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Read the following carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

journey to the west this spring to Singapore Discovery Centre (22 - 25 January 2004)

FREE Entry for Those Born in the Year of the Monkey

We are giving everyone born in the year of the monkey* FREE general admission to Singapore Discovery Centre. Multi-rider tickets are only \$8.80 (usual adult \$19, child \$14).

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*Year of Monkey: 1920, 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992. (with proof of D.O.B)

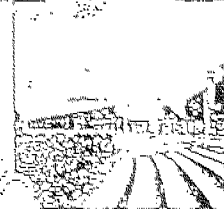
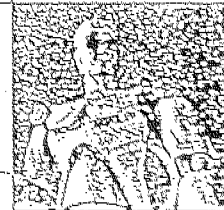
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Section A (5 × 1 mark)

Study the information given and then answer questions 1 to 5. For each question, four options are given. Shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. "Journey to the West" is an event hosted at Singapore Discovery Centre to celebrate _____

1. Mid-Autumn
2. Vesak Day
3. Hungry Ghost
4. Chinese New Year

2. The promotional activities will stretch over _____

1. 3 days
2. 4 days
3. 5 days
4. 7 days

3. The discount of \$8.80 for the multi-rider is offered to patrons who _____

1. visit the Singapore Discovery Centre
2. are born in the Year of the Monkey
3. want to win \$88 cash Hong Bao
4. want to have their photo taken with the God of Fortune

4. All patrons will be able to _____

- win prizes in a lucky dip
- enjoy 20% discount off admission tickets
- visit Singapore Discovery Centre from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- catch a Chinese acrobatics performance on the first day of the event

5. Which of the following statements is true ?

- Patrons are requested to call 6792 6188 for further discounts.
- Patrons can exchange for a free gift with purchase of any multi-rider ticket.
- Patrons born in the year of 1955 and 1968 can enjoy free admission to the Singapore Discovery Centre.
4. Patrons can learn a few gong fu moves on the last 2 days of the event.

Section B (20 × 1 mark)

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. Shade the corresponding oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. When the pirate _____, no one dared to disturb him.

- 1. slept
- 2. sleeps
- 3. has slept
- 4. is sleeping

7. The Republicans must approve John's political style _____ he would not be re-elected as President.

- 1. if
- 2. or
- 3. since
- 4. unless

8. All but James _____ to participate in the event tomorrow.

- 1. ~~want~~
- 2. ~~wants~~
- 3. ~~have wanted~~
- 4. ~~has wanted~~

9. Either Kelvin or the boys _____ playing at the beach right now.

- 1. is
- 2. are
- 3. was
- 4. were

10. As I sauntered towards the rubbish chute, I heard a baby _____.

- 1. wail
- 2. wailed
- 3. is wailing
- 4. was wailing

11. In 1467, the gladiators _____ the evil merchants to the bitter end.
1. fight
 2. fought
 3. will fight
 4. had fought
12. Since _____ of the Cubans wanted to surrender, the Italians made a painful decision to wipe them out with the N-16 hydrogen bomb.
1. all
 2. one
 3. none
 4. some
13. I am not leaving _____ I get an apology from you.
1. since
 2. until
 3. while
 4. or
14. You have an adorable, little corgi named Wang Wang, _____ you?
1. isn't
 2. didn't
 3. hadn't
 4. haven't
15. Father could not bring himself to punish the mischievous boy as he had a smile that was _____ sweet _____ sugar.
1. so ... as
 2. as ... as
 3. so ... like
 4. as ... like
16. _____ of the evidence was taken from the police safe last night.
1. Any
 2. Several
 3. Much
 4. Many

17. Uncle Vinny gave Nathan and _____ an X-box set each.

- I
- me
- mine
- myself

18. _____ pair of jeans do you prefer, Jane's or Julian's?

1. Who
2. What
3. Which
4. Whose

19. I am going shopping this evening _____ I do not have to go this weekend.

1. as if
2. so that
3. when
4. while

20. Feeling faint, Jonathan _____ on the floor for about ten minutes before he could stand up again.

- lies
- lay
- lied
- laid

21. With a tight grip, the Great White Shark sank its teeth into his head and _____ through his skull.

- crashed
- crunched
- smashed
- squashed

22. She was so _____ by the rousing applause of her team mates that she cried.
1. overtaken
 2. overpowered
 3. overwhelmed
 4. overawed
23. If you are lucky, you might hear the _____ of the vultures in the forest.
1. squealing
 2. squeaking
 3. screeching
 4. screaming
24. Fearing the advent of the bird flu, many food companies have stepped up their hygiene measures to prevent food _____.
1. infection
 2. deterioration
 3. decomposition
 4. contamination
25. "The only solution to your problems is that you must learn to _____ your fears," advised the psychiatrist.
1. consume
 2. contact
 3. confront
 4. conclude

SECTION C (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s).
Shade its oval (1,2,3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

26. "We have been in the red for the past two months," lamented the store owner.
1. in bad health
 2. in a sorry state
 3. in dangerous situation
 4. in financial difficulty
27. "Return of the King" is such an interesting and enjoyable read that I cannot put it down until I have finished it.
- enlightening
 enchanting
 entertaining
 enriching
28. I wanted to extend my help to the wounded soldier but he rejected my offer.
1. turned in
 2. turned off
 3. turned away
 4. turned down
29. I managed a stiff smile as I shook her unpleasantly sticky and wet hand.
1. soggy
 2. damp
 3. clammy
 4. moist
30. From young, both Ahmad and his brother were taught to be frugal.
1. stingy
 2. miserly
 3. thrifty
 4. destitute

Section D (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

I felt utterly drained as I trudged onward under the blinding, ferocious sun. It was the second day of our expedition to cross China's vast Taklimakan Desert but my strength was already fading. I had heard stories of countless caravans of merchants, soldiers and pilgrims, who entered this shimmering ocean of sand, lost their way and never returned. Undaunted, I led fourteen enthusiasts and set off to undertake the first crossing of the full length of the desert.

It was a race against time, to finish before the onset of the penetrating cold Central Asian winter. By the end of our first week, we had covered nearly 70 miles. Now we were faced with another test : massive sand mountains up to 1 000 feet high lay across our route. Mazar Tagh, an ancient settlement now in ruins, was 210 miles ahead. We were due to rendezvous there with the support party for our first supply. Fully aware that our expedition could not cross the desert entirely without help, I had formed a party of six. They were to travel along the Silk Road up to 200 miles to our south - tasked to monitor our progress and enter the desert to supply us at the three most accessible points of our traverse.

Though my knees had become particularly painful, they were not my prime concern. The camels needed up to nine gallons of water every three days and there was no possibility of such a large quantity being carried. Our lives and the success of the expedition rested upon a huge gamble -- that we would be fortunate enough to find sub-surface water.

Centuries ago, melt-water rivers from mountains to the south flowed to the Taklimakan Desert. By skilful irrigation, the people of the oasis became agriculturally self-sufficient. Though the rivers had since dried up, some hidden water was still there. The only clues were patches of white salt crust on the sand. But my map did not show them nor could the local tribesmen tell us where they might be. They were the desert's best-kept secret. Luckily, before sunset, we saw a telltale salt encrustation and decided to camp there for the night. The tribesmen started digging and after a while beckoned us over. At the bottom of the almost six-foot deep hole, a pool of water was gradually seeping through the dark, moist sand. Standing in the hole, a tribesman scooped some water into his hands and sipped it. "Ella yukshee!" he said with a broad grin. That night the camels drank.

Adapted from *The Worst Desert On Earth*

31. What were the problems encountered by the writer at first?

1. intense heat and thirst.
2. intense heat and fatigue
3. thirst and the approaching cold weather
4. fatigue and the Central Asian winter

32. The expedition team comprised _____ members.

1. six
2. fourteen
3. fifteen

33. Why did the expedition team head towards Mazar Tagh?
1. They wanted to avoid the cold Central Asian winter.
 2. They would be able to replenish their supply of food and water.
 3. The support team was instructed to meet them there.
 4. The support team was supposed to check their progress to ensure their safety.
34. The 'desert's best-kept secret' in line 26 refers to the location of the _____.
1. oasis
 2. salt water
 3. patches of white salt crust
 4. melt-water rivers from the mountains
35. Which one of the following statements is true ?
1. Food supply was readily accessible along the Silk Road.
 2. Crops grew well in The Taklimakan Desert many centuries ago.
 3. The tribesmen knew exactly where water could be found in the desert.
 4. The writer was worried about crossing The Taklimakan Desert in winter.

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Section E (10 x 1 mark)

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. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) with	(D) over	(G) those	(K) his	(N) this
(B) however	(E) its	(H) by	(L) one	(P) to
(C) and	(F) from	(J) on	(M) their	(Q) as

To help a blind Thai teenager see, doctors here will implant part of a tooth into one of his eyes.

The 19-year-old will be the first person here to benefit _____ the revolutionary
(36)
technique, which will allow him to see almost immediately. This complex procedure, which has
to be performed _____ both eye and dental surgeons, involves transferring the root of a
(37)
tooth _____ the eye. A canine is used _____ it has a single root.

(38) _____ (39) _____
Professor Danny Tan called it a 'last ditch' attempt for _____ who lose their sight
(40)
when their corneas are damaged. Someone who is blind because of damage to _____
optic nerve or retina at the back of the eye cannot be helped with _____ procedure,
(41)
pioneered in Italy about 40 years ago. _____, most attempts in the first three
(42)
decades failed. (43)

_____ the last three years, the procedure has been improved tremendously by
(44)
surgeons in Britain, who reported 100 per cent success _____ 16 people.
(45)
Only surgeons in these two countries and Germany have attempted the procedure.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 24 Jan 2004

Section F (10 x 1 mark)

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.

(46)

Walking through the busy Toa Payoh hub earlier this week, several passers-by does a double take.

(47)

There, in the medst of all the hustle and bustle, was a familiar face.

(48)

(49)

“She’s Tung Soo Hwa, isn’t she !” remarked a surprised Mdm Lim, inch forward to get a

closer look.

Indeed, it was the popular *MediaCorp* News presenter. Starting from this weekend, Channel 8’s

6.30p.m. Chinese language news programme (will) not be your regular studio-shot bulletin. Instead it

(50)

(51)

should be aired live from Toa Payoh (this coming Saturday and Sunday) before moving down to other

housing estates.

(52)

What Mdm Lim saw was merely a rihersel, providing Soo Hwa and the crew the chance to get

used to doing it outdoors.

(53)

(54)

“Singaporeans are a friendly lot ○” said Soo Hwa, who made her daybuc as a presenter three

(55)

years ago. “They may be curious but they won’t harassment us.”

Section G (20 x 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

The re-emergence of Sars has again put the lucrative wild game industry into a tailspin. When China's first Sars (56) _____ was confirmed last Monday, research by experts in Guangdong showed that the masked palm civet was a primary carrier of the (57) _____ virus. However, the World Health Organisation reported that neither clear evidence (58) _____ scientific proof had been established to claim that civet cats were spreading this disease to humans. This, however, did not stop the Chinese authorities (59) _____ culling more than 10 000 of the weasel-like (60) _____.

Can residents in Guangdong (61) _____ their habit of eating all kinds of unusual creatures? Public opinion remains as divided now as it was last year (62) _____ Guangzhou and much of China wrestled with the first Sars outbreak, which (63) _____ more than 5 300 people and killed 349 on the mainland.

There are those who believe that the message is finally (64) _____ in. "I don't think it's a coincidence that Sars resurfaced first in Guangzhou (65) _____ of some other Chinese city. It's time to stop eating wild cuisine for our own sake," said a resident. On the (66) _____ hand, some people believe that the tradition of consuming snakes and civet cats, especially during (67) _____ months, will never die.

As China becomes more affluent, more people can now indulge their passion (68) _____ such exotic fare. This is apparent especially amongst businessmen and officials who want to (69) _____ their guests with unusual dishes. However, wild cuisine is (70) _____ something that Guangdong residents have on their (71) _____ tables every day. Experts and ordinary folks (72) _____ say that such food is rarely eaten except in winter when these animals are believed to give one's health a much-needed boost.

Unless there is conclusive (73) _____ to prove that eating civet cats or rodents will cause one to be infected with Sars, the public opinion is unlikely to (74) _____ dramatically. No one will want to court (75) _____ just to enjoy wild cuisine. In the meantime, while some customers are going for safer choices like snakes and mountain goats, others want the wild cuisine to be more thoroughly cooked.

Adapted from *The Sunday Times*, 11 Jan 2004

Section H (5 × 1 mark)

For each of the items from 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).

76. I dislike eating mandarin oranges. I prefer eating pineapple tarts.

I would rather _____

77. The party is tomorrow. The twins are not going.

Neither _____

78. The boy will have to pay for the damages. The boy has broken the window.

Since _____

79. "Remind me of my appointment with Nike this afternoon," Mr. Lim said to me.

Mr. Lim told me _____

80. Tim's father reminded him not to swim during a thunderstorm. Tim insisted on swimming.

Despite _____

Section I (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 81 to 90.

For each question from 81 to 90, write your answer in the spaces provided.

Finally, we reached our destination. A half-mile off shore, bare-chested Fevanga was spotted holding a band of coconut shells, telling the boatman to cut the motor. With legs braced in the stern, he rattled the shells and intoned in a deep, priest-like voice, "Hina, show yourself!"

I had been lured to this remote corner of the Kingdom of Tonga by tantalizing tales of the Euaiki islanders who apparently could summon man-eating sharks to the surface by calling them – a custom they traced back hundreds of years. Fevanga was recognised by the islanders as their most powerful shark caller.

As the boat pitched, churning my insides and my mind, I began to have second thoughts. "Am I in my right senses to travel 2 500 kilometres from Sydney on the flimsy promise of seeing a miracle? How can it be possible?"

Then Fevanga leaned over and gripped my arm. "Hina is coming," he murmured. I squinted at the velvet-blue water, glossed by sunlight, until my eyes stung. There was nothing. But now, there was a movement, a slight shadow a few metres below the surface. "Is it truly Hina, the shark, coming at Fevanga's beckon or the shimmer of sunlight?"

For more than a decade, I had been enthralled by stories of Polynesian men able to summon sharks from the depths. Intrigued, I spoke to Fevanga who told me that shark-calling was related to one of the island's legends. Several hundred years ago, a young girl fell from a canoe and was never seen again. She turned into a shark named 'Hina' and since then the Euaikians have gone to sea to call her home. To bring luck, a shark caller took on the role of Hina's mythical lover, Sinilau, for a day. During the week of the king's birthday, Sinilau would capture and kill any sharks he called to present to the king as gifts. Though sharks were believed to be the embodiment of Hina, killing them did not matter. The belief was - Hina was reborn again and again.

On the night before the trip, Fevanga said to me, "We must drink *kava* to appease Hina or the shark won't come tomorrow." He then handed me a brimming cup made from half a coconut shell. I hesitated before drinking. The taste was quite bitter like medicine. My tongue swiftly turned numb. Later, when the inside of my mouth had lost all sensation, I felt clear-headed but enveloped in a happy glow. "Hina will come tomorrow," Fevanga smiled and we retired to a hut to sleep.

The clanging of the church bell woke me the next morning. Fevanga instructed me to rid my head of doubts. "Today you are Sinilau. If you doubt even a little, Hina will know." The islanders had gathered on the shore to wish us luck. They pulled down from the sandy slope, a dilapidated power boat.

Twenty minutes passed, then half an hour. There was no sign of any. Fevanga's chant and the rattling of the coconut shells were hypnotic. Sitting in the open cabin, my head began to spin from the fierce heat. I struggled to stay awake. "Sinilau! How can you sleep at a time like this?" Fevanga asked quietly. "Hina won't come now. She knows you don't pine for her. We'll go out to sea again tomorrow."

In silence, we returned to Euaiki for our evening meal. "If only I had heeded Fevanga's advice but is this an excuse for failure?" I wondered.

Adapted from *Reader's Digest*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

81. (Where) was the expedition team heading to ?

82. (Why) did the writer want to go to the destination ?

83. (Who) was Hina?

84. In line 11, (what) was the (miracle) the writer was referring to?

85. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the writer was doubtful of Feyanga's skill at first?

86. According to Feyanga, what (was) the first important step to take before setting out for shark-calling? Why?

87. Besides the heat, what else had caused the writer to fall asleep?

88. Who was 'Sinilau' in line 37?

89. Explain clearly what the writer meant by "is this an excuse for failure" in line 41 .

90. How do you think the writer felt after the trip? Give a reason for your answer.

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| 1) 4 | 27) 3 | 53) , | 76) I would rather eat pineapple tarts than mandarin oranges. |
| 2) 2 | 28) 4 | 54) debut | 77) Neither of the twins is going to the party tomorrow. |
| 3) 2 | 29) 3 | 55) harass | 78) Since the boy has broken the window, he will have to pay for the damages. |
| 4) 1 | 30) 3 | 56) case | 79) Mr Lim told me to remind him of his appointment with Nike that afternoon. |
| 5) 4 | 31) 2 | 57) deadly | 80) Despite the fact that Tim's father reminded him not to swim during a thunderstorm, Tim insisted on it. |
| 6) 1 | 32) 3 | 58) nor | 81) It was Euaiki. |
| 7) 2 | 33) 2 | 69) from | 82) He wanted to see the Euaiki islanders summon man-eating sharks to the sea surface by calling them. |
| 8) 1 | 34) 4 | 60) animals | 83) She was believed to be a girl who fell from a canoe and turned into a shark. |
| 9) 2 | 35) 2 | 61) kick | 84) It was a shark caller summoning a shark to the surface by calling it. |
| 10) 1 | 36) F | 62) when | 85) Is it truly Hina, the shark, coming at Feranga's beckon or the shimmer of sunlight? |
| 11) 2 | 37) H | 63) infected | 86) It was to drink Kava. It would appease Hina so the shark would come. |
| 12) 3 | 38) P | 64) sinking | 87) They were the hypnotic sound of Feranga's chant and rattling of the coconut shells. |
| 13) 4 | 39) Q | 65) instead | 88) He was the writer. |
| 14) 4 | 40) G | 66) other | 89) Feranga had failed to summon a shark to the sea surface and blamed his failure on the writer for falling asleep. |
| 15) 2 | 41) K | 67) winter | 90) He did not see a shark being summoned by Feranga, or He was regretful. He did not heed Feranga's advice and had fallen asleep. |
| 16) 3 | 42) N | 68) for | |
| 17) 2 | 43) B | 69) impress | |
| 18) 4 | 44) D | 70) not | |
| 19) 2 | 45) A | 71) dinner | |
| 20) 2 | 46) did | 72) also | |
| 21) 2 | 47) midst | 73) evidence | |
| 22) 3 | 48) ? | 74) change | |
| 23) 4 | 49) inching | 75) death | |
| 24) 4 | 50) will | | |
| 25) 3 | 51) on | | |
| 26) 4 | 52) rehearsal | | |