

**Primary Six
English Language
Semestral Assessment One**

Read the following advertisements and answer the questions that follow.

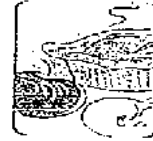
Whether it is for...

Functions
Weddings
Parties
Kiddie Parties
X-mas lunch
Or just a
Night-On-The-Town

The place to go is

Hazyview Restaurant

**Loggerhead
Restaurant**



A-LA-CARTE

Fresh Salmon our speciality

24 December

Xmas evening dinner

NEW YEAR'S EVE

FANCY DRESS

Booking essential

Closed on Sunday evenings

Regret no children under 12

FULLY LICENSED

**KRUGER PARK LODGE &
COUNTRY CLUB**

HORNBILL RESTAURANT AND LARA

OPEN FOR BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND DINNER

Conferences, Weddings, Private parties
catered for
Fully licensed

**GOLF COURSE
9 HOLE 'GARY PLAYER' GOLF
COURSE**

Non-members welcome
Competition each Wednesday
Special Day Package for Golf Groups
Enquiries: Roland Tan

MAMA TEMBU
FAMOUS FOR HER CURIOS,
POTTER AND TEAROOM
HAS A FRIEND



**MOLLY'S DELI
NOW OPEN**

You can take home all your old favourites and
some new ones too

Pecan Pie	Original Choc-Chip Cookies
Scones	Savoury rolls & sandwiches
Steak Pie	Trout Pate
Mississippi Mud Pie	Smoked trout fillets
Apple Tart	Fresh Trout
Cape Brandy Tart	Smoked Chicken
Cheese Cake	Nuts, Jams and dried fruit
Carrot Cakes	
Homemade sweets & ice-cream	

Just outside the White River at the turn-off to the
Numbi Gate

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.

1. The Loggerhead Restaurant is known for its_____.
- (1) fish dinner
 - (2) Fancy Dress Show
 - (3) Christmas dinner
 - (4) New Year's Eve dinner
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2. Which of the following restaurants would you go for a variety of pastries?
- (1) Hazyview
 - (2) Hornbill Restaurant and Lara
 - (3) Molly's Deli
 - (4) Loggerhead Restaurant
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3. If one would like to have a friendly round of golf, which day would you avoid going to Hornbill Restaurant and Lara?
- (1) Sunday
 - (2) weekends
 - (3) weekdays
 - (4) Wednesday
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4. Which of the restaurants don't cater to children?
- (1) Hazyview Restaurant
 - (2) Loggerhead Restaurant
 - (3) Molly's Deli
 - (4) Hornbill Restaurant and Lara
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5. Which of the following would you choose if you were to organize an outdoor children's party?
- (1) Loggerhead Restaurant
 - (2) Hazyview Restaurant
 - (3) Molly's Deli
 - (4) Hornbill Restaurant and Lara
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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 have to complete my art work now. Could you please _____ my sister from the school?"

- (1) bring
- (2) send
- (3) fetch
- (4) take

7. Six-year old Selina is cheerfully telling her friends that she hopes her parents _____ her to the Jurong Bird Park this Sunday.

- (1) take
- (2) will take
- (3) have taken
- (4) were taking

8. The principal has warned the pupils _____ buying and selling things in the school.

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

9. While the gaping wound _____ to, Tina kept screaming out in pain.

- (1) was attended
- (2) has been attended
- (3) was being attended
- (4) will be attended

10. My mother gives my brother and _____ our daily allowance every morning.

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

11. The accident victim will not make it _____ he is given medical aid immediately.

- (1) if
- (2) since
- (3) even
- (4) unless

12. The guest artiste from Hong Kong pledged that he would donate to the National Kidney Foundation, _____ he?

- (1) didn't
- (2) hasn't
- (3) wasn't
- (4) wouldn't

13. The snatch-thief ran _____ me, and then towards the wooded area.

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

14. Neither Nora nor her brothers _____ to attend the party last week.

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

15. The children watched the school band _____ at Orchard Road last month.

- (1) perform
- (2) performed
- (3) performs
- (4) was performing

16. Business was bad, so some of the workers were _____.

- (1) laid in
- (2) laid up
- (3) laid down
- (4) laid off

17. Mrs. Li, as well as her husband, _____ in London for more than ten years.

- (1) lives
- (2) have lived
- (3) would live
- (4) has been living

18. _____ of the boys turns up at the Kallang Stadium for the training.

- (1) All
- (2) None
- (3) Some
- (4) Many

19. Terry _____ a fever. He has to stay in bed and give the party a miss.

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

20. The saying "All that glitters _____ not gold" reminds us not to be taken in by the appearances.

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

21. The police arrested several _____ immigrants at the construction site.

- (1) illegitimate
- (2) illegible
- (3) illegal
- (4) illustrious

22. Everyone was in her uniform, except Marilyn, who looked _____ in her red evening gown.

- (1) conspicuous
- (2) congenial
- (3) contemporary
- (4) conservative

23. The bus driver applied the brakes and the double-decker bus _____ to a halt.

- (1) clattered
- (2) rumbled
- (3) rolled
- (4) screeched

24. She bought a lot of _____ from the countries she had visited. She intended to keep them as remembrance.

- (1) gifts
- (2) rewards
- (3) prizes
- (4) souvenirs

25. The way students are tested is currently being _____ by the education ministry.

- (1) revised
- (2) reverted
- (3) recorded
- (4) reviewed

Questions 26 to 30 carry 1 mark each

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

26. The television set which he bought was easily carried about.

- (1) movable
- (2) convertible
- (3) transferable
- (4) portable

27. Nick was sent away from the school for the time being because he was caught smoking.

- (1) expelled
- (2) suspended
- (3) dismissed
- (4) transferred

28. Although it was not real jewellery, it looked exactly like the genuine thing.

- (1) untrue
- (2) imitation
- (3) frictional
- (4) invented

29. The antelope was not aware that it was being tracked stealthily by a leopard.

- (1) stalked
- (2) plodded
- (3) strode
- (4) poached

30. In a hurry to complete the whole project, I had unintentionally left out his name from the list of sponsors.

- (1) deleted
- (2) emitted
- (3) omitted
- (4) cancelled

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35

Ten minutes went by. Snook felt his uncle's forehead and cheeks and they seemed mildly warm. Then he watched his chest carefully and almost gave a shout. It moved. His uncle was still alive; he was breathing. Snook stood up hurriedly. Now he had a job to do – to bed down his patient somewhere he'd be safe and warm. But first he'd have to go back below deck and get some blankets. **5**

He peered down the companionway and sniffed tentatively. The ammonia gas was still there but it hadn't spread any further; if anything it seemed to have dissipated a little. But the whiff of gas was enough to wreck his body again; wave after wave of nausea rolled over him until his throat felt raw and bleeding **10** and his ribs ached. And the pain in his eyes and nose was unbearable. For a while he stumbled about at the head of the ladder in deadly danger of pitching down headlong into the gas chamber below. But **slowly**, very **slowly**, the waves passed, the cloud thinned, and he began to think more clearly. His hopes rose.

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. Snook felt like shouting because _____.

- (1) his uncle had a fever
- (2) his uncle was still breathing
- (3) they were in a dangerous situation
- (4) his uncle was dying

32. Snook "sniffed tentatively" because _____.

- (1) there had been a gas leak
- (2) the ammonia gas had disappeared
- (3) he felt nauseous
- (4) it was hard to breathe

33. Snook was probably _____ at first but later he became _____.

(1) worried discouraged

(2) anxious optimistic

(3) angry relieved

(4) sad calm

34. The best word to describe Snook in this situation would be _____.

(1) quiet and confident

(2) frightened and desperate

(3) anxious and timid

(4) brave and resourceful

35. The word "slowly" in line 13 is repeated to suggest that _____.

(1) the danger is finally passing

(2) the storm has almost passed

(3) Snook's head is gradually clearing

(4) Snook regained his sight

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) do	(E) as	(J) become	(N) did
(B) being	(F) because	(K) when	(P) who
(C) for	(G) gave	(L) let	(Q) towards
(D) in	(H) that	(M) to	

I was never a model student as far (36)_____ academic achievements were concerned. The only time I (37)_____ my family proud was by (38)_____ first in class in Primary Three, but that was (39)_____ I was in a slower class. Nevertheless, my teachers never (40)_____ up on me. My teachers didn't turn me into a President's Scholar but they did give me a fair chance to work (41)_____ academic excellence. But what's more important is (42)_____ my teachers gave me avenues to explore creative pursuits. These teachers were the ones (43)_____ guided and moulded me with their ideas, philosophies, commitment and passion. So to all my teachers, thanks (44)_____ your dedication. I just want you to know that you had a part (45)_____ bringing me to where I am now.

Gurmit Singh in "If Not For My Teacher"

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)

To get parrots to utter words, you must say simple expressions such as

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“Hello” and “How are you?” over and over again to the parrot. It may be ours,

weeks or even months before the parrot will repeat the expression.

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Some parrots never learn to said anything.

After Gerry's uncle had given him a parrot as a birthday present, Gerry sat

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much times near it convensing with it, trying to make it talk. Of course he failed,

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for Gerry spoke to the bird as though it were a human begin. After several

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minutes of try to get the parrot to say anything, Gerry would say, “Stupid old

thing!” and surrendered. Gerry did this many times.

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Some weeks passed and Gerry's uncle and his wife, who Gerry called

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“Auntie Fifi”, visited them. Gerry complaint bitterly that his parrot would not talk,

forgetting that his parents had warned him not to do so.

“I'm sure you did not try hard enough,” Auntie Fifi said. “Here, let me try,”

she added.

Gone up to the bird she said, "Pretty, pretty Polly. How are you ○ "

For the first time the parrot spoke, as though answering Auntie Fifi. In a shrill voice it said, "Stupid old thing!"

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

Not long ago, a cargo boat was sailing from an island to Jakarta. It was carrying a cargo (56)_____ expensive rattan and eighteen Indonesian (57)_____.

Later, however, the boat (58)_____ a leak. They tried to patch the leak but (59)_____. Slowly, the boat began to (60)_____.

“Tie the bales of (61)_____ together,” shouted the captain. “It’s our only (62)_____.” Immediately, the men (63)_____ his order and when the whole boat sank, they were able to keep (64)_____ by clinging (65)_____ what they had tied together.

Four days (66)_____. The men (67)_____ from hunger and (68)_____ for they had neither food nor water. They also had to bear the (69)_____ of the sun during the day and the cold (70)_____ at night. However, they (71)_____ to hold on to the rattan. The captain tried to (72)_____ them courage too. “A (73)_____ will soon come,” he said again and again.

The men tried to be optimistic but by the fifth day they were far (74)_____ weak to carry on. Then, just as they were about to lose hope, (75)_____ in the distance, they sighted a ship.

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. Thomas translated the article. He did not use a dictionary.

_____ without _____

77. Do not try to escape. It is no use.

It is no use _____

78. Lily said, "Mother, I'm not coming back for dinner tonight."

Lily told _____

79. Joseph likes reading books. Joseph likes listening to music more.

Joseph prefers _____

80. The car was rusty. It could not be repaired.

The car was too _____

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

What was the Phantom? Was it a kind of mirage-hoax or was it really a ghost? Red's eyes gleamed with excitement. He meant to find out the answer. The sheer thrill of meeting up with a mystery urged him to greater speed. He swerved between the pines and followed the skimming white shape down rolling slopes which opened up to even steeper ones beyond.

"Red, ease up! You're making for the Waldteufel Leap!" Jim yelled madly from behind. "Only champions can tackle it! Stop!"

He was doing his best to keep up but was far behind, and the wind swept away his frantic warning. Red heard nothing; neither did he realize the danger, as he swept after the hurtling eerie skier ahead.

The Waldteufel Leap was a natural ski-jump – a leap from a brow of a hill over a hundred-meter drop. Red went like the wind. Suddenly the Phantom disappeared from sight around a hillock. Red gave chase.

Suddenly, the Phantom stopped, almost dead in his tracks. But Red could not stop. He was going at too great a speed to stop before the take-off point.

As he flashed clean over the stooping white figure, one of the ski-sticks touched the flimsy white *muslin* shrouding the Phantom. It tore the muslin and all but snatched the stick from Red's grasp. WHOOSH!

Red was out in space; bent right forward over his ski he saw the terrible snowy drop falling away beneath and beyond him. It gleamed icy cold in the moonlight. He was out in space – swooping against a 100km/h wind.

Now his balance was vital. One faulty move when he touched down for landing could mean serious injury. Ski-jumpers need nerves of iron, legs of steel and perfect balance. Red had the first two, but his whole fate rested on the third. Like a bird in flight, Red sailed on with the snow-covered ground far beneath him. His body was at an angle; both arms outflung.

Still Red held his course. From what appeared a long way off he could see the snow rushing forward to meet him. He steeled himself for the impact and hoped against hoped that his judgement would serve him.

Then snow hissed fast beneath his skis. The impact swayed him slightly off balance and for one dreaded second he thought he would lose control. Suddenly he realised he was hurtling at terrific speed in an upright position. He lost one ski-stick, but he was traveling quite slowly when he finally fell.

“Phew!” He did it eventually.

Red drew a long deep breathe of relief, swallowed hard and felt his limbs gingerly. He was amazed to find himself without bruises or injury.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

81. How did Red feel when he saw the “skimming white shape”?

82. Why did Red chase the Phantom?

83. From what height must a skier jump at the Waldteufel Leap?

84. What had prevented Red from jumping the Leap?

85. What do you think 'muslin' (line 18) is?

86. According to the passage, which part of the day did this incident take place?

87. What qualities must a perfect ski-jumper have?

88. Why did Red jump over the Waldteufel Leap finally?

89. Write down a **phrase** (*of four words*) which tells you that Red was not hurt.

90. How did Phantom indirectly helped Red?

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