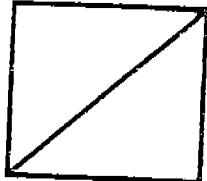




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Booklet A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of _____ questions
4. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

* This booklet consists of _____ pages altogether.

THE ALOHA RESORT



RENTAL RATES OF HOLIDAY CHALETs (per day)			
Type of chalet	Number of people	Peak	Off-peak
Deluxe	1-2	\$120	\$100
Superior	2-4	\$160	\$120
Duplex	4-6	\$200	\$150
Outdoor tents	4-men tent	\$80	\$80

Enjoy our special FUN package for **FREE**
when you stay 3 Days 2 Nights



.....the package includes the following:

- | | Original Price |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| * a day's set meals | \$ 8.00 |
| * rental of bicycles (one hour) | \$ 4.00 (excluding Racer Bikes) |
- Wow! A savings of \$12 per person !!!!

(For our Muslim guests, halal food is available)

Visit our Souvenir Shop!

We have souvenirs from all over Asia.
The popular ones among guests are shell brooches from the Philippines, Indian beadwork from India, batik purses from Indonesia and our very own Merlion keychains which tops the list!

To make reservations, come personally to:

22, Clifford Road (Head Office)
from 9am to 7pm.

Bookings can also be made at our website: www.aloharesort.com

A refundable deposit of \$50 is required to confirm booking.

Visc/Master cards accepted

For collection of keys, call 62912566 (resort office)

For each question, 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 rental rates of the chalets per day are based on the _____.

- (1) type of chalet and period of stay only
- (2) duration of stay and type of chalet only
- (3) number of occupants and type of chalet only
- (4) number of occupants and duration of stay only

2. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (1) The rental rates is inclusive of the FUN package.
- (2) Halal food is made available only to Muslim guests.
- (3) A family of four has a choice of only two types of chalets.
- (4) It costs more to stay at *The Aloha Resort* during peak periods.

3. The special FUN package is an offer made to _____.

- (1) promote the facilities at the resort
- (2) meet the needs of the guests at the resort
- (3) encourage guests to extend their stay at the resort
- (4) allow guests to enjoy a free-and-easy stay at the resort

4. The souvenir that is (most popular) amongst guests is from _____.

- (1) Asia
- (2) India
- (3) Singapore
- (4) the Philippines

5. In order to confirm his/her booking of a chalet at *The Aloha Resort*, a guest has to _____.

- (1) book online or call the resort office
- (2) place a deposit of \$50 upon booking
- (3) use a Visa or Master card for payment
- (4) make a booking at the Head Office personally

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. What(would)you do if you _____ in a stalled lift?

- (1) are caught
- (2) were caught
- (3) had been caught
- (4) were being caught

7. When Jane told me that Mr Lee wanted her to remind Fanny and _____ about our classroom duty, I snubbed her.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) she
- (4) her

8. After Mrs Long had written out the cheque and _____ it, she placed it into an envelope before sealing it.

- (1) sign
- (2) signed
- (3) signing
- (4) had signed

9. Serena is studying hard as she is(intent _____) applying for admission to The NUS High School.

- (1) on
- (2) in
- (3) to
- (4) for

10. I really dislike sports. I would _____ read a book _____
play tennis.

- (1) either.....or
- (2) prefer.....to
- (3) neither.....nor
- (4) rather.....than

11. _____ Eric (was sorry) for what he had done, his sister (refused to forgive)
him.

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

12. Our parents (will never) agree to your suggestion, _____ ^{positive} they?

- (1) did
- (2) will
- (3) won't
- (4) didn't

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1,2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3marks)

Maria stood silent. The bull terrier strained to escape from her grasp. Lassie, their big bullet-headed dog, whined and barked with his eyes fixed on Lincoln across the foaming water.

“Oh dear, Maria, ” said Miranda (13) Lassie doesn’t want to leave either.” She bent down to comfort him. As she did so, Miranda had an idea! What was too great a risk for Maria to take might be worth trying with their dog (14) Miranda knew there was hope now.

“I’m fixing a washing-line to Lassie’s collar. There are two ways to do this (15) grab the line when he reaches you and don’t let go!” Miranda shouted across to Lincoln.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [, “] comma and open quotation mark
(4) [. ”] full stop and close quotation mark

14. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [;] semi-colon
(4) [“] open quotation mark

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. The detectives _____ through the pile of documents to see if they could gather any evidence.
- (1) sifted
 - (2) sorted
 - (3) sieved
 - (4) shuffled
17. My uncle is like _____ whenever my aunt asks him to lay the table. He never fails to drop a plate or two.
- (1) a dog in a manger
 - (2) a cat on hot bricks
 - (3) a snake in the grass
 - (4) a bull in a china shop
18. "Do you think the boys can _____ it _____?" asked Tina when the boys volunteered to organise the island-wide charity drive this year.
- (1) put.....up
 - (2) take....on
 - (3) pull.....off
 - (4) work...out
19. The orchestra received a standing _____ for its outstanding performance.
- (1) encore
 - (2) ovation
 - (3) applause
 - (4) reception
20. A small country without a good defence is _____ to outside invasion.
- (1) sensitive
 - (2) oblivious
 - (3) susceptible
 - (4) invulnerable

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

I sprang to my feet, my mind paralysed by the dreadful shape which had sprung out upon us. With long (21) bounds the huge black creature was moving down the track, following hard upon the footsteps of our (22) friend. So surprised were we by the apparition (23) that we let him pass before we had recovered our nerves. (24) Then Holmes and I fired together, and the creature gave a hideous howl. It did not pause, however, but carried onward. Far away on the path we saw James looking back. In the next instant, Holmes (25) fired five barrels of his revolver into the creature's flank.

21. (1) hops
(2) steps
(3) leaps
(4) ambles
- (22) (1) tailing
(2) chasing
(3) tracking
(4) shadowing
- (23) (1) ghostly figure
(2) unexpected sight
(3) sudden appearance
(4) frightening experience
24. (1) resumed our position
(2) renewed our strength
(3) regained our composure
(4) repressed our nervousness
25. (1) released
(2) launched
(3) dislodged
(4) discharged

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

My father woke up first. He came into the room yelling, "Jack! Wake up! The Boat House is on fire!"

I tumbled out of bed. Fear instantaneously cleared the fog from my head. Smoke drifted in my window and made me hurry to my father. We ran downstairs and hurried to the back porch. A wild rushing jet of flame was shooting out of the window on the side of the Boat House. Smoke billowed into the night and blew across into the yard at us. The heat made my face prickly. 5

"Dad! We need water," I cried.

"Too late," he said. "She's gone, Jack."

We walked down to the sand and watched the front doors. Smoke curled out from under them. The windows blew out and flames licked up along the old red paint. 10

My father held me tight in his arms as we watched our Boat House burn. I cried as the noise of the cracking wood got louder. Then the roof sagged on one side and dropped with a whoosh of sparks and flames.

The fire trucks came way too late and sprayed water on a pile of blackened wood. When the hoses were back in the trucks, a fireman came over to my father. 15

"That's a funny kind of fire Mr. Spencer. I don't much like the way that one started."

He turned to face the smouldering wreck. Two spots of intensity front and back. "You didn't have two short-circuits going on at the same time, I suspect." 20

"You think it was set on purpose?"

"My hunch is arson, Mr. Spencer." The fireman opened his big yellow jacket to let in the cool night air.

"That's our whole business, sir. Our workshop, tools, boat. Everything." 25

"Any insurance on the place?" the fireman asked in a soft voice.

"Not recently. We've only had a few boats to build."

"I understand Mr. Spencer, we'll check it out during the week and let you know what we find." The fireman turned and climbed up the hill to his truck.

Later, that night we sat on the ground near the charred pile.

"I don't even want to say what I'm thinking," whispered my father. 30

"Me, either," I said.

He dug a twig into the ground twisting it and snapping it.

"Are you alright, Jack?"

"I guess I don't know, Dad."

"We'll pull out the tools that may have survived on the morning. Nothing more we can do." 35

"It was our best boat yet."

"She was. We'll figure out how to start over again."

"The boat?"

"The business. There's no money to fall back on." 40

"Yeah. Not enough people like wooden boats to make us rich."

"That's right. But we like them."

"We sure do."

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. (5 marks)

26. Jack woke up when _____.

- (1) he heard his father calling him
- (2) he heard the sirens of the trucks
- (3) he heard the noise of the fire and wood burning
- (4) he smelled smoke coming in through his window

27. Jack and his father did not do anything to put out the fire because _____.

- (1) they were not trained to fight fires
- (2) they were waiting for the fire trucks to come
- (3) they could not do anything to put out the fire
- (4) they did not have any fire fighting equipment with them

28. In line 12, Jack's father held him tight in his arms because _____.

- (1) he wanted to protect Jack from the fire
- (2) he was angry at losing the Boat House
- (3) he was feeling a sense of loss and anguish
- (4) he wanted to keep Jack warm in the cold night

29. From his comments about the fire in lines 17 to 28 we know that the fireman is _____.

- (1) puzzled as to how the fire started
- (2) suspicious about how the fire started
- (3) sure that the fire was started on purpose
- (4) sure that the fire was caused through an accident

30. The dialogue at the end of the passage between Jack and his father (lines 30 - 43) shows _____.

- (1) their carefree outlook towards life
- (2) their perseverance in the face of adversity
- (3) that the loss of the boathouse did not affect them
- (4) the sensitive and emotional nature of father and son

End of Booklet A

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) that	(D) in	(G) the	(K) off	(N) is
(B) by	(E) may	(H) of	(L) their	(P) at
(C) them	(F) it	(J) and	(M) after	(Q) are

Help is on the way for three whales trapped beneath the Arctic ice on Alaska's frozen north coast, but it is still a long distance off. A giant air-cushioned barge left Prudhoe Bay yesterday afternoon (31)_____ the hope of creating a path for the whales to reach the sea. In the whales' favour, they are at their energy peak (32)_____ fattening up all summer in the food-rich Arctic waters getting ready for (33)_____ long migration south to the waters (34)_____ Mexico. The whales are now also rising to breathe in the new holes cut (35)_____ the rescuers. The California gray whales are sticking together, all three choosing the same hole (36)_____ each breathing cycle.

The nearest open ice channel is only seven kilometres away, but just beyond (37)_____, lurk polar bears, which (38)_____ known to attack stressed whales. There are other options for saving these whales, including exploding the ice to break (39)_____ up, but biologists are concerned that the explosions (40)_____ frighten the whales to death. Helicopter pilots are also experimenting with swinging a nine thousand pound concrete cylinder to smash the ice.

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Your father had never been to school, when we came to Australia and he did not

(41)

Speak English. However, he won a **skolership** to the university when he was only eighteen.

(42)

Have that surprise you? It shouldn't. He was a smart boy and had studied hard.

We were very poor. It was hard for me to get a steady job as my English was bad.

(43)

(44)

Often I had to work night **sheves** and there was hardly anybody to look into your father. He

(45)

was a miserly child at school as he was always being teased. The other children laughed at

his clothes and the food he fook for lunch. They laughed at the stories he told about his

(46)

(47)

country and **kulchure**. They called him awful names and told him to go back from where he

had come from. They said he didn't belong here. They could not understand that we had

(48)

nowhere **asles** to go.

(49)

Lots of times, your father came home from school feeling embaraced that his uniform

(50)

was tear and his face bruised. Yet not once did your father cry.

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Fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

After they had eaten, the robed men dismantled the tent and packed up the camels.

One of the men led a mean-looking white camel to Charlie. The camel knelt down and the man _____ Charlie climb onto it. The camel tried to bite Charlie's leg, but
(51)

Charlie jumped out of the way and onto the _____ on top of the hump. The
(52)

camel turned its long, thin neck and hissed _____ Charlie. Charlie wiped the
(53)

putrid camel spit off his face with his sleeve. He held onto the saddle horn with both hands.

The man who had helped him up was trying desperately to _____ him
(54)

something in a high-pitched voice, but Charlie didn't _____ a word. The camel
(55)

got up and broke into an awkward, loping _____
(56)

Charlie was bouncing up and down, and struggling to keep from falling off. George and Alice were laughing loudly, and _____ were most of the robed men. Charlie
(57)

was yelling, "Whoa, whoa, stop you stupid camel!" but the camel _____ him. It
(58)

actually seemed to be _____ Charlie's plight. It was making happy gurgling
(59)

sounds as it ran. Then, Charlie _____ started using his feet to steer the camel,
(60)

nudging it near the base of the neck, and it _____ - he got the camel to move
(61)

_____ he wanted to go. Everyone was amazed, especially Charlie and the camel
(62)

Charlie was grinning as he steered the animal _____ to the group, and
(63)

George and Alice stopped laughing when they realized that it was them _____ to
(64)

learn how to ride.

It took George and Alice much _____ to learn, and they never did quite
(65)

get the hang of it, so their camels were tethered to another camel, ridden by one of the robed
men. Alice traveled in front of George, and they were off on a long, hot, bumpy ride to the
oasis.

For each of the question from 66 to 70, 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 meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

(66) She will never forget what happened today. You have to tell her the truth.

Unless _____

(67) The school buses arrived late. This caused a massive traffic jam at dismissal.

The late _____

(68) Mrs. Wong said, "Children, don't leave your belongings in the hall tomorrow morning." ^{the next}

Mrs Wong told _____

(69) My classmates are not participating in the parade this year. Neither am I.

Neither _____

(70) Nobody expected him to appear suddenly.

His sudden _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

A huge and overripe fruit had made a direct hit on my brother's head. His shout of pain and continual groaning after, made me into a hysterical wreck, rolling on the ground. I laughed until the tears came hard, almost blinding me.

Then seeming to join in the fun, a kookaburra in a nearby tree started a raucous chuckle, which rose to a full pitch just as though, he, too, saw the joke

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In anger, my elder brother brought up his slingshot and fired blindly at the sound. "Laugh at me, will you!" he called out. He had not even taken time to aim. Our laughter was cut short by the fall of the kookaburra to the ground.

My brother, horrified, his anger gone, climbed down and we gathered around the stricken bird. That wild aim had broken the bird's wing beyond repair. We looked at each other in frightened silence, knowing full well what we had done. We had broken that strict rule of Aboriginal law. We had killed for the sake of killing and we had destroyed a bird we were forbidden to destroy.

10

The Aborigine does not eat the kookaburra. His merry laughter is allowed to go unchecked for he brings happiness to the tribes. We call him our brother and friend.

15

We did not see our father coming towards us. He must have been looking for firewood. When he came upon us, we parted to allow him to see what had happened. He checked his anger (by remaining silent and continued doing what he had first come into the jungle for) Mercifully, he put the stricken bird out of its misery. Then, he ordered us home.

On the way back, we talked with great foreboding of the punishment we knew would come. I wished our father would beat us, but we both knew it would not be a quick punishment. Besides, Father never beat us. No, we knew punishment would be carefully weighed to fit the crime.

20

It was our mother who ordered us to bring our bandicoot traps, our slingshots, and every other weapon we had into the backyard. We had to place them in a heap in the yard, while our father carefully checked every item.

25

Father spoke for the first time since we had killed the kookaburra. He asked for no excuses for what we had done and we did not offer any. We must all take the blame. That is the way of the Aborigine. Since we had killed for the sake of killing, the punishment was that we could not hunt or use our weapons. For three months we would eat only the white

30

man's rations.

It happened a long time ago. Yet, in my dreams, the sad, suffering eyes of the kookaburra, our brother and friend, still haunts me.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

(71) Which two-word phrase in the first paragraph tells us that the narrator was laughing in an out of control manner?

(72) How did the narrator's brother react to the kookaburra's laughter?

(73) Give two pieces of evidence from the third paragraph to show that the elder brother did not mean to harm the bird.

(74) Why did the father kill the kookaburra?

(75) Why did they have to pile up all their weapons for the father to check?

(76) How did the boys' father keep his anger under control on seeing the injured bird?

(77) Quote the sentence that tells us that the Aborigines do not rashly or prematurely make decisions.

(78) According to the passage, when would an Aborigine be allowed to kill?

(79) Would eating the white man's rations be considered something good? Why do you think so?

(80) How do we know that this incident still affects the narrator?

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5	4	15) 1	25) 4	35) B	45) miserable
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10	4	20) 3	30) 2	40) E	50) torn

51) helped	54) run/gallop	61) worked
52) saddle	57) so	62) where
53) at	58) ignored	63) back
54) tell	59) enjoying	64) turn
55) understood	60) finally/eventually	65) longer

- 66) Unless we tell the truth, she would never forget what happened today.
- 67) The late arrival of the school buses caused a massive traffic jam & dismissal
- 68) Mrs Wong told the children not to leave their belonging in the hall the next morning.
- 69) Neither my classmates nor I am participating in the parade this year.
- 70) His sudden appearance was unexpected.
- 71) it is "hysterical wreck".
- 72) He got angry and brought up his slingshot and fired blindly at the ground, which was made by the Koekaburra.
- 73) He had fired at the ground, which was produced by the bird and had not taken time to aim. They had stopped laughing when the Koekaburra fell to the ground.
- 74) He wanted to end the misery of the stricken bird which had a broken way beyond repair.
- 75) They had broken the Aboriginal law of not killing for the sake of killing and we had destroyed a bird they were not allowed to destroy so they were not allowed to hunt or use their weapons.

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- 76) He did so by remaining silent and continued doing work for firewood.
- 77) It is "NO we knew punishment would be carefully weighed to fit the crime."
- 78) An Aborigine would only be allowed to kill for the sake of daily needs like food.
- 79) No, it would not. Eating the white man's ration served as a punishment for Aborigine who had broken the ruler of the law.
- 80) Although the incident happened a long time ago, the sad suffering eyes of the Kookaburra, the Aborigine's brother and friend, still haunts the narrator.