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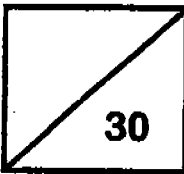
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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

* This paper consists of 8 pages altogether

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

The Sing Singapore Contest

Held at The Rock Auditorium at The Suntec City
on 12/12/2005 from 7pm-10pm

Here's your chance to sing your way home with cash prizes worth more than \$5000.
This singing contest is open to all teenagers aged between 13 and 18.

Sing Singapore Winners will receive:

- ★ A three-years recording contract with Victory Records
- ★ A Ben Q Home Theatre System
- ★ A one-year free subscription of the monthly "Youth Alive" magazine
- ★ A \$500-dollar dining voucher at the Fullerton Hotel
- ★ A delightful 3 day 2 Night stay at the Blue Lagoon Beach Resort

Five desktop Pentium V Acer Computers will be given away to the lucky contestants on the performance night.

Category A : The Soloist

Category B : Group Performance

- Maximum number of participants in each team is 6
- The first two winning teams will be invited to perform at The Esplanade on Christmas Eve, 24/12/2005

Entry forms can be obtained from : ☞ Mama Mia Music School at #10-05 Pearl Centre
☞ Creative Music Centre at River Walk, # 07-07
☞ Victory Records at 44, Raffles Link, # 02-02

For more details, visit <http://www.singsing.com> or call 96765432

The singing contest is organised by the Singapore Aesthetic Association.

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 singing contest is organised for _____
 - (1) adults
 - (2) children
 - (3) teenagers
 - (4) elderly people

2. At which one of the following places is the entry form not available?
 - (1) Pearl Centre
 - (2) Creative Music Centre
 - (3) Blue Lagoon Resort
 - (4) Mama Mia Music School

3. Which of the following statements is true of all contestants?
 - (1) They will receive cash prizes
 - (2) They have to perform at the Esplanade
 - (3) They can register as a soloist or as a group
 - (4) They will be holidaying at the Blue Lagoon Resort

4. One can telephone 98765432 to _____
 - (1) collect the lucky draw prizes
 - (2) to find out more about the contest
 - (3) dine at the Suntec City Auditorium
 - (4) subscribe to the "Youth Alive" magazine

5. Recording contracts will be offered to the _____
 - (1) soloists
 - (2) contestants
 - (3) group performers
 - (4) winners of the singing 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. (7 marks)

6. John was accused _____ stealing the box of coins.
- (1) by
 - (2) of
 - (3) to
 - (4) in
7. "Unless you _____ me your problem, I can't help you," said Nick.
- (1) tell
 - (2) told
 - (3) tells
 - (4) have told
8. A herd of elephants _____ seen trumpeting in the enclosure just now.
- (1) is
 - (2) was
 - (3) are
 - (4) were
9. He screwed the hook tightly _____ it could hold heavier objects.
- (1) when
 - (2) since
 - (3) so that
 - (4) because
10. Miss Lee was very sure that she saw Ali _____ down the slope.
- (1) fell
 - (2) fall
 - (3) falls
 - (4) had fallen
11. The rats in the barn were killed and _____ by the owner's cat.
- (1) eat
 - (2) ate
 - (3) eaten
 - (4) had eaten

12. The girl _____ danced at the party last night had sprained her ankle.

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

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)

Thirteen crocodiles are on the loose after a flood swept through their breeding farm in China. "They are doomed if we don't find them as the autumn cold is drawing near," said Mr Mai (13) the manager of the park.

" I wonder where are the crocodiles now (14) continued Mr Mai. The public is advised to do the following should they see the crocodiles (15) do not disturb them, back away slowly upon encounter, do not make any noise and inform the relevant authorities.

13. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [-] hyphen
(4) [.] full stop

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

15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [-] hyphen
(4) [.] full stop

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 drunk driver _____ out of the overturned car.

- (1) limped
- (2) strolled
- (3) lumbered
- (4) staggered

17. They offered their _____ to the boy whose father had passed away.

- (1) gratitude
- (2) sympathies
- (3) condolences
- (4) congratulations

18. These seats are _____ for the handicapped .

- (1) reserved
- (2) deserved
- (3) preserved
- (4) conserved

19. The accident which occurred along the expressway had _____ the flow of traffic.

- (1) disrupted
- (2) destructed
- (3) exhausted
- (4) interrupted

20. The burglar _____ the house and took away many valuables.

- (1) inspected
- (2) examined
- (3) disturbed
- (4) ransacked

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)

Images of mysterious jungles, headhunters and Iban longhouses come to mind when one mentions Sarawak, the homeland of the Ibans.

The traditional Iban religion is a fusion of animal worship and Hindu-Buddhist belief. This explains why the Ibans consider dreams and the presence of certain animals as omens of good or evil.

Ibans are generally hospitable. They are also well-known for their excellent silverwork and majestic tattoos. The Iban women use backstrap looms to create stunning textile weaves. According to Iban tradition, the Iban male has to embark on a journey in which he travels away from home and works hard to bring back large amount of money.

21. (1) kind
(2) form
(3) version
(4) mixture
22. (1) signs
(2) logos
(3) pictures
(4) symbols
23. (1) cruel
(2) sickly
(3) helpful
(4) friendly
24. (1) complex
(2) beautiful
(3) difficult
(4) hazardous
25. (1) sail
(2) plan
(3) send
(4) begin

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Our ship lay anchored off the shore of Africa. The day had been splendid as we had had lots of fun and creative activities on board.

The weather suddenly changed in the evening. The hot breath of the Sahara Desert struck us like gusts of wind from the oven. On such a dry and hot day, the sensible thing to do was to race to the open sea.

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Two of our boys slid through the water and headed for the spot where a buoy floated. They were swimming happily in the vast open sea. The boys' father, who was an old gunner, stood watching over them. However, someone on deck suddenly shouted, "A shark!". Within seconds, we saw the back of the monster gliding through the water, heading straight for the boys. Commotion and tension soon built up as the onlookers watched helplessly at the sea.

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"Come back! A shark!" roared the gunner. The boys could not hear him. The gunner stood rooted to the ground in a daze and he was as white as a sheet. The shark had less than twenty paces to reach the boys. Suddenly, one of the boys turned and we heard him scream in fright. The scream seemed to have woken the gunner up. In a flash, he sped to his cannon and took aim. Everybody on the ship stood petrified.

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The cannon thundered. The gunner fell flat beside it, with his hands to his face. Nobody could see what had happened to the shark and the boys as the smoke was very thick. When the smoke faded over the water, there was a murmur, followed by shouts of joy. The old gunner took his hands from his face, got up and looked out over the sea worriedly. The yellow belly of the dead shark rocked on the surface of the sea. Within moments, our ship reached the boys and they climbed aboard safely.

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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. The people had had a splendid day for they _____
- (1) could swim
 - (2) had reached their destination
 - (3) had sailed past the Sahara Desert
 - (4) had fun activities on board the ship
27. The weather was hot as _____
- (1) the sea water was hot
 - (2) the ship had stopped sailing
 - (3) the wind blew over an oven
 - (4) wind from the desert was blowing
28. While the boys were swimming, the gunner was _____
- (1) asleep
 - (2) on board a ship
 - (3) twenty paces behind them
 - (4) at shore with the onlookers
29. On seeing the shark, the gunner stood rooted to the ground because he _____
- (1) was as white as a sheet
 - (2) was feeling weak and helpless
 - (3) had just awakened from his sleep
 - (4) was petrified and did not know what to do
30. In line 21, a murmur was turned into joy as the _____
- (1) boys were saved
 - (2) smoke had cleared
 - (3) shark was found dead
 - (4) cannon was found to be in working order

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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 the 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) from	(D) itself	(G) across	(K) into	(N) themselves
(B) to	(E) on	(H) and	(L) between	(P) through
(C) under	(F) with	(J) along	(M) in	(Q) than

The circus is here again. I remember reading the advertisement in yesterday's newspaper. There it was _____ page three, the advertisement, announcing to one _____ all, the arrival of the long-awaited event. My eyes moved excitedly _____ the page as I took _____ every little piece of information.

I really love the circus. I love the smell of freshly-made popcorn as it wafts _____ my nostrils. I enjoy watching the fairy-lights strung prettily _____ the perimeter of the circus tent. However, nothing is as spectacular as the circus acts _____.

My favourite is the lion-tamer. It fills me _____ pure joy watching the lion-tamer standing bravely in the cage, cracking his whip as the fierce felines jump _____ the hoops.

My friend, Jerome, likes going to the circus too. Unlike me, he prefers the daredevil acrobatic acts _____ the lion-tamer.

I am now so excited that I can barely contain myself. The circus is here again! Hurrah!

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 words in the relevant boxes.

(41)

Do you love horror stories? I know by a tale that will send a chill down

(42)

your sepaine. It was told to me by my grandmother,

(43)

It is about a security guard who was at duty late one Thursday night.

(44)

He was happily relaxing in his room, listen to the songs coming from his

(45)

potabel radio when suddenly, he heard a weird sound coming from the

(46)

koridor outside.

He jumped off his seat to investigate. In his haste, he accidentally

(47)

knocked over a tray of stationarry, sendong all the pens, pencils and

erasers onto the floor. He scolded himself for his clumsiness as he bent

(48)

down to retrieve it,

(49)

(50)

Then, he freeze. Something was darefinitely not right. He could just feel

it. He slowly made his way to the door, opened it and walked cautiously

into the darkness.

Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It was still dark. It was still dark. Timmy woke up _____ that
(51)
morning at the crack of dawn. It was the day of his _____
(52)
visit to Malaysia. He had been there only once before, when he was still an
_____ in his mother's arms.
(53)

Soory after a light breakfast, the whole family was _____
(54)
to go. Timmy's mother had sternly _____ him the night
(55)
_____ not to eat too much prior to the trip.
(56)

When the whole family was safely belted _____ in the car,
(57)
Timmy's father, who was in the _____ seat, expertly drove the
(58)
car out of the garage. They were lucky as the traffic that morning was not
_____ and they soon reached the Woodlands Checkpoint.
(59)

Timmy knows that Singapore is _____ from Malaysia
(60)
by a narrow strip of water called the Straits of Johore. These two countries
are _____ by a bridge called the Causeway.
(61)

After _____ the customs, the family was soon travelling
(62)
smoothly on Malaysian roads, towards Kuala Lumpur. Exhausted, Timmy
was already _____ in the back seat.
(63)

When he was roused a few hours later, they were already in Kuala
Lumpur. Groggily, Timmy looked out of the window and saw the Petronas
Towers. They tower over the other buildings that are much

_____. This makes the Petronas Towers almost
(64)
_____ to miss. Timmy looked at his mother and smiled. He
(65)

knew that they would have a great time in Malaysia.

Synthesis and Transformation (5 x 2 marks)

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

66. Elvin does not like playing soccer. Douglas does not like playing soccer.

Neither _____ nor _____

67. I am late for the party. My sisters are late for the party too.

_____ as well as _____

68. That boy won the race. He is my best friend.

_____ who

69. Elle studied hard. She wanted to be a successful lawyer.

In order to _____

70. "Fish breathe through their gills," Mr Taylor told the class.

Mr Taylor informed _____

Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

"Happy birthday! Happy birthday to you!"

The wishes were expressed in a variety of forms – in the red and gilt lettering on the banner in the background of the Hotel Grande's Orchid Room, in the loud chorus of the birthday guests as they crowded round to see the boy and on the cake itself.

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As the cameras popped, Angela and Boon walked up to kiss their son, their pride, on each cheek. The boy looked down self-consciously, blushing, but there was no doubt he relished being the focus of attention in the large crowded room.

"I must congratulate you, Mrs Toh," said Mark's class teacher who, together with the Principal, the Vice Principal and a number of his favourite teachers, had been invited for the occasion. "Mark has been doing very well. I'm entering him for the National Speech contest, the biggest event for schools this year. Mark reads so well, he has so much confidence."

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"Thank you, thank you. Mark would never have done so well without the help and guidance of his teachers," said Angela.

Three or four times, when a friend or relative remarked on the magnificence of the affair, Angela has occasion to say, with an apologetic laugh, "Really, Boon and I never intended anything like this. Our place is too small for all the teachers and friends he wants to invite. When the new house is ready, we'll have a much bigger garden and there'll be a special barbecue pit. Right now, there's just no space. But we've told Mark, 'That's all! No more birthdays like this! Daddy and Mummy can't afford more of this!'"

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The children were hustled into another room for the magic show. Mark had indicated, in the course of planning the celebrations, that he did not want anything childish. He had been to children's parties where there were magic shows with half-baked magicians who did silly tricks, spoke broken English and resorted to all sorts of cheap antics to make the children laugh.

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The magician for his birthday party was different. He was professional and almost as good as the magicians Mark had seen in some television shows.

(Adapted from The Serpent's Tooth by Catherine Lim)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

71. ~~Where~~ **71. Where was the birthday party held?**

72. How were the birthday wishes expressed?

73. Mark was slightly embarrassed by his parents' attention. Which word tells you so?

74. According to the teacher, what were the two qualities Mark had that made him suitable for the National Speech contest?

75. Why do you think Angela invited Mark's teachers to the party?

76. In your opinion, why did Angela respond to her friends' and relatives' remarks with "an apologetic laugh" (lines 19-20)?

77. What does "this" in line 20 refer to?

78. What reason did Angela give for not holding the party at home?

79. How was Boon related to Angela?

80. What does the phrase "half-baked magicians" in line 29 mean?

END OF PAPER

Rosyth Primary School

Primary 5 English SA2 Exam (2005)

Exams

Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	3	2	4	2	1	2	3	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	1	2	4	1	4	3	1	1	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	1	4	2	4	4	4	2	4	1
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
E	H	G	M	K	J	N	F	P	B

41	of	46	corridor	51	early	56	before	61	joined
42	spine	47	stationery	52	second	57	up	62	clearing
43	on	48	them	53	infant	58	front	63	asleep
44	listening	49	froze	54	ready	59	jammed	64	lower
45	portable	50	definitely	55	warned	60	separated	65	impossible

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68. That boy who won the race is my best friend.
69. In order to be a successful lawyer, Elle studied hard.
70. Mr Taylor informed the class that fish breathe through their gills.
71. It was held in Hotel Grande's Orchid Room.
72. They were expressed in the red and gilt lettering on the banner in the loud chorus of the birthday guests and on the cake itself.
73. It is "blushing".
74. He read very well and had a lot of confidence.
75. They were Mark's favourite teachers so Mark asked his mother, Angela, to invite them to his party.
76. She wanted to appear modest.
77. It refers to the grand way Mark's birthday was celebrated in which was held at a hotel with a good magician plus many different guests.
78. Their house was too small to have a birthday celebration as there was not enough space for so many teachers and friends who were invited.
79. Boon was Angela's husband.
80. They are not professionals.