

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1 John in addition to the two monitors, _____ the books from the staff room to the classroom every morning.

- (1) carry
- (2) carries
- (3) carrying
- (4) have carried

2 When the results of the competition were announced, neither the winner nor his parents _____ at the hall.

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

3 The handicraft did not turn out well as the girl did not put in _____ effort to glue the parts together.

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

4 My grandmother managed to prepare a nutritious meal for us _____ having only a few in the refrigerator.

- (1) despite
- (2) besides
- (3) because of
- (4) resulting from

5 With trepidation, Sarah watched the running boy _____ the pail, spilling water all over the floor.

- (1) knock
- (2) knocks
- (3) knocked
- (4) was knocking

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- 6 "You've put the carton of milk in the refrigerator, _____?" Mrs Lim asked her daughter.
- (1) isn't it
 - (2) didn't we
 - (3) hadn't you
 - (4) haven't you
- 7 "I have never _____ such an interesting flower before," exclaimed the old lady as she looked closely at it.
- (1) see
 - (2) saw
 - (3) seen
 - (4) been seeing
- 8 If she _____ more water throughout the day, she would not have been dehydrated.
- (1) drunk
 - (2) drinks
 - (3) has drunk
 - (4) had drunk
- 9 All of the luggage _____ to the collection point except the one that belonged to the elderly bespectacled man.
- (1) is delivering
 - (2) was delivered
 - (3) has been delivering
 - (4) have been delivered
- 10 In order to be healthier, Mrs Chandra eliminated salty food and sugary drinks _____ her diet.
- (1) off
 - (2) out
 - (3) from
 - (4) away

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

- 11 The teacher praised Tom for being a _____ pupil as he always checks his work carefully and submits his assignments on time.
- (1) conscious
 - (2) respectful
 - (3) productive
 - (4) conscientious
- 12 The gangsters _____ the homeless man by raining repeated blows on his head
- (1) assailed
 - (2) criticised
 - (3) surrounded
 - (4) approached
- 13 The teacher encouraged her pupils to read _____ by sharing with them books on a wide variety of topics.
- (1) extensively
 - (2) bountifully
 - (3) studiously
 - (4) plentifully
- 14 The shop assistants were relieved when the angry customer _____ after they apologised for their mistake.
- (1) backed up
 - (2) backed into
 - (3) backed away
 - (4) backed down
- 15 Although the doctors were of the opinion that the patient had a good chance of recovery, his condition _____ rapidly after the operation.
- (1) decomposed
 - (2) deteriorated
 - (3) destructed
 - (4) degraded

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

I developed my love for watercolour painting when I was a child. On my sixth birthday, Dad gave me a palette of watercolour and that unleashed the magic of creative expressions in me. At first, I painted without a specific aim. I was not particular about what I painted – my favourite stool, a memorable scene from a book I had read or even the banana I had for afternoon snack. As a result, my paintings did not tell a story. Then, I became more accomplished with practice. Once, we went on a vacation to another country and Dad said that my colourful painting of a garden we visited was the best souvenir of the trip.

With the encouragement of my parents and friends, my enthusiasm for painting grew. While I have received many compliments that my paintings are artistic, I continue to take lessons to improve my technique.

It is my dream to be a well-known artist one day.

- 16 (1) curiously
(2) randomly
(3) recklessly
(4) relentlessly

- 17 (1) an undeniable
(2) an irremovable
(3) an unbelievable
(4) an unforgettable

- 18 (1) adept
(2) perfect
(3) correct
(4) accurate