

**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2004
PRIMARY 6 EM1/2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

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PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

**35 questions
40 marks**

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 2 hours

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ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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

Feeling groovy?

Then be sure to wear some flowers in your hair as the vibe and spirit of the legendary Woodstock Rock Festival of 1969 is revived again here in Singapore!



4 November 2000
6.00 pm - midnight
Cape Canning Park

Tickets at \$33 Nett
Available at
Gilligan's, SISTIC &
Cape Canning Park*

A CLASSIC ROCK FESTIVAL IN THE STYLE OF THE ORIGINAL 1969 WOODSTOCK MUSIC FESTIVAL

5 LIVE BAND PERFORMANCES BY :

Riki HENDRIX

- Purple Haze Tribute to Jimi Hendrix

the New Vintage Blues Band

Heritage

Paul Ponnudorai & Friends

Whack Daddy Down



Hosted by DX Daddy
From the Cool Evening Show
(Cool 96.7 FM)

An evening of peace and music, the Summer of Love Classic Rock Festival will take you back in time to the heady era of 1969.

Also, throughout the evening, a bazaar with various stalls will adorn the greens of Cape Canning Park selling curios such as bead necklaces, khaki fashion wear, henna artwork & aromatherapy oils.

Cold beers, liquors & a mouthwatering range of food such as hot dogs, burgers & others will also be on sale.

So, come dressed in your hippest finest & relive the Summer of Love!

*Buy your tickets now at Gilligan's (65) 6123 4567 or through SISTIC
Website: www.sistic.com.sg, SISTIC Mobile Ticketing: wap.sistic.com.sg,
SISTIC Hotline: (65) 6346 5555 & SISTIC Outlets islandwide. Also
available at the Gates of Cape Canning Park on the day of the concert.

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Organised by:

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123 Park Avenue Boulevard

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For each question from 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1 The Woodstock Music Festival was first performed in _____.

- (1) 1969
- (2) 1996
- (3) 2003
- (4) 2004

2 _____ was the organiser for the classic rock festival.

- (1) Gilligan's
- (2) Koolsberg
- (3) Cape Canning Park
- (4) Rendezvous Travel Services

3 Besides enjoying an evening of music, the audience can also _____.

- (1) buy burgers and hot dogs
- (2) drink cold beers and bubble tea
- (3) try on Khaki fashion wear and jeans
- (4) purchase bead necklaces and cosmetics

4 The most acceptable attire for the festival is _____.

- (1) uniforms
- (2) hiking gear
- (3) hippy clothes
- (4) evening finery

5 The festival will be hosted by _____.

- (1) DX Daddy
- (2) Jimi Hendrix
- (3) Paul Ponnudorai
- (4) Whack Daddy Down

For each question from 6 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. They did not see anyone _____ into the office.
- (1) go
 - (2) goes
 - (3) gone
 - (4) went
7. "Please come inside if it _____ to rain," Mrs. Tan told her children.
- (1) started
 - (2) starting
 - (3) starts
 - (4) will start
8. The pupil was _____ when the hot soup spilt onto her lap.
- (1) scald
 - (2) scalded
 - (3) scalding
 - (4) scalds
9. "My driving licence has expired. I _____ renew it within a month if I want to continue to drive," said Ben.
- (1) could
 - (2) might
 - (3) ought to
 - (4) would
10. Before the war, Mr. Soh _____ be a shop assistant at a provision shop in Geylang.
- (1) must have
 - (2) ought to
 - (3) will have
 - (4) used to

11. The landlord has backed _____ from the rigid condition he gave to his tenant a few days ago.
- (1) down
 - (2) on
 - (3) out
 - (4) up
12. The authority intends to do _____ with the old system as soon as we have developed a better one.
- (1) away
 - (2) down
 - (3) in
 - (4) up
13. The floral dress you bought is _____ cheap _____ expensive.
- (1) both ... and
 - (2) either ... or
 - (3) neither ... nor
 - (4) as ... as
14. Everybody _____ eager to know who has won the competition.
- (1) are
 - (2) has
 - (3) have
 - (4) is
15. Miss Goh, _____ is my neighbour, works in the hospital.
- (1) which
 - (2) who
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
16. Tom went to school _____ he was not well.
- (1) although
 - (2) but
 - (3) since
 - (4) so

17. Wahab did not join his friends at the movies _____ he had seen it before.
- (1) already
 - (2) but
 - (3) since
 - (4) yet
18. The toddler was so happy to _____ her mother that she crawled towards her.
- (1) saw
 - (2) see
 - (3) seeing
 - (4) seen
19. I did not hear the telephone _____ when I was taking a shower.
- (1) rang
 - (2) ring
 - (3) rings
 - (4) rung
20. Ali let me _____ with his dog yesterday.
- (1) play
 - (2) played
 - (3) playing
 - (4) plays
21. The police officer stopped me the other day as I was driving home because I was _____ the speed limit.
- (1) exceeding
 - (2) overtaking
 - (3) surpassing
 - (4) transcending
22. Before you start cooking, you should gather all the necessary _____.
- (1) components
 - (2) constituents
 - (3) elements
 - (4) ingredients

23. As it was Christmas, the _____ at the church was much larger than usual.
- (1) audience
 - (2) congregation
 - (3) convention
 - (4) grouping
24. The caged canary hopped about _____ looking for a means of escape.
- (1) excitedly
 - (2) frantically
 - (3) joyfully
 - (4) merrily
25. The students have _____ been so late before.
- (1) always
 - (2) never
 - (3) quite
 - (4) seldom

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

26. Mr. Tan's children have great reverence for the elders.
- (1) admiration
 - (2) pity
 - (3) respect
 - (4) sympathy
27. Television has enabled many people to be interested and enjoy several sports which until recently had only minority interest.
- (1) inhabited
 - (2) popularised
 - (3) populated
 - (4) vulgarised

28. Technology is advancing so quickly that machines become useless almost overnight.

- (1) archaic
- (2) obsolete
- (3) second-hand ✓
- (4) stale ✓

29. It is impossible to stop racial unreasonable preference simply by legislation.

- (1) obsession
- (2) prejudice
- (3) seclusion
- (4) tendency

30. As Charlie climbed over the wall, a large dog made a fierce, rough sound at him.

- (1) moaned
- (2) snarled
- (3) snorted
- (4) yelled

Read the passage below and answer questions 31-35. (10 marks)

The Singapore History Museum launched a hunt for toys that Singaporeans played with between the 1930s and the 1970s, whether bought or handmade, as well as memorabilia connected with these toys. The items collected will be exhibited in June.

Jennifer, the assistant curator at the museum said that toys could be a useful way of showing the sociological history of Singapore. She said, "In the 1930s, before the war, toys from department stores were very expensive. They came mostly from England and Germany. Only the rich could afford to buy them and they were really treasured. There were also handmade toys such as wooden guns that used rubber bands to fire pellets. Those were the playthings of the poorer people from the kampong."

She also added that after World War II, toys became more easily available, with many of them coming from China, Taiwan and Hongkong.

The hunt has yielded several contributions from the 1940s and 1950s so far, such as a Victorian porcelain tea set, a wooden construction set and a beetle-assembly game called Cootie.

Tony, a marketing manager, has lent some of his toys to the museum for its coming exhibition – two tin battleships which run with a drop of cooking oil, one unusual kaleidoscope, two boxes of picture cards of scenes from Tarzan and John Wayne movies, and a box of plastic play pieces called kuti kuti.

Tony told Jennifer, "Toys nowadays are so dependent on batteries. I want to show that it was different in my childhood. It's not just the children who should see what we used to play with, but the adults as well."

Another collector, graphic designer Marvin, is also letting the museum display his collection of mainly one thousand old tin toys.

Items can be submitted to the museum's office at 51, Armenian Street by May 15.

For each question from 31-35, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice 1, 2, 3 or 4. Shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

31. The Singapore History Museum is hunting for toys that Singaporeans played _____.
- (1) in the 1970s
 - (2) before World War II
 - (3) from the 1930s to 1970s
 - (4) from the 1940s to 1950s
32. The aim of the exhibition on toys is to _____.
- (1) display individuals' toy collections
 - (2) exhibit toys from England and Germany
 - (3) show the sociological history of Singapore
 - (4) showcase toys from China, Taiwan and Hongkong
33. Tony's battleships are run on _____.
- (1) pellets
 - (2) batteries
 - (3) rubber bands
 - (4) a drop of cooking oil
34. The museum received a beetle-assembly game called _____.
- (1) Cootie
 - (2) Kuti kuti
 - (3) Victorian
 - (4) John Wayne and Tarzan
35. _____ are things which are collected because they are connected with a person or event which is considered interesting.
- (1) Exhibits
 - (2) Souvenirs
 - (3) Memorabilia
 - (4) Contributions

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PAPER 2: BOOKLET B

55 questions

70 marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B: 2 hours

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ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

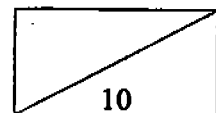
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

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(B) up	(E) of	(H) at	(L) where	(P) which
(C) from	(F) so	(J) out	(M) into	(Q) when

Mr. Saaid is the most successful ketupat seller in the bustling Pasar Baru market in Geylang Serai. Last week, his stall had the biggest stacks (36) _____ coconut leaves, all ready to be woven (37) _____ ketupat shells.

Mr. Saaid is an attendant (38) _____ the Singapore University and, (39) _____ the last twenty years, has been taking leave and spending the week before Hari Raya Puasa making ketupat shells at night. He imports the leaves and this year, he brought (40) _____ about two hundred thousand, mostly (41) _____ Batam, Indonesia.

From last Monday, about twelve friends and his brother, Juri, had been helping him from dusk (42) _____ midnight to make (43) _____ to three thousand ketupat shells a night. Each shell fetches twenty-five cents, (44) _____ the group can earn up to seven hundred dollars a night. There are several groups like Mr.Saaid's in Geylang Serai, (45) _____ the ketupat fever starts about a week before Hari Raya Puasa.



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 marks)

Last year, Smart Office launched a campaign to look for courteous passengers. It

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invited communtors to nominate courteous staff. Fifty employees are selected, with

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Yusof in the lead. The passengers were impression with his initiation, kindness and willingness to go the extra mile. One of them wrote that he even offered the use of his phone card for free.

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When asked why he did so, Yusof said "Many people approach us for change to make calls but sometimes the coin phones are not working or there's a long

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que for them. I always carry some cards so that I can lend them to people."

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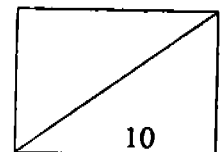
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He added, As a front-line worker, I play the role of an ambasader and what I do

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reflect on the entire organisation



Fill in the blank with the most suitable word.

(20 marks)

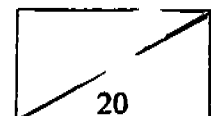
In school, Benson took the role of big brother to his friends. He (56) _____ wild and rebellious in the years (57) _____ his father's arrest but his defiant (58) _____ had been tempered by a need to protect rather than dominate others. He had learnt a lot (59) _____ being in a gang or so he believed. In school, he tried to re-create the same (60) _____ of parameters with his school friends as he had (61) _____ with his gang. Relationships in school were not (62) _____ revising subjects together, or (63) _____ each other to do well in examinations. To Benson, (64) _____ in school was an opportunity to (65) _____ his own authority on the world, where 'blood' (66) _____ with 'brothers' would be developed. Somewhere along the (67) _____, he forgot or ignored what school was really there for.

Not (68) _____, Benson did badly in his final-year examinations.

"I remember when I went back on the last day of school to collect my report book, the principal seemed to want to give me a (69) _____ to study. He kept saying, 'So how?' and then asked (70) _____ I wanted to continue studying. I was rude. I said, "No way!" and walked out of his room, slamming the door (71) _____ me," says Benson. He had only just completed Secondary Two and was on the (72) _____ of turning fifteen.

Benson told his mother about his (73) _____ to quit school again. This time, she did not put up a (74) _____. Maybe there was no fight left (75) _____ her. Troubled by sleepless nights and a depression triggered by her husband's incarceration in a jail far away from Singapore, she let Benson direct the course of his own future.

-An extract from "Broken Mirror" by Dawn Tan-



For each of the items 76-80, 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). (10 marks)

Example: This is the book. I borrowed it.

Answer: This is the book which I borrowed.

76. "Don't play on the road, children," said Mrs Kong.

Mrs Kong told _____

77. Jack ate two pieces of durian cake. It was so delicious.

78. The footballers continued with the game. It was raining heavily.

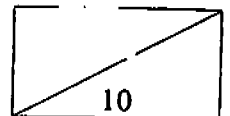
Despite _____

79. "You must return the book tomorrow. Otherwise you will be fined," Lyn warned Rajoo.

Lyn warned Rajoo that unless _____

80. Ann was five years old. She has been playing the violin.

_____ since _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 81 - 90.

(20 marks)

As far as anyone could tell, the group of men looked just like an ordinary working party going about the everyday business of repairing the posts around the prison camp. Two of them were obviously British officers, with their peaked officer's caps and swagger sticks, while the other five looked like Indians, with their white turbans and dark skins. The British sergeant hardly glanced at them as he rode by on his bicycle in the dusty compound of the prison camp near Dehra Dun in Northern India. The group headed for the main gate. The guards on duty there saluted the officers as they marched through. The officers nodded briskly in acknowledgement. This was the dangerous moment. If one of those guards had noticed that the five 'Indians' had blue eyes or that their dark make-up had run and stained their white robes, then that would be an instant end to their escape.

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But nothing happened. Neither of the guards noticed anything. They just stood there on that late April afternoon in 1944, unaware that the oldest trick in the history of escape was being played on them, and let the carefully disguised party of Germans and Austrians walk out of the camp, down the path and out of sight round the corner and into the bushes. It had all seemed incredibly easy but at least one of the 'Indians', the Austrian skier and mountaineer Heinrich Harrer, knew how great the risks and hardships of the next step of their escape were. For Heinrich Harrer had tried to get away from Dehra Dun before, and had managed to remain free for eighteen days before being caught. Now, a year later, as he hastily removed his makeup and white robes, he knew exactly what lay ahead of him.

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The only escape route with a chance of success lay through the tangled forests, rushing rivers and tricky paths of the Himalayan foothills, where turning a corner could bring a man face to face with a tiger, bear or leopard. Beyond the foothills lay the most demanding mountain country in the world, the ice-cold, merciless peaks of Tibet, with their savage winds, perilously narrow ledges and great gaping chasms that waited to claim climbers at a stumble or the slip of a foot. No wonder Harrer's friend, the Italian general Marchese, who had escaped with him the last time, had chosen not to escape again. When the two of them were caught, at the nomadic village of Nelang, 2100 metres up in the mountains and about 160 kilometres from the Tibetan border, Marchese had been so exhausted by extreme heat and gruelling effort that he had to be taken back to Dehra Dun on horseback.

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Harrer's desire for freedom had not weakened, however. He had spent all year dreaming of the moment when he would be free again. After saying a quick farewell to his companions, he struck out on his own, up into the hills that would lead him to the valleys of the rivers Jumna and Aglar, which was the best route and safest, though by no means the easiest.

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-adapted from: *The Illustrated Book of Great Escapes-*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

81. Why were the men in disguise?

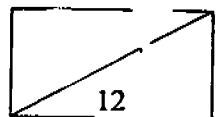
82. Why did the guards on duty salute the officers?

83. What did the 'Indians' do quickly in order not to be spotted with 'blue eyes'?

84. What was the 'oldest trick in the history of escape'?

85. What was Heinrich Harrer's nationality?

86. Where were Harrer and Marchese caught during their escape?

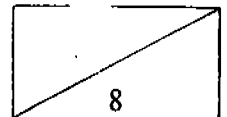


87. Why was Marchese taken back to Dehra Dun on horseback?

88. Why did Harrer decide to escape despite the great risks he would face?

89. Which was the safest escape route Harrer took?

90. Which word in the passage means 'unbelievably'?



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76. Mrs Kong told the children not to play on the road.
77. The durian cake was so delicious that Jack ate two pieces.
78. Despite the fact that it was raining heavily, the footballers continued with the game.
79. Lyn warned Rajso that unless he returned the book the next day, he would be fined.
80. Ann has been playing the violin since she was five years old.
81. They were trying to escape from the prison camp.
82. It was done as a form of respect.
83. They hopped briskly at the guards and moved on.
84. It was prisoners disguising themselves as other people.
85. He was an Austrian.
86. They were caught at a nomadic village of Nelang 2100 metres up in the mountains and about 160 kilometres from the Tibetan border.
87. He was too exhausted by the extreme heat and grueling effort during the escape.
88. His desire for freedom had not weakened and he had spent all year dreaming of the moment when he would be free again.
89. The safest escape route he took went up into the hills that would lead him to the valleys of the rivers Juma and Aglar.
90. The word is "incredibly".