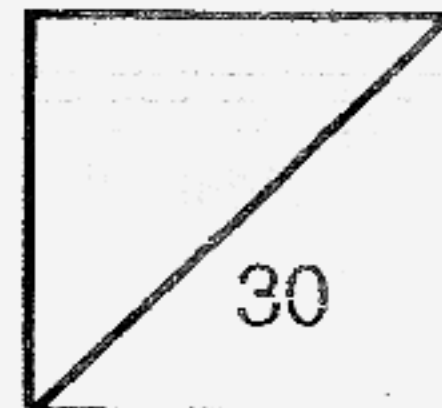




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PRIMARY 5EM1/2

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Booklet A

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

✧ ✧ *** An exciting event for the entire family ***

✧ **Storytellers' Extravaganza!!!** ✧

Join us for these TWO days over the weekend!


Admission fees (per session) : \$8 (adults), \$4 (for children up to the age of 12)
[no infants in arms will be admitted]

Come see how stories come alive in the hands of the master dreamweavers!! From France, England, Scotland, Germany, Australia, Malaysia and Thailand!

Place: The Asian Civilisation Museum (ACM)
Date: 2 September—3 September 2006
Time: 3pm-5pm & 6pm-8pm

Up Close and Personal...
Hear about the personal inspirations behind each of the stories that are to be told ...and then LISTEN in wonder and "SEE" yourself transported into the world of dragons and knights, kind and brave little girls, talking mice and mean cats, heroic firefighters and naughty boys and pirates' caves and treasure...

For more information on the event, please call Miss Chia / Miss Weatherby at 62345775 / 8
Or send an e-mail to Storiesalive@acm.com.sg You may also drop by at the ACM during opening hours :1-7pm (Monday), 9am-7pm (Tues-Sun)

 Organised by The Central Library under their 'Listen in Wonder' Programme
Sponsored by CityBeat Taxicabs, ApriJets Travel and the Reading Tree bookstore chain

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. (5marks)

1 'Storytellers' Extravaganza!' is organized by _____.

- (1) ApriJets Travel
- (2) CityBeat Taxicabs
- (3) The Central Library
- (4) The Reading Tree Bookstore

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2 The event would mainly appeal to people who _____.

- (1) enjoy listening to stories
- (2) are visiting Europe and Asia
- (3) are keen to learn to be storytellers
- (4) came to be inspired by the lives of others

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3 "Dreamweavers" in the advertisement refers to the _____.

- (1) sponsors of the event
- (2) organisers of the event
- (3) characters in the stories
- (4) storytellers in the event

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4 The event is held over a _____.

- (1) Friday and Saturday
- (2) Saturday and Sunday
- (3) Sunday and Monday
- (4) Thursday and Friday

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5 Which of the following statements is not true ?

- (1) There are four storytelling sessions over the two days
- (2) The stories are based mostly on ^{everyday} ~~everyday~~ occurrences
- (3) The storytellers come from different parts of the world
- (4) The storytellers will tell the audience how their stories came about

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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 John ,as well as his family, _____to the United States soon.

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

7 “ _____the committee cast their votes on the ‘rubbish removal’ issue yet?”

- (1) Has
- (2) Had
- (3) Have
- (4) Having

8 Neither Rachel nor her parents _____ aware of what was happening in the kitchen.

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

9 The boys _____the broken vase pieces before their mother returned home.

- (1) are hiding
- (2) were hiding
- (3) had hidden
- (4) have hidden

10 The accused was charged _____aiding and abetting her boyfriend in his escape from police custody.

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

11 Leela, _____ I often play with during recess, has been hospitalised with dengue.

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

12 The newly-discovered drugs have had success on laboratory rats _____ they have not been tested on human subjects yet.

- (1) so
- (2) but
- (3) and
- (4) until

For each question from 13 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 This piece of news about drama being offered as a core subject in schools has just been released. Principals of schools got the news_____.

- (1) out of the blue
- (2) hot off the press
- (3) a move up the ladder
- (4) water under the bridge

17 With only ten minutes left to the end of the exam, Janet _____ the questions.

- (1) rushed in
- (2) rushed up
- (3) rushed into
- (4) rushed through

18 George Peters was the _____ who came up with the script for the drama-comedy "Death of a Nosy Parrot".

- (1) editor
- (2) producer
- (3) illustrator
- (4) playwright

19 He turned _____ when told that there was a hole in the back of his pants.

- (1) as red as a tomato
- (2) as white as a sheet
- (3) as black as the night
- (4) as purple as heather

20 George who is studying animal husbandry and is having his holiday on a farm would probably be a/an _____ when he grows up

- (1) food stylist
- (2) accountant
- (3) veterinarian
- (4) taxidermist

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)

Walking along the footpath back to my village, I suddenly heard a commotion coming from the clearing up ahead by the river bank. What's happening? Shortsighted, I squinted into the distance. I could just make out the figures of five, maybe six or more, men standing in knee-deep water (21) brandishing something long, perhaps *parangs* or wooden poles to drive something that was thrashing in the shallow waters, towards the shore. I reached hastily into my pocket, found my spectacles and put them on. Horrors! Crocodiles!! That river which ran by my village was simply (22) swarmed by those ugly, menacing creatures.

As I stood still, entranced by the scene before me, one of the men, without any warning, slipped on the mud and began to (23) flounder in the water. I gasped. The bigger of the two crocodiles slid quickly forwards in anticipation of an easy meal. However, it was not to be. One quick-thinking fellow sprang forward and brought his pole down hard on the snout of the beast. Stunned (24) momentarily, it sank into the murky waters and in the confusion that (25) followed, the intended victim was somehow pulled to the safety of the river bank.

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| 21 | (1) waving | (3) seizing |
| | (2) holding | (4) manipulating |
| 22 | (1) infested | (3) overrun |
| | (2) teemed | (4) inhabited |
| 23 | (1) splash | (3) swim |
| | (2) struggle | (4) surface |
| 24 | (1) instantly | (3) temporarily |
| | (2) suddenly | (4) immediately |
| 25 | (1) ensued | (3) occurred |
| | (2) resulted | (4) evolved |

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

A group of Indonesian aborigines known as the 'Korowai' lives in the province of Irian Jaya. We might say that these people are perhaps the closest examples of how our ancient ancestors of the Stone Age lived. The Korowai live in so remote a part of the jungle that they can only be reached by air or a treacherous ride up the rivers by canoe. Motorised boatcraft would find danger in the long waterweeds lying just below the murky waters, not to mention the hidden sandbanks which become an even greater threat during the drier season. 5

The Korowai live in huts measuring about fifteen metres long and ten metres wide. What makes their dwellings unique is the fact that they are built in trees, high above the ground! To the Korowai, that would be their 'khaim' or 'home'. If one is daring enough to visit the Korowai, one has to somehow possess a monkey-like agility and be brave enough to make the climb up a ladder constructed from tree boughs and a pole. The danger of dying from falls is very real even though their children have been trained from young to climb up the 'steps' to their homes. 10

The Korowai are divided into clans and each clan is rather aggressively territorial over possessions and their women. Many members of opposing clans have met their deaths over the trivial matter of a stolen pigeon! The weapons used to settle their disputes though rudimentary are lethal. When a victim tries to remove the offending spear, he would find that he only inflicts more internal damage to himself. Usually such a victim dies from massive internal bleeding. 15 20

The tree houses serve as a place of refuge for the women and children as the fighting, when it begins, takes place on the jungle floor below. The Korowai also use their high perches as hunting stations to shoot passing birds with their blowpipes or their wooden arrows. Living in the tree houses provide other advantages such as the cool tree-top breezes and a wonderful view of the surrounding tropical jungle. 25

Alas! The Korowai may soon vanish as a tribe. This is because their jungles are being relentlessly logged and modernisation has brought with it the accompanying diseases against which they have no protection.

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)

26 In order to visit the Korowai heartland, one needs to _____ to reach them.

- (1) drive through jungle terrain
- (2) hike over undulating ground
- (3) paddle a canoe along rivers
- (4) take a leisurely motorboat ride

27 The unique feature about the Korowai 'khaim' is the fact that they _____.

- (1) are look-out points for enemy clans
- (2) are places of refuge during emergencies
- (3) ~~they~~ can only be seen by low-flying aircraft
- (4) ~~they~~ are tree-top perches and only ladder-accessible

28 Which word in Paragraph 3 would describe the nature of the Korowai people?

- (1) lethal
- (2) trivial
- (3) territorial
- (4) rudimentary

29 What happens when there is a dispute among the different Korowai clans ?

- (1) They would leave any casualty to bleed to death
- (2) The women and children hide in the surrounding jungle
- (3) The warriors would fight a bloody battle below their homes
- (4) Everyone in the clans would use weapons against one another

30 The main cause of the Korowai becoming extinct would be due to _____.

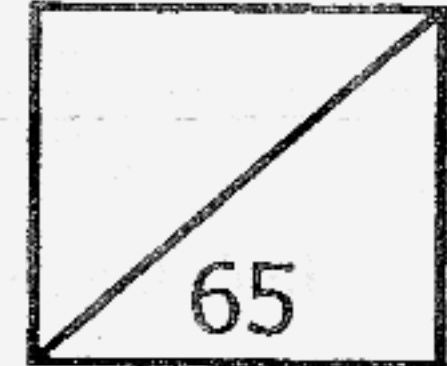
- (1) modern diseases
- (2) long drawn-out clan wars
- (3) childhood mortality from deathfalls
- (4) food shortage brought about by logging



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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) why	(D) when	(G) out	(K) to	(N) besides
(B) if	(E) because	(H) about	(L) an	(P) this
(C) the	(F) between	(J) since	(M) for	(Q) how

These days, many people have the tendency to blame others for what happens to them. In fact, it seems to be a growing trend. For example, (31)_____ students are often caught running along the corridors by teachers or prefects, they always give (32)_____ excuse that their friend was chasing them. They do not realise that it was their decision to run that had brought (33)_____ the consequences. People attribute their wrongdoings (34)_____ the actions of others. Increasingly, more and more people are not taking responsibility (35)_____ their own actions.

(36)_____ blaming others, people are also complaining a lot, usually for no good reason. In the United States, for example, evidence that (37)_____ trend is emerging is that lawsuits are at an all-time high. When an accident happens, the people involved often try to sue someone else rather than consider (38)_____ their own behaviour might have caused or contributed to the accident. Recently, a woman sued a fast-food chain for US\$1.2 million (39)_____ she received second-degree burns after spilling a cup of coffee she had placed (40)_____ her knees. She complained that the coffee was too hot.

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

Special bins have appeared in 22 schools for students to give old newspapers

(41)

and used clothes. The money **rayzed** will be used to help more than 70 000 children

(42)

for poor countries.

(43)

The project called Beyond Borders is an **eppt** name and the Singapore

(44)

students' efforts will go far beyond Singapore's borders, touches children as far away

as Bangladesh and Laos.

(45)

It is being organised by World Vision Singapore, whose **meesion** is to help

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improve the lives of poor yet suffering people. World Vision Singapore will use the

(47)

money for basic **nesesitis** such as safe drinking water, sanitation, food and shelter,

and education.

(48)

"From the Beyond Borders program, we hope our students will be inspired to

(49)

(50)

do their part for **underpreviledjed** children in Asia," adds Mr Chia Soo Keng, a

school principal.

Source: Adapted from 'What's Up' September 2006

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Puppets and masks are an important part of theatre history, predating by centuries the play as we know it today. In many countries, puppetry enjoys the status of a fine art, designed and performed for adults, whereas in (51) _____ countries, it is regarded as children's entertainment.

What is a puppet? (52) _____ to what many think, puppets are not dolls, although they often resemble (53) _____. Puppets are "actors" who come to (54) _____ with the help of a puppeteer. (55) _____ any object can be a puppet: a toy, a hairbrush, a lollipop, a spoon, a broom. Even the hand can be a puppet, if the "puppeteer" moves it and speaks so that the hand appears to be doing the walking and (56) _____.

There are many (57) _____ kinds of puppets. Some hang from strings; some are fastened to sticks called rods; and some slip (58) _____ the hand like gloves. Some puppets are as tall as a person (59) _____ must be pushed or move from inside. The string puppet is the most complicated one to make and manipulate while the hand puppet, with its many variations, such as the finger puppet, the paper-bag puppet, the shadow puppet, the sock puppet and the glove puppet, can be (60) _____ made and used even by very young children.

Closely related to the art of (61) _____ is the art of mask making. In children's theatre, the mask is commonly used in costuming an animal or a fantastic creature.

As with puppets, there are different types of masks. A mask may cover the entire (62) _____, the face, or the (63) _____ part of the face only, leaving the lower part (64) _____. Masks may be simple or elaborate, (65) _____ or grotesque, but except for the representation of animals, they are rarely realistic.

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. Jolene will not take the medicine. Mother has to give her an Oreo cookie.

_____ if _____

67. "Does this blue striped shirt look good on me?" Rahim asked his sister.

Rahim asked _____

68. Siva enjoys jogging in the park but dislikes swimming in the sea.

Siva prefers _____

69. Mark limped. He pretended to have hurt his leg badly.

_____ as though _____

70. The wind was extremely strong. Many trees were uprooted.

_____ because of _____

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

Mr Raymond Cheong heads for his kitchen when he is stressed. There, he whips up dishes such as chilli crab and stir-fried vegetables. The few hours he spends on cutting, chopping, frying and mincing allows him to ponder over difficult decisions he faces in the office.

Mr Cheong, 40, is founder and chief executive of We-sharecare Society for Children and Youth (Singapore), a non-profit organisation reaching out to children and youths from needy families and those at high risk of delinquency. It provides free academic enrichment and character-building classes to such young people respectively. Through these classes and other activities such as holiday camps and university campus tours, the society tries to help these children and youths build up their self-confidence. 5 10

Meanwhile, together with seven full-time staff, Mr Cheong conducts training and talks for volunteers, teachers and parents. "Character is caught, not taught," he explains. "So we also have to educate the grown-ups on the importance of cultivating good character." Mr Cheong admits his job is difficult, especially procuring financial aid for the organisation's day-to-day running. To achieve fund targets, it writes to corporations and foundations, and engages consultants and contractors, although there are plans to cut down on using the latter and instead use existing manpower to sell charity tickets. 15

He spends about twelve hours in the office every day, starting at 8 am and leaving only at 9 pm. Each day, he sees about thirty children and youths from the neighbourhood. He takes pride in the friendly and encouraging environment the society offers them, where they can take part in activities such as character-building classes, homework and counselling sessions. The only time he takes a break is Sunday, which he spends mostly in the kitchen of his Yishun flat. 20

He says, "Since I was young, I've always loved cooking. I once thought I'd become a chef and open a restaurant. I also toyed with being a hawker and sell *or-luak* (oyster omelette)." And it was cooking that he turned to, after getting rejected by a girl when he was a teenager. He recalls, "I went home and made instant noodles – with every ingredient I could dig up from the refrigerator. It was the best gourmet noodles I had ever tasted, and I immediately felt better." 25 30

The heartbreak may be a distant memory but the therapeutic effects have remained. These days, by the time food is ready to be served, he almost always has a solution to his problem. But while he is allowed to cook up a storm in the name of unwinding, the kitchen remains the domain of his wife, an accountant. "My wife likes the area neat, but I'm very messy when I cook, because it's such an intensive experience," he says. "So she always insists on cleaning it up herself!" 35

Source: The Straits Times, 16 September 2006(adapted)

71. What does Mr Cheong do when he feels the pressures at work?

72. There is a difference between the help given to those young people who are potential delinquents and those who are from poor families (paragraph 2). State the help each group receives.

73. According to the society founded by Mr Cheong, what seems to be the main cause for young people not doing better in life?

74. Why does Mr Cheong think that adults also need to cultivate good character?

75. Which phrase in paragraph 3 refers to getting the money to run the society?

76. What does 'it' (line 15) refer to?

77. Who are the people who make up the 'existing manpower' referred to by Mr Cheong (line 17)?

78. Looking at the amount of time Mr Cheong spends working (paragraph 4), give a word which can be used to describe him.

79. Which word in the last paragraph has the same meaning as 'from long ago'?

80. According to the passage, why does Mrs Cheong put up with her husband messing up the kitchen?

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Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
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42. in 47. necessities 52. contrary 57. different 62. head
43. apt 48. Through 53. them 58. over 63. upper
44. touching 49. underprivileged 54. life 59. and 64. uncovered
45. mission 50. added 55. Almost 60. easily 65. beautiful

66. Jolene will take medicine if mother gives her an Oreo cookie.
67. Rahim asked his sister if that blue striped shirt looked good on him.
68. Siva prefers jogging in the park to swimming in the sea.
69. Mark limp as though he had hurt his leg badly.
70. Many trees were uprooted because of the extremely strong wind.
71. Mr. Cheong always cooks when he feels the pressures at work.
72. For pupils who are potential delinquents classes are provided for them, for the children in poor families, they would be provided with classes.
73. They have no self-confidence and lack the confidence.
74. Mr. Cheong believes that the young will learn good character by observing adults/following the adult's behaviour so adults need to have good character too.
75. The phrase is 'procuring financial aid'.

76. It refers to 'We share care society for children and youth'.
77. It refers to the seven full-time staff and Mr. Cheong himself.
78. The word is 'hard working'.
79. The word is 'distant'.
80. She understands that is her husband's way of reliving from his work problems.