



BOOKLET A

Name: _____ ()

Duration : 1 h 50 min

Class: Primary 6 ()

(Booklets A & B)

Date : 22 Aug 2005

SECTION A: GRAPHIC STIMULUS COMPREHENSION (5X1 mark)
Study the following advertisement and then answer the questions that follow.

Wild Win on Wheels Hunt

~~1st Prize~~
\$2000 Cash
+ \$3000
Travel Vouchers

2nd Prize
\$1500 Cash
+
\$2000
Travel Vouchers

3rd Prize
\$1000 Cash
+
\$1000
Travel Vouchers

5 Consolation Prizes
\$100 Cash
+
\$100 Polish n Shine Vouchers

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5 Special Prizes
Let your imagination run wild!
Dress up your car and stand a chance
to win \$200 Cash!

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Venue : Stadium Boulevard - Kallang Carpark E

Date : 26 August 2005

Time : 1.00 pm - 5.00 pm

- Registration begins from 12.00 noon
 - Flag-off at 1.00 pm sharp
- * A free goodie bag and a Giordano T-shirt for every participant .

Organisers:

CLEAR CHANNEL

UFM 100.3

WKRZ91.3 FM

Sponsors :

*PILOT PENS

*GIORDANO GARMENTS

*YAN YAN RESTAURANT

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 OAS.

1. What is the main activity conducted in this event?
 - (1) Treasure Hunt
 - (2) Travel Shows
 - (3) Car Dress Up
 - (4) Car Racing

2. To participate in the event, one must be at the event site _____
 - (1) at 1.00 pm
 - (2) at 5.00 pm
 - (3) before 1.00 pm
 - (4) before 5.00 pm

3. To win a special \$200 cash prize, one has to _____
 - (1) be imaginative
 - (2) be well-dressed
 - (3) polish one's car
 - (4) decorate one's car

4. All participants will receive a goodie bag and a _____ each.
 - (1) Polish n Shine voucher
 - (2) Giordano T-shirt
 - (3) cash prize
 - (4) pen

5. The event is sponsored by _____
 - (1) Polish n Shine, Clear Channel and WRKZ 91.3 FM
 - (2) UFM 100.3, WKRZ 91.3 FM and Giordano Garments
 - (3) WRKZ 91.3 FM, Pilot Pens and Yan Yan Restaurant
 - (4) Giordano Garments, Pilot Pens and Yan Yan Restaurant

SECTION B: GRAMMAR, PUNCTUATION AND VOCABULARY

(20X1 mark)

For each question from 6 to 12, 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 OAS.

6. A complimentary copy of the newspaper 'ABC Daily News' _____ distributed to every household in Ubi Avenue 1 in the next few days.
- (1) are
 - (2) were
 - (3) will be
 - (4) shall be
7. In his hurry, Mr Wilson tripped _____ a stone and fell flat on his face.
- (1) at
 - (2) in
 - (3) near
 - (4) over
8. The man _____ you had met at Mrs Lim's office last Friday is the new General Manager of Matsu Engineering Pte. Ltd.
- (1) who
 - (2) whom
 - (3) whose
 - (4) which
9. The number of domestic animals in the Mandai Zoological Gardens _____ dwindling since last year.
- (1) has
 - (2) have
 - (3) has been
 - (4) have been
10. Please _____ Kate that her grandmother will be waiting for her at the Ang Mo Kio MRT Station tomorrow afternoon.
- (1) inform
 - (2) informs
 - (3) informed
 - (4) informing

11. Kumar and his friends dislike the pungent smell of durian, _____ they ?
- (1) do
 - (2) does
 - (3) don't
 - (4) doesn't

12. Neither the boys nor their mother _____ Uncle Samuel's graduation ceremony last Sunday.
- (1) is attending
 - (2) were attending
 - (3) has attended
 - (4) had attended

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation mark and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

The King loved his young and beautiful wife very much. They had not been married long. One day, the Queen fell ill .

"Oh," sobbed the Queen (13) there is only one thing that will cure me of my illness."

"What is that (14) inquired the anxious King.

"If I eat the liver of a live monkey, I shall immediately recover (15) Pray, get me a monkey's liver, for I know that nothing else will save my life."

13. (1) [.] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [.] comma and inverted commas
(4) [.] full stop and inverted commas
14. (1) [.] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [.] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [?] question mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [!] exclamation mark
(4) ["] inverted commas

For each question from 16 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 OAS.

16. Because hot weather provides favourable conditions for Aedes mosquitoes to breed, the cases of dengue fever _____ whenever temperature climbs.
- (1) surge
 - (2) hurtle
 - (3) plunge
 - (4) advance
17. The soccer star did not want his fans to know where he was staying, so when his address was published, he _____
- (1) spilled the beans
 - (2) called the shots
 - (3) toed the line
 - (4) hit the roof
18. Faced with strong opposition, the village head _____ his plan to clear the forest.
- (1) backed into
 - (2) backed onto
 - (3) backed off from
 - (4) backed down on
19. There was an argument over nominating the Hero of the Year. Finally, everyone agreed that Mr Heng Yeow Pheow, the man who lost his life in the Nicoll Highway collapse, is _____ hero.
- (1) a united
 - (2) a unanimous
 - (3) an indelible
 - (4) an indisputable
20. When questioned why she was late for school, June's lips _____ and then she started sobbing .
- (1) wavered
 - (2) quivered
 - (3) fluttered
 - (4) shuddered

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

On April Fools' Day in 1946, Marsue woke up to the sound of people shouting. She found people crowding at the beach. They were (21) fascinated by the receding sea level. The water kept falling and falling, exposing rocky seafloor. After a while the water returned. Then, the water sucked out farther than before and there was a (22) carnival atmosphere as children explored the dry seafloor, picking up stranded fish.

Soon, tired of the (23) novelty, Marsue looked at the horizon, preparing to leave. It was then that she saw a wave racing towards the shore, forming a wall of water that grew as it approached. Alarmed, she screamed as she ran. She was too late. She and all the others were (24) awash in the roaring turbulent water. A tsunami had hit the island.

Since then, understanding of tsunami has increased (25) dramatically. Thanks to new equipment and techniques, seismologists now understand where tsunamis come from.

21. (1) held
(2) gripped
(3) dominated
(4) manipulated
22. (1) festival mood
(2) good climate
(3) sombre feeling
(4) warm environment
23. (1) new and unusual
(2) forceful and explosive
(3) superb and decorative
(4) shocking and unbelievable
24. (1) lost
(2) flooded
(3) divided
(4) trapped
25. (1) amply
~~(2)~~ minutely
(3) noticeably
~~(4)~~ symbolically

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

I walked over to the window and noticed that for some reasons, the street lights were out. Then, Mr Chamberlain's front door opened, gushing a flash of brightness across his yard before it closed.

Peaches's nightly trip out, I thought.

I was about to pull the shades down when the trunk of the elm tree at the front of the Malik's property wavered and thickened. It **couldn't be**, but I had not seen anyone approaching it. I strained and thought I saw something small streak across the lawn and vanish into the shadow. Then, the tree moved again and there was still. At this moment, I heard Father checking if the door was locked, so I pulled down the shades and went to bed.

It was dawn when someone hammered against the door. Mother and Father hurried to the door. I snatched Pepper up and followed them, my heart thumping.

"Peaches!" Mr Chamberlain cried, frantic. "Peaches ... she's gone!" He had fallen asleep instead of waiting up for his cat and now she was still not back. I thought about what I had seen in the dark and my heart skipped a couple of beats.

"Last night, I thought I saw Peaches cut across the lawn and run towards the elm tree next door," I said and everyone looked at me. Immediately, I regretted revealing that. I was not even sure if that was **really Peaches**. It could be a squirrel. Mr Chamberlain squinted as if he were seeing me for the first time. He suspected that I had a hand in it. Frightened, I took a step back, clutching Pepper so tightly that she purred.

"Mr Chamberlain," Mother said soothingly, "Jess wouldn't hurt your cat. She loves cats." Mother concluded that Mr Chamberlain must be tired and upset and suggested that he go home. She also promised that we would look around the neighbourhood for Peaches.

I kept thinking about the tree "moving". I could not come to terms with that. I made straight for the tree while Mother went to the end of the block. I skirted the tree, the stack of boxes and plastic bags containing the Malik's trash. As waves of fishy odour of heat-spoiled tuna rose from the top bag, I fought to keep from vomiting.

"Tuna!" I suddenly gasped. Has she been drawn by the scent of her favourite meal? Gingerly I approached the trash bag, but it hadn't been torn open by a ravenous cat. Then another thought too monstrous to ignore slid into my mind. "No," I whispered. My curiosity got the better of me and I untied the bag to look inside. I was relieved to find only the usual trash, but there was something weird. A can of tuna. Only a small amount was gone. Why would anyone throw away a whole can of tuna?

Adapted from *Don't Scream* by Joan Lowery Nixon

26. The author believed that Mr Chamberlain's front door opened _____

- (1) to allow light onto the street.
- (2) to allow Peaches out of the house
- (3) as Mr Chamberlain went out of the house
- (4) as Mr Chamberlain was checking if the door was locked

27. When the author said "It couldn't be" (line 6), he was trying to tell himself that _____

- (1) the tree in Malik's yard did not move
- (2) no one approached Malik's house
- (3) Malik's property did not waver and thicken
- (4) nothing small had streaked across Malik's lawn.

28. Mr Chamberlain suspected that the author "had a hand in" (line 22) _____

- (1) Pepper's purring
- (2) Peaches's disappearance
- (3) frightening Mr Chamberlain
- (4) making Mr Chamberlain see the author

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29. When the author said, "I could not come to terms with that." (line 28) what does "come to terms with" mean?

It means the author could not _____ that.

- (1) accept
- (2) explain
- (3) confront
- (4) recognise

30. When the author whispered "No" (line 36), he was _____

- (1) telling herself not to be overcome by curiosity
- (2) telling herself not to untie the trash bag to look inside
- (3) thinking of seeing Peaches in the trash bag
- (4) thinking of seeing Peaches being drawn by the scent of tuna

End of Booklet A



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



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BOOKLET B

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Booklet A	30
Booklet B	65
Total	95
Parent's Signature	

SECTION D: GRAMMAR CLOZE

(10X1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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 to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) if	(D) by	(C) but	(K) with	(N) unless
(B) of	(E) for	(H) into	(L) after	(P) despite
(G) to	(F) out	(J) from	(M) while	(Q) through

Winters were always bitter and harsh in Albert's hometown. He and his siblings had to stay away (31) _____ school because of a threatening blizzard. They attempted entertaining themselves (32) _____ some board games in their cottage on the hill.

After some time, they decided to venture (33) _____ of their cottage to sculpt a snowman.

In no time, the cold and chill sent Albert's siblings scrambling back (34) _____ their house. However, Albert was oblivious to the brewing storm. (35) _____

he was sculpturing, a howling gust swept him rolling (36) _____ the edge of the cliff.

Fortunately, Albert grabbed hold (37) _____ a branch with all his might. He yelled frantically (38) _____ his hoarse voice was drowned (39) _____ the swirling wind.

All of a sudden, he heard some voices. A great sense of relief surged (40) _____ his numb and cold body. He knew he was safe.

SECTION E : EDITING FOR SPELLING AND GRAMMAR

(10x1 mark)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

The wolf is a highly social animal. Generally, it lives within the same pack for

(41) many of its life. The members of the pack (42) **cooperete** in hunting, feeding and

caring for the young and defending their territory (43) with other packs.

Generally, only the top male and female are (44) **permit** to breed, while any attempts

to do so by others are punished. The pack members are very (45) **ateletic**, capable of

incredible endurance, such as (46) **persueing** a prey over long distances or (47) **plough**

through chest-high snow for long periods. Though quite capable of ripping apart even the

(48) strong of men, the wolf in the wild is extremely fearful of people. The wolf is one of the

world's most (49) **nutorios** animals. It has high intelligence, great (50) **adabtability** and all

the skills in hunting. It could survive anywhere.

SECTION F: COMPREHENSION CLOZE

(15 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and then fill in each blank numbered 51 to 65 with a suitable word of your word.

Nobody knows where kites came from. (51) _____ believe that they originated from the South Seas Islands (52) _____. others think that China is the birth place of kites.

Today, kite-making (53) _____ are held annually in some parts of the world. Competitors (54) _____ weeks or even months coming up with kites that take different (55) _____ with dragons and caterpillars (56) _____ their favourites. It is not (57) _____ to see several kites shaped like dragons at each yearly event. To make their masterpieces more outstanding, competitors may (58) _____ whistles or pipes to their kites. (59) _____ them to emit musical sounds as they fly. They may also work on the colours on their kites so that they change (60) _____ the wind changes its direction. (61) _____ the design, judges consider the (62) _____ of time the kite is able to stay in the air. (63) _____ beautiful a kite is, it will not be accepted for any competition if it (64) _____ to fly in the air like all kites (65) _____.

Apart from papers, other light materials such as thin plastic sheets and polyester are also used for making kites.

SECTION G: SYNTHESIS/TRANSFORMATION

(5X2 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your sentence must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Mrs Tan is very old. She is always cheerful and positive towards life.

_____ **although** _____

67. I could not find my new dictionary. I bought it from the Popular Book Store.

_____ **which** _____

68. "Can Ahmad attend the meeting today?" Andy asked me.

Andy _____

69. Herman was so mischievous that he hid his friend's book in the locker.

Out of _____

70. My father is very understanding. I have an enormous respect for him.

_____ **for whom** _____

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION

(10 X 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Each year, between May and September, more than a thousand leatherback turtles make the arduous journey across the Pacific to lay their eggs along the stretch of beach near Kuala Trengganu at the east coast of Malaysia. Throngs of tourists make a pilgrimage there to witness this awesome ritual.

In the murkiness of midnight, people huddle together on the cool sand. They speak in whispers. Suddenly, their guide raises a hand and everyone understands the cue. In total silence, they wait and when he points in a direction, their gazes follow. 5

About a hundred metres away from the congregation, in the dim light of the half moon, a massive form emerges from the water and lurches across the sand. With monumental effort, the creature heaves itself up towards the dunes, halting now and then in exhaustion. Then, twenty metres away from them, the plodding thumps cease. 10

The creature is a giant leatherback turtle, drawn by some strange instinct to deposit her eggs along this particular stretch of beach. She emerges from the sea, nervous and excitable. She is now wholly engrossed in the preparation. She sweeps the sand with her powerful front flippers. Then, she positions her tail over the narrow crevice and begins to lay her eggs. People touch the smooth black skin and children pose for pictures on her back. Oblivious to all these, the creature continues depositing her eggs while her eyes stream with tears. 15 20

The leatherback is becoming an endangered species. Sea creatures pose danger to the population. Some of the hatchlings fall prey to them but humans are deadlier. With them, the eggs do not even get to become hatchlings. It is not unheard of to have an entire nest wiped out of its eggs. At Pantai Penyu (Turtle Beach) the Malaysian government maintains a hatchery to protect them. A quota system limits the number of eggs which local residents may collect. The rest are guarded at the hatchery until they become hatchlings and are ready to return to where they belong. 25

The giant leatherback is still dropping eggs into the hole. Two employees of the hatchery now join the circle of tourists. When the great creature has deposited the last of her ninety-odd eggs, she lunges aside, covering the hole with a few scoops of sand. Then she turns towards the water and labours once again across the sand in agonising thrusts. The crowd trails her to the surf while the two men start work. Then, the leatherback, regaining her grace, disappears into the water. 30

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE BASED ON THE PASSAGE AND IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Who ^{are} ~~am~~ the people who "huddle" (line 5) together?

72. In the sentence "Suddenly, ~~their~~ guide raises a ~~hand~~ and everyone understands the cue" (lines 6 - 7), what ^{do} ~~do~~ they understand?

73. What ^{does} ~~is~~ one phrase "with monumental effort" (line 11) tell you about the way the turtle moves along the sand.

74. ^{Does} ~~Do~~ the author know why the turtles choose to lay their eggs along the beach at Kuala Trengganu? Which phrase tells you that?

75. Who ^{does} ~~do~~ the word "them" in line 23 refer to?

76. What is the turtle doing when she "sweeps the sand with her powerful front flippers"? (line 17)

77. Explain clearly why the author says that humans are a greater danger to the turtles than sea creatures?

78. What are the measures taken by the Malaysian government to prevent the turtles from becoming endangered?

79. Why are the two employees from the hatchery at the beach?

80. Why is the leatherback able to regain her grace when she is in the water ?

End of Booklet B



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



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| 1) 1 | 28) 2 | 55) shapes | 66) Mrs Tan is always cheerful and positive towards life although she is very old. |
| 2) 3 | 29) 1 | 56) unusual | |
| 3) 4 | 30) 3 | 57) being | 67) I could not find my new dictionary which I bought from the Popular Book Shop. |
| 4) 2 | 31) J | 58) attach | |
| 5) 4 | 32) K | 59) allowing | 68) Andy asked me if Ahmad could attend the meeting that day. |
| 6) 3 | 33) F | 60) when | |
| 7) 4 | 34) H | 61) Besides | 69) Out of mischief, Herman hid his friend's book in the locker. |
| 8) 2 | 35) M | 62) length | |
| 9) 3 | 36) C | 63) However | 70) My father for whom I have an enormous respects is very understanding. |
| 10) 1 | 37) B | 64) fails | |
| 11) 3 | 38) G | 65) should | 71) They are tourists |
| 12) 4 | 39) D | | 72) They understand that they must keep quiet. |
| 13) 3 | 40) Q | 73) It tells me that they move with difficulty. | |
| 14) 4 | 41) most | 74) No, he did not. The phrase is "strange instincts". | |
| 15) 2 | 42) cooperate | 75) The word refers to the humans. | |
| 16) 1 | 43) against | 76) She is digging a hole to deposit her eggs in. | |
| 17) 4 | 44) permitted | 77) Sea creatures only kill some hatchings but the humans kill all of them. | |
| 18) 4 | 45) athetic | 78) It sets up a hatchery and limits the number of eggs people can take. | |
| 19) 4 | 46) pursuing | 79) They are there to collect the eggs to take to the hatchery. | |
| 20) 2 | 47) ploughing | 80) She can swim better in water than crawl on land. | |
| 21) 2 | 48) strongest | | |
| 22) 1 | 49) notorious | | |
| 23) 1 | 50) adaptability | | |
| 24) 2 | 51) some | | |
| 25) 3 | 52) while | | |
| 26) 2 | 53) competition | | |

27) 1