

**Primary Six  
English Language  
Continual Assessment One**

**Read the flyer carefully and answer questions 1 to 5. (5 X 1 Mark)**

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Dear Patron,

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY OUR SUMPTUOUS SPECIALITIES  
PREPARED BY A WORLD-RENOWNED THAI CHEF?**

We offer you the perfect opportunity!

We are offering you a \$50 Gift Voucher that is valid till 31 Dec 2003 and redeemable when you spend a minimum of \$120 on our buffet or ala carte.

The voucher cannot be used for beverages, deserts and other special promotions. The 15% discount offered to our VIP cardholders is not applicable when this voucher is used.

Kindly refer to the terms and conditions below:

- One Gift Voucher per bill.
- Voucher is not exchangeable for cash.
- Please present voucher upon placing your order(s).
- Not applicable at lunch time.
- Not applicable on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.
- A further 15% discount will be given to patrons who pays cash.

So act now and grab this golden opportunity as we look forward to welcoming you to YummiManni Thai Restaurant (next door to Pearl Town Restaurant).

For reservations, please call: 6222 1122 (lunch on weekdays)  
6222 1123 (dinner on weekdays)  
6222 1124 (lunch on weekends and public holidays)  
6222 1125 (dinner on weekends and public holidays)

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**\$ 50 Gift Voucher**

**YUMMIMANNI THAI RESTAURANT**

Level 5, Marriott Hotel Singapore

VALID BETWEEN 1 Jun 2003 – 31 Dec 2003 (Buffet OR Ala Carte)

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) in the boxes provided.

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1. The chef at YummiManni Restaurant specialises in \_\_\_\_\_ food.

- (1) Thai
- (2) Chinese
- (3) Indian
- (4) Indonesian

2. A patron is allowed to use the Gift Voucher if he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) uses his VIP card
- (2) spends \$120 and above
- (3) orders the chef's specialities
- (4) patronises YummiManni on Christmas Day

3. 'The perfect opportunity' stated in the flyer is referring to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) getting a \$50 refund and a 15% discount
- (2) paying only \$120 for a buffet or ala carte meal
- (3) dining at YummiManni Restaurant
- (4) savouring food prepared by an expert chef

4. Patrons can obtain the voucher from \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the newspaper or magazine
- (2) the flyer
- (3) the Marriott Hotel
- (4) dining at YummiManni Restaurant

5. To use the Gift Voucher, a patron would have to call \_\_\_\_\_ to make reservations.

- (1) 62221122
- (2) 62221123
- (3) 62221124
- (4) 62221125

**For questions 6 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided.**

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6. Neither Amy nor her friends \_\_\_\_\_ how to get to the food centre from here.

- (1) know
- (2) knows
- (3) knew
- (4) known

7. Cousin Emily \_\_\_\_\_ not to persuade me to take up the Business course at the university. She believes I am old enough to decide for myself.

- (1) decides
- (2) is deciding
- (3) has decided
- (4) will decide

8. We must not waste time. Time is money. Every second \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) count
- (2) counts
- (3) is counted
- (4) has been counted

9. Mother did not go to the market in the morning \_\_\_\_\_ the good weather.

- (1) because                      (2) although  
(3) despite                      (4) even

10. Grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ the curtains when she noticed a stranger behaving secretly in the opposite block.

- (1) cleaned                      (2) is cleaning  
(3) was cleaning              (4) had been cleaning

11. \_\_\_\_\_ man I met just now was \_\_\_\_\_ cousin of mine.

- (1) The...a                      (2) The...the  
(3) A... a                      (4) A...the

12. \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Day, I received a lot of presents from my relatives and friends.

- (1) At                              (2) During  
(3) When                      (4) On

13. All but one of the antiques \_\_\_\_\_ sold out last Saturday.

- (1) was                              (2) were  
(3) had been                      (4) would be

14. The accused \_\_\_\_\_ the scene of the crime at about 10 p.m. the night before.

- (1) leave                      (2) left  
(3) leaving                    (4) was leaving

15. Jasmine \_\_\_\_\_ unconscious on the road after the car had knocked her down.

- (1) lay                         (2) lies  
(3) laid                        (4) lain

16. Mrs Cheng instructed her older daughter, "Watch your sister carefully \_\_\_\_\_ he falls down the stairs."

- (1) or                          (2) if  
(3) lest                        (4) till

17. The difference \_\_\_\_\_ the triplets is that two of them have double eye lids.

- (1) of                          (2) from  
(3) between                    (4) among

18. It was \_\_\_\_\_ who let the cat out of the bag.

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

19. The soup is delicious but I can't quite put my \_\_\_\_\_ on what herbs you have used.

- (1) hand (2) finger  
(3) mind (4) foot

20. Science fiction stories help us to look \_\_\_\_\_ the future.

- (1) in (2) for  
(3) to (4) through

21. Genghis Khan proved himself to be a great warrior during his \_\_\_\_\_ of China.

- (1) reign (2) conquest  
(3) purging (4) inquisition

22. Mrs. Poh is not well-to-do, \_\_\_\_\_ he has donated much to help the needy.

- (1) so (2) yet  
(3) and (4) since

23. It was \_\_\_\_\_ to climb up Mt. Everest due to the dangers posed by the high rocky cliffs.

- (1) strenuous (2) physical  
(3) exhaustive (4) perilous

24. After midnight, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the tyres of a speeding car disturbed the normally quiet neighbourhood.

- (1) screeching
- (2) sputtering
- (3) rumbling
- (4) crashing

25. When the results of the track-and-field competition were announced, all the \_\_\_\_\_ at the stadium cheered wildly.

- (1) patrons
- (2) spectators
- (3) audience
- (4) congregation

**For questions 26 to 30, choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided.**

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26. Please abide by our rules and regulations if you want to be a member of our club.

- (1) conform to
- (2) confirm by
- (3) compel by
- (4) confer to

27. Most of the elderly have been taken in by unscrupulous salesmen and lost their life savings as a result.

- (1) trapped
- (2) persuaded
- (3) cajoled
- (4) deceived

28. After appearing as a model in a television commercial, Kelly became a celebrity.

- (1) common name
- (2) popular product
- (3) public figure
- (4) household name

29. A small country without a good defence is vulnerable to outside invasion.

- (1) weakened
- (2) susceptible
- (3) prone
- (4) liable

30. An unfavourable report can have an adverse effect on the Prime Minister's career.

- (1) hostile
- (2) horrifying
- (3) trivial
- (4) detrimental

**Read the passage below. Answer questions 31 to 35.**

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My grandfather came to live with us when I had just turned fifteen. For years, my father had tried to persuade him to leave the old shack he lived in, but Grandpa was too stubborn. He said he



would miss his birds. Funny old guy. My old man's rolling in the dough and would be able to buy grandpa anything he wanted. 5

Anyway, Grandpa had to accept it in the end, as he was getting too old to look after himself. My dad was scared Grandpa might fall and break a bone. Or worse still, have a heart attack, and not have anyone there to help! Being a doctor, my dad worries about such things. 10

He seemed distracted that first day – his eyes had a faraway look, and he was muttering to himself in Estonian. Don't ask me what he was saying! Dad never taught me the language. He said I had no need for it, as we would never be going back there. Dad and I helped Grandpa carry his belongings to the spare room. There wasn't very much. 15

"Now, Dad, just make yourself at home. You'll be comfortable here. You've got your own phone, your own toilet and bathroom, and outside you've got your own balcony!" my father had said, pulling open the curtains. "John will stay and help you unpack." 20

"Yes, George, don't fuss." Grandpa seemed confused, and he certainly didn't look delighted. I guess the sudden change must have been hard for him. He would miss his birds. I knew that.

“What’s this, Grandpa?” I asked him as I flipped through the pages of what looked like an old diary. I couldn’t understand the writing. 25

“The war, my boy. No need for you to know about it, Juhan. He always called me Juhan. It really annoyed my father.

Then Grandpa hung a stained striped flag in the corner and a key on a picture hook. “This is the flag of my homeland, Juhan. The white stripe bottom is hope for the future. And the key is the key to my home in Tallinn. One day, my country will be free again.” 30

“Not likely, Grandpa,” I had laughed.

“You will see, Juhan. One day. Always must hope.”

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Maggy Saldais

**For each question from 31 to 35, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided.**

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31. John called Grandpa “Funny old guy” because

\_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Grandpa refused to move into his son’s house
- (2) Grandpa enjoyed spending his time rolling in the dough
- (3) Grandpa’s pet birds meant more to him than living with his son
- (4) Grandpa did not want anything from his son

32. George was Grandpa's \_\_\_\_\_ and John was Grandpa's \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) son...son
- (2) son...grandson
- (3) grandson...son
- (4) son...father

33. George's greatest worry about Grandpa living alone was that Grandpa \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) could not look after himself
- (2) preferred his old shack
- (3) might experience a heart attack
- (4) had no one to turn to for help

34. The word 'it' in line 14 is referring to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the war in Soviet Union
- (2) the Estonian language
- (3) Grandpa's desire to go back to Tallinn
- (4) interpreting what Grandpa was saying

35. To Grandpa, the flag and the key symbolised the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) new life he was going to experience
- (2) Soviet Union being free from war
- (3) memories of his life in Tallinn
- (4) hope of returning to his homeland

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 blanks provided.

The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 × 1 Mark)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) with	(E) when	(J) out	(N) by
(B) that	(F) as	(K) towards	(P) who
(C) over	(G) back	(L) about	(Q) through
(D) upon	(H) up	(M) until	

Justin stirred as his alarm clock rang. He got up and looked (36) \_\_\_\_\_ of his bedroom window. The sky was cloudless (37) \_\_\_\_\_ the sun shining brightly. "Perfect," Justin said happily to himself (38) \_\_\_\_\_ he quickly made his way downstairs. He could not hold (39) \_\_\_\_\_ his joy as the exciting activities planned for the day raced (40) \_\_\_\_\_ his mind.

The rest of his family was already (41) \_\_\_\_\_ and busily making final preparations. "There you are," remarked his mother (42) \_\_\_\_\_ had just ended her conversation (43) \_\_\_\_\_ the telephone. "That was Auntie Jess. She should be here (44) \_\_\_\_\_ ten so let's hurry." Justin rushed to the bathroom to

wash up (45) \_\_\_\_\_ hearing this.

**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 × 1 Mark)**

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As Peter slowly made his way through the forest, he became

(46)

more worried on the minute. He had not caught sight of any of his

(47)

friends for several hours and wondered wheather anyone realised he

(48)

was lost. "It will be dark soon ○ I had better look for shelter before

(49)

night falls," he whispered nervesly to himself.

As he carefully walked along the narrow trail, he sensed

(50)

something followed him. "It must be my imagination (?) " he tried

(51)

to enssure himself as he looked around. Then, as he was about to

(52)

proceed, he heard a strange russling from a clump of bushes behind

him.

(53)

Fearing that danger was imminence, Peter bolted off, not waiting to see what made the sound. However, in his haste, he

(54)

tripped over a protrude tree root and fell, hitting his head on a rock.

(55)

He was knocked unconconscious.

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (10 × 1 Mark)**

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How much do you know about the moon? The moon is known as the earth's satellite as it (56) \_\_\_\_\_ around the earth. The moon has a diameter and circumference (57) \_\_\_\_\_ about 3 480 kilometres and 10 930 kilometres (58) \_\_\_\_\_.

The portion of the moon that appears to be shining is not (59) \_\_\_\_\_ by the moon itself but by light which is reflected from the sun. When the sun is behind the moon, the side (60) \_\_\_\_\_ us here on earth is unlit. As the moon gradually revolves around the earth, the lighted portion (61) \_\_\_\_\_ is visible grows bigger. The entire cycle of the moon takes twenty-nine and a half days.

The moon is only about one-sixth the (62) \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth. As a result, its gravitational pull is less than the earth's. An object that tips the scales at 60 kilograms on earth will (63) \_\_\_\_\_ only 10 kilograms on the moon.

The (64) \_\_\_\_\_ on the moon can be extreme. It can rise as high as 120°C during the day but drop to -150°C at night as, unlike the earth, there is no atmosphere to retain the heat from the sun. It is therefore no surprise that there is no (65) \_\_\_\_\_ on the moon.

**Synthesis/Transformation**

**For each of the items 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 given one(s). (5 × 2 Marks)**

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Example: This is the pen. I borrowed it.

Answer: This is the pen which I borrowed.

66. Tim is my friend. Ann is also my friend.

Both \_\_\_\_\_

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67. "I am feeling very happy lately!" exclaimed Jane.

Jane exclaimed that \_\_\_\_\_

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68. The soccer teams entered the stadium. The spectators stood up and cheered for the teams.

When \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. He obtained good grades only when he entered secondary school.

\_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Jimmy brought the basketballs to the sports and equipment room.

The basketballs \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Open-ended Comprehension**

**Read the passage carefully. Answer questions 71 to 75. (5 × 2 Marks)**

In the thirteenth century, our island was known as Temasek. A well-known legend about how a prince from Palembang named Sang Nila Utama first arrived at Singapore, he was purported to have seen a swift and beautiful beast. When he enquired, one of his men informed him that the animal was a lion, or *singa* in Malay. The prince then decided to name the island Singapura or 'The Lion City'. However, the beast was probably a tiger as lions were not native to the region. This name still remains to this day. 5

Subsequently, four other kings ruled the island. Several kingdoms wanted to conquer Singapura and it was the scene of a 10



fierce battle in the fourteenth century. There was no clear victor and the island was finally abandoned by the warring kindoms. Its inhabitants comprised a small group of fishermen and farmers for the next few centuries.

In 1819, Sir Stamford Raffles who was seeking a new trading settlement for the British East India Company identified the island as an ideal site. He stepped ashore on the banks of the Singapore River to sign a Treaty that ceded the island to the British. Singapore prospered, attracting immigrants from many countries including China and India. The early settlers worked hard to create a better life for themselves. However, things changed abruptly in 1942 when the island was invaded by Japanese troops during the second World War.

After three and a half years of the Japanese Occupation, the British returned in 1945 but things did not return to the way they had been before the war as its subjects realised the need for self-rule. Singapore underwent almost two decades of tumultuous years before finally gaining independence in 1965. Since then, Singapore has been able to progress from strength to strength, establishing itself as one of the busiest ports in the world.

71. How was Sang Nila Utama misled into renaming Temasek Singapura?

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72. How do you know that the island was of little significance after it was abandoned?

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73. According to the passage, why did Sir Stamford Raffles come to Singapore in 1819?

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74. Which word in the passage means “suddenly and unexpectedly”?

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75. What does the word ‘they’ in line 25 refer to?

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