

**Primary Six  
English Language  
Semestral Assessment Two**

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

Tanjung Bagar Community Club in co-operation  
with  
Ministry of Health

# Healthy Food and Lifestyle Festival

Date: 15-18 June 2001  
Venue: Tanjung Bagar Community  
Club Building

15 June  
Cholesterol Free Cooking  
Demonstration  
Time: 8.30am to 9.30am  
Venue: Level 4, Room 2

Healthy Food Gala  
Time: 1pm to 3.00pm  
Venue: Level 2, Room 3



17 June  
The Singapore Workout  
Time: 7.30am to 8.30am  
Venue: Tanjung Bagar Park

Talk by Dietician, Dr Stephen Lee  
Time: 10.00am to 12.00 noon  
Venue: Level 4, Theatrette

2.4 kilometre Run  
Time: 5.00pm to 6.30pm  
Venue: Kingstown Stadium  
(all above 21 can participate)



16 June  
Talk on Healthy Lifestyle  
Time: 10.00am to 11.30am  
Venue: Level 3 Theatrette

Great Fruit and Vegetable Sale  
Time: 1.00pm to 4.00pm  
Venue: Level 1, Room 1



18 June  
Aerobics Workout  
Time: 9.30am to 10.30am  
Venue: Level 2, Room 4

Sale of Health Products  
Time: 11.00am to 1.00pm  
Venue: Level 1, Room 3

Sale of Sports Equipments  
Time: 2.00pm to 5.00pm  
Venue: Multipurpose Hall



A community Service by: Great Western Assurance  
Food and Drinks Sponsored by: Teo Yap Hing Pte Ltd

**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.**

1. The 2.4 km run is for \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) adults only
- (2) teenagers only
- (3) teenagers and adults
- (4) children of all ages

2. The number of outdoor activities held is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) 2
- (2) 3
- (3) 4
- (4) 5

3. The event is organized by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the Tanjung Bagar Community Club only
- (2) the Ministry of Health and Tanjung Bagar Community Club
- (3) Great Western Assurance and Teo Yap Hing Pte Ltd
- (4) Great Western Assurance, Teo Yap Hing Pte Ltd, Tanjung Bagar Community Club and Ministry of Health

4. If Angie wants to hear from a professional about which type of food to consume, watch her calories and to remain trim and fit, she should visit the festival on \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) 15 June
- (2) 16 June
- (3) 17 June
- (4) 18 June

5. If you want to buy vitamin supplements, you should go to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Level 1, Room 3
- (2) Level 2, Room 3
- (3) Level 3, Theatrette
- (4) Level 4, Theatrette

**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. "We cannot waste time for there is \_\_\_\_\_ work to be done," said the teacher.

- (1) many
- (2) most
- (3) any
- (4) much

7. Those bicycles can be rented by \_\_\_\_\_ hour.

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

8. John as well as his classmates \_\_\_\_\_ to play computer games.

- (1) like
- (2) likes
- (3) liked
- (4) liking

9. Neither the boys or Janet \_\_\_\_\_ yet.

- (1) eat
- (2) eats
- (3) has eaten
- (4) have eaten

10. \_\_\_\_\_ you obey my instructions, you will not be punished.

- (1) If
- (2) So
- (3) Unless
- (4) Although

11. David was \_\_\_\_\_ surprise when he was attacked by a stray dog last night.

- (1) taken with
- (2) taken in
- (3) taken by
- (4) taken up

12. George forgot to bring his file to school today, \_\_\_\_\_ he?

- (1) hasn't
- (2) hadn't
- (3) doesn't
- (4) didn't

13. Between \_\_\_\_\_, they have managed to come up with enough ideas to do their project.

- (1) they
- (2) their
- (3) theirs
- (4) them

14. That is the man \_\_\_\_\_ son was elected as the Member of Parliament for our constituency.

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

15. Matthew was going to offer his friends some biscuits but there was \_\_\_\_\_ left.

- (1) some
- (2) few
- (3) little
- (4) none

16. Susan \_\_\_\_\_ playful just now when she splashed some paint at her younger sister.

- (1) is
- (2) is being
- (3) was being
- (4) has been

17. Ronaldo saw Rivaldo \_\_\_\_\_ the ball to Ronaldinho.

- (1) pass
- (2) passes
- (3) passed
- (4) had passed

18. The Orang Utan is an endangered species, it is \_\_\_\_\_ danger of extinction.

- (1) under
- (2) on
- (3) in
- (4) at

19. Should Helen \_\_\_\_\_ later, could you pass this book to her?

- (1) come
- (2) comes
- (3) coming
- (4) will come

20. By the time the ambulance arrived, the injured motorist \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) died
- (2) has died
- (3) had died
- (4) have died

21. Parents who attended the meeting \_\_\_\_\_ the Principal of their full cooperation in all matters regarding their children.

- (1) confirmed
- (2) ensured
- (3) assured
- (4) promised

22 The boys were exhausted after their \_\_\_\_\_ game of basketball.

- (1) riotous
- (2) rigorous
- (3) victorious
- (4) glorious

23 Dr Wong, in his address to the school, recalled with \_\_\_\_\_ his schooldays thirty years ago.

- (1) tears
- (2) fears
- (3) nostalgia
- (4) reminiscence

24. Rice is the \_\_\_\_\_ food for most Asians.

- (1) stable
- (2) staple
- (3) stipulated
- (4) standard

25. Police have \_\_\_\_\_ the case as murder by person or persons unknown.

- (1) assigned
- (2) classified
- (3) categorized
- (4) specified

**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. Doctors warn that pain-killers like Panadol, which appear safe, can be dangerous if taken without care.

- (1) indiscriminately
- (2) indiscreetly
- (3) unwittingly
- (4) unknowingly

27. The police put barriers around the scene of the accident, to prevent people from getting too near.

- (1) fended off
- (2) rounded off
- (3) cordoned off
- (4) marked off

28. Tom said that he owed his success to his parents and teachers.

- (1) conveyed
- (2) contributed
- (3) associated
- (4) attributed

29. Mary made no bones about the matter when we pressured her for an explanation.

- (1) was evasive
- (2) kept silent
- (3) created a scene
- (4) was plain and frank

30. The dictator's argument was brief and to the point.

- (1) concise
- (2) precise
- (3) accurate
- (4) specific

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

On a May weekend in 1995, my world changed forever. I was competing in an equestrian event in Virginia when my horse, Buck, decided to put on the brakes just before the third jump.

When he stopped suddenly, momentum carried me over the top of his head. My hands got entangled in the bridle and I could not get an arm free to break my fall. All six-feet-four-inches and 215 pounds of me landed headfirst. Within seconds I was paralyzed from neck down and fighting for air like a drowning person.

I woke up five days later in the intensive care unit at the University of Virginia hospital. Dr John Lane, head of neurosurgery at the hospital, said that I had broken the top two vertebrae and that I was extremely lucky to have survived. He told my wife that I may never be able to breathe on my own again. However my head was intact and my brain stem – so close to the site of the injury – appeared unharmed.

Dr Lane said my skull would have to be reconnected to my spinal column. He was not sure if the operation would be successful, or even if I could survive.

Suddenly it dawned on me that I was going to be a huge burden to everybody, that I had ruined my life and everybody else's. Why not die, I thought miserably and save everyone a lot of trouble?

As family as friends visited, *my spirits were on a roller-coaster ride*. I would feel so grateful when someone came a long way to cheer me up. Then the time would come when everybody had to leave and I would lie there and stare at the wall, stare at the future, stare in disbelief.

When I would finally fall asleep, I would be whole again. Then I would wake up and realize that I could no longer do many things. I was just taking up space.

One day my wife, Dana came into the room and stood beside me I could not talk because of the ventilator. As we made eye contact, I mouthed the words, "Maybe we should let me go."



Dana started crying. "I am only going to say this once," she said. "I will support whatever you want to do because it is your life and your decision. But I want you to know that I'll be with you for the long haul, no matter what.

Then she added the words that saved my life, "You're still you. And I love you."

I can't drift away from this, I began to realize. I don't want to leave.

By Christopher Reeves, from "STILL ME"  
Reader's Digest, September 1998

**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. Christopher Reeves met with an accident \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) when he completed the third jump
- (2) as he made the third jump
- (3) as he made the second jump
- (4) after the second jump

32. Immediately after he fell, he was paralyzed from neck down and was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) unable to breathe
- (2) breathing heavily
- (3) gasping for breath
- (4) not breathing

33. Reeves suffered serious injuries to his \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) brain
- (2) head
- (3) neck
- (4) arm

34. "My spirits were on a roller-coaster ride." By this he meant that he felt \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) mood swings
- (2) neither sad nor happy
- (3) nothing as he waws paralyzed
- (4) like a frightened child on a roller-coaster ride

35. Reeves finally decided that he would \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) drift away
- (2) give up
- (3) go away
- (4) live on

**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) and	(E) or	(J) then	(N) were
(B) at	(F) should	(K) they	(P) would
(C) but	(G) than	(L) up	(Q) you
(D) on	(H) them	(M) was	

It was a sunny Saturday afternoon in Oklahoma City. My friend (36) \_\_\_ proud father Bobby Lewis (37) \_\_\_\_\_ taking his two little boys to play miniature golf. He walked (38) \_\_\_\_\_ to the follow at the ticket counter and said, "How much is it to get in?"

The young man replied "\$3.00 for you and \$3.00 for any kid who is older (39) \_\_\_\_\_ six. We let them in free if they are six or younger. How old are (40) \_\_\_\_\_?"

Bobby replied, "The shorter one's three and the taller one's seven, so I guess I have to pay (41) \_\_\_\_\_ \$6.00."

The man (42) \_\_\_\_\_ the ticket counter said, "Hey, Mister, did you just win the lottery (43) \_\_\_\_\_ something? You could have saved yourself three

bucks. You could have told me that the older one was six. I (44) \_\_\_\_\_ not have known the difference.”

Bobby replied, “Yes, that may be true. (45) \_\_\_\_\_ the kids would have the difference.”

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, “Who you are speaks so loudly I can’t hear what you’re saying.”

**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 )**

At the end of each football game, you might have seen some players

(46)

swapping jerseys. Every wonded how the post-game custom of swapping jerseys

(47)

(48)

origineted? For Pele, the answer is as clear as memories on the famous clash

(49)

with England during the 1970 World cup, when he led (h)razil to its third World

title.

(50)  (51)

He wanted to honour England’s Bobby Moore ( ) so he whip off his gold

(52)  (53)

number 10 jersey and hand it to the defendor, who gave his white jersey. “He

(54)

were the best player in the World Cup that time so, I exchanged my jersey with

(55)

his after the match, ( ) the legend said. Now it has become a common practice

in every game.

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

I had not thought that I would have to go down into the pit with the snakes in order to catch them, and so I was wearing the wrong sort of clothes. The trousers and a pair of slippers are no (56) \_\_\_\_\_ at all against the inch-long (57) \_\_\_\_\_ of a Gaboon viper. I explained this to my friend, and he very kindly lent me his (58) \_\_\_\_\_ and shoes, which were quite thick and strong. As I could think of no more excuses they tied the rope round my waist and started to lower me into the pit.

Just before I reached the bottom, I called out, "Stop! Let me see if there are any snakes (59) \_\_\_\_\_ me."

"Alright! All clear!" The area where I was to (60) \_\_\_\_\_ was safe. For now.

Then, without (61) \_\_\_\_\_ warning, the kerosene lamp which no one remembered to pump in all our excitement went out. Then, one of the shoes which I had (62) \_\_\_\_\_ from my friend, which were two sizes too (63) \_\_\_\_\_ for me, slipped off. (64) \_\_\_\_\_ I was, standing gingerly at the bottom of the deep pit, plunged in (65) \_\_\_\_\_ with no shoe on one foot, surrounded by eight, deadly, slithery, hissing vipers. I was (66) \_\_\_\_\_ to the spot, frozen in fear.

Without daring to twitch a (67) \_\_\_\_\_, I had to wait in pitch darkness while wild (68) \_\_\_\_\_ of Medusa and her snakes filled my mind, fuelled by my over-active (69) \_\_\_\_\_. Feeling my rising panic, I urged my friend to (70) \_\_\_\_\_ their mission of hauling the lamp out, pumping it up and lowering it. I waited for what seemed like eons before I could finally (71) \_\_\_\_\_ again.

Bathed in light and filled with a (72) \_\_\_\_\_ sense of bravery, I (73) \_\_\_\_\_ about the task of catching the vipers. While I was busy catching the fifth snake, I suddenly felt the hairs at the nape of my (74) \_\_\_\_\_ rise as cold scales brushed against my legs. I felt an increasing vice-like (75) \_\_\_\_\_ as I slowly peered down at my bare ankles.

I gasped. Coiled tightly round my right ankle, a Gaboon viper gazed back and bared its fangs at me!

(Adapted from "The New Noah" by Gerald Durrell)

**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. She stood at the dining room window. She could see the rain drum down on the roof.

From \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

77. The students were happy about winning the competition. They hugged one another.

\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_  
that \_\_\_\_\_

78. Jerry crossed into the forbidden territory. He broke the rules of Yabba Land.

By \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

79. "You can buy all kinds of groceries that you need at this provision shop," Mary told Tom.

Mary told \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

80. I do not enjoy playing indoor games as much as I enjoy participating in outdoor sports.

\_\_\_\_\_prefer\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

After three days of unending blizzard, the team came to an abandoned fireplace. I smiled, "We must be getting close to civilization! At last!" Garma bent down and sifted through the ashes only to find part of the scraps from his boot, left behind two days earlier. My heart sank.

We made camp in silence. The yaks appeared to be holding up well under near starvation conditions but I began to fear for the,. Even four-wheel drives do not move without petrol. We had barely enough food for three more days and we were down to our last bag of yak dung for fire. If nothing else happened, warmth would have to be rationed.

Three hours later, using binoculars, we spotted a flock of sheep trudging through the snow towards lower ground. It was timely indeed, we were going to make it after all. The sun was intense on the snow and to reduce the reflected glare, I knotted my hair into plaits over the bridge of my nose. I had lost the American sunglasses. My eyes were already stinging from the blizzards and I would have given anything to have longer pigtails.

The snow gradually became thinner as we descended and by late afternoon, we reached an inhabited nomad's camp! It sure felt like paradise being among the nomads. Half a dozen children came out to welcome us and led us proudly to their parents' camp. The tea tasted better than ever, the meat fresher and to round off the delicious feast, lashings of warm yogurt were served. Blissfully satisfied, I crawled into my sleeping bag and nestled down by the flowing embers. I closed my stinging eyes and listened to the happy sound of the family around me. Garma had gone to another tent buy Lobsang had unfortunately remained behind. He was showing off his hoard of

cigarettes to the nomad children and boasting about how brave and clever he was. I was long tired of his cocky insolent manner, his constant interruptions and interjections into adult conversations. He really irritated me.

In the dead of the night, I woke up in a pool of sweat. My eyeballs felt as if they were on fire. I fumbled blindly with the zip on my sleeping bag, trying to get ventilation. Someone had covered me with at least a dozen thick sheepskins. I tossed them off, lay back again, panting. I could not see a thing --- snowblindness. The dreaded ailment of foolhardy mountaineers. The pain was excruciating. I cried silently, continuously, until the stirring sounds of the host family indicated the dawning of a new day.

My spirits were at its lowest. Suddenly, I started to feel pricking sensations all over my chest. My skin felt like Braille. Fleas! The sheepskins added to my bedding had left my sleeping bag infested parasites. I scratched and cried, and the tears made my eyes hurt even more. Someone passed me a cup of tea. I did not bother to thank them. All the romance of being a nomad was wrenched from me as I choked on yet another sheep dropping floating in the liquid.

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES**

81. From paragraph 1, quote the sentence that tells you the team had been traveling in a circle in the blizzard.

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82. Why was the discovery of the flock of sheep a timely one for the team?

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83. How did the author shield herself from the intense rays of the sun?

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84. Was the author really successful in protecting her eyes? Why?

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85. What were the two ways which showed that the author and her team members were no strangers to the nomads?

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86. Which phrase in the passage suggests that Lobsang was a child?

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87. What had caused the author to wake up in a pool of sweat?

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88. How many people were there in the author's team?

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89. Why did the author's skin feel like "Braille"?

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90 In line 37, how did the author feel when she said that "All the romance of being a nomad was wrenched from me...?"

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