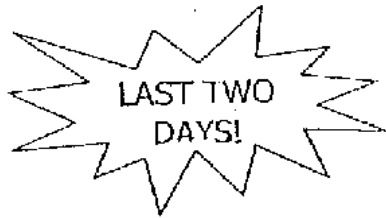


Primary Six
English Language
Semestral Assessment One

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

19TH ANNUAL

BOOK FAIR



GREATEST COLLECTION
OF ENGLISH BOOKS

Reading for Pleasure

FAIR DAYS
28 (Saturday)
and 29 (Sunday)
November
11 am to 10 pm

FREE ADMISSION

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY!

Exhibition at: Trade Centre
Hall 3 & Expo World
Blangah Road (S.099253)

Organiser: Asia Books (S) Pte Ltd
3 Cole Street #04-32
Peninsula Centre (S.179804)
Tel: 62745721

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR YOU

HIGHLIGHTS

11.00 - 1.00 pm
Sign Language Songs
by Mrs Cindy Chua
Venue: Activity Corner (Hall 3)

12.00 - 2.00 pm
Meet Madam Siti Sari, author
of 'Beating the Odds'
Venue: McDraw Books
(Booth 414)

2.00 - 3.00 pm
The Koala Creek Gang
Roadshow' by Kids at Play
Venue: Activity Corner (Hall 3)

3.00 - 4.00 pm
Talk and Autographing by
Dr Joseph Lazarus, ophthalmologist and
author of best-selling title, 'Steps to Myopia
Control: The Complete Eye Care Kit'
Venue: Activity Corner (Hall 3)

4.30 - 5.30 pm
Autographing by Mr Jeremy Rozano,
well-known for his realistic portrayal of a ruthless
gangster in the film, 'No Money?
No Talk!'
Venue: Activity Corner (Hall 3)

5.30 - 7.00 pm
Talk and Slide presentation by
Dr Lee Kim Choo, author of
'Living with Cancer'
Venue: Activity Corner (Hall 3)

FREE Shuttle Bus from PSA Building, Alexandra Road to Trade Centre and Back
(to facilitate parking of cars)
Time: 11 am - 10 pm

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. The Book Fair has been held for _____.
- (1) two decades
 - (2) three decades
 - (3) almost two decades
 - (4) almost three decades
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2. Why is there a free shuttle bus service from the PSA Building in Alexandra Road?
- (1) There are no carpark at the Trade Centre
 - (2) To enable PSA workers to visit the fair
 - (3) For people coming from the west of Singapore
 - (4) To provide parking space at PSA Building for visitors to the fair
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3. Who specializes in the care of people's eyes?
- (1) Dr Lee Kim Choo
 - (2) Mrs Cindy Chua
 - (3) Dr Joseph Lazarus
 - (4) Madam Siti Sani
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4. Mr Jeremy Rozario is a/an _____.
- (1) actor
 - (2) arsonist
 - (3) publisher
 - (4) comedian
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5. Which event would children visiting the fair most likely to be interested in?
- (1) Sign Language Songs
 - (2) Steps to Myopia Control
 - (3) Beating the Odds
 - (4) The Koala Creek Gang Roadshow
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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. I _____ as ill as I do now for a long time.

- (1) was not feeling
- (2) have not been feeling
- (3) did not feel
- (4) have not felt

7. He _____ on the bank fishing when he _____ a man's hat floating down the river.

- (1) has sat... had seen
- (2) was sitting... saw
- (3) sat... was seeing
- (4) was sitting... has seen

8. In conformity with your instructions, I am leaving _____ Malaysia at once.

- (1) to
- (2) of
- (3) for
- (4) from

9. The maid, _____ the children dislike, is an irresponsible girl.

- (1) who
- (2) whose
- (3) whom
- (4) that

10. One of the passengers and the driver seriously injured in the accident.

- (1) was
- (2) were
- (3) whom
- (4) that

11. _____ you play truant in school, you will be punished

- (1) Unless
- (2) While
- (3) If
- (4) Although

12. The jade bangle that Sally is wearing has been _____ from her grandmother to her mother and now to her.

- (1) handed down
- (2) handed in
- (3) handed over
- (4) handed round

13. None of the triplets _____ fat. All are slim.

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

14. Ahmad _____ on the hospital bed right now. He had an operation last night.

- (1) is laying
- (2) lies
- (3) is lying
- (4) was lying

15. It is difficult to _____ the twins. They look so alike.

- (1) set back
- (2) set forth
- (3) set out
- (4) set apart

16. Tom and Timmy are _____. They go everywhere together.

- (1) invincible
- (2) undivided
- (3) inseparable
- (4) unbreakable

17. I must go back and apologise, _____ I?

- (1) shall
- (2) mustn't
- (3) shouldn't
- (4) should

18. _____, she gave her sons a scolding that they would never forget.

- (1) Angered
- (2) Angry
- (3) Anger
- (4) Angering

19. The rumour was _____ of proportion by the press.

- (1) blown out
- (2) blown over
- (3) blown up
- (4) blown in

20. The owl is a nocturnal bird and it _____ only come out at night.

- (1) must
- (2) shall
- (3) may
- (4) will

21. My naughty cousin made me _____ in the cold sea.

- (1) swam
- (2) swum
- (3) swim
- (4) swims

22 A lorry broke down on the highway, _____ causing a huge jam.

- (1) thereby
- (2) therein
- (3) thereabout
- (4) thereon

23 I could never _____ the fact that I did not win the competition.

- (1) consider
- (2) take
- (3) accept
- (4) fulfill

24. What are you two fighting _____?

- (1) on
- (2) so
- (3) from
- (4) over

25. "It is now twelve o'clock. You _____ go home now," said the doctor.

- (1) will
- (2) could
- (3) may
- (4) might

Questions 26 to 30 carry 1 mark each

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

26. The travel agent will plan the itinerary for our Safari tours in Kenya.

- (1) direction
- (2) route
- (3) proposal
- (4) event

27. They were filled with wrath on hearing the disturbing news.

- (1) yearning
- (2) hatred
- (3) anger
- (4) deceit

28. The village deep in the mountain is very peaceful.

- (1) mild
- (2) quiet
- (3) orderly
- (4) tranquil

29. "Don't obstruct me from achieving success in this company," warned Tom.

- (1) detain
- (2) hinder
- (3) hold
- (4) retain

30. His stand on the cheating was contrary to that of his teacher.

- (1) opposite
- (2) similar
- (3) predictable
- (4) foreseeable

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35

“I’m going to turn into a pillar of ice if the bus doesn’t turn up in the next second,” Albert thought while he rubbed his hands vigorously together. He wrapped his scarf round his neck tighter and strained his eyes to see if the bus was indeed approaching. Very few cars were on the road. The frosty weather had deterred people from venturing outdoors.

Albert saw the man coming out the café across the road. He was impeccably dressed in a tailored suit and was holding a beautiful fur coat. Despite the cold, he simply held the coat in his hands as he made his way to his car, whistling merrily. Albert knew the man had no need for the overcoat. He had probably just drunk a piping hot cup of coffee at the café and he would soon be in his luxury car.

As he approached the car, the man fished in his pocket and took out his remote. He pointed his remote at his car and unlocked it. He happened to glance at Albert’s direction and saw a **forlorn figure** shivering at the bus shelter. Albert saw the man looking at his direction and wondered momentarily whether the man was going to offer him a ride. Instead, the man mimicked Albert’s posture. He hunched his back and put his hands into his pocket. Then he burst into laughter.

Albert was furious but there was little he could do so he chose to ignore the nasty man. As the man was about to step into his car, he lost his footing and fell face down into the snow. Albert was amused at first but became concerned when the man remained **motionless** on the pavement. He knew the man could get pneumonia if he remained on the snow any longer. Without hesitation, he dashed across the road.

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. What did Albert do to keep himself warm?

- (A) He rubbed his hands vigorously together.
- (B) He hunched his back.
- (C) He stained his eyes.
- (D) He placed his hands in his pockets.

- (1) A and B
- (2) A and C
- (3) A, B and D
- (4) B, C and D

32. The man who came out the café was _____.

- (1) dressed warmly
- (2) dressed smartly
- (3) not in a good mood
- (4) not sure where to go next

33. The '**forlorn figure**' in the passage refers to _____.

- (1) Albert
- (2) the man standing beside Albert at the bus stop
- (3) the man who had just come out of the café
- (4) a passer-by

34. The man was considered nasty because he _____.

- (1) did not offer Albert a ride
- (2) glanced in Albert's direction
- (3) drove in a luxury car
- (4) mimicked Albert's posture and laughed at him

35. The word “**motionless**” means _____.

- (1) in agony
- (2) still
- (3) ill
- (4) embarrassed

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) with	(E) on	(J) always	(N) of
(B) and	(F) as	(K) if	(P) whenever
(C) but	(G) however	(L) at	(Q) even
(D) but	(H) only	(M) when	

Have you ever wondered how a computer works?

Inside each computer there are lots (36) _____ little people. Some are very good (37) _____ making letters of the alphabet, some are good at numbers, some are good at drawing pictures and some can (38) _____ make sounds. There are many others (39) _____ different jobs.

When you type a story on the keyboard, the alphabet people rush around, putting the letters onto the monitor screen. (40) _____ you can imagine, this is very tiring work, (41) _____ they have to work in shifts.

(42) _____ you are doing Mathematical work on a computer, those little computer folk with quick minds calculate the answers and pass these (43) _____ to the number people who find the right numerals and stick them onto the screen.

Of course there are the duster people who have to work very quickly rubbing things out (44) _____ you press the backspace or delete keys.

(45) _____ you need to have a drawing or photograph placed on the screen, a team of picture people rush down to the picture library and find the one you want and project it onto the screen with a small projector.

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)

These days, most people do not have their shoes mend. Instead they would rather get rid of them. Those who do take the trouble to have their shoes repaired prefer the convenient of modern set-ups in shopping centers like Mister Minit.

(47)

(48)

(49)

Not surprisingly, the cobbler whose works with little more than his tools, a

(50)

box of paraphernalia and a trusty old stool of two is a rare breb, indeed. But not

(51)

(52)

in the North East apparently



I stumbled down a friendly

(53)

cobbler practicing his varnishing trade amid the masses of people rushing in and

out of Tampines MRT Station.

(54)

Mr Chia had been working as a full-time cobbler in Tampines for five years. Taking pride in his work, Mr Chia promises quality service.

(55)

“No customer has ever complained or returned any shoes “ he says proudly.

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

Not all the people in the modern world live modern lives. All over the world there are small (56) _____ of people who still live the same way their (57) _____ did thousand of years ago. They do not use electricity, cars, (58) _____ even matches.

As long as no one knew that these people (59) _____, they were able to continue living in their (60) _____ ways. In recent years (61) _____, many of these groups have been discovered by scientists or (62) _____. Now they are being exposed to the (63) _____ and dangers of modern life. Will these ancient people be able to (64) _____ under modern pressures?

One such group is the Tasaday, Stone Age people of the Philippine Islands. They live a gentle, (65) _____ life, the way their ancestors did 50 000 years ago.

The Tasaday use (66) _____ tools and light fires by (67) _____ two sticks together. Their clothes are made by (68) _____ leaves together.

Today there are only about 24 Tasaday left. No one knew they existed (69) _____ 1967 when a man from a neighbouring tribe stumbled upon their concealed caves. Now experts think that the Tasaday may have been (70) _____ for as long as 2000 years in their rugged environment.

The Tasaday are not (71) _____ or farmers. They are gatherers, who live on wild food found easily in the (72) _____ and streams. They do not need to kill animals, and therefore they have no traps or (73) _____.

Food in the rain forest is so (74) _____ that life is easy. It takes only a few hours to (75) _____ enough food for this little group.

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. "Did you have your lunch?" Mother asked Lily.

Mother asked Lily _____

77. The bracelet reminded me of my grandmother. I found it in my drawer.

_____ which _____

78. "Devi, don't go near that dog!" warned Miss Gopal.

Miss Gopal warned _____

79. I have a head bump. I had a fall yesterday.

_____ due _____

80. We sat down. We found it was time to go.

No sooner had _____

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

The British Broadcasting Corporation Natural History Unit in Bristol had graciously allowed me to join a trip to film a sequence for Attenborough's forthcoming series "The Life of Birds". I am one of the millions of children educated by his curiosity.

Weeks earlier, as nurse fired a quiverful of jabs into my arm, I told her I was going to join Attenborough in a Venezuelan rain forest. She let out a low moan of pleasure.

Now, at the airport for our flight to La Esmeralda, a tiny settlement on the Orinoco River, the whole crew helps load the equipment and the crates of food on the tiny twin-engine plane. Attenborough makes for the heaviest boxes, and it is easy to forget that, at 71, he is the oldest member of the group.

Then we are told the plane cannot take off unless we shed weight: the food will have to wait for another plane. Attenborough reassures me. "Don't worry, Allison, we can forage in the forest – grubs, roots, beetles and so on. Highly nutritious, you know." I try out my explorer's smile – stoic with a hint of selflessness – then notice everyone else is laughing.

Once we are aloft, the rain forest below looks like a child's railway set: blobs of green inset with a strip of mirror for a river. Then a monstrous plateau rears up, 10 000 feet of rocks. Attenborough and the Unit were dropped on to it by helicopter for the series "The Private Life of Plants." "The water running off the plateau makes the tallest waterfall in the world, and the absolutely fascinating thing is" He is off, launching gracefully into one of his melodious explanations.

It confirms what you have always suspected: that he doesn't just spiel for the camera. He is brimming with a thousand things to tell you about the natural world, and they fall from his lips as naturally as water from that plateau. His eagerness to explain nature continues even when the cameras are turned off.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

81. Who is Allison?

82. Which phrase tells you that the writer was given several injections?

83. What did the nurse probably think of the trip the writer would be taking?

84. According to the writer, how should an explorer behave?

85. What is the writer's destination?

86. In the phrase “everyone else is laughing”, why did they laugh?

87. What causes the writer to forget that Attenborough was the oldest member of the group?

88. Which word in the passage means “search busily”?

89. What does the last paragraph tell about Attenborough?

90. What does “the millions of children” refer to?

End of paper