

**Primary Six  
English Language  
Semestral Assessment Two**

**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.**



**Central Splash**



*Central Singapore Sea Sports Programme*

***SEA SPORTS CLUB MEMBERSHIP***

Central Singapore residents will enjoy a 15% discount off the original membership fee. Registration through Central Singapore Community Development Council (CS CDC) is only open to all Central Singapore residents in a group of 5 or more.

As a member of the Sea Sports Club, you are able to access the sea sports facilities and participate in activities at all five People's Association Sea Sports Clubs (Changi, Sembawang, Pasir Ris, East Coast and Kallang) and enjoy privileges and discounted merchandise that the membership brings you.

Membership Category	Original Membership Fee (2 yrs)	15% discounted rate for Residents
Singapore Citizens & Permanent Residents	\$65	\$55.25
Students (Full Time)	\$30	\$25.50

***KAYAKING ORIENTATION PROGRAMME***

A one day leisure event (available on Weekday, Weekend & Public Holiday except Mon & Tues) for any organised groups (Companies, Schools and etc) with a group size of minimum 20/ maximum 40 participants. Group registration through CS CDC will enjoy a flat rate of \$15 per participant. A two-week advance notice is required before the proposed date and booking is subject to date availability.

***KAYAKING 1\* to 3\* PERSONAL AWARD***

Central Singapore residents will enjoy a 10% discount on the following courses. Registration is done through Kallang Sea Sports Club.

COURSE TITLE	DURATION	ADULT (Discounted rate)	STUDENT & NSF (Discounted rate)	CAPACITY
KAYAKING 1* Personal Award	2 sessions	\$27	\$22.50	Min 10 Max 20
KAYAKING 2* Personal Award	3 sessions	\$36	\$31.50	Min 8 Max 16
KAYAKING 3* Personal Award	4 sessions	\$45	\$40.50	Min 8 Max 16

Sea Sports Club membership is required in order to participate in the above mentioned courses.

*To register or for any further enquiries on the above mentioned programmes, please contact Mr Nigel Lin (Central Singapore Community Development Council) at 63709901 or log on to [www.centraisingapore.org](http://www.centraisingapore.org) or contact Ms Emily Kim (Kallang Sea Sports Club) at 62966683*

1. To participate in the sport events, one has to be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a Singaporean and a full-time student
- (2) a resident in the central district of Singapore
- (3) below the age of twelve
- (4) a member of CS CDC

2. The Kayaking Orientation Programme is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) dependent on the availability of the proposed date
- (2) held on more than a day
- (3) open to any group with at least 10 members
- (4) available on weekdays only

3. For enquiries about the activities conducted, we can \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) send or e-mail a letter
- (2) fax a letter or call
- (3) e-mail a letter or call
- (4) fax or send a letter

4. Members of the Kallang Sea Sports Club are allowed to use the facilities in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) East Coast and Ang Mo Kio
- (2) Punggol and Pasir Ris
- (3) Sembawang and West Coast
- (4) East Coast and Pasir Ris

5. To sign up for the Kayaking Personal Award course, one has to register with the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Changi Sea Sports Club
- (2) Kallang Sea Sports Club
- (3) Pasir Ris Sea Sports Club
- (4) Sembawang Sea Sports Club

**Questions 6-25 carry 1 mark each**

**Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Write its number in the brackets provided.**

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6. Missionaries are groups of people \_\_\_\_\_ work takes them to many parts of the world.

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

7. None of the shows being screened at the cinema this month \_\_\_\_\_ interesting.

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

8. Are you keen \_\_\_\_\_ joining us for a meal this weekend?

- (1) at
- (2) on
- (3) for
- (4) by

9. Why are there so \_\_\_\_\_ sacks of cement placed in the garden shed? There is hardly any room left for the ladder.

- (1) much
- (2) many
- (3) few
- (4) little

10. \_\_\_\_\_ you return the toy which you snatched from your sister, I will not punish you.

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

11. As my sister was abseiling, I was so worried that she would \_\_\_\_\_ grip of the rope.

- (1) lose
- (2) be losing
- (3) lost
- (4) have lost

12. The set of instrument \_\_\_\_\_ before it was taken for repairs.

- (1) was damaged
- (2) were damaged
- (3) had been damaged
- (4) have been damaged

13. At \_\_\_\_\_ university where I was studying, I did not have to put on \_\_\_\_\_ uniform.

- (1) the ... a
- (2) a ... the
- (3) the ... an
- (4) an ... the

14. The fans were \_\_\_\_\_ with joy and jumped around the room when their team won the World Cup.

- (1) astonished
- (2) ecstatic
- (3) livid
- (4) raving

15. The mother was \_\_\_\_\_ by the sight of her daughter's tears and hugged her.

- (1) affected
- (2) aroused
- (3) embarrassed
- (4) provoked

16. To the surprise of \_\_\_\_\_, Mrs Goh began to juggle the apples.

- (1) somebody
- (2) nobody
- (3) anybody
- (4) everybody

17. The students have just completed painting the wall mural. They \_\_\_\_\_ six months to complete it.

- (1) are taking
- (2) take
- (3) will take
- (4) took

18. The Civil Defence Force \_\_\_\_\_ fire evacuation exercises at Bory Primary School for the past two years.

- (1) has been conducting
- (2) have been conducting
- (3) had been conducting
- (4) would have been conducting

19. Jeff was extremely angry at that wrongful accusation that you made. I \_\_\_\_\_ apologise to him if I \_\_\_\_\_ you.

- (1) will ... was ...
- (2) will ... were ...
- (3) would ... was
- (4) would ... were ...

20. The poor tired and homeless woman \_\_\_\_\_ on the sidewalk to rest

- (1) lie
- (2) lay
- (3) lied
- (4) laid

21. You returned my book to the library yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_?

- (1) is it
- (2) isn't it
- (3) did you
- (4) didn't you

22 My aunt took \_\_\_\_\_ to the park yesterday.

- (1) me and my brother
- (2) my brother and me
- (3) I and my brother
- (4) my brother and I

23 Tom's parents had some \_\_\_\_\_ words for him when he had a party and wrecked the house.

- (1) severe
- (2) firm
- (3) harsh
- (4) abusive

24. The rush hour had not yet started but the traffic in the city was already \_\_\_\_\_ with the cars packed bumper to bumper.

- (1) abundant
- (2) crowded
- (3) congested
- (4) overflowing

25. Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ people in the country were invited to the banquet.

- (1) prominent
- (2) renowned
- (3) significant
- (4) reputable

**Questions 26 to 30 carry 1 mark each**

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

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26. After a quarrel with her boss, she resigned and left for a holiday in Hawaii impulsively.

- (1) in the nick of time
- (2) on the spur of the moment
- (3) in the twinkling of the eye
- (4) as a matter of course

27. There was more than enough food for everyone at the party.

- (1) ample
- (2) numerous
- (3) sufficient
- (4) countless

28. Fabric of inferior quality usually becomes smaller in size after washing

- (1) contracts
- (2) minimizes
- (3) shrinks
- (4) diminishes

29. After much negotiation, the landlord agreed to reduce the rent.

- (1) decrease
- (2) lessen
- (3) lower
- (4) descend

30. Andy has managed to survive the ordeal.

- (1) pull over
- (2) pull up
- (3) pull down
- (4) pull through

**Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35**

The very thought of having shoes nailed to your feet is enough to make one cringe. Yet that is the way horses' shoes are fastened to their feet, and if done correctly, it does not hurt the horse at all.

For hundreds of years, horses, mules and even oxen have been shod with iron shoes. A horseshoe is usually shaped like a 'U' and forged to fit the horse's hoof. A mule shoe is similar, but longer and narrower since that is the shape of a mule's hoof. However as the ox has two toes instead of one, it must have two shoes for each foot – a left and a right.

These animals never wore shoes when they were in the wild, so why is it necessary now? There are several explanations. Before the animals were domesticated, they did not have to carry heavy loads on their backs, such as knight in full armour and weapons, weighing over a hundred and fifty kilograms. Nor were they asked to pull heavy loads, like a wagonload of hay weighing several tones. Moreover, when they roamed free, they did not travel miles on hard roads that wear down hooves. Shoes are necessary, then, and provide better traction when pulling loads.

Before the days of automobiles and eighteen-wheel trucks, horses were used to transport people and goods. Teams of four or six large horses pulled stagecoaches and heavy freight wagons. Horses, mules and oxen were used on farms to plough fields and harvest crops. In cities and towns, horses pulled milk wagons and bread wagons through the streets.

With so many hooves needing shoes, blacksmith shops were everywhere. The blacksmith with his forge and anvil did all kinds of work with iron. He made and repaired implements for farm and home. He also made horseshoes and nailed them on horses' feet. People would bring their horses to the blacksmith shop to have them fitted with new shoes because horses' hooves grow, much like our fingernails. Hence, the horses needed to have their hooves trimmed and their shoes refitted about every two months.



**Questions 31-35 carry 2 marks each**

**Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Write its number in the brackets provided**

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31. In the passage, the horses needs shoes because \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) they help it to carry light loads
- (2) they provide sufficient traction
- (3) they help it to gallop
- (4) they provide support

32. In paragraph 5, why are a horse's hooves maintained so regularly?

- (1) The hooves outgrow the shoes
- (2) The suffer from wear and tear.
- (3) The shoes need to be replaced.
- (4) The hooves are like our fingernails.

33. The foot of an ox \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) needs two shoes
- (2) is longer and narrower
- (3) is 'U' shaped
- (4) has one toe each

34. Besides being a mode of transport, horses, mules and oxen were also used to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) deliver milk and bread only
- (2) replace big trucks and cars
- (3) carry passengers from place to place
- (4) till the land and harvest the crops

35. What does the word 'it' in line 9 refer to?

- (1) wearing shoes
- (2) being in the wild
- (3) being domesticated
- (4) carrying heavy loads

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 )

A 68-year-old retiree was jailed nine months by the courts yesterday He  
(36)   
had conspiring with a 74-year-old woman to cheat a man of \$10,000. The court  
(37)  (38)   
heard that the victim, security guard, Mr. Chia, had made friends through the  
woman at a market a year ago.

(39)  (40)   
After having finding out that Mr. Chia's wife and son suffered from mentle

illness, the woman offered to introduce him to a "doctor" who could cure them for  
(41)   
a fee  Mr. Chia met the woman at a bank to hand her the money. The

(42)   
"doctor" arrived shortly after and together he went to Mr. Chia's flat nearby. The

(43)   
"doctor" then went to work. He began resiting some chants and put something

(44)   
wrapped in a red cloth into a window frame along the corridor.

(45)   
"Do not touch the charm  " he warned Mr. Chia. However, Mr. Chia

realized he had been cheated as their condition remained unchanged.

**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) or	(E) so	(J) even	(N) much
(B) than	(F) up	(K) without	(P) out
(C) however	(G) any	(L) where	(Q) and
(D) with	(H) down	(M) when	

Mr. Tan works at the dumping ground. He threw (46)\_\_\_\_\_ on the first day of work there. That was 25 years ago. Today, he (47)\_\_\_\_\_ has his daily breakfast of cake and coffee next to a plot covered (48)\_\_\_\_\_ rotting carcasses, household waste, tyres and all manner of junk (49)\_\_\_\_\_ even wincing.

Mr. Tan, who does a variety of jobs said, "I wanted to run (50)\_\_\_\_\_ of the dump on the first day, but one has to walk more (51)\_\_\_\_\_ one kilometer to the main office to get out, (52)\_\_\_\_\_ I stayed on. After 25 years on the job, I have developed a stomach strong enough to take (53)\_\_\_\_\_ stench.

He is at the dump daily, directing garbage trucks to areas (54)\_\_\_\_\_ they can unload their waste. He also has to keep a watchful eye on the rubbish (55)\_\_\_\_\_ move quickly to put out small fires which occur occasionally because of decomposition.

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

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The aircraft circled over Christchurch. Rob could not believe that the (56)\_\_\_\_\_ of fourteen, he would be in New Zealand for the finals of the canoe race. It was a (57)\_\_\_\_\_ that he had missed the opening ceremony of the International Games as he had to (58)\_\_\_\_\_ for his examinations.

His cousin, David, met him at the (59)\_\_\_\_\_ hall. Seeing him, Rob exclaimed, "I can't thank you (60)\_\_\_\_\_ for the invitation, David." David replied, "You should thank my dad for (61)\_\_\_\_\_ the arrangements for your flight. Let me (62)\_\_\_\_\_ my friends. This is Ted and that is Hank, our great hope for the race." After exchanging greetings, they got into a car. "We plan to set up (63)\_\_\_\_\_ by the lakeside and get a final (64)\_\_\_\_\_ before the race," David said.

Later that evening, they hired a (65)\_\_\_\_\_ and a canoe trainer. Hank, who had just (66)\_\_\_\_\_ eighteen, was at the wheel. Rob, who was wedged (67)\_\_\_\_\_ David and Ted in the back seat, slowly dozed off. Dawn was just breaking (68)\_\_\_\_\_ the jeep reached the shores of a great (69)\_\_\_\_\_. Hank started a fire and was soon busy grilling steaks while Rob helped the others to (70)\_\_\_\_\_ the tents.

The canoes were soon unpacked. "We are off for a trial run. Coming, Rob?" asked David. "I am (71)\_\_\_\_\_ a beginner but I am willing to try," said Rob. "It's easy. All you have to do is to (72)\_\_\_\_\_ with this," assured Hank, handing the paddle over to him. He then wriggled into the cockpit, sealing (73)\_\_\_\_\_ in until he seemed to be part of the canoe itself. Away he went, skimming over the (74)\_\_\_\_\_ of the water like a bird. A few minutes later, the others followed him. After a (75)\_\_\_\_\_ of hours, they returned to camp. They were confident of Hank winning the race.

**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: Weilun and her classmates are attending the concert.

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

77. Both Melvyn and Ken do not play tennis.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

78. Eugene has the solution to his problem. He still seeks my advice.

\_\_\_\_\_ despite \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

79. "Which country won the soccer match last year?" Gugan asked Siva.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

80. The Hougang Town Council is building a new road leading to the stadium.

A new road which \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

When I awoke I found that Ramo was not in the hut. I knew that he had got up in the dark and left by himself. I was frightened. I thought of all that might befall him. He had climbed down the rope once before, but he would have trouble pushing even the smallest of the canoes off the rocks. And if he did get one afloat, would he be able to go far?

Thinking of the dangers, I set off to look for him. I wondered why he had gone to the cliff to look out for the ship. There was no way of telling when the ship would come back for us. We were alone on the island.

I took the trail towards Coral Cove. If Ramo could put the canoe in the water and get through the tides that raced around the sandspit, he would reach the harbour when the sun was high in the sky.

So I put Ramo out of my mind and I searched the rocks for mussels. I thought of the food we would need to gather and how best to protect it from the wild dogs when we were not in the village. I also thought of the ship. For the first time I began to wonder if the ship would ever return.

The sun was setting. There was no sign of Ramo. I began to feel uneasy. The basket was filled with mussels and I hurried back to the village, hoping that Ramo might have come back while I was gone. The hut was empty.

Quickly I dug a hole for the shellfish, rolled a heavy stone over the opening to protect them from the wild dogs, and started off towards the cliff. I called to him as I ran along the trail. I heard no answer. But I did hear, far off, the barking of dogs.

The barking grew louder as I came closer to the cliff. A short distance from it, I saw the pack of wild dogs. They were moving around in a circle. In the middle was Ramo. He was lying on his back and was very still. I raised my clubs threateningly and the dogs backed off. I picked Ramo up. I knew he was dead. There were other wounds all over his body from the teeth of the wild dogs, I could see that he never reached the cliff.

Two dogs lay motionless on the ground not far from him, and beside one of them was his broken spear. I carried Ramo back to the village. The dogs followed me all the way.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES**

81. Quote the phrase from paragraph 1 which suggests that the writer was not confident of Ramo's strength.

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82. What did Ramo and the writer survived on?

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83. How did Ramo die?

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84. What does the sentence "Two dogs lay motionless on the ground not far from him, and beside one of them was his broken spear." (lines 32 & 33) tell you what Ramo did before he died?

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85. From the passage, how would you describe the relationship between the writer and Ramo?

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86. In paragraph 1, why was the writer frightened?

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87. When did the writer stop looking for Ramo?

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88. Why did the writer feel uneasy? (line 16)

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89. How did the writer know that Ramo did not reach the cliff?

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90. Why did the wild dogs back off from the writer?

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