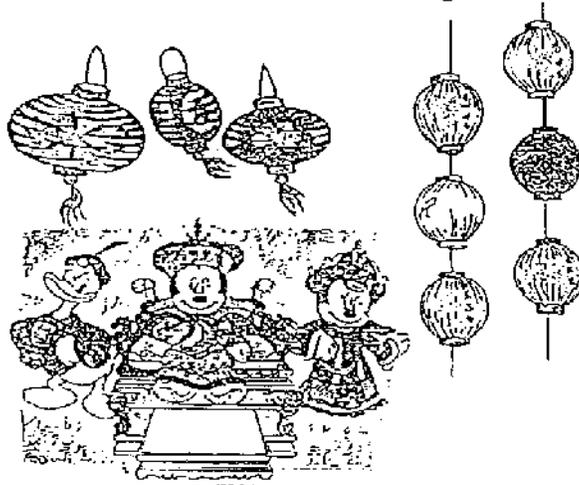


Primary Five
English Language
Semestral Assessment Two

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.
(5 x 1 mark)

Chinese Garden
presents
Lantern Fantasy
featuring
The Magical World of Disney Lanterns



Come and be mesmerised by this festival of lights. You might be the lucky one to walk away with a trip for four to Tokyo Disneyland and Tokyo DisneySea!

When: 30 August - 22 September 2002
How: By taxi or car
By MRT to Chinese Garden Station
Weekdays: Mon to Thu: 10 a.m. to 10 pm
\$8/ \$4 for Adult/ Child respectively
Weekends: Fri to Sun: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
\$12/ \$6 for Adult/ Child respectively

✂
Weekend Offer Coupon
\$9 for 1 adult + 1 child admission
(U.P. \$18) to Jurong BirdPark when
you purchase Lantern Fantasy
tickets at Chinese Garden

Organised & Managed by

Jurong Garden
Chinese Garden

Official Radio Station



UFM 73.3

1 Chinese Garden Road, Singapore 619795 Tel: 62613632

Fax: 62611390

Questions 1 to 5 carry one mark each.

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write it in the space provided.

1. You cannot reach Chinese Garden _____.

- (1) car
- (2) bus
- (3) taxi
- (4) MRT train

2. If Mr Tan uses the weekend offer coupon for admission to Jurong BirdPark, he will enjoy a saving of _____ for himself and his 10-year old son.

- (1) \$6
- (2) \$9
- (3) \$12
- (4) \$14

3. The Disney characters are dressed in traditional _____ costumes.

- (1) Indian
- (2) Malay
- (3) Chinese
- (4) Eurasian

4. Visitors will find this "Festival of Lights" _____.

- (1) surprising
- (2) fascinating
- (3) hypnotising
- (4) enlightening

5. Which of the following statements is false?

- (1) There are three sponsors for the event.
- (2) Four prizes will be drawn for four lucky winners.
- (3) Lantern Funtasy is held over a period of three weeks.
- (4) The official at Chinese Garden can be reached by fax or telephone.

Questions 6-25 carry 1 mark each

Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Write its number in the brackets provided.

6. _____ pair of shoes do you prefer, the blue or black ones?

- (1) Who
- (2) What
- (3) Whose
- (4) Which

7. May I have _____ more sugar in my coffee?

- (1) a few
- (2) much
- (3) a little
- (4) many

8. Every one of the children _____ here. We can start the test now.

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

9. Between you and _____, let's keep it a secret.

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

10. The truth _____ one of these days.

- (1) is known
- (2) was known
- (3) will be known
- (4) had been known

11. As soon as Mozart _____ the song, he will show it to his father.

- (1) composes
- (2) composed
- (3) has composed
- (4) had composed

12. John, together with his friends, _____ going for a swim tomorrow.

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

13. Critics have likened the new theatre _____ a supermarket.

- (1) as
- (2) to
- (3) for
- (4) with

14. The patient has been waiting _____ three hours for his turn to see the doctor.

- (1) since
- (2) for
- (3) by
- (4) until

15. Mrs Chia let her daughter _____ after she had completed her Social Studies project.

- (1) play
- (2) plays
- (3) played
- (4) playing

16. _____ the weather is fine, we will not go to the beach

- (1) If
- (2) As
- (3) Since
- (4) Unless

17. He likes to eat durians, _____?

- (1) is it
- (2) isn't it
- (3) does he
- (4) doesn't he

18. Listen! Either Mr Goh or his sons _____ now.

- (1) sing
- (2) sings
- (3) is singing
- (4) are singing

19. Meiling is very fat. The reason is _____ her diet consists mainly of fat and fried food.

- (1) that
- (2) as if
- (3) due to
- (4) because

20. Johnny _____ his mother as he has the same facial features.

- (1) takes into
- (2) takes after
- (3) takes from
- (4) takes upon

21. The doctor _____ the accident victim dead on arrival at the hospital.

- (1) denounced
- (2) announced
- (3) proclaimed
- (4) pronounced

22 The man who designed the condominium is a well-known _____.

- (1) artist
- (2) designer
- (3) architect
- (4) contractor

23 The children _____ together for support when they learnt that their father was killed by the terrorists.

- (1) nestled
- (2) huddled
- (3) snuggled
- (4) squeezed

24. Tim did well in the New South Wales Mathematics Test and was _____ a certificate of distinction.

- (1) allotted
- (2) awarded
- (3) bestowed
- (4) conferred

25. The manager interviewed many _____ who had sent in their resumes to fill in a vacant post in his company.

- (1) applicants
- (2) candidates
- (3) competitors
- (4) participants

Questions 26 to 30 carry 1 mark each

Choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s)

26. The body of the dead animal was found in the desert.

- (1) relics
- (2) corpse
- (3) carcass
- (4) remnants

27. Most snakes do not bite unless they are disturbed.

- (1) offended
- (2) cornered
- (3) provoked
- (4) surprised

28. The sailing boat turned upside down in the stormy sea.

- (1) collided
- (2) inverted
- (3) capsized
- (4) submerged

29. The illegal hunting of endangered animals is punishable by law.

- (1) Looting
- (2) Pilfering
- (3) Poaching
- (4) Smuggling

30. Samson, the timorous boy, let out a loud sharp cry when he saw the cockroach in the kitchen.

- (1) howled
- (2) hooted
- (3) shouted
- (4) shrieked

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35

At 14, student Teoh Chin Yao is the youngest person to be commended for an act of public-spiritedness this year. The shy Secondary 2 student from Northbrooks Secondary took time out of his September holidays to help the police nab a snatch thief on Wednesday afternoon. Yesterday, he was commended by the police and received a plaque.

The teenager was helping out at a friend's mobile phone accessories stall in Yishun at about 1.30 p.m. when he heard a woman shout, 'Robbery!' He saw two men dash past him and recognized the second one. An employee of a joss-stick store nearby, he was chasing the first man.

Said Chin Yao, 'Suddenly, he tripped and fell.'

Without a moment's hesitation, he started running after the first man.

Two police officers driving in their patrol car along Yishun Ring Road noticed the boy. They stopped their car, got out and joined in the chase. After about 70 metres, all three caught up with the thief, and the officers handcuffed the 37-year-old unemployed man. They found a knife in his back pocket and also recovered a \$470 mobile phone, which he had dropped during the chase.

Police said that the man had gone to a mobile phone shop and asked to see the phone. He ran off after a sales assistant handed it to him.

Said Chin Yao of his experience, 'It was a little bit scary, especially when I found out that he had a knife.'

'But after this, I think I want to be a policeman too.'

Adapted from The Straits Times, Friday, September 6, 2002

Questions 31-35 carry 2 marks each

Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Write its number in the brackets provided

31. A total of _____ people went after the snatch thief.

- (1) one
- (2) two
- (3) three
- (4) four

32. 'he' in line 9 refers to _____.

- (1) Chin Yao
- (2) the snatch thief
- (3) an employee of a joss-stick shop
- (4) the sales assistant at a mobile shop

33. Chin Yao spent his September holidays working as a _____.

- (1) sales assistant at a joss-stick shop
- (2) sales assistant at a mobile phone shop
- (3) helper at the police force
- (4) helper at a mobile phone accessories stall

34. Which of the following statements is correct?

- (1) The 'first' man was an employee of a joss-stick shop.
- (2) The snatch thief was caught near Yishun Ring Road.
- (3) Chin Yao had met the snatch thief on a previous occasion.
- (4) A mobile phone was found on the snatch thief when he was caught.

35. Based on the passage, what can we best say about Chin Yao?

- (1) He is timid and shy.
- (2) He is a good runner.
- (3) He aspires to be a policeman.
- (4) He is willing to help when the need arises.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 36 to 45, 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. (10 x 1 mark)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE

(A) also	(E) by	(J) too	(N) for
(B) at	(F) which	(K) their	(P) in
(C) although	(G) while	(L) along	(Q) of
(D) on	(H) its	(M) with	

Holland Village is located in the midst of a suburban district. It was established (36) _____ the 1930s as a military village. It was a village in (37) _____ at least a third of the businesses were dependent (38) _____ military personnel. The early retail outlets were established (39) _____ the sole purpose of servicing the needs of British soldiers and (40) _____ families living in and around Pasir Panjang Base. This base was located (41) _____ a “corridor” between Pasir Panjang and Holland Road. (42) _____ Holland Village owed its origins to the British military presence, its early growth could (43) _____ be attributed to the European civilian population residing in (44) _____ vicinity. The village had been popular (45) _____ the colonial population ever since the central area of Singapore became congested in the 1850s.

Holland Village represents a delightful and convenient change from the city.

There are 10 boxes numbered 46 to 55. 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 x 1 mark)

(46)

A three-year-old boy cried in fear as his grandmother was robbed in

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knifepoint in a lift. Madam Teng Ah Eng, 64, said she instintivly grabbed her

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grandson and pulled him closer to her where the man lunged towards her and rip

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the gold chain and pentden from her neck.

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"I tried to push him away at first but he said, 'I have a knife○ I have a

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(53)

knife!' and told us to be quiet○" she said. Speaking in Mantherin, she said that

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while neither she nor her grandson are hurt, the robbery gave both of us a fright.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word (20 x 1 marks)

Charles Dickens was sent to towns all over England to cover important events. (56) _____ the way home in the carriage, the dedicated reporter would (57) _____ his articles.

Charles had (58) _____ interesting subjects on which to report. England was fast becoming the industrial centre of the world. But the men, (59) _____ and children (60) _____ in British factories were (61) _____ paid fairly or treated well. Many workers were rioting (62) _____ better conditions and the (63) _____ to vote.

With the salary Charles (64) _____ from writing, he started dressing more elegantly. He rented a (65) _____ for himself at Furnival's Inn. Living by (66) _____, Charles would not need to (67) _____ about keeping anyone awake when he wrote (68) _____ into the night.

In 1835, the owners of the Morning Chronicle decided to (69) _____ an evening paper too. The new (70) _____, George Hogarth, invited Dickens to contribute an (71) _____ article to the paper but Dickens wanted a regular series of articles instead. He was glad that the editor (72) _____.

One night, Hogarth invited Charles to his house for dinner to (73) _____ his wife and children. Catherine, one of Hogarth's (74) _____, attracted Charles with her shy smile. Charles returned to the Hogarth home many (75) _____ that winter. After six months of courtship, he asked Hogarth for permission to marry Catherine.

Adapted from Tales for Hard Times – A Story about Charles Dickens by David R. Collins

Synthesis/Transformation

For each of the items 76 to 80, 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 given one(s). (5 x 2 marks)

Example: This is the book. I borrowed it.

Answer: This is the book which I borrowed.

76: The fire alarm sounded. The civilians quickly made their way to the bomb shelters.

At the sound _____

77. The girl is my cousin. I was talking to her just now.

The girl whom _____

78. Mrs Lee said, "Peter, I will pass you the ticket tomorrow."

Mrs Lee told Peter _____

79. Everyone wants to go to the beach. Meng does not want to go to the beach.

All but _____

80. John's dog is not as big and fat as Kenny's.

_____ than

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 81 to 90 (20 marks)

'I'm not sure this is a good idea,' Parvana said to Shauzia at her house the next morning. She had her blanket and her father's writing things with her. She had not dared to tell her mother about going bone-digging, so she did not have her reason to leave her work things behind.

'I'm glad you brought the blanket. We can use it to haul away the bones.' Shauzia ignored Parvana's objections. 'Come on. We'd better hurry or we'll get left behind.' She obediently fell in behind Shauzia as they ran to catch up with the boys.

The sky was dark with clouds. They walked for almost an hour, down the streets Parvana did not recognise, until they came to one of the areas of Kabul most heavily destroyed by rockets. There wasn't a single intact building in the whole area, just piles of bricks, dust and rubble.

Bombs had fallen on the cemetery, too. The explosions had shaken up the graves in the ground. Here and there, white bones of the long-dead struck up of the rusty-brown earth. Flocks of larger black grey crows cawed and pecked at the ground around the ruined graves of the newer section of the graveyard. The slight breeze carried a rotting stench to where Parvana and Shauzia were standing on the edge of the cemetery's older section. They watched the boys fan out across the graveyard and start digging.

Parvana noticed a man setting up a large weighing scale next to the partially destroyed wall of a building. 'Who's that?'

'That's the bone broker. He buys the bones from us.'

'What does he do with them?'

'He sells them to someone else.'

'What do we care, as long as we get paid.' Shauzia handed Parvana one of the rough boards she had brought along to use as a shovel. 'Come on, let's get busy.'

They walked over to the nearest grave. 'What if ... what if there's still a body there? Parvana began. 'I mean, what if it's not bones yet?'

'We'll find one with a bone sticking out of it.'

They walked around for a moment, looking. It did not take long.

Adapted from 'Parvana' by Deborah Ellis

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For each question from 81 to 90, write your answers in the spaces provided. ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

81. Why did Parvana bring her work things with her to the cemetery?

82. Why did the girls go bone-digging?

83. Why was Shauzia pleased that Parvana had brought her blanket?

84. How far was the 'worksite' from Parvana's house?

85. Why were the crows found at the newer section of the graveyard?

86. What did the girls use to dig out the bones?

87. What does a bone broker do?

88. Explain the phrase 'what if it's not bone yet'. (line 29)

89. What does 'one' in line 30 refer to?

90. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the place was in ruins?

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