 - (4) embarrassed to see her grandmother in a pitiful state
27. Grandmother's real intention of visiting the kitchens in the mornings was to _____.
- (1) greet the servants
 - (2) prepare breakfast
 - (3) check on the cooks
 - (4) show off her lovely dresses
28. According to the passage, the writer's father showed that he understood his daughter well by _____.
- (1) offering her a smile when she needed one most
 - (2) helping her find out where the next stop would be
 - (3) assuring her that he would find out where they were
 - (4) turning her attention to her other more familiar needs
29. The writer was horrified because _____.
- (1) there was no food
 - (2) there was no toilet for her use
 - (3) she was put in a sealed cattle car
 - (4) she was not granted permission to eat
30. In line 29, the writer told the woman that she was not hungry because _____.
- (1) she did not like eating cheese
 - (2) her mother would get her better food later
 - (3) the piece of cheese given to her was too large
 - (4) her mother did not allow her to accept the food

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Section G (10 marks)

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

(A) because	(D) in	(G) the	(K) of	(N) that
(B) and	(E) too	(H) off	(L) on	(P) by
(C) at	(F) until	(J) but	(M) over	(Q) it

Records show that history has been marked by countless violent disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes and volcanic eruptions. Many recent earthquakes have caused considerable damage (31) _____ the greatest number of earthquake-related deaths was recorded in 1556. However, some historians claim (32) _____ diseases have caused the greatest number (33) _____ deaths. One such incident was (34) _____ outbreak of the plague between 1330 (35) _____ 1400. The plague spread from China through fleas living (36) _____ the backs of rats. These rats then carried (37) _____ across Europe where it eventually killed one in every four people. A similar episode of disease occurred (38) _____ the end of the First World War. The disease in question at that point (39) _____ time was influenza. When it broke out, it spread from battlefields (40) _____ it killed over twenty million people. This was more than twice the number killed during the war.

Section H (10 marks)

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

Italian researchers have found a second ghostly image on the
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back of the famous Shroud of Turin. These researchers have report
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that there seems to be a **faent** image on the back of the cloth that
was different from the well-known image on the front. The back of the
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shroud was rarely seen because it was **hedden** beneath a piece of
(44)
cloth sewn on by nuns in 1534, after it was damages by fire. The back
(45)
surface was exposed during a **restoraesion** project. Though the image
(46)
is not very clear, facial features are clearly **vizibl**. There are some slight
(47)
differences as well. Prof Fantti dismiss the claims that the image
on the back confirmed the shroud is a fake. This is not the case of the
(48) (49)
shroud, he says. These new findings could helped to shed light on
(50)
the origin of the cloth. However, they are more likely to fuel **ferthe**
debate. These debates have been raging over it since it was first
photographed more than 100 years ago.

adapted from the Straits Times

Section I (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

"Mum," she called louder. The screen door made a creaking sound as it closed behind her. Kit wrinkled (51) _____ nose.

"Yuck." Dirty dishes were piled in the sink. (52) _____ curled up from the oven. Kit bent and pulled out a tray of burnt scones. A sick, tight feeling squirmed in her stomach. Her mother never left things like that. Kit ran into the hall.

"Mum." She (53) _____ the empty rooms quickly. Her (54) _____ grew tighter. She heard a gasp from the front room and raced towards it.

Her mother lay on the couch. Due to her swollen (55) _____ her eyes were shut. She (56) _____ as she tried to breathe through swollen lips.

"Mum." Kit shook her mother's shoulders. The skin felt cold and sticky. Her mother did not move.

"Daddy!" Kit called. Unfortunately, that was (57) _____. Her father and brothers had driven off that morning to check the creeks for flooding.

Kit (58) _____ into tears - huge, shaking sobs.

"Mummy," she cried. "Help me!" Her heart pounded. "Somebody help me."

However, Kit was all alone and her mother was going to (59) _____. She knew it. She stared at the sheets of (60) _____ cascading from the sky. Something green on the table under the window sill (61) _____ her eye. It was the medicine chest that stood open on the table. Every family living in the sparsely (62) _____ Australian Outback kept a medical kit (63) _____ hand for emergencies.

Kit stared at the medicines. Her mind (64) _____. A bottle of penicillin sat open. Suddenly she remembered that her mother had (65) _____ of a sore throat that morning. Mother was going to call the doctor for some medication.

Adapted from Outback Rescue by Kelly Fisher, Cricket Magazine Vol. 30

Section J (10 marks)

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

66. I had a fever and a stomachache. I went home early.

_____ because

67. Ahmad does not like coffee. The twins do not like coffee.

Neither _____ nor _____

68. That is John. Everyone likes him.

_____ whom

69. "Did you walk over here to take my trading cards?" asked Suelynn.

Suelynn asked _____

70. The teacher says, "Photosynthesis takes place when there is light."

The teacher _____

Section K (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

He may seem like an offbeat joker on television, but Steve Irwin, the son of conservationist parents, is deadly serious about keeping wildlife safe. Irwin has been helping his reptile-expert dad rescue and relocate rogue crocodiles in the rivers of North Queensland, Australia, since he was a young boy. His penchant for body slamming large crocodiles eventually gained wider recognition when his good friend, John Stainton, created the *Crocodile Hunter* in 1992 featuring Irwin's madcap antics with the sappy giants. The show gained a following and its host has since gone on to become a household name across 120 countries around the globe.

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Despite all that he has done for wildlife, Irwin is intent on churning out more riveting programmes to educate the public. A new documentary series called *Crocs In The City* will shed light on his crocodile-management strategies as he struggles to balance the needs of animals and humans as their habitats merge.

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Steve Irwin is also working on another project, a reality programme, *Croc Challenge*. Ten contestants will get a taste of working with Irwin at his zoo, which is inhabited by snakes, crocodiles, native koalas and wombats. However, Irwin will get to fire one contestant at the end of each week. "The rules are simple," he jests. "If you are hospitalised, you're fired!" The last man or woman left standing will go on an incredible journey around Australia.

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The real Irwin, however, can be rather emotional. This is especially so when he talks about his bull terrier, Sui, which was diagnosed with **terminal cancer**. However, Irwin still takes her out to the bush even though she grows tired easily. He has to be more careful since she is so deaf in one ear that she cannot hear approaching predators like big crocodiles or snakes.

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Besides animals, Irwin's life revolves around two women: his American wife Terri and their five-year-old daughter, Bindi Sue. The latter is a chip off the old block and loves getting in on the action with Irwin.

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He may have an unorthodox approach to fatherhood but that has not stopped Irwin from increasing his brood. The family celebrated the birth of a new member last December. However, Irwin did not waste any time and introduced the new member to his first snake. He says proudly, "Robert was two days old when I introduced him to his first snake — but don't tell the hospital."

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Adapted from "Crocodile Rock"

ANSWER EACH QUESTION IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was Irwin's first experience with crocodiles ?

72. Pick out one two-word phrase which best describes Steve Irwin's humorous behaviour when he appears on shows ?

73. How popular is the Crocodile Hunter series ? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

74. How does Irwin enlighten members of the public on keeping crocodiles safe ?

75. Name the Australian animals mentioned in the third paragraph .

76. What is the prize for the winner of the Crocodile Challenge ?

77. In your own words, explain the meaning of the phrase 'terminal cancer' (line 25) as found in the passage.

78. Why is it dangerous for Sui to go out in the bush?

79. State a similarity between Steve and Bindi Sue.

80 How does Terri support her husband ? Provide two examples.

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- 1) 3 28) 3 55) eyelids 66) I went home early because I had a fever and a stomachache.
- 2) 1 29) 2 56) gasped
- 3) 2 30) 4 57) useless 67) Neither Ahmad nor the twins like coffee.
- 4) 1 31) J 58) burst
- 5) 3 32) N 59) die 68) That is John whom everyone likes.
- 6) 1 33) K 60) rain 69) Suelynn asked whether I had walked over there to take her trading cards.
- 7) 2 34) G 61) caught
- 8) 1 35) B 62) populated 70) The teacher says that photosynthesis takes place when there is light.
- 9) 1 36) L 63) on
- 10) 1 37) Q 64) raced
- 11) 1 38) C 65) complained 71) He rescued and relocated the crocodiles.
- 12) 3 39) D
- 13) 3 40) F 72) It is "offbeat joker".
- 14) 1 41) reported 73) It is very popular as it is being shown in 120 countries.
- 15) 2 42) faint
- 16) 4 43) hidden 74) "Crocs In The City", Irwin's new documentary series, will shed light on his crocodile - management strategies that will enlighten members of the public on keeping crocodiles safe.
- 17) 4 44) damaged
- 18) 4 45) restoration
- 19) 1 46) visible 75) The Australian animals mentioned are the wombats and koalas.
- 20) 3 47) dismissed
- 21) 1 48) said 76) The prize for the winner is an incredible journey around Australia.
- 22) 1 49) help
- 23) 2 50) further 77) It means that the cancer cannot be cured.
- 24) 1 51) her 78) It is dangerous because Sue is deaf in one ear and cannot hear approaching predators like big crocodiles and snakes.
- 25) 1 52) Smoke
- 26) 4 53) checked 79) The two of them love crocodiles.
- 27) 3 54) stomach 80) She supports his interest in crocodiles and allows her