

**Primary Five
English Language
Semestral Assessment Two**

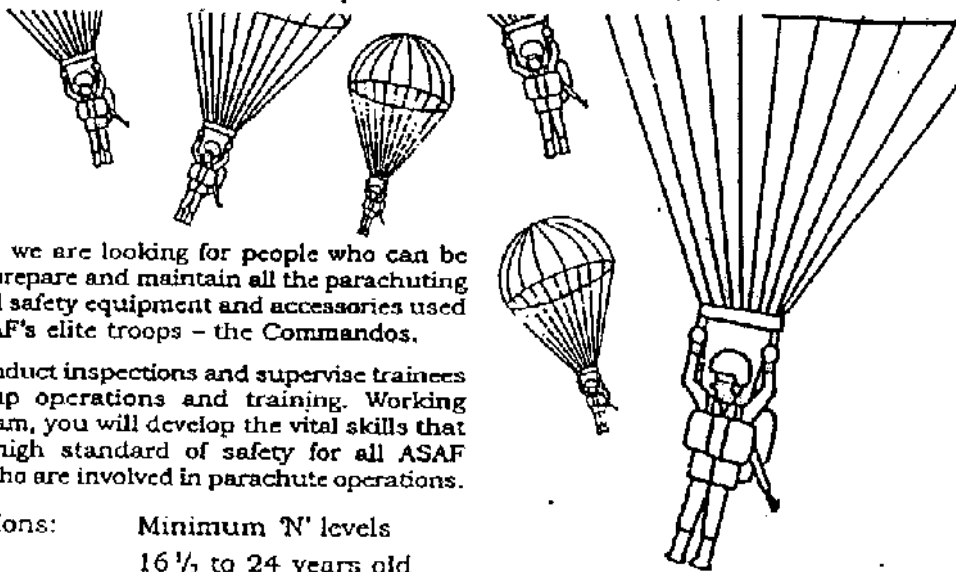
Section A: Graphic Stimulus Comprehension

Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

For each question 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). (5 marks)

The Army offers modern women some of the most exciting career opportunities in Singapore. If you are physically fit, keen to develop specialised skills and don't want to be tied to a desk, we have the opportunity you're looking for.

PARACHUTE RIGGERS



Right now, we are looking for people who can be trained to prepare and maintain all the parachuting and related safety equipment and accessories used by the ASAF's elite troops - the Commandos.

You will conduct inspections and supervise trainees in pre-jump operations and training. Working within a team, you will develop the vital skills that ensure a high standard of safety for all ASAF members who are involved in parachute operations.

Qualifications: Minimum 'N' levels
Age: 16 1/2 to 24 years old
Starting Salary: \$624 - \$779

Bonuses and gratuities:
An engagement bonus of between \$1,248 and \$1,558 will be given to applicants who are accepted on a 6-year contract. In addition, they are given the option of receiving an advanced gratuity of between \$2,222 and \$2,630.

Yes, I would like to find out more
about a career as a parachute rigger in the Army.

Name: _____
NRJC No.: _____ Tel: _____
Address: _____
Educational Qualification (please state subjects passed): _____
Preferred day for interview (Mon-Sat): _____
AM/PM: _____

THE ARMY

1. The maximum starting salary of a parachute rigger is _____ .

- (1) \$624
- (2) \$779
- (3) \$1558
- (4) \$2222

Answer:

2. The advertisement encourages women to _____ .

- (1) start working
- (2) be physically fit
- (3) work with the Army
- (4) develop special skills

Answer:

3. The job of a parachute rigger is to _____ .

- (1) train parachutists in their jumping techniques
- (2) be physically fit and develop specialised skills
- (3) be a Commando, an elite member of the ASAF's troops
- (4) prepare and maintain all parachuting-relating equipment

Answer:

4. To find out more about the job, the applicant needs to _____.

- (1) go for an interview
- (2) read the advertisement
- (3) fill in an application form
- (4) sign a 6-year contract

Answer:

5. Upon being successful, the applicant would be expected to serve at least _____.

- (1) 6 years
- (2) 12 years
- (3) 20 years
- (4) 25 years

Answer:

For each question from 6 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). (20 marks)

6. Sam attended the course to learn more _____ rock climbing.

- (1) on
- (2) of
- (3) over
- (4) about

Answer:

7. Either of the boys _____ the answer to the question.

- (1) know
- (2) knows
- (3) has known
- (4) have known

Answer:

8. Many people still _____ in the existence of the Loch Ness monster today.

- (1) believe
- (2) believes
- (3) believed
- (4) believing

Answer:

9. Everyone _____ allowed to participate in this year's Art Competition.

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

Answer:

10. Each trainer _____ that the circus animals are well-trained.

- (1) ensure
- (2) ensures
- (3) are ensuring
- (4) were ensuring

Answer:

11. A troupe of Korean dancers _____ flown in for the performance in a week's time.

- (1) are
- (2) were
- (3) will be
- (4) have been

Answer:

12. Ali is the person with _____ you must place your satay orders.

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

Answer:

13. The _____ bag contained some important documents.

- (1) loss
- (2) lose
- (3) lost
- (4) loose

Answer:

14. The soccer players are quarrelling _____ who should take the penalty kick.

- (1) at
- (2) over
- (3) with
- (4) between

Answer:

15. Siti, as well as her sister, _____ volunteering their services to the orphanage for the past 5 years.

- (1) are
- (2) will be
- (3) have been
- (4) has been

Answer:

16. "I am ready _____ you are," Anthony told Jason.

- (1) whatever
- (2) whoever
- (3) whenever
- (4) wherever

Answer:

17. If only the police _____ here, the situation would not have become so bad.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) were
- (4) has been

Answer:

18. _____ Francis, is there another boy who wants to join the Science Club?

- (1) With
- (2) After
- (3) Beside
- (4) Besides

Answer:

19. The old man saw the boy _____ the cat in the street.

- (1) kick
- (2) kicks
- (3) kicked
- (4) was kicking

Answer:

20. My neighbour and _____ play football in the field every Wednesday evening.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

Answer:

21. The newly-opened shop is trying to _____ more customers with gifts and discounts.

- (1) trap
- (2) charm
- (3) entice
- (4) entertain

Answer:

22. The artist takes out sketches from his _____.

- (1) kitbag
- (2) compact
- (3) decanter
- (4) portfolio

Answer:

23. The doctor _____ some medicine from Alice after examining her.

- (1) injected
- (2) diagnosed
- (3) prescribed
- (4) dispensed

Answer:

24. Cheng Guan retained his _____ despite many hurtful accusations.

- (1) character
- (2) composure
- (3) charisma
- (4) presence

Answer:

25. Our landlord remarked that we had been his _____ for five years already.

- (1) tenants
- (2) inmates
- (3) occupants
- (4) inhabitants

Answer:

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the most suitable words to replace the underlined word(s). (5 marks)

26. The commander told the soldier to tail him closely while on hostile ground.

- (1) track
- (2) pursue
- (3) follow
- (4) accompany

Answer:

27. After several victories, the German army seemed invincible.

- (1) harsh
- (2) warlike
- (3) vigorous
- (4) unbeatable

Answer:

28. Beethoven was the eminent musician whose masterpieces are still very popular.

- (1) popular
- (2) famous
- (3) talented
- (4) notorious

Answer:

29. The Myna is a species of birds that can imitate the voices of people.

- (1) pretend
- (2) copy
- (3) fake
- (4) mimic

Answer:

30. I felt that my father was impartial when he resolve my quarrel with my brother.

- (1) fair
- (2) biased
- (3) wrong
- (4) accurate

Answer:

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 15.(10 marks)

The date of the great countdown was 16 July 1969. Three men were ready for the trip to the moon.

In March 1965, the Americans started the Gemini space programme. A couple of astronauts travelled in the capsule. Both men were able to control the craft. They rehearsed with other craft in space and practiced how to dock – the joining of two craft whilst in flight.

The Russians and Americans had launched unmanned rockets to the moon. These ventures were known as “probes”. The first probes crashed on the moon surface. Pictures of the moonscapes were sent back. The ideal place on which to land was chosen.

On 21 December 1968, three men blasted off from Earth to orbit the moon. They were the first to see the far side of the moon. This is turned away from Earth at all times. They circled the moon at a height of more than a hundred kilometres. Films of the moon were beamed to Earth so that all could share the excitement.

On 16 July 1969, the three astronauts waited. The long journey to the moon on Apollo II had begun. The pilot was Mike Collins. Collins remained in orbit round the moon. In the module Eagle, two men landed on the moon.

Viewers all round the world watched them in awe. They saw Neil Armstrong become the first man to step on the moon. Then came Buzz Aldrin. They proudly set up the American flag. They gathered rock and soil samples and set up their equipment.

The men from Earth left a plaque on the moon. It reads, “Here men from the planet Earth first set foot on the moon July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind”.

31. The journey of Apollo II to the moon began in _____.

- (1) July 1968
- (2) July 1969
- (3) March 1965
- (4) December 1968

Answer:

32. The first probes to the moon carried _____.

- (1) no men
- (2) one man
- (3) two men
- (4) three men

Answer:

33. The feeling of people all over the world who watched the landing live was one of _____.

- (1) fear
- (2) pride
- (3) wonder
- (4) astonishment

Answer:

34. The first man to walk on the moon was _____.

- (1) Buzz Aldrin
- (2) Mike Collins
- (3) Apollo Gemini
- (4) Neil Armstrong

Answer:

35. The first man from Earth to land on the moon left _____.

- (1) a plaque
- (2) a capsule
- (3) the Lunar Rover
- (4) the module Eagle

Answer:

There are 10 blanks 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 brackets provided. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE

(A) then	(D) where	(G) most	(K) to	(N) of
(B) while	(E) or	(H) as	(L) before	(P) so
(C) much	(F) into	(J) away	(M) after	(Q) that

It was not easy for Joanne to stand still (36)_____ her aunt was sewing the string onto her bonnet. Now and (37)_____ in a moment (38)_____ carelessness, her aunt would stick the needle (39)_____ Joanne's chin. Joanne bore it as well (40)_____ she could, but the moment she was released, she rushed to the gate (41)_____ Clover stood waiting patiently. "We shall have to run," gaped Joanne," (42)_____ we shall be late." So they ran as fast as they could, but (43)_____ they could reach the school, the town clock struck nine and all hope were over. This vexed Joanne very (44)_____ for she was eager (45)_____ be early and she marched into school looking cross.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes. (10 marks)

Charles Dickens wrote many stories. Many of his stories (46)was about children in his time. Some of the (47)popular stories he wrote were “Oliver Twist”, “David Copperfield” and “A Christmas Carol.”

Many of the (48)charactors came from the people Charles Dickens knew. He told us of the suffering (49)off young children who had little to eat (50), They had to work when they were still very young and some had to (51)bag . He wrote about grown-ups who pretended to be good (52)ceticzens but who were not.

Charles Dickens wrote such stories to make people (53)realised the suffering of poor children in (54)ngland in the (55)nineteen century.

Fill in the blank with a suitable word. (20 marks)

The authorities in Shanghai have declared war on an army of pyjama-wearers accused of damaging the city's modernization drive by strolling in public in their nightwear.

State-run newspapers have launched a (56)_____ denouncing the practice as a hangover from an era when China was a (57)_____ nation, reported the Daily Telegraph of Britain.

City officials (58)_____ that the practice could damage the city's (59)_____ as it will bid to host the 2010 World Exposition trade fair (60)_____ this year.

The officials New People's Evening News claimed last week to be (61)_____ the battle, citing a survey that showed (62)_____ a minority of people wore their pyjamas in (63)_____.

"People, (64)_____ housewives, go (65)_____ in supermarkets and even take buses in their sleepwear," the (66)_____ reported.

The habit was a product of overcrowding after 1949 when officials allocated each family (67)_____ room in the villas and residences left (68)_____ by pre-revolution capitalists. During the summer, many (69)_____ spent all night outdoors to (70)_____ the heat, (71)_____ on pavement or grass mats.

"In the old days, many people didn't have (72)_____ money, so when they sat out on the streets at (73)_____ or went to sleep, they (74)_____ tattered clothes," (75)_____ historian He Zhili. "Wearing pyjamas showed that you had money."

For each of the items 76 to 80, rewrite the given sentences using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of our sentence must be the same as the given one. (10 marks)

76. Our teacher's daughter is a President's Scholar. He makes algebra incredible simple.

_____ whose _____

77. You must apologise at once. He will not forgive you.

Unless _____

78. I got up half an hour earlier. I still arrived at late.

Although _____

79. My grandfather is a good storyteller. We enjoy listening to his stories.

_____ such _____

80. Mrs Tan said, " I expect all homework to be in tomorrow without fail."

Mrs Tan _____

Read the passage below and answer Question 81 to 90.

Something was swimming towards the lighthouse tower.

It was a cold night. The high tower was cold and the light was coming and going. All through the night the fog horn was calling through the misty night.

You could not see far and you could not see clearly. There was the deep sea moving on its way about the night earth, flat and quiet, the colour of grey mud. Here were the two of us alone in the high tower, and there, far out at first, was a ripple, followed by a wave, a rising, a bubble, a bit of froth.

From the surface of the cold sea came a head, a large head, dark-coloured, with immense eyes and then a neck. Then –not a body- but more neck and more! The head rose a full forty feet above the water on a slender and beautiful dark neck.

Only then did the body, like a little island of black coral and shells and crayfish, drip up from the subterranean. There was a flicker of tail. In all, from head to tail, I estimated the monster at ninety or hundred feet.

I do not know what I said. I said something.

“Steady, boy, steady,” whispered McDunn.

“It’s impossible!” I said

“No, Johnny, we’re impossible. The creature is the way it was ten million years ago. It hasn’t changed. It’s we and the land that have changed. It’s we who have become impossible. We!”

It swam slowly and with a great majesty out in the icy water, far away. The fog came, wrapping itself around the monster, momentarily erasing its shape.

Adapted from The Fog Horn by Ray Bradbury

For Question 81 to 90, write your answer in the space provided. ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES. (20 marks)

81. From the paragraph two, pick two adjectives to describe the night.

82. Where were the men?

83. What sound could be heard?

84. Which sentence tells you that visibility that night was very poor?

85. Which movement in the sea first told the men there was something approaching?.

86. To what did the writer compare the monster?

87. Which two words show that the writer admired the monster?

88. How long ago did McDunn say that monsters like this one had first lived?

89. After the monster first appeared, why did it not remain visible to the men all the time?

90. Why do you think the monster was approaching the tower?
