

Primary Six
English Language
Semestral Assessment One

Section A

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



SUNDAY, MAY 19

- 1st Prize: Nissan Sunny 1.6 S-Colour
2nd Prize: Canon Digital Camcorder
3rd Prize: Canon Prima Camera
4th Prize: Timex Watch Set (4 watches)

BE A BIG WALKER! SIGN UP NOW!

Time: 7.30 a.m.
Venue: National Stadium
Distance: 10 km
Entry Fees:
Fun Walker \$4
Competitive Walker \$5

REGISTRATION BOOTHS:
(From 16 March to 12 May 2002)

Fun Walkers Registration:

12 noon to 8 p.m. (including Sundays & public holidays)

- Causeway Point Shopping Centre
- Great World City • IMM
- Marina Square • Tampines Mall
- Ngee Ann City

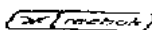
Competitive Walkers Registration:

12 noon to 8 p.m.

- Singapore Amateur Athletics Association
(Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays)
- Marina Square (including public holidays)

Official Sponsors:

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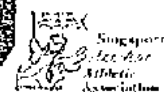
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[19 May 2002] [19 May 2002]

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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) in the given box. (5 x 1 mark)

1. On the morning of the Big Walk, all participants will gather at _____.

- 1) Great World City
- 2) the National Stadium
- 3) the Singapore Sports Council
- 4) the Singapore Amateur Athletics Association

2. Of the following people, who is allowed to participate in the *SEND contest? It is _____

- 1) Paul, a non-subscriber of SingTel Mobile
- 2) Sam, an accountant working in SingTel's appointed auditing agency
- 3) Rachel, a customer service officer of Singapore Telecommunications Ltd
- 4) Ted, a manager who uses the services of SingTel that his company subscribes to

3. There are altogether _____ official sponsors of the New Paper Big Walk.

- 1) 6
- 2) 9
- 3) 12
- 4) 15

4. Arthur, a competitive walker, would like to sign up for the Big Walk together with his colleague who is a fun walker. If they decide to do so on Easter Sunday, 31 March 2002, they should go to _____.

- 1) Tampines Mall
- 2) Marina Square
- 3) Causeway Point Shopping Centre
- 4) The Singapore Amateur Athletics Association

5. Which of the following statements is **false**?
- 1) The maximum distance of the walk is 10 km.
 - 2) The champion of the Big Walk will win a Nissan Sunny 1.5l Saloon.
 - 3) The last day one can register for the Big Walk is one week before the official event.
 - 4) Winners of the *SEND contest will receive a letter of notification from the organizer.

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

6. Danson, like his uncles, _____ to Australia two weeks later.

- 1) emigrate
- 2) emigrates
- 3) is emigrating
- 4) are emigrating

7. A number of monkeys _____ at the zoo every day.

- 1) perform
- 2) performs
- 3) has performed
- 4) have performed

8. Charles suggested that Mother _____ this weekend.

- 1) cook
- 2) cooks
- 3) cooked
- 4) cooking

9. Several years ago, Benny _____ in the Science Park, but he _____ in a factory in Jurong since he got married.

- 1) worked...works
- 2) works...is working
- 3) works...has worked
- 4) worked...has been working

10. "Ten kilometers _____ a long distance to walk for tomorrow's Big Walk," said Samy.

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

11. It is time she _____ home.

- 1) go
- 2) goes
- 3) went
- 4) is going

12. Kathleen is good _____ English and Science.

- 1) at
- 2) in
- 3) on
- 4) with

13. Jack was convicted of murdering his wife and would be _____ in due time.

- 1) hang
- 2) hung
- 3) hanged
- 4) hanging

14. Irene took her medicine _____ she was not reminded to do so.

- 1) but
- 2) since
- 3) while
- 4) although

15. George gave you the files, _____ he?" asked Harry.

- 1) did
- 2) didn't
- 3) had
- 4) hadn't

16. Gone are the days _____ marriages are arranged by one's parents.

- 1) when
- 2) where
- 3) whose
- 4) which

17. The pizza _____.

- 1) is delivering
- 2) will be delivered
- 3) has been delivered
- 4) would be delivered.

18. The murder suspect was _____ by the police for questioning.

- 1) confined
- 2) detained
- 3) imprisoned
- 4) withheld

19. My father is taking his _____ morning walk in the garden. He does this every morning before he goes to work.

- 1) compulsory
- 2) habitual
- 3) periodical
- 4) traditional

20. All invigilators should be _____ at all times, making sure that pupils do not get a chance to cheat during the examinations.

- 1) cautious
- 2) observant
- 3) prudent
- 4) vigilant

21. Don't forget to _____ the lights when you leave the room.

- 1) turn up
- 2) turn out
- 3) turn away
- 4) turn down

22. Tom felt sorry for what he had done _____ stealing his grandmother's money.

- 1) until
- 2) after
- 3) while
- 4) before

23. To thank us for helping her, my aunt decided to take _____ and _____ out for lunch.

- 1) he...I
- 2) him...I
- 3) he...me
- 4) him...me

24. My _____ for pain is so low that I scream when I am pricked by a needle.

- 1) boundary
- 2) capacity
- 3) limit
- 4) threshold

25. Old Mrs Lee does not like to be placed in a new environment where she has to learn new things. She prefers to do things the familiar way and is _____ to change.

- 1) reactive
- 2) resistant
- 3) resilient
- 4) rebellious

For each question 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the given box. (5 x 1 mark)

26. Ronald aspires to be the president of the company in three years' time.

- 1) attempts
- 2) desires
- 3) intends
- 4) needs

27. The baby crawled into the cage of the huge guard dog, utterly unaware of the danger she was in.

- 1) credulous
- 2) insensible
- 3) oblivious
- 4) unconscious

28. When the burglar realized that the owners of the house returned, he was like a cat on hot bricks.

- 1) agitated
- 2) confused
- 3) nervous
- 4) terrified

29. "Don't avoid taking about the issue of marriage," Teresa told her boyfriend.

- 1) discard
- 2) evade
- 3) ignore
- 4) reject

30. Peihua was formally praised by his teacher for his public-spirited action.

- 1) commended
- 2) complimented
- 3) honoured
- 4) revered

Read the passage below and answer questions 31-35.

One day, many years ago, when I was working as a psychologist at a children's institution in England, an adolescent boy showed up in the waiting room. I went out there where he was walking up and down restlessly.

I showed him into my office and pointed to the chair on the other side of my desk. "Please sit down," I said. David wore a black raincoat that was buttoned all the way up to his neck. His face was pale, and he stared at his feet while wringing his hands nervously. He had lost his father as an infant and had since lived together with his mother and grandfather. The year before David turned thirteen, his grandfather died and his mother was killed in a car accident. Now, at fourteen, he was in family care.

His headmaster had referred him to me. "This boy," he wrote, "is understandably very sad and depressed. He refuses to talk to others and there is really nothing I can do except this. Can you help, please?"

I looked at David. How could I help him? There are human tragedies psychology does not have the answer to. Sometimes the best that one can do is listen openly and sympathetically. This, I learnt, was true for David.

The first two times we met, David did not say a word. He sat hunched up in a chair and only looked up to look at the children's drawing on the wall behind me. As he was about to leave after the second visit, I put my hand on his shoulder. He did not shrink back, but he did not look at me either.

"Come back next week, if you like", I said. I hesitated a bit. Then I said, "I know it hurts." He came and I suggested we play a game of chess. He nodded. After that we played chess every Wednesday afternoon – in complete silence and without making eye contact. It was not easy to cheat in chess, but I admit that I made sure David won once or twice. Just as I had expected, he began to loosen up.

Usually, he arrived earlier than agreed, took the chessboard and pieces from the shelf and began setting them up before I even had a chance to sit down. It seemed as if he enjoyed my company. "But why did he not look at me?" I pondered.

Some months later, when spring arrived, I sat staring at David's head while he was bent over the chessboard. I then thought about some of my ex-patients and how the process of healing can work in mysterious ways. Suddenly, he looked up at me.

"It's your turn," he beamed.

After that day, David started talking. He made friends in school and joined a bicycle club. He wrote to me a few times about how he would try to get into a university. After some time, the letters stopped. I then realized he had really started to live his own life.

I learnt a few things from David. I learnt how time makes it possible to overcome what seems to be an insuperable pain. I learnt to be there for people who need me, how one can, without any words, reach out to another person. All it takes is a hug, a gentle touch or even just a listening ear.

Adapted from "The Right Moves" by Tom Crabtree

For each question 31 to 35, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the given box. (5 x 2 mark)

31. David was “walking up and down restlessly” because

- 1) he was unhappy to be in the institution.
- 2) he needed someone to talk to desperately
- 3) all his family members had passed away
- 4) he was nervous and did not know what to expect

32. Why did David’s headmaster eventually refer him to the psychologist? The headmaster was _____.

- 1) at his wit’s end
- 2) certain that David would confide in the psychologist
- 3) sympathetic that David had lost his family members
- 4) concerned yet uncertain if he could help David.

33. The psychologist cheated in the game of chess because he wanted David to _____.

- 1) trust him
- 2) feel at ease
- 3) enjoy his company
- 4) make eye contact

34. How did the psychologist know that David was ready to open up to him? David _____.

- 1) did not shrink back when he touched him
- 2) make eye contact with him and smiled
- 3) started to talk to himself
- 4) wrote letters to him

35. What did the psychologist learn from David? He learnt _____.

- 1) playing chess helps to lessen one’s pain
- 2) the process of healing works in mysterious ways
- 3) the importance of listening without prejudices
- 4) psychology does not always have the answers to human tragedies

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 x 1 mark)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) of	(D) on	(G) its	(K) like	(N) by
(B) will	(E) up	(H) their	(L) for	(P) those
(C) shall	(F) out	(J) how	(M) the	(Q) this

Madam Lim Ah Mui, 71, will be dancing in a roadshow soon. She has been learning (36) J to dance at the Befrienders Service Centre since October.

The Befrienders Service Association plans to get senior citizens (37) K Madam Lim to perform at monthly roadshows islandwide (38) N early next year. The association's proposal to get senior citizens up and going was one (39) A the six proposals that the Ministry of Community Development has adopted for (40) G Active Seniors Programme launched last year. The Ministry will spend about \$600,000 (41) D the projects.

(42) P aged 65 and older will make (43) E 19 percent of Singapore's population by 2030. To help meet social needs of (44) M elderly, the authorities have set up centers called Care Link, that (45) B, among other things, provide computer training and help for those who are unable to read or write.

Adapted from "The Straits Times" 31 March 2002

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A circle indicates a wrong or missing punctuation mark. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes. (10 x 1 mark)

The right mental attitude can be an irresistible force. Without it, a salesperson cannot attain real success in his professional. The reason for this is

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clear. If the salesperson has any doubts in his mind about him, his product or his

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company, the buyer will spot this lack for confidence and become doubtful or

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49)
saspicious.

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A prospektif customer senses the attitude of the salesperson almost immediately. Mental attitudes was contagious. In your past dealings with people

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52)

have you noticed that the confidence and enthusiasm on you were passed on to

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54)
others

55)

People tend to react faverably to those who project qualities such as optimism and confidence. No one wants to buy from a doleful salesperson or an uncertain one.

Adapted from "Creative Selling" by J.W. Lang

Fill in each blank with the correct word. (20 x 1 mark)

First-timers convicted of minor offences might find that they can go about their business as usual, pending a Prisons Department study. However, they have to (56)_____ electronics tags which monitor their movements and curfew hours. Serving sentences this way, would help them foster (57)_____ ties.

The move, which was announced at a Prisons Workplan Seminar, is (58)_____ of a plan to develop a range of penalties to fit the crime. The authorities did not want (59)_____ to merely 'do time in jail'. If they were sincere about turning (60)_____ a new leaf, they could be helped to reintegrate into (61)_____. The home-detention scheme is already in place, but only for those (62)_____ the last six months of their jail terms.

(63)_____ to Prisons director Chua Chin Kiat, the scheme which started two years ago, has succeeded. (64)_____ two out of 912 flouted the rules and committed crimes. He told The Straits Times that, among other things, the study would look into who would (65)_____ for home detention, how to determine curfew times and detention periods (66)_____ nine and twelve months. The study would also look at offences that are (67)_____ more as a result of an accident or negligence, than a deliberate (68)_____ of evil. Lawyers welcomed the move, saying that it would help young and impressionable (69)_____ offenders. Putting these people in jail together with hardened criminals may do them more (70)_____ than good as they may pick up bad (71)_____ from them. Mr Chua also revealed a plan to (72)_____ families of inmates to see and talk to them from the (73)_____ of their homes. The proposed scheme, Internet Tele-visit, which could be ready in two years' time, would allow family members to (74)_____ with the inmates via a Web camera and a personal computer

with Internet access. Presently, the families have to go to two video-link centers, Queenstown Remand Prison and Cisco Centre in Paya Lebar, (75)_____ they can keep in touch with the inmates. Hopefully, the resolution and image will be as clear as those at the video-link centers.

Adapted from "The Straits Times" 27 March 2002

**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)**

76. Barty paints well. He dances well too.

as

77. Anita failed her driving test because she was very careless.

Owing to

78. All the teachers except one attended the farewell dinner for the retired principal.

One of

79. "Is there anything else for me to do?" Mary asked the manager.

Mary asked the manager

80. Dennis will not go to school unless his mother accompanies him.

Without

Read the passage below and answer the questions 81-90.

Senior air staff will launch an investigation after a plane from Hong Kong suffered severe damage to its nose cone and cockpit windscreens. Dragonair KA222 was forced to land at Beijing Airport on Saturday after encountering an electrical storm. The investigation would conclude if the plane was fully airworthy to take off and to land.

The aeroplane's nose cone, which houses its radar system, was torn open. One windscreen was shattered and another was damaged. An aviation expert said it was rare for such damage to occur. The nose cone is encased in a protective layer. More importantly, damage to such an extent is almost impossible as there are special conductors around the outer skin of the plane to discharge the lightning.

On that fateful day, the airbus which was carrying about three hundred passengers took off late from Kai Tak Airport in Hong Kong at 4.10 p.m. Three hours later, the pilot announced that the plane would be landing at Beijing in seventeen minutes. "All of a sudden we ran into turbulence. It was like a roller coaster ride," one passenger reported. After half an hour, the pilot announced that he was heading back to Hong Kong. "as we came into land at Hong Kong, we could see fire engines lined up on standby. Everyone clapped their hands when we came down. It was a smooth landing", a passenger said.

Simon Heale, chief operating officer for Dragonair, confirmed that a review of how the pilot handled the problem would be conducted. This would be carried out by experts from Cathay Pacific, a major shareholder of Dragonair and supplier of the pilot for Flight KA222 although he saw no reason to prepare a report for the Civil Aviation Department. Mr Heale explained that the weather forecast was perfectly acceptable when the pilot took off. When he approached Beijing, eight Chinese aircrafts were being diverted to other airfields. The plane landed safely at the airport. The windscreen was cracked but there was sufficient fuel to return to Hong Kong. So the pilot decided to do so where he could do an auto-land.

The passengers gave harrowing accounts of the six-hour journey on Saturday which left them shaken and fearing for their lives. Several of them questioned the wisdom of allowing the flight to take off at all. Meiki Laesch, 24, a production manager for an advertising company in Germany, wished she had taken the train. "I saw people praying and I would see they were really scared. Passengers were screaming," she said.

Adapted from the "South China Morning Post"

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

81. What was the cause of the damage done to Dragonair KA222 on Saturday?

82. Why is it rare for such a damage to occur?

83. What prompt action did the pilot take to ensure the safety of the passengers?

84. What does “**This**” in paragraph 4 refer to?

85. Why did the authorities in Beijing divert eight Chinese aircrafts to other airfields?

86. Why did Mr Heale not see the need to prepare a report for the Civil Aviation Department?

87. How do you know that the passengers feared for their lives?

88. What gave the pilot the confidence that he could safely at Kai Tak Airport?

89. Which word in the passage refers to an irregular and violent movement of the air?

90. Which sentence in the passage suggests that the plane was not in any condition to fly?
