

**Primary Six  
English Language  
Continual Assessment One**

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.

**Sunshine Travel Agency  
Get into the Open Air with our funtime tours!**

**Funtime 1** (Dec. 12 -- Dec. 14): If you are between 6 and 10 years old, why not spend 3 days with us, from 9.30am to 5.30pm and make your holidays something to remember. Touring the islands off Singapore, swimming, cartoon shows, visits to the zoo and crocodilarium ... these are just a few of the list of exciting activities planned for you!

**Funtime 2** (Dec.17 – Dec 20): For the more adventurous, who are between 11 and 15 years old, we've got a 4-day trip to St. John's Island. Learn how to set up tents, build a campfire, tie knots, swim and recognize the stars. Our experienced camp counsellors are waiting to share their skills with you!

**Registration**

(Applications close on 15 Nov, so register early)

Times:           9.00 am to 7.00 pm (Mon – Fri)  
                      9.30 am to 12.30 pm (Sat)

Venue:           Sunshine Travel Agency  
                      40 Scotts Road, Singapore 1025  
                      Tel: 4420016 Ext 22/23

A 'get-together tea party' will be held for all participants on 30<sup>th</sup> November: Call us now for further information.

1. What is the travel agency organizing?

- (1) A barbecue.
- (2) A cruise to nowhere.
- (3) Touring the nearby islands.
- (4) A historical tour of Singapore.

2. Tom is eight years old. Which activity could he participate?

- (1) Campfire.
- (2) St. John's trip.
- (3) Pitching a tent.
- (4) Visit to the zoo.

3. What kind of children will be most likely to participate in "Funtime 2"?

- (1) The idle ones.
- (2) The ambitious ones.
- (3) The enthusiastic ones.
- (4) The adventurous ones.

4. The skills mentioned in "Funtime 2" would be taught by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the agency
- (2) the teachers
- (3) the organizers
- (4) the camp counsellors

5. All the activities mentioned take place during the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) weekends
- (2) new year
- (3) school days
- (4) school holidays

**Questions 6-20 carry 1 mark each**

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

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6. The crew could feel the boat \_\_\_\_\_ slowly in the ocean.

- (1) sank
- (2) sinks
- (3) sinking
- (4) sunk

7. Weibin did not greet the teacher when he walked \_\_\_\_\_ her.

- (1) pass
- (2) past
- (3) passed
- (4) passes

8. His health has improved tremendously \_\_\_\_\_ he started exercising regularly.

- (1) if
- (2) since
- (3) until
- (4) though

9. The horse broke \_\_\_\_\_ leg and had to be put to sleep.

- (1) its
- (2) it's
- (3) it
- (4) their

10. The fancy dress ball was a tremendous success. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ an enjoyable time.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) is having
- (4) will having

11. Gregory \_\_\_\_\_ model airplanes since he was eight years old.
- (1) collects
  - (2) is collecting
  - (3) has been collecting
  - (4) will be collecting
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12. The Yamato family was still sleeping when the burglars \_\_\_\_\_ their house.
- (1) left
  - (2) leave
  - (3) leaves
  - (4) have left
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13. Neither Ronnie nor his friend \_\_\_\_\_ keen to see the show last night.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
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14. Many tourists know that Singapore is famous \_\_\_\_\_ its cheap and varied food.
- (1) of
  - (2) for
  - (3) from
  - (4) about
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15. Each time my heart \_\_\_\_\_ a beat, I worry about my health.
- (1) skip
  - (2) skips
  - (3) has skipped
  - (4) had skipped
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16. Joan looked up in anticipation of her father's return when she heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of hoofs.

- (1) rattle
- (2) crackle
- (3) clatter
- (4) rumble

17. We caught a \_\_\_\_\_ of the President when he went past in his car.

- (1) gaze
- (2) stare
- (3) glance
- (4) glimpse

18. The girls usually share secrets. They like to \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

- (1) relate to
- (2) confide in
- (3) depend on
- (4) impose on

19. A whole row of shophouses in this town was \_\_\_\_\_ by fire last month.

- (1) charred
- (2) gutted
- (3) grounded
- (4) impaired

20. The coffee was too hot so I had to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- (1) drink
- (2) gulp
- (3) sip
- (4) swallow

**Questions 21 to 25 carry 1 mark each**  
**Choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s)**

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21. The story my teacher told us helped to excite our imagination.

- (1) stimulate
- (2) tantalize
- (3) modify
- (4) transform

22 His humorous stories provoked a lot of laughter.

- (1) comical
- (2) interesting
- (3) frivolous
- (4) trivial

23 Don't touch those dainty-looking objects. They are easily breakable.

- (1) porous
- (2) expensive
- (3) exquisite
- (4) fragile

24. The man managed to put an end to the fire after several attempts.

- (1) smother
- (2) extinguish
- (3) destroy
- (4) vanquish

25. Joan was delighted with the umbrella stand she bought, but it turned out to be a white elephant.

- (1) an imitation
- (2) a cheap substitute
- (3) a useless object
- (4) an unfashionable item

**Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30**

The heat was so scorching that I couldn't wait to land and take shelter under the large trees. However, no sooner had I jumped ashore, I scrambled back to my boat and rowed off, for a few metres in front of me was a herd of hippopotami. As I rowed along the shore, I saw lions, tigers and other wild animals. After rowing for several hours, I came across a place which seemed to be inhabited by tame animals.

Here I landed and after a meal of oysters and shellfish, I went to sleep in my little cabin. The night passed quietly, and early the next morning, I went on my way. After rowing for several hours, I landed near a little wood and lay down on the grass to rest.

Suddenly, I heard a sound behind me, and turning round quickly, I saw an enormous lion. It was not more than three metres away, and it was glaring fiercely at me. Cold sweat broke out all over my body, and I trembled so much that I could hardly hold my gun. My pet eagle which seemed to understand my fear, pounced upon the lion's head, attacking it with its beak and talons. I fired several shots at the lion as its attention was turned away from me.

But my joy at being saved was mixed with deep sorrow, for one of the bullets had struck my eagle and it lay dead beside the lion.

**Questions 26-30 carry 1 marks each**

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

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26. The writer was glad to make his first landing because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) it was a very hot day
- (2) he was very tired
- (3) it was getting dark
- (4) he had been traveling for many days

27. He was glad to set sail again because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) he saw a fierce lion
- (2) he was scared of the lions
- (3) he was afraid of the hippopotami
- (4) the place where he landed had large trees

28. His second landing was at a place where he thought \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) there were wild animals
- (2) it was peaceful and quiet
- (3) there were large trees for shelter
- (4) there were no dangerous animals

29. "..... I saw an enormous lion." The word underlined means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) rare
- (2) fierce
- (3) gigantic
- (4) handsome

30. The eagle saved the writer's life by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) killing the lion
- (2) chasing the lion away
- (3) injuring the lion with its talons
- (4) diverting the lion's attention to defending itself



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 R) in the blank. (10 x 1 mark)

**EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE**

(A) for	(E) into	(J) every	(N) out
(B) on	(F) as	(K) from	(P) at
(C) away	(G) with	(L) that	(Q) since
(D) in	(H) to	(M) via	(R) up

The marine biologists have unraveled the mystery of the Great White Shark. (31)\_\_\_\_\_ a long time, the Great White Shark has been considered (32) \_\_\_\_\_ a relative home body, hunting in a narrow band of coastal waters and rarely venturing far (33) \_\_\_\_\_ shore. But a new study shows that these massive predators are travelers. (34)\_\_\_\_\_ some swimming thousands of kilometres (35) \_\_\_\_\_ the open ocean on mysterious migrations.

The biologists expected the white sharks to be coastal animals (36) \_\_\_\_\_ breed un southern California, then migrate a few hundred miles north to feed on seals. It turns (37)\_\_\_\_\_ that when the sharks are in the open ocean, they dive very deep (38)\_\_\_\_\_ times.

The study used electronic tagging to track six adult sharks (39)\_\_\_\_\_ satellite. One male shark swam from the California coast (40)\_\_\_\_\_ the warm waters off Hawaii, a journey of 3800 kilometres. A biology professor even commented that it is a cosmopolitan species as it goes where it wants to go.

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)

Bubbles tea is flooding Singapore. With at least 5000 shops serving up  
(41)   
pearls with fragrant tea  not counting the hawker stalls and coffee shops,  
(42)  (43)   
a stiff competition has resulted in the slash of prices and serving of bad bubble  
tea.

(44)   
Gone are the queues of people happy to wait up to an hour to saviour a  
cup of jasmine tea with those chewy tapioca balls. They can now turn to \$25  
(45)   
bubble-tea making kids that have appeared in major supermarkets and brew-it-  
yourself courses which have started in community centres.

(46)   
Many shops have wind up. Franchisers are also cautious about opening  
(47)   
more outlets here, perfering to cast their nets overseas. Frequent bubble-tea  
(48)   
drinkers said they do not drink as much as before. Housewife Aida Sulaiman said  
(49)  (50)   
"It's recession now  I can't be spending \$6 daily in bubble tea for my two  
children!" Some said that the quality had gone down and that some shops sold  
"flavoured water".

**Synthesis/Transformation**

**For each of the items 51 to 55, 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)**

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51: Kah Tai goes for a jog every evening. Zhanghan and Wee Hao go for a jog every evening too.

\_\_\_\_\_ as well as \_\_\_\_\_

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52. "Did you witness the fatal accident last night, Eric?" the policeman asked.

The policeman asked \_\_\_\_\_

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53. The box is very precious to my grandmother. She keeps her treasured photos.

\_\_\_\_\_ in which \_\_\_\_\_

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54. Mr Tang is handicapped, yet he manages to get around on his wheelchair and earn a decent living.

In spite of \_\_\_\_\_

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55. Both Jeff and Peter do not like outdoor games.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Two men decided to make money, not through legal means though. With briefcase in hand, they would (56)\_\_\_\_\_ as salesmen and knock on doors of Housing Board flats. If no one was at home, they would (57)\_\_\_\_\_ their way in with a crowbar. Things went on fine until the law finally (58)\_\_\_\_\_ up with them.

One day, the serial housebreakers went about their usual (59)\_\_\_\_\_. Little did they know that their (60)\_\_\_\_\_ was discovered by a neighbour, Mr Tay. (61)\_\_\_\_\_ the peephole of his front door, Mr Tay saw the two of them (62)\_\_\_\_\_ open his neighbour's front door. He alerted the police. Without waiting for the police's (63)\_\_\_\_\_, Mr Tay decided to (64)\_\_\_\_\_ action fast before the burglars (65)\_\_\_\_\_ scot-free. The courageous Mr Tay was going to confront them (66)\_\_\_\_\_ a small fruit knife.

By that time, the pair had already grabbed about \$3000 (67)\_\_\_\_\_ of jewellery from the neighbour's flat. When Mr Tay opened his door, he (68)\_\_\_\_\_ face to face with the two burglars but (69)\_\_\_\_\_ he could do anything, the quick-witted criminals managed to flee from the (70)\_\_\_\_\_ of the crime.

Fortunately, the police arrived in the nick of (71)\_\_\_\_\_ to arrest one of them at the ground floor lift lobby of the block. He struggled but was soon subdued (72)\_\_\_\_\_ the police. The second suspect got away but (73)\_\_\_\_\_ his briefcase. In it, the police found the crowbar and two long screwdrivers.

Mr Tay was (74)\_\_\_\_\_ by the police for his (75)\_\_\_\_\_ spiritedness. His neighbours whose house was broken into thanked him profusely for helping them retrieve their jewellery.

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

It was getting close to five in the evening when my friend's father learnt that a villager's buffalo had been killed by a tiger. It was his duty to investigate such kills and confirm that it was actually the doing of a tiger. This time, my friend and I were also allowed to go along.

We were tracking through very thick undergrowth when the stench of the already decaying carcass began to fill the air. We were examining the dead buffalo when my friend's father motioned to us to keep absolutely silent and still. All of a sudden a deer gave its loud warning call around 50 metres from where we were! We almost jumped out of our skins. The tiger was in the vicinity and on the move!

We edged towards the only tree in the surrounding area. Just then, there was this earth-shattering roar from the direction of the tree. Suddenly, the tiger came straight to us! It was a massive tiger. My friend's father and the forest guide raised their arms and let out very impressive "roars" of their own. **This** had the desired effect as the tiger changed his plan and disappeared into the jungle to our left. We all edged our way a little faster towards the tree. I knew that tiger were known to be able to sometimes climb trees but somehow at that time that tree was the only glimmer of hope.

We were nearing the tree when my friend's father picked up an abandoned bamboo stick. Then came the terrifying roar once again. This time the two of us were more prepared. We faced straight up on the oncoming tiger, raised our arms, and screamed as loud as our vocal cords would allow. It made no difference this time! He just kept coming! There was a loud cracking sound to my left. The bamboo stick had been smashed against a rock. It was a sound that the tiger was obviously not expecting because he deflected off his initial line of attack as if struck by a bullet. This time round, he stopped near the opposite edge of the clearing and began pacing up and down. We stood perfectly still, watching his every move. However some movement seemed to catch his attention and he crouched down low and once again bared his teeth. It sounded like a deep rumble of drums from some distant village. Then he came at us again!!! At this moment of life and death, our old forest guide let out a scream and brandishing a stick wildly over his head, charged at the tiger.

The amazing courage of the old man made us do the same thing too. The tiger was just about to pounce on the old man when the man flung his stick at him with all his might. The stick struck the tiger straight in his face just as he took off. The tiger deviated from his path and darted off into the jungle to his right and disappear from sight.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES**

76. Why did the author and his friends have to investigate the tiger kill?

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77. In the story, how many people went to investigate the tiger kill?

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78. How did the party know that a tiger was in the vicinity?

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79. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as “surroundings”?

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80. Why did the people move towards the tree when they realized the tiger was nearby?

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81. What does “This” in the third paragraph refer to?

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82. In the fourth paragraph, what made the tiger change its mind about attacking the author and his friends?

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83. What made the tiger decide to charge at them in the final attack?

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84. In the line "The amazing courage of the old man made us do the same thing" (last paragraph), what was the same thing that they did?

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85. How many times did the tiger charge at the party?

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