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BOOKLET A

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.


**WIN  
A TRIP FOR 2  
TO USA!!**


(21-22 May, 7pm - 9.30pm)


# COMETS CARNIVAL


@ Singapore Science Centre

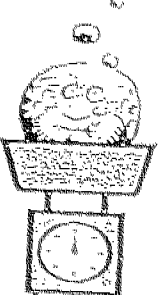
For the first time ever, witness 2 comets \*  
appearing simultaneously in the sky!  
Zoom on down to the Kinetic Garden and have a  
blast with the following FREE carnival activities:  
\* Bring your own binoculars if you have any.

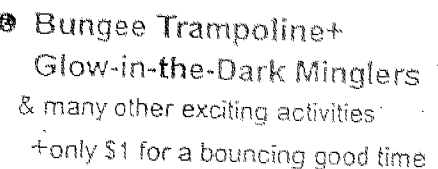
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● **Rocket Launches**  
(7pm @ Observatory)
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● **Space-Themed Movies**  
(7pm @ Amphi-Theatre)
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● **Mindball**  
(7pm @ Linkway)  
For the first time ever  
"mind over matter"
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● **Fiery Fire Breather**  
(7pm @ Kinetic Garden)
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● **Guess the Weight of the Meteorite**  
-WIN a trip for 2 to USA, telescopes & other attractive prizes
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● **Bungee Trampoline+  
Glow-in-the-Dark Minglers  
& many other exciting activities**  
+only \$1 for a bouncing good time

15 Science Centre Road, Singapore 609081  
Tel: 64252500 Fax: 65659533 Website: [www.science.edu.sg](http://www.science.edu.sg)

Science Centre & The Lord of The Rings Motion Picture Trilogy – The Exhibition\*  
Operating hours extended till 9.30pm on 21-22 May. Normal admission applies.

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 Comets Carnival is held during the \_\_\_\_\_ week of May.
- (1) first
  - (2) second
  - (3) third
  - (4) fourth
- ( )
2. Participants may get a free holiday or a telescope when they join the \_\_\_\_\_ activity.
- ~~(1)~~ Mindball
  - (2) Rocket Launches
  - (3) Glow-in-the-Dark Minglers
  - (4) Guess the Weight of the Meteorite
- ( )
3. A pair of binoculars is required to watch the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) fire breather
  - (2) launch of the rockets
  - (3) spaced-themed movies
  - (4) appearance of the comets
- ( )
4. Which one of the following statements is true?
- ~~(1)~~ The "Lord of the Rings" movie is shown at 9.30pm.
  - ~~(2)~~ The activities are organized by Amphi-Theatre only.
  - ~~(3)~~ All the activities are on throughout the month of May.
  - ~~(4)~~ A person has to pay to play on the bungee trampoline.
- ( )
5. If you want to see how a person's mind can be used to control a situation, you probably have to go to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Linkway
  - (2) Observatory
  - (3) Kinetic Garden
  - (4) Amphi-Theatre
- ( )

**Section B : Grammar (15 x 1 mark)**

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 heard him \_\_\_\_\_ in his room a minute ago.
- (1) sing
  - (2) sings
  - (3) sang
  - (4) sung
- ( )
7. Look! The baby \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) laugh
  - (2) laughs
  - (3) is laughing
  - (4) has laughed
- ( )
8. All the pupils' report books would \_\_\_\_\_ in the General Office.
- (1) keep
  - (2) be kept
  - (3) have kept
  - (4) be keeping
- ( )
9. \_\_\_\_\_ of the boys was late for the assembly.
- (1) One
  - (2) A few
  - (3) Many
  - (4) Some
- ( )
10. Peter always remembers to look left and right before he \_\_\_\_\_ the road.
- (1) cross
  - (2) crossed
  - (3) crosses
  - (4) crossing
- ( )

11. Groceries are always cheaper if they are bought \_\_\_\_\_ bulk.

- (1) at
- (2) in
- (3) by
- (4) with

( )

12. \_\_\_\_\_ you have a problem, you may come to me for help.

- (1) Should
- (2) Would
- (3) Could
- (4) Might

( )

13. No sooner had she left the room \_\_\_\_\_ the telephone rang.

- (1) and
- (2) than
- (3) that
- (4) when

( )

14. Buses leave for Sentosa \_\_\_\_\_ hour on the hour.

- (1) an
- (2) the
- (3) any
- (4) every

( )

15. Many people \_\_\_\_\_ applied for jobs in Donghua Company.  
The number of positions available \_\_\_\_\_ limited.

- (1) has, is
- (2) has, are
- (3) have, is
- (4) have, are

( )

16. \_\_\_\_\_ the flight to Australia is confirmed, I will go to London.

- (1) As
- (2) Since
- (3) While
- (4) Unless

( )

17. The man \_\_\_\_\_ house was gutted by fire was lucky to be alive.

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

( )

18. Gigi knows the way to the Crocodile Farm, \_\_\_\_\_ she?

- (1) did
- (2) didn't
- (3) does
- (4) doesn't

( )

19. The drug trafficker had \_\_\_\_\_ packets of drugs in a safe place to avoid detection by the police.

- (1) tucked in
- (2) tucked up
- (3) tucked into
- (4) tucked away

( )

20. \_\_\_\_\_ from Minah, the rest of the children were at the exhibition.

- (1) Apart
- (2) Except
- (3) Besides
- (4) Nevertheless

( )

**Section C : Vocabulary (10 x 1 mark)**

For each question from 21 to 25, 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.

21. This gadget can \_\_\_\_\_ the juice from fruits.
- (1) press
  - (2) extract
  - (3) gather
  - (4) squash
- ( )
22. Ali went for a blood \_\_\_\_\_ last year when he developed a blood disorder.
- (1) transfusion
  - (2) transmission
  - (3) transference
  - (4) transformation
- ( )
23. To give a speech without any preparation or planning is to do it \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) immediately
  - (2) impulsively
  - (3) improvised
  - (4) impromptu
- ( )
24. Faridah was in a \_\_\_\_\_. She could not decide whether to go abroad to further her studies or stay in Singapore to work as both were equally good options.
- (1) riot
  - (2) mess
  - (3) dilemma
  - (4) deadlock
- ( )
25. The school was \_\_\_\_\_ with telephone calls after the principal's announcement.
- (1) filled
  - (2) flooded
  - (3) stormed
  - (4) drowned
- ( )

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

26. The walls of the building are strengthened with steel bars.

- (1) endorsed
- (2) enhanced
- (3) reinforced
- (4) constructed

( )

27. The company will make known to the public the new products at the end of the month.

- (1) publish
- (2) circulate
- (3) advertise
- (4) manufacture

( )

28. The new store manager is not too busy to look into small and unimportant matters.

- (1) trivial
- (2) routine
- (3) critical
- (4) complicated

( )

29. She paid no attention to my warning not to swim in the canal.

- (1) defended
- (2) demeaned
- (3) discharged
- (4) disregarded

( )

30. You need a special permit to enter the place where the manufactured goods are stored before they are shipped to other countries.

- (1) cellar
- (2) factory
- (3) arsenal
- (4) warehouse

( )



Section D : Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

In Africa, there is a species of black ants that can kill a large animal such as an elephant and eat up all its flesh within a few days. As such, they are called killer ants. These ants do not build their homes, and they move in countless numbers, all in a column, devouring any animal that comes in their path. They move with no particular direction or destination because they are blind.

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These little creatures, each measuring about a centimetre in length, are sensitive to sunlight. Thus, they always move in the shadow of thick foliage or among undergrowth and leaf litter in the day. The black column can be seen only when it appears from the grass to cross a path or a track. At night, the ants move more freely.

10

On detecting the approach of a killer ant column, terrified villagers flee with all their livestock. However, when the invading army has left the village, they return to find that their homes are free of household pests. With great appetite, the carnivorous ants spare no animals within their reach. They feed on worms, insects and the eggs of these victims. So aggressive are they in their search for food that they can even reach birds in their nests in the tallest trees. Large animals that are injured or too weak to run away from them fall prey to them easily.

15

For the itinerant killer ants, there is no end to their long march. One invasion must be followed by another especially when there are thousands of them in a colony. They will cross any part of the jungle, no matter how far it extends, wiping out other animals that are in their way and continuing their quest for more food. It is a wonder that they do this with great proficiency despite their blindness.

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For each question from 31 to 35, 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.

31. According to the passage, the killer ants "move more freely" when \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) they are crossing a path or track
- (2) they are attacking a large animal
- (3) there is no need to hide from sunlight
- (4) terrified villagers have fled with their livestock

( )

32. How do the villagers know that the killer ants are coming to attack them?

- (1) Their livestock is devoured.
- (2) Their homes are free of pests.
- (3) They see a moving black column.
- (4) They see injured animals lying around.

( )

33. In line 15, "these victims" are actually the \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) household pets
- (2) worms and insects
- (3) birds in their nests
- (4) weak or injured animals

( )

34. The word which means that "killer ants are always on the move" is \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) invasion
- (2) itinerant
- (3) quest
- (4) flee

( )

35. According to the writer, what is most amazing about these killer ants?

- (1) They can climb trees to get at their prey.
- (2) They are able to move endlessly in a line.
- (3) They can devour a large animal such as an elephant.
- (4) They are blind yet they are able to march on and on in search of food.

( )

**Section E : Structural Cloze (10 x 1 mark)**

There are 10 blanks 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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

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- |         |          |          |           |          |
|---------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| (A) as  | (D) even | (G) in   | (K) must  | (N) when |
| (B) and | (E) for  | (H) into | (L) their | (P) will |
| (C) but | (F) from | (J) its  | (M) to    | (Q) with |
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Shaped like a goblet and dripping \_\_\_\_\_ honeydew, the pitcher plant  
(36)

looks very inviting \_\_\_\_\_ passing insects. It glistens \_\_\_\_\_ the sunlight.  
(37) (38)

But, \_\_\_\_\_ Shakespeare once wrote, "All that glitters is not gold." The pitcher plant is  
(39)

a death trap. The unwary insect \_\_\_\_\_ struggle but will not succeed in escaping from  
(40)

\_\_\_\_\_ sticky clutches; soon it will slip down \_\_\_\_\_ the fluid-filled chamber  
(41) (42)

\_\_\_\_\_ down. \_\_\_\_\_ hard-shelled insects such as cockroaches are easily  
(43) (44)

digested. Pitcher plants depend on insects \_\_\_\_\_ the nutrients needed to sustain  
(45)

them.

Section F : Editing for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

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.

(46)  Care must be take in order to have healthy  shiny hair.

(48)  When the hair grow past a certain length  the ends tend to become

dry as they do not recive enough natural oil from the skap. The

(50)  condition may also be worse if the hair is expose  for the sun or always

(51)  given fregent heat-treatment such as blow  drying of the hair. These

(52)  actions rob it of the moizchure which causes it to become dry.

Section G : Comprehension Cloze (20 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A 72-year-old man was robbed by three men in a dark alley on Saturday evening. His trousers were yanked \_\_\_\_\_ him. He lost about \$9 500 in cash and jewellery in \_\_\_\_\_ robbery.

Mr Koh Hock Soon ended up having to seek \_\_\_\_\_ in his underwear.

He was \_\_\_\_\_ at around 8pm while he was walking along a deserted \_\_\_\_\_, behind a row of shophouses along Jalan Besar, to \_\_\_\_\_ a bus home.

The thugs \_\_\_\_\_ on him from behind. One got him in a stranglehold while the other \_\_\_\_\_ held onto his hands. They told him to remain quiet and \_\_\_\_\_ to beat him if he \_\_\_\_\_

Mr Koh said, " They made me \_\_\_\_\_ down, then forced me \_\_\_\_\_ my knees."

He said he was too stunned to do anything \_\_\_\_\_ watch as  
(68)

they pulled off his \_\_\_\_\_, emptied his T-shirt pocket of a bus pass and  
(69)

other documents. He was also \_\_\_\_\_ of two Rolex watches, eight rings  
(70)

and \$3 000 in \_\_\_\_\_  
(71)

The dealer in second-hand goods said he had redeemed the eight rings from  
a \_\_\_\_\_ that day, after having bought the pawn tickets from a debtor.  
(72)

Ashen-faced and shocked, he could \_\_\_\_\_ speak softly.  
(73)

Mr Koh went to a nearby coffee shop and telephoned his wife to \_\_\_\_\_ him  
(74)  
up.

Deputy Superintendent Ken Gong said that the trousers-taking incident was  
the first of its \_\_\_\_\_ in recent years.  
(75)

( Adapted from The Straits Times, March 15, 2004)

**Section H : Synthesis/Transformation (5 x 2 marks)**

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(s) must be the same as the given one(s).

76. That is the shop. I bought my art materials there.

\_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

77. My mother loves shopping. My father does not like it.

\_\_\_\_\_ is not shared  
\_\_\_\_\_

78. Both Fandi and his brother are on the fund-raising committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ as well as \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

79. "Have you had your dinner, Mr Tan?" asked the neighbour.

The neighbour asked Mr Tan \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

80. The match began. It started to rain.

Hardly \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Section I : Comprehension OE( 10 x 2 marks )**

Read the passage and answer questions 81 to 90.

In 1945, a 12-year-old boy saw something in a shop window that set his heart racing. But the price - five dollars - was far beyond Reuben Earle's means. Five dollars would buy almost a week's groceries for his family.

Nevertheless, he opened the shop's weathered door and went inside. Standing proud and straight in his flour-sack shirt and washed-out trousers, he told the shopkeeper what he wanted, adding, "but I don't have the money right now. Can you please hold it for me for some time?" 5

"I'll try," the shopkeeper smiled. "Folks around here don't usually have that kind of money to spend on things. It should keep for a while."

Reuben respectfully touched his worn cap and walked out into the sunlight with the bay rippling in a freshening wind. There was purpose in his loping stride. He would raise the five dollars and not tell anybody. 10

Hearing the sound of hammering from a side street, Reuben had an idea. He ran towards the sound and stopped at a construction site. People built their homes in Bay Roberts, using nails purchased in Hessian sacks from a local factory. Sometimes the sacks were discarded in the flurry of building and Reuben knew he could sell them back to the factory for five cents a piece.

Every day after chores and school, Reuben scoured the town, collecting the Hessian nail bags. On the day the two-room school closed for the summer, no other student was more delighted than Reuben. Now he'd have more time for his mission.

Finally spring burst into glorious green and Reuben's spirits erupted. The time had come! He ran into the barn, climbed to the hayloft and uncovered the tin can. He poured the coins out and began to count. Then he counted again. He needed 20 cents more. Could there be any sacks left anywhere in town ?

The shadows were lengthening as Reuben arrived at the factory. The sack buyer was about to lock up. "Mister! Please don't close up yet." The man turned and saw Reuben, dirty and sweat stained. 25

"Come back tomorrow, boy."

"Please, Mister. I have to sell the sacks now - please." The man could tell Reuben was close to tears. 30

"Why do you need this money so badly?"

"It's a secret."

The man took the sacks, reached into his pocket and put four coins in Reuben's hand. Reuben murmured a thank you and ran home. Then, clutching the tin can, he headed for the shop. "I have the money," he solemnly told the owner. The man went to the window and retrieved Reuben's treasure. He wiped the dust off and gently wrapped it in brown paper. Then he placed the parcel in Reuben's hands. Racing home, Reuben burst through the front door. His mother was scrubbing the kitchen stove.

"Here, Mum! Here!" Reuben exclaimed as he ran to her side. He placed a small box in her work-roughened hand. She unwrapped it carefully to save paper. A blue-velvet jewel box appeared. Dora lifted the lid, tears beginning to blur her vision. In gold lettering on a small, almond-shaped brooch was the word "Mother". 40

It was Mother's day, 1946.

(Adapted from *Reader's Digest*, September 2000)



For each question from 81 to 90, write your answer in the space provided.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

81. What was Reuben's "mission" (line 20)?

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82. Which four-word phrase from lines 1-12 tells us that Reuben was excited by what he saw in the shop window?

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83. What was the value of \$5 in the 1940s?

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84. Explain clearly what the shopkeeper meant when he said "Folks around here don't usually have that kind of money to spend on things". (lines 8-9)

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85. How did Reuben raise the money to buy what he wanted?

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86. How big was Reuben's school?

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87. Which word from lines 10 – 30 means "searched thoroughly"?

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88. Quote the sentence from lines 15 - 35 which best tells us that it was evening when Reuben managed to sell the last four sacks.

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89. Had Reuben's "treasure" been displayed in the window for a long time?  
How do you know?

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90. How did Reuben's mother feel when she received the gift?

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| 1) 3  | 28) 1        | 56) off        | 76) That is the shop where I bought my art materials.   |
| 2) 4  | 29) 4        | 57) the        | 77) My mother's love for shopping is not shared by my father.   |
| 3) 4  | 30) 4        | 58) help       | 78) Fandi, as well as his brother, is on the fund-raising committee.  |
| 4) 4  | 31) 3        | 59) robbed     | 79) The neighbour asked Mr Tan if he had had his dinner.  |
| 5) 1  | 32) 3        | 60) alley      | 80) Hardly had the match begun when it started to rain.   |
| 6) 1  | 33) 2        | 61) take       | 81) It was to collect and sell enough sacks to earn five dollars to buy a gift for his mother.  |
| 7) 3  | 34) 2        | 62) pounced    | 82) The phrase is "set his heart racing".   |
| 8) 2  | 35) 4        | 63) two        | 83) It was enough to buy groceries for a week for Reuben's family.  |
| 9) 1  | 36) Q        | 64) threatened | 84) He meant that people who lived there were not very rich.  |
| 10) 3 | 37) M        | 65) shouted    | 85) Reuben took the Hessain nail bags which were discarded and sold them to the factory five cents each.  |
| 11) 2 | 38) G        | 66) squat      | 86) Reuben's school was very small which consisted of only two rooms.   |
| 12) 1 | 39) A        | 67) onto       | 87) The word is "scoured".  |
| 13) 2 | 40) P        | 68) but        | 88) The sentence is "The shadows were lengthening as Reuben arrived at the factory".  |
| 14) 4 | 41) J        | 69) trousers   | 89) Reuben "treasure" had been displayed in the window for a long time. The shopkeeper wiped the dust off gently when he went to the window to retrieve the treasure. |
| 15) 3 | 42) H        | 70) robbed     |   |
| 16) 4 | 43) B        | 71) cash       |   |
| 17) 3 | 44) D        | 72) pawnshop   |   |
| 18) 4 | 45) E        | 73) only       |   |
| 19) 4 | 46) taken    | 74) pick       |   |
| 20) 1 | 47) ,        | 75) kind       |   |
| 21) 2 | 48) grows    |                |   |
| 22) 1 | 49) ,        |                |   |
| 23) 4 | 50) receive  |                |   |
| 24) 3 | 51) scalp    |                |   |
| 25) 2 | 52) exposed  |                |   |
| 26) 3 | 53) frequent |                |   |
| 27) 3 | 54) -        |                |   |