

RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

Semestral Assessment 2

2017

Name: _____ () Class: P5 _____

16 October 2017

English Language

Duration: 1 h 10 min

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PAPER 1 (WRITING)

Instructions to Pupils

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- 2. Answer all questions.**

Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

Raffles Oratory Competition

The annual Raffles Oratory Competition is back and we are calling out to those with a passion for public speaking.

Date of competition: 1 November 2017

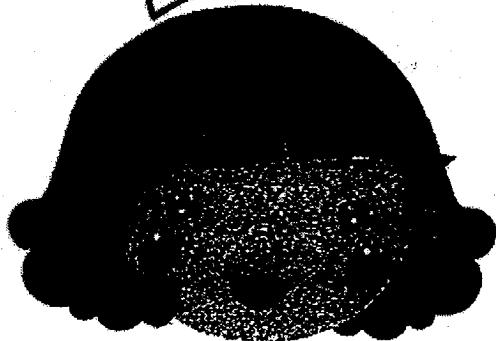
Time and Venue: 9am at Raffles Auditorium

Theme: Friendship

Rules and Regulations: Get into groups of 3 and come up with a 15-minute script based on the theme.

Hey, Sue! Did you see the brochure on Raffles Oratory Competition? Shall we form a team with Julia and take part in it? We have to fill out the registration form and drop it at the information counter at Raffles Auditorium.

Yes, I did! I'm sure Julia will be interested as she loves public speaking. She is very good at it too. I will write an email to her this afternoon!



Ashley



Sue

Your Task

Imagine you are Sue.

Write an email to Julia to invite her to form a team with you and Ashley to take part in the Raffles Oratory Competition.

You are to refer to the information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following information:

- why Julia will be interested in taking part
- theme of the competition
- when and where the competition will be held
- rules and regulations of the competition
- what you need to do to register

You may re-order the points. You should write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about a discovery.

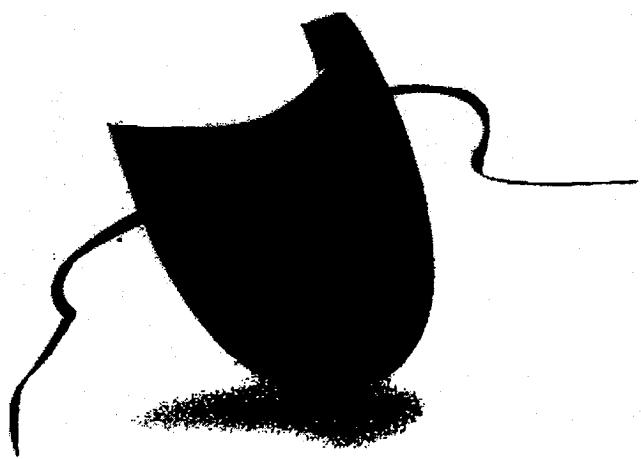
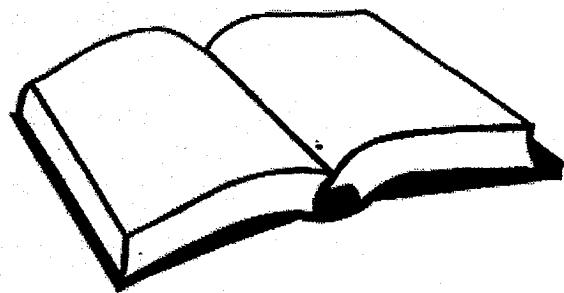
The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the discovery?
- What happened during the discovery?
- What did you learn from the discovery?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.



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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)
2017

Your Score Out of 95 marks	
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Name: _____ ()

Class: P5 _____

25 October 2017 English Language Paper 2 Duration: 1 h 50 min

BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the spaces provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 28 only.

Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. Jim, as well as his siblings, _____ reprimanded last night for breaking the window.

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

2. "Simon does not hand in his work late, _____ he?" asked his sister.

- (1) do
- (2) don't
- (3) does
- (4) doesn't

3. The little baby wailed as he was not used to _____ his father without a moustache.

- (1) see
- (2) saw
- (3) seen
- (4) seeing

4. Either the twins or I _____ going to win the competition tonight.

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

5. James _____ the matter with his wife before he decided to quit his job.

- (1) is discussing
- (2) has discussed
- (3) had discussed
- (4) are discussing

6. Experts believe that constant exposure to the sun's rays _____ harmful effects on the skin.

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

7. I was positive that I heard a woman _____ for help just moments ago.

- (1) shout
- (2) shouts
- (3) shouted
- (4) was shouting

8. _____ the constant nagging by his mother, John continued to stay up late into the night.

- (1) As
- (2) Despite
- (3) Although
- (4) However

9. Prior _____ the horrific accident, he had a successful career as a national athlete.

- (1) of
- (2) or
- (3) to
- (4) till

10. The scientist considers it _____ honour to receive _____ universally-recognised award for his work in the field of medicine.

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

Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

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

11. Tim has to trust his doctor's _____ and start the treatment for his skin condition.

- (1) analysis
- (2) diagnosis
- (3) resolution
- (4) prediction

12. It is always better to talk to your teachers about your problems. What you should not do is to _____ your feelings.

- (1) bring up
- (2) block up
- (3) bottle up
- (4) bundle up

13. The team will need all the strength they can _____ to win the game.

- (1) sow
- (2) muster
- (3) control
- (4) huddle

14. The young violinist gave a/an _____ performance and was given a standing ovation by the audience.

- (1) amplified
- (2) mediocre
- (3) overloaded
- (4) spectacular

15. The man suspected of shoplifting was finally _____ by the police based on the evidence gathered and taken into custody.

- (1) apprehended
- (2) persecuted
- (3) penalised
- (4) acquitted

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Barbie is to receive a dramatic makeover in 2016, toy company Mattel has revealed. The new range will include three different body shapes – petite, tall and curvy. Marking a radical change from the unrealistic proportions of previous models, the updated dolls are intended to better reflect the diversity of the product's audience.

Mattel is banking on this change, hoping that it will appeal to the shifting expectations of what Mattel called "millennial moms". Despite some minor variations, there has been insignificant change in the size and shape of Barbie since the first doll launched in 1959.

Consisting of 33 different dolls, the new range is the brand's biggest-ever update.

Mattel will be hoping its new-look range reinvigorates demand for Barbie, which has struggled against criticism of the doll's example for young girls. In recent years, dolls from the latest movies, such as Frozen's Snow Glow Elsa, have overtaken it in the toy charts.

Adapted from Introducing the new, realistic Barbie- By Anne Hart

16. (1) small
(2) stubby
(3) minute
(4) minuscule

17. (1) improper
(2) imperfect
(3) impossible
(4) impeccable

18. (1) timely
(2) negligible
(3) important
(4) successful

19. (1) Made away with
(2) Made off with
(3) Made up for
(4) Made up of

20. (1) diverts
(2) repairs
(3) amends
(4) stimulates

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study the flyer below carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

Manners Matter Centre presents 2-Day Confidence and Etiquette Workshop 2017



**BACK FOR
THE 7TH
TIME!**

Always wanted to give yourself the cutting edge that sets you apart from your peers?

Our 2-Day Confidence and Etiquette Workshop will give you the much needed boost and empower you with the soft skills that will set you apart from your peers and serve you well into adulthood.

This highly-raved, incredibly effective biennial workshop is a hot favourite amongst parents and children. Through this workshop, our founder and key presenter* and her team of qualified trainers, aim to empower you with confidence in your interactions in various social situations.

Highlights of the Workshop:

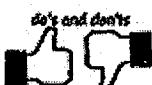
Day 1:

- Building Self-Esteem Through Positive Self-Talk
- Recognising the Importance of Effective Listening
- Mastering the Art of Public Speaking with Confidence
- Obstacle Course Confidence Challenge



Day 2:

- Etiquette in Social Media
- Dining Etiquette Experience
- Observing Respectful Decorum in Social Settings
- Presentation of Certificates of Completion to Participants



***Our founder and key presenter:**

- ❖ Miss Audrey Khoo, founder of Manners Matter Centre, is an internationally-renowned motivational speaker and life coach, with more than a decade of experience motivating children from diverse backgrounds.
- ❖ With various accolades under her belt, such as 'Forbes 25 Most Influential Women of Asia in 2015' and 'Top 50 Inspirational Speakers (2016)', Miss Khoo possesses the know-how to mould you into the best version of yourself.

Feedback and Reviews:

The workshop allow for collaboration with the other participants and trainers. The activities are conducted with much enthusiasm and injected with humour!

*~ Jocelyn Tang (participant),
12 years old*

I would recommend the workshop as the trainers are attentive and they made the sessions very enjoyable!

*~ Siti Aishah (participant),
9 years old*

The trainers are approachable and professional. I enjoyed myself thoroughly and learned so many useful skills.

*Ikhsan Manap, (participant),
10 years old*

**HURRY! SLOTS
ARE LIMITED!**

Dates: 12 December 2017 (Saturday) & 13 December 2017 (Sunday)

Timing: 9 am to 6 pm

Age of participants: 9 to 12 years old

Fees: \$650 per child (inclusive of course materials and lunch and tea for 2 days)

Early bird discounts: 5% off for participants who register before 1 November 2017 and a free goodie bag worth \$60.

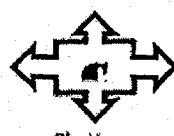
To register:

Book through sistick.com or come down to our Head Office at: 65 Bras Basin Road, S(120001).

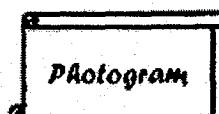
For more information, please visit our website at: www.mannersmatter.com.sg, call us at 61234 5432 or follow us on social media:



Firstbook



Chatter



Photogram

21. The aim of the workshop is to _____.

- (1) impart the joy of learning in participants
- (2) ensure the participants enjoy learning
- (3) build social skills and self-esteem in participants
- (4) encourage participants to show appreciation towards their peers

22. The workshop is held once every _____.

- (1) year
- (2) two years
- (3) half a year
- (4) seven years

23. Which one of the following activities would be useful in learning how to use the appropriate cutlery during a meal?

- (1) Dining Etiquette Experience
- (2) Building Self-Esteem Through Positive Self-Talk
- (3) Recognising the Importance of Effective Listening
- (4) Mastering the Art of Public Speaking with Confidence

24. The workshop is praised by participants for _____.

- (1) its attractive promotions
- (2) the accolades it receives
- (3) its friendly and enthusiastic trainers
- (4) the use of technology in conducting the workshop

25. Which of the following is included for all participants attending the workshop?

- (1) course materials
- (2) a free goodie bag
- (3) lunch and dinner
- (4) a discount for the workshop

26. On the second page of the flyer, why are the words 'Early bird discounts' written in bold?

- (1) They beautify the flyer.
- (2) They denote a new paragraph.
- (3) They emphasise the attractive offers given.
- (4) They highlight the main objective of the flyer.

27 To sign up for the workshop, you should _____

- (1) write an email to the centre
- (2) make your way down to the office
- (3) make a booking through the centre's website
- (4) follow the centre through their social media platforms

28. Which one of the following statements is not true?

- (1) The workshop is held on the weekend in December.
- (2) Miss Audrey Khoo has won several awards for her work.
- (3) All children under 13 years old can participate in this workshop.
- (4) Each participant will receive a certificate at the end of the workshop.

BOOKLET B

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SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

- | | | | | |
|------------|-------------|----------|---------|----------|
| (A) as | (D) between | (G) in | (K) on | (N) was |
| (B) ago | (E) from | (H) many | (L) the | (P) were |
| (C) before | (F) for | (J) much | (M) to | (Q) with |

On 5 January 1933, construction began on the Golden Gate Bridge. Following the Gold Rush boom that began _____ 1849, speculators realised the land north of San Francisco Bay would increase in value due _____ its accessibility to the city. Soon a plan was hatched to build a bridge that would span the Golden Gate that serves _____ a connecting bridge between San Francisco Bay and Marin County.

Although the idea went back as far as 1869, the proposal took root nearly fifty years _____ . A former engineering student, James Wilkins, called _____ a suspension bridge with a centre span of about 900 metres to be built. That was nearly twice _____ length of any bridge in existence. It was estimated to cost an astounding \$100 million. Eventually, engineer and poet, Joseph Strauss, said he could build a pure suspension bridge within a practical range of \$25-30 million with a main span of at least 1200 metres.

The construction plan still faced opposition from _____ sources. By the time most of the obstacles _____ cleared, the Great Depression of 1929 had begun, limiting financing options. Despite the challenges, construction of the bridge started _____ 1933 to 1937.

The Golden Gate Bridge officially opened on 27 May 1937, the longest bridge span in the world at the time. _____ its tall towers and famous red paint job, the bridge quickly became a famous American landmark. Today, it stands as a symbol of hard work and power of grit in San Francisco.

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Most of us grind our teeth every now and then, but for some, chronic grinding

(39)

causes major problems. Some paytients are completely unaware that they clench or

(40)

grind their teeth at night since a dental check-up shows damage. Sharp teeth, like the

(41)

(42)

canine, may have wear flat, causing crack lines to appear in the enamel. Aditonaly, any existing fillings may also start to break.

(43)

Teeth grinding can kontribute to facial pain as well. People can wake up with a sore

(44)

face or a throbbing headache because the muscles in the face had been activated the

(45)

entire night. The first step to getting rid of this problem is to consciously ensure that there is a gap between the upper and lower teeth at all times, apart from meal times.

(46)

Acute episodes of grinding are usually driven through stress, so it is important to

(47)

practise jaw relaxation techniques by gently clenching your teeth and relax them, two or three times, at intervals throughout the day.

(48)

To solve the problem of teeth grinding while sleep, the teeth can be fitted with a

(49)

night guard, which is a barrier seperating the upper and lower teeth, to prevent them

(50)

from coming together and causing ferther damage. One will have to consult the dentist

to have the night guard moulded to fit his or her teeth.

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Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

You already know that eating too much chocolate is not good for you. However, something other than your willpower may soon keep you _____ over-indulging.

(51)

People are eating more cocoa than farmers can _____, according to two of the world's biggest chocolate makers. This implies that the world _____ facing a shortage of chocolate supplies.

(52)

(53)

In 2013, people across the world ate 70 000 metric tons more cocoa _____ was produced, forcing suppliers to dip into their stock of cocoa beans. This shortage could _____ 1 million metric tons by 2020.

(54)

Several factors cause the _____ of cocoa beans. Higher temperatures and dry weather in West Africa, a major producer _____ cocoa beans, have greatly hurt production there. Plant diseases have also _____ crops, reducing the world's cocoa production by 30 to 40 percent.

(55)

(56)

(57)

(58)

As the crisis continues, chocolate bars will get smaller and less tasty. To counter the problem, farmers have been producing a new strain of cocoa which is _____ to fungal infections and produces more cocoa beans than the typical strains, but its taste leaves much to be desired. Manufacturers will also add _____ such as vanilla and vegetable fat to chocolate so that they can use less cocoa and chocolate bars will contain more

(59)

(60)

fillers, like nuts and raisins.

However, it is not all doom and gloom for chocolate. Recently, one Central American research organisation has managed to develop more new strains of cocoa that are resistant to diseases but will still satisfy the _____ buds.

(81)

Some experts also say that the situation has been _____ out of proportions.

(82)

While the projections show that the supply shortage is likely to occur during the next few years, the production of cocoa beans should _____ up after that. Existing stocks of cocoa beans should be enough to cater to the current demand in the _____.

(63)

(64)

In other words, the world's chocolate lovers may not need to panic just _____.

(65)

They will still be able to get their chocolate cravings satisfied.

Adapted from <http://magazines.scholastic.com/Top-News/2014/11/is-chocolate-disappearing>

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

For each of the questions 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).

66. Mindy was kind as a child. That often made her parents proud.

When Mindy was a child, it was _____ that

67. Neither Devi nor Jane wants to attend the party.

Both _____

68. The children have to finish their homework first. Then, they can go to the playground.

Before _____

69. Ben could not read what was written on the board. He did not wear his glasses.

without _____

70. "Do not run about in the cafe," Mr Chen warned his son.

Mr Chen warned his son _____

Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

Long before I was a traveller, I went to Guatemala as a tourist. Along with my sister, I visited the stunning Lake Atitlan , stayed on a coffee plantation in the city of Antigua and visited the cryptic Tikal Mayan ruins. On our last day there, we hitched across the hilly country and arrived promptly at a tiny border outpost just as the sun was setting. Our plan was to catch the one dilapidated bus that left this forlorn and primitive crossing each night bound for Mexico. Fluent in Spanish, my sister asked the border guard where to catch the bus.

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. Pointing to the steps outside, he hurriedly motioned us out and proceeded to close up for the night. It was 9 o'clock at night. The bus was due to leave in an hour. Since we had one hour to spare, I thought we might as well indulge in something to keep us occupied. I shared with my sister a story about my friend, John.

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. Some time ago, John was on his dog sled, crossing the frozen Yukon Lake. Just then something shimmering caught his eye. There on the white frozen lake, he spotted a herd of baby white seals in their glossy fur coats, moving across the lake. Just as John was lost in the scenery around him, a terrible storm came up. He completely lost his way. Day after day, John begged Lady Luck to help him but there was only silence. He thought he was going to die until an Eskimo came. He showed him the way and saved him. In the end, John learnt that he did not need something imaginary such as Lady Luck to help him, but he could rely on the kindness of a person's heart in times of need.

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. The whole time I was telling the story to my sister, a man with a brown hat paced nervously back and forth. "Excuse me," he called.

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. Now, anyone who has ever travelled knows that the only logical response to a stranger who calls out to you is to totally ignore him. Failing which, you risk getting cheated by some scams. Hence, we did not respond. However, the man kept circling us, his voice becoming louder and more insistent as he called out to us. We looked around. There was no one else, except this big, agitated man who was upset with his inability to get our attention heading for us. He leaned in. We backed up. "Madams, my name is Tom and I mean you no harm," he said in broken English. "If you're waiting for the bus, you're in the wrong place. It leaves from the Mexican side of the border, about a kilometre from here "he added.

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Jumping up, we grabbed our backpacks, thanking him as we ran. After running some distance, we spotted the bus pulling away from the bus stop. We summoned all our remaining strength and sprinted towards the bus, screaming at the top of our voices for the bus to stop. Just then, I tripped over and sustained a very bad bruise on my knee. By some miracle, Tom ran ahead of us and stopped the bus for us to get onto it. Settling into our seats for the ten-hour ride, my sister and I looked at each other and smiled. "He's our Eskimo," we said.

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. In the next two decades, I would spend almost ten years of my life on the road. While I got to see the tourist sights of the world, it was the Eskimos I met along the way who turned me from a tourist to a traveller. For they were the people of all ages, religions, countries and cultures who taught me that the world is not nearly as scary a place as so many would have us believe.

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Adapted from "An "Eskimo" Showed Me the Way" by Jamie Simons

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71. Name two places the writer visited when she went on a tour to Guatemala. (2m)

and

72. Why did the writer tell her sister the story of the Eskimo? (2m)

73. Why did John have to beg Lady Luck for help? List two reasons. (2m)

(I)
(II)

74. What was the "something shimmering" in line 12 that caught John's eye? (2m)

75. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
The writer did not travel alone to Lake Atitlan.		
The border guard was patient with the writer when giving her the instructions on where to take the bus to Mexico.		
Tom was extremely angry with the writer for ignoring him.		

76. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. (1m)

_____ The writer was interrupted by a man with a brown hat as she was telling her sister a story.

_____ The stopped the bus for the writer.

_____ The writer injured her knees.

77. Who does the "Eskimo" in line 35 refer to? (1m)

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78. Why was Tom so insistent on getting the writer's attention? (2m)

79. Choose words in paragraph one which have similar meanings to the words below. Write only one word in each box. (3m)

impressive	
punctually	
desolate	

80. Do you think the writer regretted going to Mexico for her travels? Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)

Set by:

Mdm Roziyana
Mr Vincent Chia
Ms Pek Xueyan

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P5)

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS'

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	3	4	2	3	2	1	2	3	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	3	2	4	1	1	3	2	4	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
3	2	1	3	1	3	2	3	G	M
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
A	B	F	L	H	P	E	Q		

39)patients 40)until 41>worn 42)Additionally

43)contribute 44)have 45)consciously 46)throughout

47)relaxing 48)during 49)separating 50)further

51)from 52)think 53)is 54)than 55)reach

56)shortage 57)of 58)killed 59)resistant 60)ingredients

61)taste 62)blown 63)shoot 64)meantime 65)yet

66)When Mindy was a child, it was her kindness that often made her parents proud.

67)Both Devi and Jane go not want to attend the party.

68) Before the children can go to the playground, they have to finish their homework.

69) Ben could not read what was written on the board without wearing his glasses.

70) Mr Chen warned his son not to run about in the cafe.

71) Lake Atitlan and Tikal Mayan ruins

72) The writer and her sister had one hour to spare and the writer wanted to keep both of them occupied while waiting for the bus.

73) i) He lost his way. ii) He thought he was going to die.

74) It was a herd of baby white seals in their glossy fur coats, moving across the lake.

75) True / The writer travelled to Lake Atitlan along with her sister.

False / After giving the instructions, he hurriedly motioned the writer and her sister out and proceeded to close up for the night.

False / Tom was upset with his inability to get the writer's attention.

76) 1 , 3 , 2

77) Tom

78) Tom wanted to tell the writer and sister that they were waiting for the bus at the wrong place as he was anxious they would miss the bus.

79) stunning

promptly

forlorn

80) Yes, she was hurt when she ran to catch the bus, she would not want to do that again.

No, she met Tom who stopped the bus going to Mexico so that she and her sister could get on it.

RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL**Semestral Assessment 1**

2017

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3 May 2017 English Language Duration: 1 h 10 min

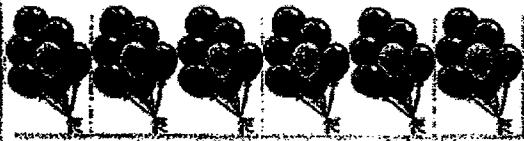
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PAPER 1 (WRITING)**Instructions to Pupils**

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Part 1: Situational Writing (15 marks)

**Tickles Party
Planner**



Birthday package includes:

- Party invitation cards
- 2 hours use of indoor playground
- Gift for birthday child
- Basic party set-up* and party host
- Goodie bags for each child

**PARTY PLANNING CHARGES FOR
10 CHILDREN**

WEEKDAY: \$480

WEEKEND: \$580

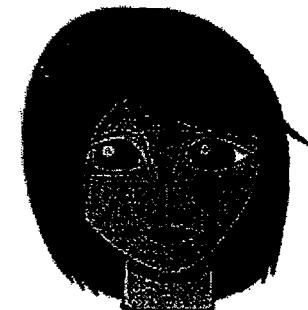
\$30 per additional child

**You found this brochure in
your letterbox on 7 April
2017.**

Hmm, this looks
good. I'll engage
them to plan
Julie's birthday
party!

She'll love a princess
party theme! I
wonder if I can use
the playground for
another hour.

There will
be a total of
14 children
at the party.



***customised party set-up available at
an additional cost**

Your task

You want to engage Tickles Party Planner for your younger sister's 9thbirthday , which falls on a Saturday, 20 July 2017.

Write an email to Miss Joy , the person in charge, to tell her about your requirements.

You are to refer to the information on page 2 for your email.

In your email, include the following:

- the reason for writing to her
- when the event would be held and the total number of children attending the event
- the theme of the party
- request to use the indoor playground for another hour
- request for the total cost of the party

You may re-order the points. You should write in complete sentences.

Part 2: Continuous Writing (40 marks)

Write a composition of at least 150 words about an experience of trying something new.

The pictures are provided to help you think about this topic.

Your composition should be based on one or more of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition.

- What was the experience?
- What happened during the experience?
- What did you learn from the experience?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.





RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

2017

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BOOKLET A

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Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. The children looked _____ excitedly as the magician performed the magic trick on stage.
(1) in
(2) on
(3) back
(4) upon

2. Tammy looked forward to _____ her aunt after living abroad for ten years.
(1) saw
(2) sees
(3) seen
(4) seeing

3. Nicole and her sister have been staying with their grandparents _____ the beginning of the school holidays.
(1) at
(2) for
(3) since
(4) during

4. Fire drills are important so that pupils know what to do in the event _____ an emergency.
(1) at
(2) on
(3) of
(4) for

5. "Tommy seldom exercises, _____ he? Has he put on some weight?" asked Mr Tan.
(1) has
(2) hasn't
(3) does
(4) doesn't

6. Mary, together with her brothers, _____ at the park now.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
7. The supply of balloons _____ run out by the end of the day at the carnival.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) has
(4) have
8. Do you have _____ luggage for your holiday trip to Europe?
- (1) much
(2) many
(3) a few
(4) a little
9. _____ the bus is late, Mary should be in school by now.
- (1) Since
(2) Unless
(3) Despite
(4) Although
10. The teacher made the bully _____ a letter of apology to the victim.
- (1) write
(2) wrote
(3) writes
(4) written

Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

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

11. The accident was caused by the car _____ on an oily patch on the road.
- (1) clashing
(2) plunging
(3) diverting
(4) skidding
12. The truck _____ the damaged car to the garage.
- (1) towed
(2) lugger
(3) pushed
(4) wrenched
13. Matthew looks _____ because he has no friends to play with.
- (1) wary
(2) glum
(3) arrogant
(4) exhausted
14. On hearing the noise, the thief _____ the door.
- (1) made up
(2) made for
(3) made over
(4) made through
15. The trainee had slackened in his work and was told to _____ or he would be out of a job.
- (1) take the plunge
(2) pull up his socks
(3) gain the upper hand
(4) have second thoughts

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Spring was here. Through a little hole in the wall, the children had crept in and they
(16)
were sitting on the branches of the trees. In every tree that he could see, there was a little
child. The trees were so gratified to have the children back again that they had covered
(17)
themselves with blossoms and were waving their arms tenderly above the children's
(18)
heads. The birds were flying about and twittering with delight, and the flowers were looking
(19)
up through the green grass and laughing. It was a stirring scene, except that in one corner,
(20)
the farthest corner of the garden, stood a little boy.

Adapted from the Source: 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde

- 16. (1) dashed
(2) hopped
(3) crawled
(4) assembled

- 17. (1) grateful
(2) pleased
(3) relieved
(4) surprised

- 18. (1) kindly
(2) timidly
(3) carefully
(4) intensely

- 19. (1) playing
(2) nibbling
(3) chirping
(4) screeching

- 20. (1) calm
(2) dreamy
(3) touching
(4) sensitive

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

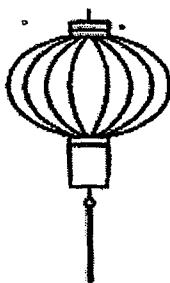
Study the brochure carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

ANNUAL TEOCHEW FESTIVAL 2017

A bigger Teochew Festival to wow visitors!

Teochew Festival 2017 will return this year from 9 to 18 December 2017 at Marina Bay Sands (MBS) Expo and Convention Centre (Level 1 Hall A). This event aims to celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Teochews in Singapore.

Teochew Festival 2017 will be 1.5 times bigger than its inaugural event in 2015. The festival offers visitors enlightening glimpses into the daily lives of Teochews. The organiser hopes to highlight an important aspect of Singapore's Chinese culture through the festival, and also gather all Teochews in Singapore as one Teochew Family.



Date

Friday, 9 December to Sunday, 18 December 2017

Time

9 December : 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (by invitation only)

9 December : 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. (open to public)

10 December - 18 December : 10.30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

★ HIGHLIGHTS OF TEOCHEW FESTIVAL 2017

★ Traditional Teochew Crafts

There will be live demonstrations by master craftsmen. Crafts which will be on display include lanterns, exquisite wood carvings and ceramic tea sets.



★ Mobile Game App

The festival developed its first mobile game app called "Heng Heng" which is specially created with the aim of entertaining and educating players about Teochew culture. Attractive prizes to be won for correct answers!

★ Cultural Zone

Teochew Clan Association has specially borrowed artefacts, of how early Teochew migrants corresponded with their families in China from the Museum of Overseas Chinese Remittance, to be displayed at the cultural zone.

★ A Taste of Teochew Cuisines

Foodies will be treated to an array of Teochew cuisines at the festival. Local Teochew eateries will dish out a variety of tantalising Teochew specialties such as crystal dumplings and fried oyster omelette. The food will be served from

10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

★ Cultural Performances

Blossoms Opera troupe will perform Teochew operas from 15 December to 18 December. The Finger Band from Shantou, China, will perform their renditions of traditional Teochew tunes with a modern twist of hip-hop music at the festival's central stage from 10 December to 13 December.

Tickets on sale now!

Standard Ticket Price: \$10

Early Bird Special: \$9 (till 30 November)

* Each ticket allows only admission for 1 person, and may be used for single day entry only. A valid ticket is required for children above 7 years old.

Tickets are available at

- All CakeWalk, Roast Box outlets
- All SISTICK outlets and at www.sistick.com.sg

Note:

- > Visitors can get limited edition NETS Flashpay Cards specially designed for the Teochew Festival at \$10 per card or \$50 per set of 6.
- > Ticket holders each enjoy a \$3 discount which can be used at the Teochew Food Zone and Teochew Speciality Delicacy Zone.
- > Full Day Parking at MBS at only \$8 (applicable on weekdays only)

Organised by: Teochew Clan Association

Sponsored by: Passion Card Company

For more information, visit: www.teochewfestival.com.sg

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. According to the brochure, which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) It is the third time that the Teochew Festival is held.
- (2) The standard ticket price is \$10 if one buys it on 30 November.
- (3) Tickets to the "Teochew Festival 2017" are only available at SISTICK outlets.
- (4) The "Teochew Festival 2017" is solely for the Teochew families in Singapore.

22. The organiser of the "Teochew Festival 2017" is _____.

- (1) Passion Card Company
- (2) Teochew Clan Association
- (3) CakeWalk and Roast Box outlets
- (4) Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre

23. Mary can _____ when she visits the "Teochew Festival 2017" in the afternoon on 14 December.

- (1) play a mobile game and watch cultural performances
- (2) see wood carvings and perform traditional Teochew tunes
- (3) borrow artefacts from the Museum of Overseas Chinese Remittance
- (4) watch live demonstrations by master craftsmen and try Teochew cuisine

24. Steven wants to watch a Teochew opera and also eat fried oyster omelette. The best time to visit the festival is at _____.

- (1) 8 p.m. on 15 December
- (2) 11 a.m. on 9 December
- (3) 8 p.m. on 10 December
- (4) 11 a.m. on 16 December

25. Visitors to the "Teochew Festival 2017" can _____.

- (1) win attractive prizes in a lucky draw
- (2) park at MBS on Sundays for only \$8
- (3) buy a limited edition NETS Flashpay Card at \$10
- (4) enjoy a cash discount at the Teochew Food Zone only

26. Mr and Mrs Lim are taking their 3-year-old daughter to the festival on 15 December. How many tickets should they buy? They should buy _____ tickets.

- (1) one
- (2) two
- (3) three
- (4) four

27. Why are the words "Tickets on sale now!" punctuated with an exclamation mark? It is to _____.

- (1) show the importance of tickets
- (2) force readers to buy more tickets
- (3) present the information so that it is easy to read
- (4) express excitement and urge readers to buy tickets

28. What is the main purpose of the brochure? It is to _____.

- (1) wow visitors at the "Teochew Festival 2017"
- (2) attract readers to visit the "Teochew Festival 2017"
- (3) showcase Teochew cuisines, crafts and performances
- (4) celebrate the rich culture and heritage of the Teochews in Singapore

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SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(E) as	(J) is	(N) under
(B) after	(F) but	(K) on	(P) what
(C) an	(G) by	(L) over	(Q) who
(D) around	(H) have	(M) to	

Bedbugs are small, oval, brownish insects that live on the blood of animals or humans.

Adult bedbugs have flat bodies which swell and are a reddish colour (29) _____ feeding.

(30) _____ favourable conditions, the bedbugs can develop fully in (31) _____ little as a month and produce three or more generations per year. Female bedbugs may lay hundreds of eggs (32) _____ a lifetime.

Bedbugs do not (33) _____ nests like ants or bees, but tend to live in groups. Their hiding places are typically in mattresses, bed frames and headboards where they have easy access (34) _____ people in the night.

Bedbugs feed (35) _____ piercing the skin and withdrawing blood through (36) _____ elongated beak. Most bedbug bites are painless at first, (37) _____ later turn into itchy welts. If you are uncertain about signs of bedbugs, call an exterminator, (38) _____ will know what to look for. He will be able to advise you on what to do.

Adapted from: <http://www.webmd.com/skin-problems-and-treatments/guide/bedbugs-infestation#1>

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error.
Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Years ago, I had a classmate, named Clare, whom I admired very much. Clare was

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conciensious in her studies and handed in her homework regularly. She did not give up when

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faced with difficulties and will try her best in whatever she did. She also cared about her

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envalroment and encouraged her classmates to keep the school clean.

(42)

On one occassion, Clare organised a "Keep the School Clean" campaign and took the

(43)

(44)

necessary steps to ensure that everyone played a part. We were assigning to clean the

(45)

(46)

windows, sweep the floors and arranges the furniture. The work was well done, much at the

delight of the teachers.

(47)

(48)

Clare considered education as a privledge and did not take being in school as granted.

(49)

She once told me, "I believe in hard work and perserverence." Her thoughtful and

(50)

independence nature had inspired me and I was very proud of her. I would like to be more

like Clare.

Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Bison are massive animals characterised by their long, shaggy brown coats. At certain times of the year, bison gather in large numbers. It is like watching a dark brown moving river spiked with large black horns. At other times, they break _____ into smaller groups of about (51)

seven to ten in each. Generally, they prefer _____ form herds of some size. (52)

On the whole, there is safety in _____. Predators, especially cave lions and (53) packs of wolves, often bring down a bison from a herd and it is _____ the slow or (54) weak that are caught. This allows the healthy and strong to survive. A bison's thick fur offers _____ against the harsh elements of the plains. Known for roaming great (55)

_____, bison travel across huge plains, eating as they move continuously. They (56) graze heavily on grasses and disturb the soil with their hooves, _____ many plant and (57) animal species to flourish.

Male bison typically have a _____ of 1.98 metres and weigh approximately one (58) thousand kilograms. They have long black horns and a beard that juts _____ from (59) heavy jaws. Females are smaller but both are quick and agile. They are _____ to (60) climb steep slopes and leap over substantial obstacles.

Bison can gallop in long strides across rocky landscapes. They like the water and can swim well. _____ their wet fur by rolling in the sand or dirt. They tend to graze in the evening (61) and relax by chewing on their cud during the day. Their hearing and _____ of smell (62) are acute. Full-grown bison can be violent and aggressive, and are difficult to kill. _____ teeth and claws or spears, but one bison can _____ 680 (63) (64) kilogrammes of meat, plus fat, bones, skin, hair, and horns for the predator. Bison are proud and noble animals, respected by those who hunt them and admired for _____ (65) strength and courage. Today, approximately 500,000 bison live across North America.

Adapted from "The Shelters of Stone" by Jean M. Auel, Earth's Children

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

For each 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 that of the given sentence(s).

66. You must finish your homework before you go out to play.

Unless _____

67. Being lazy, he failed his examinations as a result.

As a result of his _____

68. They are building a bridge to link the train station and the town centre.

In order to _____

69. Both John and Jane do not like to eat fish and chips.

Neither _____ nor _____

70. "Don't forget to attend the meeting tomorrow," Mother told me.

Mother _____

Section I: Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

Jim woke just as the first light of day was showing through the gap in the curtains over the window. The room was still dark, but he could tell that it was already beginning to get bright outside. He lay looking at the grey light and tried to recall the day before. He remembered flying a fighter-plane. He remembered being hit by an enemy plane and going down in the mountains. He remembered the friendly nurse and the kind doctor and not much else more. Now the small grain of doubt took root in his mind and it began to grow.

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He looked around the ward. He was the only patient. There were no other beds. The nurse had taken the roses away the night before, and there was nothing except the table with a packet of cigarettes and a box of matches. Those could not be his as he did not smoke. It was no longer warm or friendly. It was not even comfortable. It was cold and empty and very quiet.

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Slowly the grain of doubt grew, and with it came fear, the kind of fear that one gets not because one is afraid, but because one feels that there is something wrong. Lying in bed and not knowing what was going on made him restless and angry. When he touched his forehead with his hand, he found that it was damp with sweat. He knew then that he must do something, that he must find some ways of proving to himself that he was either right or wrong. He looked up and saw the window and the green curtains again. From where he lay, that window was right in front of him, but it was a full five metres away. Somehow he must reach it and look out. The idea became an obsession with him, and soon he could think of nothing except the window. But what about his leg? He remembered the doctor saying that it had to go in order to save his life. He put his hand underneath the bedclothes and felt the thick bandaged stump which was all that was left on the right-hand side. It seemed all right. It did not hurt.

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Sitting up, he pushed the bedclothes aside and put his left leg on the floor. gingerly, he swung his body over until he had both hands on the floor as well. Then he was out of bed, kneeling on the carpet. He looked at the stump. It was very short and thick, covered with bandages. It was beginning to hurt and he could feel it throbbing. He wanted to collapse, lie down on the carpet and do nothing. However, he knew that he must go on.

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With two arms and one leg, he crawled over towards the window. He would reach forward as far as he could with his arms, then he would give a little jump and slide his left leg along after them. Each time he did, it jarred his wound so much that he gave a soft cry of pain, but he continued to crawl across the floor on two hands and one knee. He must achieve his mission. When he got to the window, he reached up, and one at a time, he placed both hands on the sill. Slowly, he raised himself up until he was standing on his left leg. Then quickly, he pushed aside the curtains and looked out.

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Adapted from "Beware of the Dog" by Roald Dahl

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71. What was Jim's occupation?

[1m]

72. How did Jim end up in hospital?

[2m]

73. Based on information from lines 13-22, fill in the blanks in the following table. [2m]

How Jim had felt	What made Jim feel that way
fearful	
restless	

74. What did the doctor do to Jim's right leg?

[2m]

75. Choose a word from lines 13-34 that has the *same* meaning as the words below.
[4m]

i)	pounding	
ii)	jolted	
iii)	carefully	
iv)	uncertainty	

76. Which sentence from lines 25-29 tells you that Jim wanted to give up halfway through what he was doing?
[1m]

77. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story.
[1m]

_____ Jim got off the bed.

_____ Jim felt a sense of alarm.

_____ Jim was dazed and confused.

78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is *True* or *False*, then give one reason why you think so.
[3m]

		True/False	Reason
i)	It was dusk when Jim first woke up.		
ii)	Jim had no visitors in the hospital.		

iii)	Jim was in great discomfort and pain every time he moved forward.		
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79. What was Jim's 'mission' in line 34?

[2m]

80. With reference to lines 30-36, state one quality Jim displayed and give one reason based on evidence in the passage to support your answer.

[2m]

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39) conscientious 40) would 41) environment 42) occasion 43) necessary
 44) assigned 45) arrange 46) to 47) privilege 48) for
 49) perseverance 50) independent

51) up 52) out 53) numbers 54) likely 55) protection
 56) distances 57) allowing 58) height 59) out 60) known
 61) drying 62) sense 63) with 64) contain 65) their

- 66) Unless you finish your homework, you cannot go out to play.
- 67) As a result of his laziness, he failed his examinations.
- 68) In order to link the train station and the town centre, they are building a bridge.
- 69) Neither John nor Jane likes to eat fish and chips.
- 70) Mother told me not to forget to attend the meeting the following day.
- 71) He was a fighter pilot.
- 72) He was shot by an enemy plane and his plane crashed into the mountains.
- 73) fearful – Jim felt that something was wrong.
restless – Jim was lying in bed not knowing what was going on.
- 74) He cut off his right leg.
- 75) i) throbbing ii) jarred iii) gingerly iv) doubt
- 76) He wanted to collapse, lie down on the carpet and do nothing.
- 77) 3, 2, 1
- 78)
- i) False / Jim woke just as the first light of day was showing through the gap in the curtains over the window.
- ii) False / Someone gave him roses and left a packet of cigarettes and a box of matches.
- iii) True / Each time he moved, he would jarred and give a soft cry of pain.
- 79) His mission was to crawl to the window and look out of it.
- 80) He displayed determination. Even though he experienced a lot of pain when crawling to the window, he did not give up.

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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1. The girl with the bright red shoes _____ standing at the door now.

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

2. Our coach praised my teammates and _____ for all the hard work put in.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

3. Either the cubs or the lioness _____ been hiding behind the bush till now.

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

4. She seldom cycles to school, _____ she?

- (1) do
- (2) does
- (3) don't
- (4) doesn't

5. From the top of the skyscraper, the cars _____ us looked like insects.

- (1) upon
- (2) below
- (3) above
- (4) outside

6. Her willingness to speak up for me this morning made me _____ how much she cared for me.

- (1) realise
- (2) realised
- (3) realises
- (4) realising

7. _____ of the prefects has been given a school tie.

- (1) All
- (2) Any
- (3) Each
- (4) Some

8. _____ they gave him a perfectly rational explanation, he was not convinced.

- (1) Since
- (2) Despite
- (3) However
- (4) Although

9. He has _____ unique point of view on the subject and talked about it for _____ hour.

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

10. Many adults worry about the destructive effect that violent films _____ have on children.

- (1) may
- (2) need
- (3) ought
- (4) should

Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

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

11. After failing repeatedly at his high jump attempts, the athlete finally gave up and _____ defeat.
- (1) yielded
(2) conceded
(3) relinquished
(4) surrendered
12. James is the most _____ person in class as he gets along well with everyone.
- (1) naive
(2) amiable
(3) resourceful
(4) contentious
13. The latest blockbuster movie starring Emma Watson will be _____ in cinemas islandwide.
- (1) screened
(2) produced
(3) transmitted
(4) broadcasted
14. The traffic policeman signalled for the taxi driver to _____ so that he could inspect the boot of the vehicle.
- (1) run into
(2) pull over
(3) stand off
(4) back down
15. David had to _____ the deposit paid because he cancelled the trip at the last minute.
- (1) forfeit
(2) cease
(3) abandon
(4) renounce

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Leo De Watts struck upon the idea of selling bottled, British countryside air to Chinese consumers. The idea came to this entrepreneur when he saw a news footage of pollution and smog (16) in Chinese cities. De Watt has since started a thriving business from selling his novel product (17) of clean bottled air to China.

De Watt debuted his company last year in the somewhat imaginatively named industry of (18) "air farming". His team "harvests" air in bottles from various locations across Britain and ships it to China. Even though the air is cheap to collect, De Watts puts a hefty price on his products. (19) Chinese lovers of British air have to pay around \$115 for a 580ml bottle.

He said his Chinese customers can be quite fastidious about exactly what kind of air they buy. (20) He explained in a promotional video, "Quite often a lot of our orders are bespoke. We have clients who request very particular circumstances for their air. Sometimes we'll be at the top of the mountain, and other times at the bottom of a valley."

*Retrieved from: <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com>
Adapted from "Man sells British countryside air to China" by Sean Banville*

16. (1) clip
(2) cast
(3) subtitle
(4) summary

17. (1) waning
(2) popular
(3) rampant
(4) successful

18. (1) nurtured
(2) launched
(3) developed
(4) commenced

19. (1) steep
(2) liberal
(3) modest
(4) bountiful

20. (1) fussy
(2) fearful
(3) frivolous
(4) flustered

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Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study this leaflet carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

WRITERS' ACADEMY WRITING COMPETITION 2016



Writers' Academy has been shining a spotlight on up and coming young writers from 10 to 12 years old through its Biennial Writing Competition for more than 10 years.

Unlike the traditional pen-and-paper writing competition held in previous years, Writers' Academy Writing Competition 2016 took a very unique format of getting young children to author and publish their stories into e-books. Participants had to use multimedia resources to present the story in an engaging and interactive way. Shortlisted entries were published on our website so that they could be read and voted for.



This year's writing competition met with a record response. It was the first time more than 500 entries were submitted! We are very pleased to announce the results of the Writers' Academy Writing Competition 2016. Congratulations to all the prize winners!

JUDGING

It took nine judges from Authors' Club almost three months to decide on the winners. They were looking for writers who capture the readers' attention, whose ideas or perspectives are unique as well as those with precise and evocative word choice.

WINNERS

AWARD	NAME	Age	Title
GOLD	Namita Kaur	11	Miss Mystery
SILVER	Gavin Lee	12	It's My Life
BRONZE	Farisha Ishak	10	Diary of Steffi
*MOST POPULAR	Aiko Yuri	12	What No One Sees
**HONOURABLE MENTIONS	Jaden Jasper Ang Yu Tong Kelly Clarkson	10 12 12	Mr Popular The Missing Pen Diary of a Teenager

* Most Popular Book has the most number of Facebook Likes during the voting period.

** Honourable Mentions are those who achieved scores closest to the top 3.

GOLD Winner : Namita Kaur, 12 years old

The judges unanimously agree that Namita has written one of the funniest crime novels they have ever read. They find it hard to find fault with a book so well-written and engaging. Definitely a briskly paced page-turner from the start to finish!



SILVER Winner: Gavin Lee, 12 years old

Indeed the pen is mightier than the sword. Gavin writes powerfully from the point of view of an anxious and ambitious teenager trying to cope with the intersection between his view of himself and his mother's view of him. His vocabulary and phrasing successfully reflect the tensions in his world.

BRONZE Winner : Farisha Ishak, 10 years old

Farisha has successfully chronicled the adventures of Steffi, a wise-cracking primary school student. There are laughs on every page and the pictures only add to the humour. The journal format makes it an easy read for children of all ages.



PRIZES

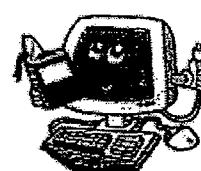
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$150 Cash Voucher• Certificate of Award
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$100 Cash Voucher• Certificate of Award
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$50 Cash Voucher• Certificate of Award
Most Popular	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$50 Cash Voucher• Certificate of Award
Honourable Mentions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Certificate of Award

All prizes are sponsored by :

Books for Life



Computer for Kids



For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The writing competition is held once every _____.

- (1) year
- (2) two years
- (3) ten years
- (4) twelve years

22. The organiser of the writing competition is _____.

- (1) Authors' Club
- (2) Books for Life
- (3) Writers' Academy
- (4) Computer for Kids

23. In the second paragraph, why is the first letter of each word of "Writers' Academy Writing Competition" in capital letters?

- (1) The words are used as a name.
- (2) It is to make the words stand out in the paragraph.
- (3) The words appear at the beginning of the paragraph.
- (4) It is to emphasise that the competition is very different this year.

24. The word those in the write-up section on "Judging" refers to _____.

- (1) judges
- (2) writers
- (3) readers
- (4) Facebook users

25. The story by _____ has the most Facebook Likes.

- (1) Aiko Yuri
- (2) Namita Kaur
- (3) Jaden Jasper
- (4) Farisha Ishak

26. Silver Award winner, Gavin Lee, impressed the judges with his _____.

- (1) amusing views
- (2) ability to cope with conflicts
- (3) appropriate choice of words
- (4) ambition to create anxiety in teenagers

27. Which one of the following statements is not true?

- (1) The competition is judged by a panel of judges.
- (2) Ang Yu Tong will receive only a certificate of award.
- (3) This year saw the most number of submitted entries.
- (4) Only children more than 10 years old are eligible to participate in the competition.

28. The main objective of the Writers' Academy writing competition is to _____.

- (1) use multimedia resources
- (2) publish the winning entries
- (3) develop an interactive digital book
- (4) recognise children with writing talent

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BOOKLET B.

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SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) are	(D) from	(G) of	(K) or	(N) up
(B) and	(E) is	(H) off	(L) nor	(P) was
(C) between	(F) in	(J) on	(M) to	(Q) were

I did not grow up in a household with books. In my home, there was neither time (29) _____ energy to read. My process of becoming a reader seemed nothing short (30) _____ miraculous. All it took was getting lost (31) _____ one book for my world to open up and a life to be transformed.

My primary school teacher had always believed in giving her pupils time (32) _____ read for pleasure in school as a strategy that would pay (33) _____ in greater reading improvement. One day, she put a book on my desk. It was a biography of actress Greta Garbo. I picked it up and began to read (34) _____ cover to cover. The words I read captivated me and I was enthralled. I realised that there (35) _____ other women like Greta who had struggled, persevered and transformed their lives. I recognised myself in her.

From then (36) _____, my teacher had a hard time keeping me supplied with books. She dug (37) _____ all the biographies of women that she could find. Their stories were like road maps that allowed me to see where I could go on with my life.

It has been a long road. I am now a physics professor in a university. Most of my time (38) _____ spent reading scientific literature. Recently, someone gave me Justice Sonia Sotomayor's autobiography. Once again, I am inspired and am envisioning new possibilities for my life.

Adapted from Imagining Possibilities by JoAnn Tiej

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 x 1 mark)

**Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error.
Write the correct word in each of the boxes.**

Over the years, cross cultural influences, inventions of musical instruments and technological advancements have given birth to an assortment of music. In today's music

(39)

(40)

katalogue, there is a style to suit every personality, age group and occasion.

(41)

One of the oldest and most respected ganres in the music world is classical music, bringing historical elegance to the modern era. Distinguished by an energetic orchestral colour

(42)

that is produces by neat arrangements of string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments,

(43)

classical music has a defined and regular rhythm. The music has a quality of flexibility, it can

(44)

(45)

be loud and assertive, make our hearts palpitate and yet it has the ability to calm us away.

(46)

Research has revealed that the complex and oganised nature of a classical composition with

(47)

varying intensity stimulates children's brains, igniting its creative and analytical abilities.

(48)

(49)

In addition at enhancing the cognitive skills, the harmony of notes or chords in the

(50)

melodious versions of classical music has a therapeutic effect. It can counter anxiety and
stress. It is no wonder then that a Beethoven or Mozart piece greets you when you step into
hospitals, clinics and learning environments.

Adapted from Music Over Time by Shanas Krishnan

Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

As a motoring writer, I had the chance to travel to all corners of the world to test-drive new cars. Few trips _____ as deep an impression on me as a recent trip to New Zealand's South Island.

There were no towering skyscrapers, crowded shopping _____ or rush-hour traffic to speak of. Instead, there were white-capped _____, rolling meadows and long stretches of open roads. There was even a sense _____ roominess and tranquillity there.

My journey took fourteen days but it had barely_____ the surface of what the scenic island has to _____. (56)

Starting my journey in Christchurch, I headed south. Passing the historical town of Oamaru and the Scotland-inspired town of Dunedin, I made my _____ towards Te Anau. The roads were winding just like _____ parts of this country and the view of snow-capped mountains in the distance drawing nearer_____. (57) (58) (59) each kilometre was indeed awe-inspiring.

Te Anau is the launching pad _____ visitors to the national park's fjords (long
(60)

strips of sea between steep hills). Among them, Milford Sound is by _____ the most
(61)

popular among tourists.

However, I decided to take the road less _____ to another spectacular fjord
(62)

known as Doubtful Sound. Locals I spoke to say both _____ offer breathtaking views
(63)

of the Unesco World Heritage area. The hassle of crossing a treacherous mountain pass had

made Doubtful Sound a less accessible destination. However, that was just a _____
(64)

inconvenience as compared to a challenging overnight trip on board the MV Fiordland Navigator,

a _____ that sails around Doubtful Sound. This voyage on the last lap of my trip was
(65)

a whole new ball game altogether.

Adapted from the Straits Times article "Southern beauty" by Yao Yuan Nei

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

For each 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 that of the given sentence(s).

66. Tom did not complete his homework. He went out to play.

without

67. "Did you leave this bag here yesterday?" Mrs Devi asked me.

Mrs Devi asked me _____

68. None of the boys has told anyone the secret yet.

All of _____

69. I heard that my class had won the cleanest class competition. I jumped for joy.

On _____

70. My brother is very tall. His head almost reaches the ceiling.

so _____

that _____

Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

Every year during graduation, a beautiful gold and green jacket was awarded to the class valedictorian. Since I had maintained the highest grades for eight years consecutively, I looked forward to owning that jacket. Furthermore, my school uniforms had always been hand-me-downs as my family could barely make ends meet, so this jacket meant a lot to me.

One day, Mr. Schmidt, my History teacher and Mr. Boone, my Math teacher, were having a squabble. I did not mean to eavesdrop, but I was appalled to hear my name.

"I will not fabricate records! I don't care who her father is. Joanne's grades don't even begin to compare to Martha's," Mr. Schmidt said furiously. Mr. Boone replied, "Look, Joanne's father is on the School Board so the principal would like us to put in a good word for her." Shaking, not wanting to hear more, I fled in tears.

The next day I was called into the principal's office. He looked uncomfortable and avoided my eyes as he spoke, "Martha, there's been a change in policy regarding the scholarship jacket." He fidgeted with the papers on his desk as he continued, "It has always been free but this year the Board has decided to charge fifteen dollars for the jacket." Staring at him in disbelief, I was shocked at his lame excuse. "If you are unable to pay for the jacket, it will be given to the next nominee." I did not need to ask who that would be. Mustering all my dignity, I answered calmly, "I'll speak to my grandfather. Sir, and let you know tomorrow."

I held back my tears and waited till I was a safe distance away from the principal's office before I broke down and cried. When I got home and saw Grandfather, I asked nervously, "Grandpa, this year the principal said the scholarship jacket is going to cost fifteen dollars, and I have to pay up tomorrow." Then, I waited, desperately hoping Grandfather would agree to give me the money. After a pause, he spoke, "If you have to pay for it, it's not a scholarship jacket, is it? Tell your principal I will not pay for it." He continued, "What does a scholarship jacket mean?" I answered quickly, "It means you've earned it by having the highest grades for eight years." Too late, I finally understood the significance of my words.

The next day, the principal called me into his office for an answer. I answered, "He said to tell you he would not pay the fifteen dollars." I stood up to leave when he stopped me, "Martha—wait! We'll make an exception for you this time." I could hardly believe what I heard.

I rushed home to break the good news to Grandfather who said nothing except to give me a pat on the shoulder and a smile.

Adapted from the short story "The Scholarship Jacket" by M. Salinas

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71. According to the passage, how does one qualify to be a class valedictorian? [2m]

72. Who did Mr Schmidt think was the rightful recipient of the scholarship jacket?

[1m]

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73. Who does the 'her' in line 12 refer to?

[1m]

74. Choose a word from paragraphs 2 and 3 in the passage that has a similar meaning to each of the words below. [4m]

fake	
crossly	
taken aback	
disagreement	

75. From paragraph 4, state two pieces of evidence that show the principal was "uncomfortable" talking to Martha ? [2m]

Evidence 1	
Evidence 2	

76. Martha thought that the change in the school policy regarding the scholarship jacket was a lame excuse. What did she think was the real reason for the principal to do so? [2m]

77. Which sentence in paragraph 5 tells you that Martha had just realised why one should not have to pay for an award? [1m]

78. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is *True or False*, then give one reason why you think so. [4m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
Martha could always afford new uniforms.		
Martha cried in the principal's office when he told her about the change in school policy.		
Martha was confident that Grandfather would agree to pay for the scholarship jacket.		
Martha eventually did not have to pay for the scholarship jacket.		

79. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

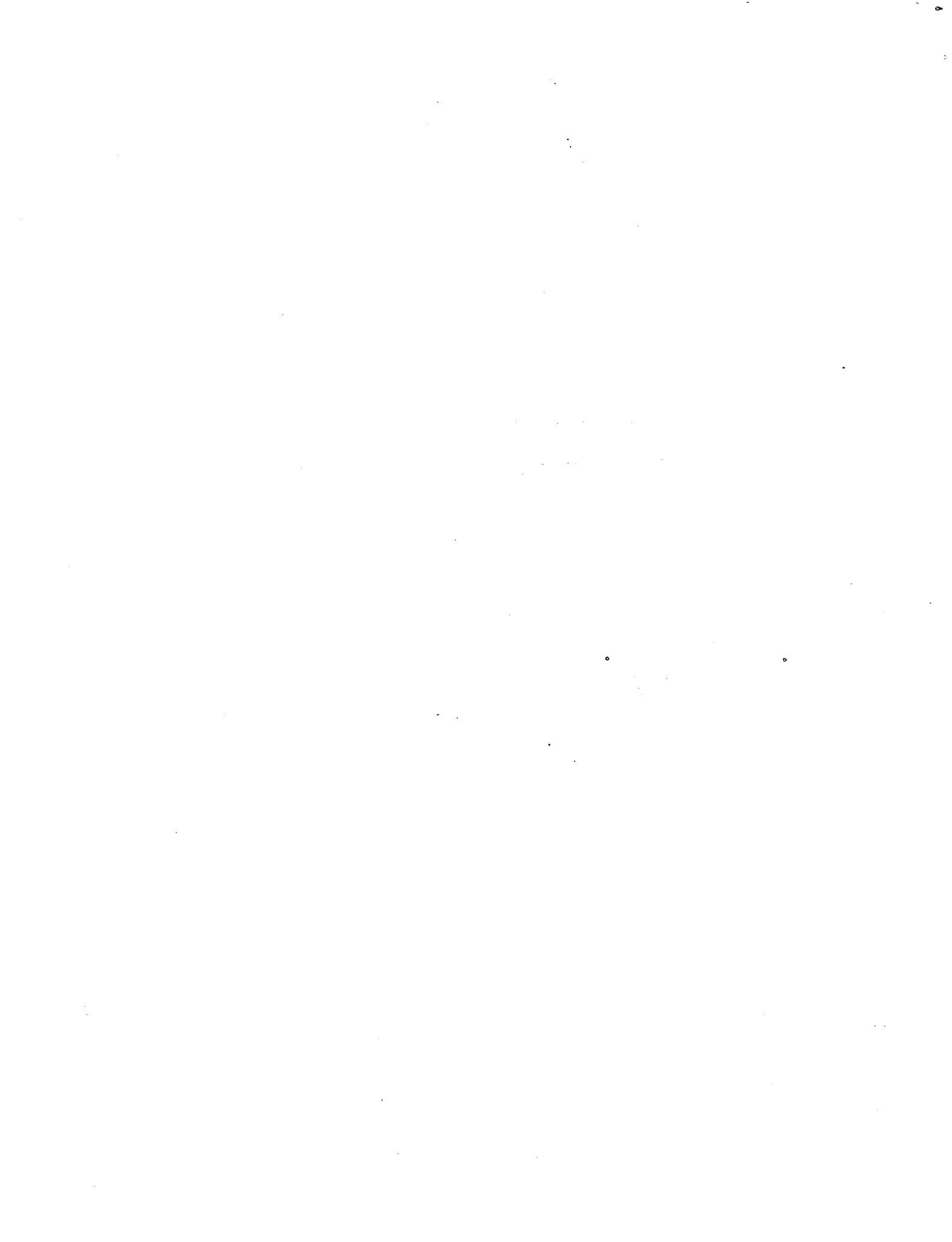
_____ Martha asked Grandfather for the money to pay for the scholarship jacket.

_____ The principal told Martha that the scholarship jacket was no longer free.

_____ Mr Boone reminded Mr Schmidt that Joanne's father was a School Board member.

80. If you were Martha, would you pay for the scholarship jacket? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2m]

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016 (P5)

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS'

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	2	1	2	2	1	3	4	2	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	1	2	1	1	4	2	1	1
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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F	M	H	D	Q	J	N	E		

39)catalogue 40)occasion 41)genres 42)produced

43)rhythm 44)making 45)down 46)organized 47)their

48)to 49)and 50)anxiety 51)left 52)malls

53)hills 54)of 55)touched 56)offer 57)way

58)most 59)with 60)for 61)far 62)known

63)will 64)small 65)ship

66)Tom went out to pay without completing his homework.

67)Mrs Devi asked me if I had left that bag there the previous day.

68>All of the boys have not told anyone the secret yet.

69)On hearing that my class had won the cleanest class competition, I jumped for joy.

70)My brother is so tall that his head almost reachest the ceiling.

71)You must maintain the highest grades for eight years consecutively.

72)Martha

73)It refers to Joanne.

74)fabricate

furiously

appalled

squabble

75)1)He avoided Martha's eyes as she spoke.

2)He was fidgeting with papers on his desk.

76)Martha knew that the real reason for charging fifteen dollars for the jacket was that the principal did not want her to get the scholarship jacket.

77)Too late, finally understood the significance of my words.

78)False / Her school uniforms had always been hand-me-downs as her family could barely make ends meet.

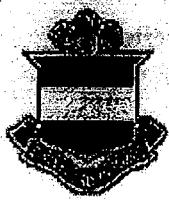
False / She held back her tears until she was a safe distance away from the principal's office before she broke down in tears and cried.

False / She waited desperately hoping her grandfather would agree to give her the money.

True / The principal made an exception for her so Martha did not have to pay for the scholarship jacket.

79)3, 2 ,1

80)Yes. I think Martha should pay for the scholarship jacket because she should not lose the chance of winning the award.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)
2015

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12 May 2015 English Language Paper 2 Duration: 1 h 50 min

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the space provided above
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 28 only.

Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. The machine, _____ used frequently, will lead to wear and tear.

- (1) when
- (2) which
- (3) where
- (4) whom

2. Joe, together with his cousins, _____ praised yesterday by Mother for being helpful.

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

3. I could see the mischief _____ his eyes when he was talking to the teacher.

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

4. Siti was late and missed listening to her brother _____ his speech on stage.

- (1) deliver
- (2) delivers
- (3) delivered
- (4) had delivered

5. To ensure safety, nobody is allowed to use the bridge _____ it has been checked thoroughly.

- (1) because
- (2) since
- (3) after
- (4) until

6. Last year, there _____ a shocking increase in the number of species of endangered animals.

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

7. All of us told the truth, _____ we?

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

8. _____ of the pupils has the mood to celebrate after their embarrassing defeat.

- (1) Both
- (2) None
- (3) Some
- (4) A few

9. We can start the contest now as all the participants _____.

- (1) are arriving
- (2) has arrived
- (3) have arrived
- (4) will be arriving

10. Baking _____ a popular hobby among girls nowadays.

- (1) became
- (2) become
- (3) has become
- (4) would have become

Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

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

11. Mother advised Dad to _____ and consider carefully before he decides to buy the expensive car.

- (1) hold his horses
- (2) make a beeline
- (3) break his neck
- (4) bite his head off

12. It would take years to rebuild Fukushima as the destructive tsunami had torn it _____ in 2011.

- (1) astray
- (2) ablaze
- (3) abroad
- (4) asunder

13. The buses _____ operation after clearing the security checks this morning.

- (1) retired
- (2) revived
- (3) retreated
- (4) resumed

14. John, Mary's brother, stood up to _____ the lies that her friends said about her.

- (1) refute
- (2) permit
- (3) diminish
- (4) surrender

15. The poor puppy which was trapped in the burning house barked _____ for help.

- (1) curiously
- (2) doubtfully
- (3) desperately
- (4) triumphantly

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

It is known that the royal albatross is the biggest bird today. However, it would not have looked so big compared to the *Pelagornis*, a giant ancient flying seabird that
(16)
lived 25 million years ago.

The *Pelagornis*'s bones were unearthed in 1983 during the expansion of an
(17)
airport terminal in America by a group of construction workers. Unknown to them, the find proved to be ground-breaking decades later. The bird's fossils had been
(18)
kept in a museum drawer. It was only recently that paleontologists analysed
(19)
them and revealed that the bird had a 6.4 metre wingspan. Scientists believe that the ancient seabird weighed about 21 kilograms.

Due to its massive size, the study also found that the ancient bird might have soared just above the ocean waves whereas most large birds these days ascend on air current to maintain great height.
(20)

It will certainly be a magnificent sight to see a *Pelagornis* fly in our clear blue skies today.

Adapted from "Ancient Big Bird", National Geographic
Retrieved from: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/nature/ancient-big-bird/>

16. (1) antique
(2) obsolete
(3) prehistoric
(4) old-fashioned

17. (1) disclosed
(2) displayed
(3) discharged
(4) discovered

18. (1) irrational
(2) irrelevant
(3) impactful
(4) inspirational

19. (1) judged
(2) conjured
(3) examined
(4) interrogated

20. (1) peak
(2) depth
(3) climax
(4) altitude

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Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study the poster below carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.



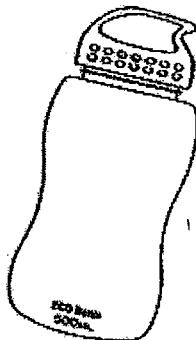
ANNUAL DESIGN A BOTTLE CONTEST

More than
\$5,000 worth of
prizes to be
won!

Attention all Singaporean students!

Put your creative minds to work in celebrating
Singapore's 50th Birthday!

Design a bottle with the SG50 logo. Be inspired by
things that are uniquely Singapore.



*Eligibility: Students must be between 7 to 18 years
of age.*

To participate, submit an artwork based on the following themes together with a write-up of not more than 150 words to describe how your artwork is uniquely Singapore:

Themes

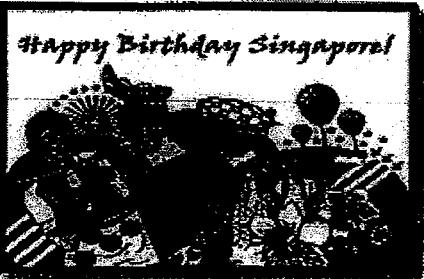
Local Food



Places of interest



Celebrations



People



Winning designs of each category will be printed on 10,000 ECO water bottles that will be given to all primary, secondary and junior college students as an SG50 memento!

Competition Categories and Prizes		
Category A (Age 7 to 12)	Category B (Age 13 to 16)	Category C (Age 17 to 18)
1st Prize: \$1400 cash + \$200 ECO Vouchers	1st Prize: \$1500 cash + \$100 ECO Vouchers	1st Prize: \$1600 cash
2 consolation prizes: \$400 cash + \$200 ECO Vouchers	2 consolation prizes: \$500 cash + \$100 ECO Vouchers	2 consolation prizes: \$600 cash

Judging Process

- All entries will be evaluated by a panel of judges appointed by Raffles Beverage.
- 3 shortlisted entries from each category will be posted on Raffles Beverage Facebook page for public voting for 14 days from the last day of submission.
- The design with the highest number of votes is the winner of the category.
- Winners will be notified via SMS and results will be posted on Raffles Beverage's Facebook page on 30th May 2015.

Submission Criteria

- Email your artwork and write-up to rafflesbeverageSG50designabottle@gmail.com by 1st May 2015
- Artwork submitted must be within the dimensions of 20 x 27 cm (landscape)
- For further enquiries, please send an email to enquiries@rafflesbeverage.com.sg

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. Which of the following artwork will not qualify for this competition?

- (1) a drawing of Singapore Zoological Gardens
- (2) an oil painting of a little girl in a traditional Malay costume
- (3) a painting of a family having reunion dinner during Chinese New Year
- (4) a sketch of how foreigners celebrate National Day in their home country

22. The purpose of sharing four illustrations under "Themes" is to _____.

- (1) distract the reader
- (2) celebrate Singapore's 50th birthday
- (3) illustrate what each theme means
- (4) teach interested participants how to take nice photographs

23. How often is the 'Design a bottle' contest held?

- (1) Once a year
- (2) Once a week
- (3) Once a month
- (4) Once every fifty years

24. James is 14 years old and he wants to take part in the competition. He stands a chance to win _____.

- (1) \$1600 cash
- (2) \$400 cash + \$200 ECO Vouchers
- (3) \$1400 cash + \$200 ECO Vouchers
- (4) \$1500 cash + \$100 ECO Vouchers

25. How are the winners selected from the shortlisted entries?

- (1) The general public would vote.
- (2) A panel of judges would select.
- (3) Students from all over Singapore would vote.
- (4) The chairman of Raffles Beverage would select.

26. Participants will know they have won the competition when they receive a _____.

- (1) phone call
- (2) notification sms
- (3) notification email
- (4) message on their Facebook page

27. The sponsor of the prizes of this competition is likely to be _____.

- (1) ECO Pte Ltd
- (2) SG50 committee
- (3) Raffles Beverage
- (4) Singapore Creative Council

28. Exclamation marks are used in this poster to _____.

- (1) confuse the reader
- (2) decorate the poster
- (3) show that it is easy to win the prizes
- (4) encourage pupils to take part in the competition

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SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| (A) almost | (E) by | (J) never | (N) unlike |
| (B) always | (F) despite | (K) over | (P) when |
| (C) and | (G) it | (L) their | (Q) which |
| (D) at | (H) its | (M) them | |
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On 25 May 2014, India's Malavath Poorna became the youngest female to climb to the summit of the world's highest peak – Mount Everest. (29) _____ many young climbers who come from privileged families, Malavath hails from a poor farming family. Though her village lies just 200km north of a bustling city, it is hard to access as there are no proper roads leading to (30) _____.

Therefore, most Pakala girls have (31) _____ seen the inside of a school. Malavath is one of the fortunate ones who was able to get enrolled in a nearby boarding school with the help of Swaeroes, a welfare organisation whose mission is to help India's underprivileged children reach (32) _____ full potential.

Malavath leaped on the opportunity offered (33) _____ Swaeroes to take up mountaineering training. (34) _____ immediately, Malavath impressed the instructor with her determination.

On 15 April 2014, Malavath and 16-year-old S.Anand Kumar, along with their guide (35) _____ a team of sherpas, began the treacherous trek. After a gruelling climb during (36) _____ Malavath experienced altitude sickness and had to be sent back to the base camp. Malavath finally made it to the summit. She proudly hoisted her country's flag (37) _____ the top of the world. The young girl hopes that her achievement will inspire underprivileged people and girls all (38) _____ the world to try to achieve their dreams.

What an impressive feat!

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word each of the boxes.

In 2013, a group of Dutch students invented a car that converts sunlight to power while

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moving. In addition, it produces energy while it is park. They named it Stella.

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Because solar energy is free and clean than fossil fuels, sun-powered cars are becoming

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a popular concept. Their bodies are light, the panels that turn sunlight to energy are efficient,

and the batteries that store the energy they produce are becoming smaller, lighter and more powerful.

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Advancements like this have enabled electric cars to go further and faster. Environmentalists and

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conservationists are estactic.

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The solar panels on Stella's roof are very well designed that the car produces more energy

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than she uses. The extra electricity can be transferred to a city's power grid for others to uses.

Stella is also designed such that minimal wind resistance is ensured, thus

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saving valueable energy. She is also made by superlight materials which make her weigh much less than other cars.

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Stella clinched the first positian in an electric car competition in Australia by

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travelling almost 1900 miles powered by nothing but sunlight. What a remakable achievement!

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For now, electric cars are still considered scarcey as most people are still not used to the idea. Environmentalists sure hope that Stella will evoive into a mass-produced car that everyone will buy.

Adapted from <http://www.kidsdiscover.com/quick-reads/futuristic-solar-car-dutch-treat-environment/>

Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Last December holiday, my family visited our relatives in Queensland, Australia. During our time there, we stayed in their house that was near a beach famous for its beautiful sea habitat. One day, my uncle decided to take my cousins and me _____ on his boat to snorkel and fish. We (51) prepared the equipment needed and got onto his boat excitedly. Before setting _____, I had to (52) put on a life jacket as I was not a good swimmer.

My excitement _____ as we rode. I had never snorkelled and could not wait to see the (53) beautiful underwater scene. The boat moved fast and soon, we were so _____ away from the (54) shore that we could hardly see it. As I was enjoying the cool breeze, I saw something jump in and out of the water _____ of us. We steered the boat forward to get a closer look. (55) (56) our pleasant surprise, it was a pod of dolphins! They were leaping in the _____ as if they (57) were putting on a show for us. Seeing that, we _____ our snorkel masks and (58) flippers quickly and dived in to take a closer look. Swimming in the sea was difficult but luckily, the life jacket kept me _____. I looked into the water and was greeted _____ (59) (60) an amazing sight. The dolphins circled us and did tricks. This scene _____ enhanced by (61) colourful fishes and beautiful coral reefs on the seabed.

I have read that fishes live in coral reefs as they _____ the marine creatures with food (62) and shelter. However, it was _____ to spot a fish in the corals. Many reef fish have bright (63) colours similar to the corals that help them to camouflage themselves against the corals.

observing a bright orange coral, a shoal of fish swam out suddenly. I stretched
(84) out my hand to _____ the fishes gently. They felt smooth and slimy. This adventure sparked
(85) my interest in the sea habitat and I have since enrolled in snorkelling and diving lessons.

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

For each 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 that of the given sentence(s).

66. Mother was shocked. She saw her long-lost cousin.

to

67. Alice had woken up early. She missed her school bus.

although

68. "Have you completed your test?" Mrs Lee asked her pupils.

Mrs Lee asked her pupils if

69. All the teachers did not accept Ali's explanation.

None

70. It was raining heavily. We had to cancel our outing.

As a result of

Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks
Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

My friend, Karen, had a cat named Charcoal. Perhaps, you would have guessed correctly that the cat was all black. When Charcoal was just a kitten, I picked it up from a drain outside my house. I decided to give the kitten to Karen because she was very fond of animals. I was sure Charcoal would be in good hands.

I remember visiting Karen when Charcoal was still a kitten. We would play with the cat using just a strand of woollen string. All it took to entice the nimble cat was to dangle the end of the string in front of it. The furry creature's lovely eyes would be fixed on the end of the string and she would try to catch the string. Its obsession with the string never ended each time I pulled the string away. It was fun and entertaining for both player and 'victim'. 5

I did not visit my friend during the years that I had gone overseas for my studies. When I finally did, Charcoal had already grown into a lovely and majestic-looking feline. It regarded me with suspicion. When I tried to stroke it on the head, it snarled and raised its paws threateningly. It was no longer the fun-loving Charcoal I used to know. Cats, like the lion, tiger or cheetah, are known to be predatory creatures. They hunt and kill their prey in a ferocious manner. 10
They also mark out their territorial boundaries and defend them fiercely against intruders. I was sure that this was an explanation for the significant change in Charcoal's behaviour but I soon realised that was not the reason. 15

"Is Charcoal always so unfriendly?" I asked Karen. She picked up the cat at once and scolded it tenderly. In the hands of my friend, it was as domesticated as it could be. It knew and acknowledged its master. Karen then explained that Charcoal's behaviour had been borne out of its bad experiences with a visitor. 20

He was Karen's younger brother, Kelvin, who would drop in at her house occasionally. He liked to play with Charcoal rowdily. It was still a kitten then. There is a saying that a cat has nine lives. Charcoal might have used up some of them when Kelvin was throwing it up excessively to see how it would land. He also wanted to see whether it really had the ability to survive each fall. Thankfully, a cat has the innate ability to always land on its feet. Kelvin also enjoyed pouncing on the cat to frighten it. After being so badly treated by the bully, Charcoal developed a suspicion for visitors. 25

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Your answers must be in complete sentences.

71. How did the cat get its name? [2]

72. Quote a sentence in paragraph 1 that shows the trust the author had in Karen to take good care of Charcoal. [2]

73. Who was the victim mentioned in paragraph 2? [1]

74. What did Kelvin do that resulted in a change in Charcoal's behaviour? [2]

Action 1	
Action 2	

75. What did the author mean when he said that Charcoal might have used up some of its 'nine lives' already? [2]

76) Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1]

_____ Charcoal went through a series of bad experiences.

_____ Charcoal was found in a drain.

_____ The author found a drastic change in Charcoal's behaviour.

77. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is *True* or *False*, then give one reason why you think so. [3]

		True/False	Reason
i)	Karen picked up Charcoal from the drain.		
ii)	The author had not seen Charcoal for some time.		
iii)	Charcoal had always been unfriendly.		

78. Explain clearly why Charcoal was able to survive the violent throws. [2]

79. Choose the words from paragraph 5 in the passage that have **opposite** meaning to the words below.

[3]

i)	regularly	
ii)	acquired	
iii)	trust	

80. Do you think that Charcoal will ever learn to trust humans? Why do you think so? Support your answer with information from the passage. [2]

-END OF PAPER-

EXAM PAPER 2015

LEVEL : PRIMARY 5

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS SCHOOL

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10
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Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q 16	Q 17	Q 18	Q 19	Q 20
1	4	4	1	3	3	4	3	3	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	3	1	4	1	2	1	4		

Q 29	Q 30	Q 31	Q 32	Q 33	Q 34	Q 35	Q 36	Q 37	Q 38
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Q66. Mother was shocked to see her long -lost cousin.

Q67. Alice missed her school bus although she had woken up early.

Q68. Mrs Lee asked her pupils if they had completed their test.

Q69. None of the teachers accepted Ali's explanation.

Q70. As a result of the heavy rain, we had to cancel our outing.

Q71. The cat got its name from its colour, black.

Q72. I was sure Charcoal would be in good hands.

Q73. It refers to Charcoal.

Q74. Action 1 - throwing Charcoal excessively to see how it would land.

Q74. Action 2 - pouncing on Charcoal to frighten it.

Q75. Charcoal could have died from one of those throws.

Q76. 1- Charcoal was found in a drain.

Q76. 2 – Charcoal went through a series of bad experiences.

Q76. 3 - The author found a drastic change in Charcoal's behavior.

Q77i) FALSE – The author picked up Charcoal from the drain.

Q77ii) TRUE – The author did not see Charcoal for a long time as she went overseas to study.

Q77iii) FALSE – Charcoal used to be an affectionate friendly kitten.

Q78. A cat has the innate ability to always land on its feet, hence when it lands, it will not have suffered much injuries from the violent throws.

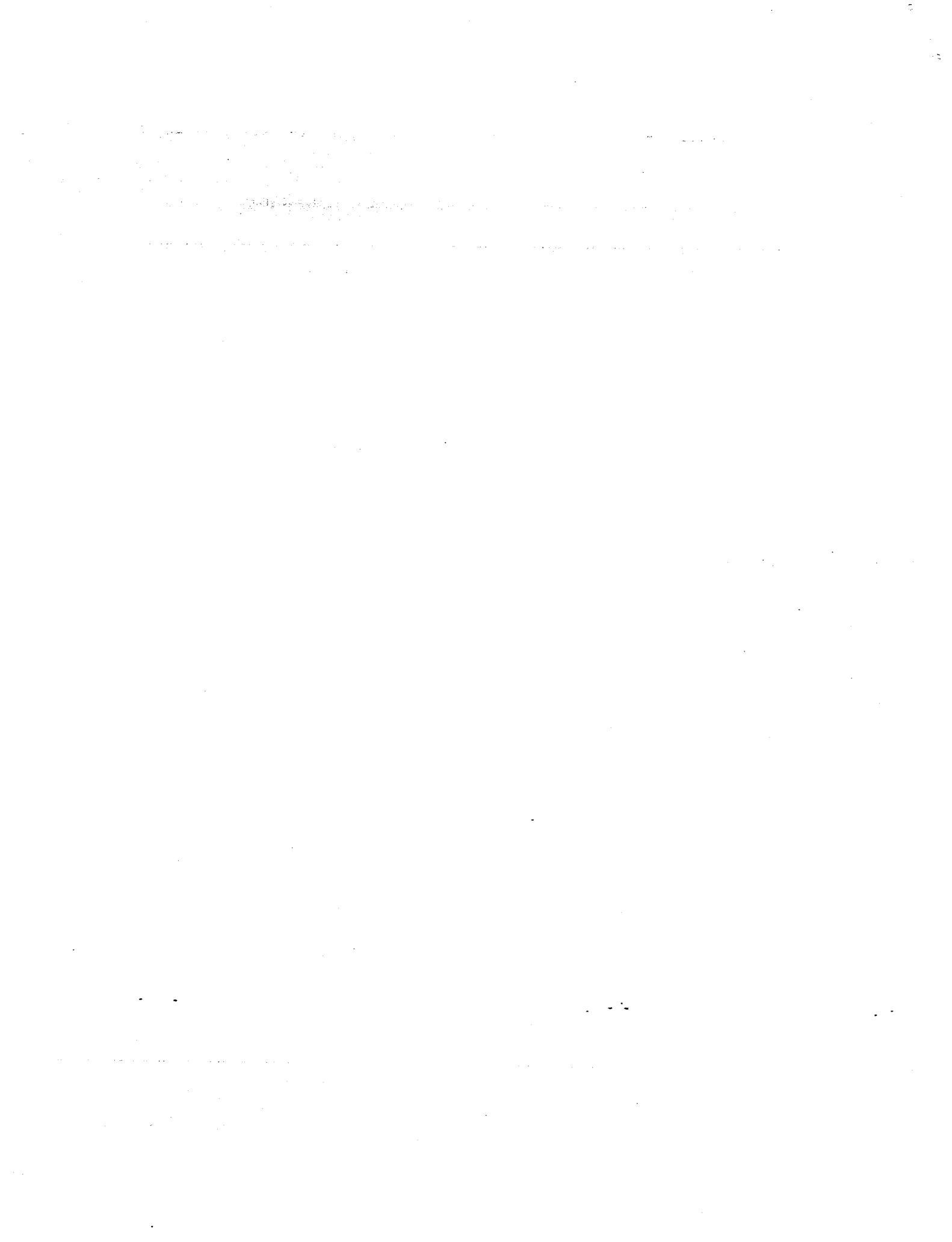
Q79i) occasionally

Q79ii) innate

Q79iii) suspicion

Q80. No, I do not think so. Charcoal will never learn to trust humans again because of the bad experience she had.

THE END





**RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)**

2009

Name: _____ () Class : P5 _____

Your score out of 95 marks	
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13 May 2009

English Language

ATT : 1 hr 50 min

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

1 hour 50 minutes

95 marks

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

Section A : Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the flyer below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.



Desserts Galore.....



Need a treat for your sweet tooth?
Coming your way this June 2009 ...

Opening soon! Yummy Treatz, your favourite café @ Yishun Shopping Centre

Come down to our newest outlet during the opening week and just spend \$15 to receive our all-time favourite, the Yummy Muffin, absolutely free.

Other mouth-watering desserts include:

- ▣ Chocolate peanut éclairs
- ▣ Doughnuts with an assortment of toppings
- ▣ Yoghurt ice cream (all 15 flavours of it!)
- ▣ Chocolate mudpies
- ▣ Milkshakes*



*In celebration of Youth Day, \$1 off regular price for students when they present their student cards, only in the month of July.

"The fastest-growing dessert franchise so far this year, with the launch of three outlets each in the months of April and May."

Life Magazine, May 2009

"The desserts are sinfully delicious ... you will not regret standing in line around the block for its scrumptious muffins .."

Munchies Magazine, April 2009

Location of new outlet:

#01-56 Yishun Shopping Centre
Ivory Road, Singapore
(just across North Vista Hotel)

With 2 more outlets to be opened in the later half of this year!

Simply present this coupon to purchase a bubble tea drink for only half the price on Opening Day, 1st June 2009, at the Yishun outlet.

**For dine-in customers only.



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. Yummy Treatz is the name of a _____.
(1) café
(2) hotel
(3) magazine
(4) shopping centre

2. Yummy Treatz is famous for its delicious _____.
(1) eclairs
(2) muffins
(3) mudpies
(4) doughnuts

3. The latest outlet is set to open in _____.
(1) April 2009
(2) May 2009
(3) June 2009
(4) July 2009

4. There are currently _____ outlets of Yummy Treatz in operation in Singapore.
(1) two
(2) six
(3) three
(4) seven

5. If you are a student, you can get _____.
(1) a Yummy Muffin for free on the opening week
(2) all 15 flavours of its yoghurt ice creams for just \$15
(3) a bubble tea drink for half its price on Youth Day
(4) a milkshake for \$1 less its usual price in the month of July

Section B : Grammar Discrete (7 x 1 mark)

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.

6. Since the two of you did not leave the room, _____ of you are responsible for the broken window.

- (1) one
- (2) both
- (3) each
- (4) either

7. Whenever Tom was naughty, his mother made him _____ to bed without dinner.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) went
- (4) going

8. The blind lady at the bus stop asked me if I _____ tell her when her bus arrived.

- (1) might
- (2) could
- (3) should
- (4) ought to

9. Were they the only girls _____ were present at the ballet class yesterday?

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

10. We _____ everything before our teacher walked into class.

- (1) prepare
- (2) prepared
- (3) had prepared
- (4) have prepared

11. When the wind started blowing, the fire burnt even _____.

- (1) fiercer
- (2) fiercely
- (3) most fiercely
- (4) more fiercely

12. _____ the snakes were harmless, I did not dare to touch them.

- (1) Since
- (2) When
- (3) Even
- (4) Although

Section C : Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

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.

Belle and her mother were taking a stroll along the beach when Belle chanced upon something glittery in the sand – a shell. Belle held up the shell in her hands. "Mummy, look at this pretty shell (13)" she called out to her mother excitedly. She was right (14) The shell was a rare one, one that even her mother had not seen before. It was so enormous that Belle's two hands were barely supporting it. "I've never seen such a shell before, I wonder where it's from (15) Belle's mother said, taking the shell from her daughter's hands. Its beautiful ornament designs reflected the sunlight perfectly.

13. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [?] question mark
(3) ["] inverted commas
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [,] comma
(4) [;] semi-colon
15. (1) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(2) [" .] inverted commas and full stop
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [" ,] inverted commas and comma

Section D : Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 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.

16. The old school has been _____ and residential apartments will be built in its place.

- (1) renovated
- (2) decorated
- (3) demolished
- (4) reconstructed

17. That painting is not a/an _____ but it is a good replica of the one painted by Monet.

- (1) hoax
- (2) fake
- (3) original
- (4) specimen

18. With too much _____ on his hands and nothing to keep him occupied, he was bound to get into mischief without proper adult supervision.

- (1) time
- (2) space
- (3) wealth
- (4) freedom

19. Please remember to _____ my message to Alan. It is urgent and important.

- (1) convey
- (2) review
- (3) transfer
- (4) disseminate

20. He was riding his bicycle at full speed when he hit a tree and was _____ the bicycle.

- (1) thrown on
- (2) thrown off
- (3) thrown out
- (4) thrown over

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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.

There are many myths and legends surrounding the origin of the ancient well known.
Olympic Games. The most prevalent legend describes Hercules as the creator of the
(21)
Games, who built the Olympic stadium and surrounding buildings as a tribute to his father, Zeus, after completing his twelve labours. According to that legend, he walked in a straight line for 400 strides and called this distance a 'stadion' that later
(22) now.
also became a distance calculation unit. This is also why a present-day stadium is
(23)
400 metres in circumference. According to scholars, the first Olympic Games were held as early as 884 B.C.

From then on, the Games quickly became much more important throughout ancient Greece, reaching its peak in the sixth and fifth centuries B.C. The Games
(24)
were held once every four years and the celebration was spread over several days. Winners of the events were greatly revered and were immortalised in poems and
(25)
statues by the people. With the establishment of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the games started internationally in 1876 and continues till today.

21. (1) popular
(2) favourite
(3) infamous
(4) notorious

22. (1) short steps
(2) long steps
(3) quick steps
(4) unsteady steps

23. (1) modern
(2) historical
(3) temporary
(4) permanent

24. (1) roof
(2) climax
(3) ceiling
(4) summit

25. (1) received
(2) rewarded
(3) respected
(4) remembered

Section F (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Bringing a giraffe into the world is a tall order. A baby giraffe falls 10 feet from its mother's womb and usually lands on its back. Within seconds it rolls over and tucks its legs under its body. From this position it considers the world for the first time and shakes off the last vestiges of the birthing fluid from its eyes and ears. Then the mother giraffe rudely introduces its offspring to the reality of life.

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In his book, "A view from the Zoo", Gary Richmond describes how a newborn giraffe learns its first lesson.

The mother giraffe lowers her head long enough to take a quick look. Then she positions herself directly over her calf. She waits for about a minute, and then she does the most unreasonable thing. She swings her long, pendulous leg outward and kicks her baby, so that it is sent sprawling head over heels.

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When it doesn't get up, the violent process is repeated over and over again. The struggle to rise is momentous. As the calf grows tired, the mother kicks it again to stimulate its effort. Finally, the calf stands for the first time on its wobbly legs.

Then the mother giraffe does the most remarkable thing. She kicks it off its feet again. She wants it to remember how it got up. In the wild, baby giraffes must be able to get up as quickly as possible to stay with the herd, where there is safety. Lions, hyenas, leopards, and wild hunting dogs all enjoy young giraffes, and they'd get it too, if the mother didn't teach her calf to get up quickly.

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The late Irving Stone understood this. He spent a lifetime studying greatness, writing novelised biographies of such men as Michelangelo, Vincent van Gogh, Sigmund Freud, and Charles Darwin.

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Stone was once asked if he had found a thread that runs through the lives of all these exceptional people. He said, "I write about people who sometime in their life have a vision or dream of something that should be accomplished and they go to work."

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"They are beaten over the head, knocked down, vilified, and for years they get nowhere. However, every time they're knocked down, they stand up. You cannot destroy these people. At the end of their lives, they've accomplished some modest part of what they set out to do."

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. Another word for 'vestiges' in line 4 is _____
- (1) vision
(2) residue
(3) container
(4) reminder
27. The calf receives its first lesson on life by _____
- (1) listening to its mother
(2) trying to stand up on its own.
(3) sitting on its legs under its body
(4) looking at the world for the first time
28. The mother giraffe kicks her calf again after it has stood up for the first time because _____
- (1) she wants to do a remarkable thing
(2) the calf is being playful and disobedient
(3) she wants her calf to remember how to get up
(4) the predators will get to her calf if it doesn't get up quick enough
29. The word 'this' in line 20 refers to _____
- (1) the life of an exceptional person
(2) the biography Irving Stone wrote
(3) the time Irving Stone spent studying the people he wrote about
(4) the lesson learnt on how to overcome obstacles and accomplish a task
30. The people Irving Stone wrote about _____
- (1) were born great
(2) were people with great thinking and skills
(3) gave up fighting what they believed in when they were knocked down
(4) have undying fighting spirit despite being knocked down many times

Section G : Structural Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) can	(G) in	(K) test	(N) though
(B) and	(E) even	(H) into	(L) must	(P) should
(C) any	(F) from	(J) it	(M) or	(Q) while

Most of us are afraid of sharks. (31) _____ is the fish that we fear most. Sharks belong to (32) _____ class called chondrichthyes. It includes rays and sawfish. These fishes have no bones (33) _____ the skeleton is made up of cartilage. Sharks have to be on the move all the time (34) _____ else, they will sink.

Sharks will eat (35) _____ object in the water, whether it is moving or still. They feed on sick and injured fishes and (36) _____ eat the garbage dumped from ships. When there is a group of sharks, eating turns (37) _____ a frenzy. At times like that, they (38) _____ even end up eating one of their own kind.

(39) _____ some sharks bite off chunks of their prey, others swallow them whole. The harmless sharks that feed on plankton, small plants and animal organisms are, ironically (40) _____, the giants of the shark family, the whale shark and the basking shark.

Section H : Editing (10 × 1 mark)

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

This is a handbook about the craft of fiction writing for new and emerging writers.

This handbook on writing cannot help you unless you invest time and effort in
(41) (42)
developing your talents. For example, it's unwise to set off to be a writer of fiction

without first being a reader of it. Writers of fiction who are thoughtful readers of it are

(43) (44)
better able to make informed assessments of their own work and forged their own writing

styles.

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Becoming a writer also involves patience and a readiness to rewrite. I once spent
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a week writing a detailed reader's report for a man whose first novel had been rejected by
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a publisher. The novel had interesting characters and a moving theme, but it was too long
by half, sloppily constructed and badly written.

(48)

I believed that many new writers have false notions about writing, the writer's life
and getting published. They don't realise that writing and rewriting require thought, care,
(49)

patience and long hours for solitary work. As long-distance runners need training, and

ongoing training, in order to run a marathon, writers learn to write by observing, being

(50)
perceptive, reading, writing, drafting and refining, and establishing good work habits.

Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each of the blanks with a suitable word.

The old dog took a few minutes to take stock of the telephone repairman in that wet, cold night. Being tired, hungry and footsore, he decided to get into his truck, then into his home and soon _____ (51) his heart.

Alleybones was not as lucky. He _____ (52) in the alley, growing wilder, hungrier, skinnier. As eating was not a _____ (53) thing with him, his spine began to stick out like a row of little knobs. He _____ (54) a lot of time sleeping and a lot of time trying to get out of the way.

He was a street-smart cat who knew when to fight - not too _____ (55) - and when to run away - usually always. For a long time, he was the only cat in the alley, but there was a gang of rats, most of them half his size and twice as tough. So long as he stayed behind the garbage tin, _____ (56) for times he had to look for food, they did not bother him. He had no intention of bothering them either.

Alleybones scrounged in garbage bins, _____ (57) the occasional mouse, found scraps here and there that people taking a shortcut through the alley, carrying hot dogs or sandwiches or bags of potato chips, had _____ (58).

One evening, drifting _____ (59) of his sleep, he ventured out and sensed _____ (60) different. Sniffing eagerly, he breathed in the wonderful odours of food percolating through the night air. Lifting one paw, then the _____ (61), over and over, he sniffed till he felt faint. However, before he lost _____ (62), he heard someone say, "You look worse than I thought. Hold on a second."

The old man _____ (63) through the back door and emerged a moment later with a plate of scraps. "Left over stuff," he explained. "They make me pile too much food on the dishes and it always goes to _____ (64). Got no sense, that's the trouble with most people."

Alleybones was not listening. He gobbled _____ (65) pieces of chicken, ham, carrots, onions, pasta - all of it smothered in a buttery sauce.

Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 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).

66. That lady is Miss Tang. My mother knows her very well.

whom

67. "Did you take my library books?" James asked his sister.

James asked his sister

68. You must hurry. You will be late for the competition.

Unless

69. My siblings enjoy playing basketball but I do not.

Unlike

70. The robber saw the policemen. He took to his heels.

when

Section J: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 × 2 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

It seems to me that all writers, including those eminent ones, need encouragement particularly in their early years. I always knew I could write, but that just meant I wrote a little better than my peers. I hope that I might one day write well enough to derive income from my efforts. Oddly enough, this never occurred to me during my grade and high school years.

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There was a benevolent teacher at Hyde Park High School in Chicago, who simply by concentrating her attention on me, made me believe that I might be able to master the knack of writing well enough to consider the craft as a profession. Her name was Marguerite Byrne and she taught English, which of course, involved writing skills. Whatever instruction she shared with me was exactly the same as all her other students enjoyed, but the difference was she encouraged me to begin the process of submitting things I was writing, in those days, chiefly poems.

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To my surprise the Chicago Tribune not only thought enough of several of my verses to publish them, but also paid me -- inadvertently -- the highest compliment a fledgling author can receive. The editor wrote a confidential letter to Miss Byrne, asking her to see, if by chance, one of her students -- a certain Stephen Allen -- might be guilty of plagiarism. The editor's suspicions had been roused because, he was kind enough to say, he found it hard to believe that a seventeen-year-old could create material on such a professional level. When Miss Byrne shared the letter with me, I was ecstatic! It was wonderfully heartening.

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Miss Byrne made me realise that I should not hide my light under a bushel. This made me muster my courage to enter a writing contest. The assignment was to write an essay titled "Rediscovering America." I was literally astonished when I received a letter saying that I was the winner of the contest. The prize was a thousand dollars. My mother, at the time, was not even aware that I was interested in writing, or if she had somehow found out about it, she took little notice. When I arrived home that evening with the letter, she was indifferent and did not ask how the evening had gone.

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Without encouragement, talented students will continue to perform below expectations without the motivation to learn. For example, at the same high school, there was a teacher whose Spanish language classes I attended but from whom I, unfortunately learned very little simply because of the woman's cold sarcastically critical attitude. She seemed to know nothing about nurturing students. Soon, I withdrew from her classroom literacy instruction.

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Years later, I was able to repay my debt to Marguerite Byrne by dedicating one of my books, Wry on the Rocks -- A Collection of Poems, to her. I have enjoyed a lifetime writing books and television scripts because of Miss Byrne's tutelage.

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Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Writer's Soul by Steve Allen

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Answer questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. How is Miss Byrne related to the writer?

72. What additional support did the writer receive from Miss Byrne that her other students did not receive?

73. What was the editor's suspicion?

74. Why did Stephen find the editor's suspicion heartening?

75. What does the "it" in line 26 refer to?

76. How did Stephen show his gratitude to Miss Byrne?

77. Why did the writer withdraw from his Spanish language classes?

78. Name two jobs Stephen held after graduation.

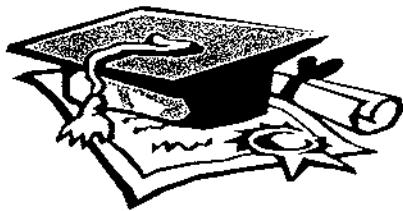
79. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as the word "famous"?

80. Which sentence tells you that Stephen realised that he should not keep his writing talent a secret?

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ANSWER SHEET

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SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY

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45)involves 46)whose 47)theme 48)believe 49)of

50)perceptive 51)into 52)lived 53)daily 54)spent

55)often 56)except 57)caught 58)dropped 59)out

60)something 61)other 62)consciousness 63)went

64)waste 65)up

66)That lady whom my mother knows very well is Miss Tang.

67)James asked his sister is she had taken his library book.

68)Unless you hurry, you will be late for the competition.

69)Unlike mu siblings, I do not enjoy playing basketball.

70)The robber took to his heels when he saw the policemen.

71)Miss Byrne was the writer's benevolent teacher at Hyde Park High School in Chicago.

72)Miss Byrne encouraged him to submit his writing.

73)The editor thought that Stephen Allen might be guilty of plagiarism.

74)It was because the editor it hard to believe that a seventeen-year-old could create material on such a professional level.

75)The word "it" in line 26 refers to the writer being interested in writing.

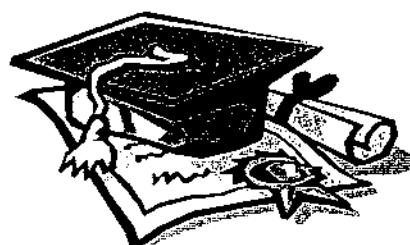
76)He dedicated one of his books to her.

77)It was because the woman's cold sarcastically critical attitude caused the writer to learn very little.

78)Stephen became an author and a TV scriptwriter.

79)The word is "eminent".

80)The sentence is "Miss Byrne made me realise that I should not hide my light under a bushel.





**RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)
2009**

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the space provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 30 only.

Section A : Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus) (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

**Spend \$70* by VISA or \$100*
by other means and take part
in these delightful events!**

Tour of Changi Airport

Join Dora and friends to explore Changi Airport. At the end of the tour, you will be greeted by Dora and Boots, and stand a chance to receive a special gift from them!

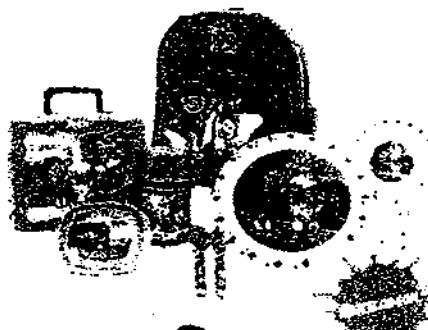


Eligible shoppers can register for 1 of the 2 daily tours, which start at 2pm or 4pm every Tuesday and Wednesday.

(Limited to 20 children per session. Each shopper can register a maximum of 2 children. All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.)

Redeem exclusive Dora Collectibles

Be rewarded with exclusive Dora Premiums when you shop and dine from 29 May to 30 June. Collect all 3 premiums while stocks last.



Dora's Best Friends Day

Live Musical Show

Dora and Boots will be at Changi Airport Terminal 3 Public Area for a live musical show. Redeem your show passes to take part in the interactive show! Redemption of show passes starts from 11am on show days.

(Limited to 30 passes per show.)



Tea at the Butterfly Garden

Participate in a lucky draw to win exclusive invites to a Tea Party with Dora and Boots in Terminal 3 Transit Area, Butterfly Garden. Enjoy a special screening of Dora the Explorer at the Changi Movie Theatre and be treated to tea! Each tea party admits 10 families (2 children and 2 adults per family).

The Tea Party will be conducted from 10am to 11.30am, on 27 June and 28 June 2009 (Sat & Sun). Participation period for the lucky draw is from 29 May to 14 June 2009.

Bouncing Castles

Shoppers who spend \$20 by any means of payment in a single receipt can enjoy a 15-minute play session at the Bouncing Castles. There will be 2 Bouncing Castles at the Basement 3 Car Park 3A and 3B.
(Limited to the first 300 redemptions.)

Visit our redemption counter at Terminal 3 Public Area, Level 3, for more details. Redemption is from 10am to 11pm. Shoppers can only sign up for either the live musical show or tour.

*Maximum of 3 receipts on the same day

1. All the events and activities below allowed shoppers to come up close to Dora except for the _____
- (1) Live Musical Show
 - (2) Tour of Changi Airport
 - (3) Tea at the Butterfly Garden
 - (4) Play Session at the Bouncing Castles
2. Mrs Lim would like get the Dora collectibles for her daughter. She could redeem them by _____
- (1) spending \$85 by VISA
 - (2) watching Dora the Explorer on Nickelodeon
 - (3) taking part in the lucky draw from 29 May to 14 June
 - (4) spending \$20 each at three different shops in Changi Airport
3. The advertisement did not indicate the maximum number of participants/shoppers for the _____
- (1) Live Musical Show
 - (2) Screening of Dora the Explorer
 - (3) Redemption of Dora Collectibles
 - (4) Play Session at the Bouncing Castles
4. According to the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) The Musical Show commenced at 11am.
 - (2) There were two tours of the Changi Airport daily from 29 May to 30 June 2009.
 - (3) Dora and Boots would be interacting with the audience at the Live Musical Show.
 - (4) Shoppers who spent \$20 by any means of payment could enjoy a 15-minute play session at only one of the three Bouncing Castles.
5. Mrs Lim's ten-year-old daughter was unable to register for the tour of Changi Airport with Dora. Which one of the following could be a possible reason?
- (1) She had signed up for the Musical Show.
 - (2) She won the lucky draw for the Tea Party.
 - (3) Fifteen children had already registered for the tour.
 - (4) Her younger sister could not accompany her on the tour.

Section B: Grammar (7x1 mark)

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.

6. May, as well as her sisters, _____ present at the birthday party last night.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were
7. If Tom _____ about the deception earlier, he would not have bought the ring.
(1) knew
(2) knows
(3) has known
(4) had known
8. In Japan, trains are equipped with cosy bedrooms for people _____ work requires them to travel long distances.
(1) who
(2) whom
(3) whose
(4) which
9. It was not my decision to dismiss the worker, _____ was it the manager's.
(1) or
(2) nor
(3) but
(4) and
10. The strenuous exercise tired _____ the children.
(1) out
(2) off
(3) away
(4) down

11. Mrs Lim has agreed to give my cousin and _____ a treat.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

12. You have never seriously considered her proposal, _____ you?

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) hadn't
- (4) haven't

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

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.

It was evening when the girls reached home.

"You have made me so worried (13) cried their mother when the girls entered the house.

She then glared at both of them and the girls knew that she was waiting for an explanation.

"It's your fault. You had better explain it," Helen whispered to her sister (14) Lydia, who just kept staring at the floor.

"I'm sorry, mum," Lydia mumbled (15) I did not complete my Science homework so I had to stay in school and finish it. As a result, we missed the school bus. I promise that I will be more responsible in the future."

13. (1) [,] comma and inverted commas
(2) [.] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [?] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [-] dash
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi-colon
15. (1) [!] exclamation mark
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

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 number in the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Since he dropped out of school, he became a light-fingered person.

- (1) someone who is good at playing the piano
- (2) someone who is good at drawing
- (3) someone who is good at stealing
- (4) someone who is good at picking locks

17. As a result of the scarcity of food, many people in the country have lost their lives.

- (1) epidemic
- (2) drought
- (3) hunger
- (4) famine

18. Stock prices are at an all-time low due to the economic recession and she decided to throw caution to the wind and invest heavily in shares.

- (1) take a risk
- (2) let down her guard
- (3) become reckless
- (4) listen to what others say

19. The report that there was a bomb in the school was totally unfounded.

- (1) uninteresting
- (2) unmistakable
- (3) unfortunate
- (4) unreal

20. She decided to accede to his request after pondering over it for a day.

- (1) turn down
- (2) agree to
- (3) listen to
- (4) put aside

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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.

Ben was nervous, shifting his weight from one leg to the other in anticipation of the jump. He bent his legs, daring himself, and bringing a quick response from that soothing voice. "Careful, now. Remember everything we've said." (21)

He dropped a metre before the rope took the full weight of his body. Looking up, Ben could see the instructor watching his movements critically from the cliff's edge where he had stood just a few seconds before. The instructor said nothing, leaving Ben to follow procedure, unwilling to interfere unless the boy faltered or worse, panicked. (22)

The sense of being completely alone on this sheer cliff face was overwhelming. He felt small, no more than a fly clinging to a massive wall of rusty red and ochre. He found a moment of solitude amidst the frenzy of city life. Twisting in the harness, he took in the view. (23)

"Fielding, are you okay?" shouted the instructor. "Do you need any help?"

Ben responded by bounding and free-falling quickly to the ground, exhilarated as much by his brief pause on the cliff face as by the successful descent itself. (24)

21. (1) weak
(2) calming
(3) refreshing
(4) submissive

22. (1) swayed
(2) struggled
(3) stumbled
(4) stammered

23. (1) rocky
(2) steep
(3) icy
(4) smooth

24. (1) loneliness
(2) quietness
(3) aloofness
(4) weakness

25. (1) happy
(2) satisfied
(3) challenged
(4) invigorated

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5x1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was cold in the night. Dantes felt a sudden jolt as the sack he was in was clumsily lowered to the ground. He could not see what was happening around him but could hear one of the guards saying to the other, "Hurry up and tie the knot and then we can get back to our quarters and share a bottle of wine."

Dantes could not understand the reference to tying a knot. Why should they have to tie a knot before they could go off duty? He did not have to wait long for the answer. The guard who had spoken dropped something near the bottom of the sack. What *the object* was, Dantes could only guess. It sounded like a heavy stone. He felt a rope being tied around his ankles. Before he realised what was happening, he felt himself being swung to and fro. The last words he ever heard on the Chateau d'If were "One, two, three! Heave!"

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Dantes felt himself being flung out into space. He felt a tug at his feet and knew that the heavy weight was tied to the end of the rope. There was a sudden jerk as he crashed into the icy cold water. He had been flung into the sea with a 16-kilogram cannon ball tied to his feet. The ocean was the cemetery of the Chateau d'If.

Dantes held his breath. He must get free quickly or die. He slit open the sack and struggled to free his legs from the heavy iron ball. Gathering all his strength, he slashed through the rope around his ankles. The cannon ball sank towards the seabed pulling along with it the sack which had nearly become his shroud. Dantes shot upwards.

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As soon as he surfaced, he gazed upwards at the cliff whose summit he had made such a terrifying descent. Hour after hour he put greater distance between himself and the island-prison as he swam on and on.

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Adapted from The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas

For each question from 26 to 30, 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.

26. Dantes could not see what was happening around him as _____.
(1) he was blind
(2) it was cold in the night
(3) he was held captive in a sack
(4) the guards were busy rushing back to their quarters
27. In line 7, "the object" was a _____.
(1) rope
(2) sack
(3) heavy stone
(4) cannon ball
28. What did the two guards do immediately after tying a rope around Dante's ankles?
(1) They swam away from the cliff.
(2) They threw Dantes into the ocean.
(3) They dropped something into the sack.
(4) They went back to their quarters to drink a bottle of wine.
29. Chateau d'If was a/an _____.
(1) ocean
(2) cemetery
(3) island-prison
(4) guard quarters
30. According to the passage, which one of the following statements is true?
(1) Dantes swam for a long time, hoping to reach safety.
(2) Dantes used the sack and cannon ball to escape.
(3) Dantes planned his escape with the help of the guards.
(4) Dantes never understood why the guards had to tie a knot.

BOOKLET B

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Section G: Structural Cloze (10 × 1 mark)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) at	(G) by	(K) is	(N) to
(B) among	(E) between	(H) from	(L) since	(P) was
(C) and	(F) but	(J) in	(M) through	(Q) when

There are many American inventors. Thomas Edison is perhaps the most famous _____ the American inventors.
(31)

There are many stories _____ what Edison was like as a child. They
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all show that from an early age, he _____ curious about the world around him. He
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tried to teach himself _____ reading and experimenting. He was always interested
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_____ books that showed how things were made. He made his own telegraph set
(35)
_____ a picture in a book.
(36)

As a boy, Edison worked as a gatekeeper _____ his father's
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observatory for tourists. _____ he was twelve, he sold newspapers on trains to
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earn some pocket money.

In 1869, Edison patented his first invention _____ advertised that he
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"would hereafter devote his time _____ bringing out his inventions."
(40)

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10x1mark)

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

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The Great Singapore Sale is now on! Between 29th May to 26th July, whether

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you are in the main shopping belts of Orchard Road and Marina Bay or at the sarbuban

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malls, look out for discounts of up to 70% at the usual prices. That goes for just about

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anything, including designer aparrell, jewellery, watches and more! Not enough to wiet your

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appetite? Well, on top of that, visitors to the island city during the Great Singapore Sale is

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entitled to exclusive promotions of selected retail and lifestyle purchases. So take advantage

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of the season's tourist preveledges and rewards to enjoy even bigger bargains! What's

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more, there will also be attractive dining offers islandwide after the season to keep you and

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your companions toroughly contented even when you're not shopping.

Adapted from website <http://www.greatsingaporesale.com.sg/2009/eng-tourist/home.html>

Section I: Comprehension Cloze Passage (15x1mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Singapore has seen the number of malaria cases rise recently. The outbreak of malaria took a turn for the _____, with two more people- including another Singaporean- coming _____ with the potentially deadly disease. (51) (52)

This brings the total number of people infected to 17- all men.

Of these, 15 are _____ workers living in dormitories. The two Singaporeans are a full-time national serviceman, _____ the Health Ministry said was _____ to have been bitten while in camp, and a 51-year-old (53) (54) (55) worker in Mandai Estate.

The current outbreak has not only infected more people, but has occurred in two distinct locations, making it more _____ to contain. Another worry this time round: Many foreign workers here come from _____ where malaria is endemic, and might have been infected several times previously. Those who have had previous infections might become only mildly sick if bitten by an _____ mosquito. In such cases, they might not be _____ as having (56) (57) (58) (59) malaria, though the parasites which cause the disease would still be in their blood.

Meanwhile, the National Environment Agency (NEA) is sparing no _____ to stamp out the disease and has _____ thermal (60) (61) fogging in the night. The recent outbreak has raised some concerns, especially since the disease has not reared its head in a long while.

Singapore was _____ malaria-free in 1982, when it eradicated (62) sustained local transmissions of the disease. It has _____ this status for (63) almost three decades by swiftly ring-fencing any imported cases to prevent the disease from _____ (64)

Malaria can be cured if treated early. Delays in treatment can result in death.

_____ include fever, headache, chills and vomiting. The NEA advises (65) the public who experiences any of the above to consult a doctor immediately.

Adapted from the Straits Times, Friday, 12th June 2009

Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 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).

66. Mary will be angry if you do not go to her party.

Unless _____

67. My brother enjoys sky diving. I do not.

Unlike _____

68. He was tired. He carried on doing his work.

In spite of _____

69. Mrs Tan asked the class, ~~Was~~ Maria absent from the NE Show yesterday?"
^{Was}

Mrs Tan asked the class _____

70. He solved all the problems. He managed this in twenty minutes. ~~to~~

~~to~~ _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 × 2 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

If you have ever been to the Bishan MRT station, you might have walked past a middle-aged man playing a guitar and singing aloud. You might have told yourself, "Oh, he's just another street busker." It might come as a pleasant surprise to you to know that the street busker who can play and sing so well is actually blind!

Raymond Tay worked as a stenographer for fourteen years, taking notes in Braille before converting them into printed text. His job was mundane and the pay somewhat low. When word processing software and computers were introduced into the office, his work became more difficult as he could not tell what he had typed on the new machine. Frustrated, he quit.

Having picked up guitar-playing while he was in the School for the Blind and later the harmonica on his own, the musically-inclined Raymond decided to become a street busker. His wife was hesitant, but he was determined. To date, he has been busking for about seven years. "From the Asians' point of view busking is like begging. But I think that, so long as you produce a good piece of music, it justifies the collection," Raymond said. "Besides, you get to choose which songs you like to sing, and when you want to turn up for work," he added with a smile.

Left blinded at the age of thirteen after fire crackers he was playing with exploded in his face, Raymond can usually be seen at the Bishan MRT station. His voice is strong and vibrant and his favourite songs are nostalgic ones like : *Oh, Carol!* and *Rhythm of the Rain*, which were popular in the 60's and 70's.

When asked if there were any occupational hazards in his line of work, he said, " Oh, yes! People have tried to take advantage of my visual handicap." Recounting an incident, he said, " Someone tried to steal my money while I was singing, but members of the public caught him and later whacked him. I didn't know what happened until I heard the commotion."

Now he has 'fans-turned-friends' who help him keep a look-out. One of them happily pointed out that Raymond can sing in English, Chinese, Hokkien and even Malay.

Raymond has had passers-by dropping him notes to compliment him on his singing. Some who wanted to make friends, even leave him their telephone numbers. He is totally relaxed when busking because of the freedom it gives him.

So it looks like we will see Raymond at his favourite stake-out, singing with gusto, for a long time to come.

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Answer questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why is Raymond not considered to be 'just another street busker'?

72. Why did Raymond quit his job as a stenographer after fourteen years?

73. Which phrase in the passage tells us that Raymond was not born blind?

74. How did Raymond learn to play the harmonica?

75. How was Raymond's point of view of busking different from that of the Asians' point of view?

76. What problem does Raymond face being a blind busker?

77. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'dull and uninteresting'?

78. Do you think the passers-by like Raymond's singing? How do you know?

79. What kind of characteristic is being shown by Raymond's attitude despite his handicap?

80. From the passage, explain how busking gave Raymond the 'freedom' he enjoyed in line 30?

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41)From 42)suburban 43)off 44)apparel 45)whet

46)are 47)on 48)privileges 49)during 50)thoroughly

51)worse 52)down 53)foreign 54)whom,who 55)likely

56)difficult 57)countries 58)infected 59)diagnosed 60)effort

61)started,begun 62)declared, pronounce 63)kept, help, retained

64)spreading 65)Symtons

66)Unless you go to Mary's party, she will be angry.

67)Unlike my brother, I do not enjoy sky diving.

68)In spite of being tired, he carried on doing his work.

69)Mrs Tan asked the class whether Maria had been absent from the NE Show the previous day.

70)He managed to solve all the problems in twenty minutes.

71)It is because although Raymond is blind, he is able to play and sing very well.

72)It was because Raymond used to take notes in Braille before converting them to printed text, however when word processing software and computers were used in the office, Raymond became frustrated as he could not tell what he had typed on the computers.

73)The phrase is "Left blinded at the age of thirteen."

74)Raymond learnt how to play the harmonica on his own.

75)Raymond thought that busking is not like busking as it requires him to produce a good piece of music.

76)As Raymond is blind, he is unable to see, thus some people have tried to take advantage of his visual handicap by stealing his money while Raymond was singing.

77)The word is "mundane."

78)Yes, I think passers-by like Raymond's singing. I know that passers-by like Raymond's singing because some passers-by drop him to compliment him on his singing, while others who wanted to be his friend, would leave Raymond their telephone numbers.

79)Raymond is persistent and optimistic.

80)Raymond could choose which songs he wanted to sing and when he wanted to turn up for work.



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Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. Joanne, together with her teammates, _____ praised by the Principal this morning for winning the second prize in the competition.

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

2. "We need to hand in our holiday assignments tomorrow, _____ we?" asked Timothy.

- (1) do
- (2) can
- (3) can't
- (4) don't

3. There were many participants at the talent show, many of _____ were my friends.

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

4. _____ Janet was very angry, she remained calm and composed.

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

5. My parents used to buy my brother and _____ our favourite chocolates when we were young.

- (1) I
- (2) us
- (3) me
- (4) we

6. Despite her mother's advice, Shannon insisted _____ staying up late to watch her Korean drama series.

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

7. Old Mr Lim was certain that he saw a man _____ his neighbour's house through the window.

- (1) enter
- (2) enters
- (3) entered
- (4) had entered

8. All but one of the pupils _____ at the National Day preview last Saturday.

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

9. Had we left the house earlier, we _____ the start of the movie.

- (1) will not miss
- (2) would not miss
- (3) will not have missed
- (4) would not have missed

10. Most of the pupils would rather go to school _____ stay at home.

- (1) but
- (2) and
- (3) then
- (4) than

Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

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

11. My friends and I had _____ at our primary school reunion party and would be looking forward to the next one.

- (1) a whale of a time
- (2) the ball in our court
- (3) a blessing in disguise
- (4) the best of both worlds

12. Ben lied to his mother again. He certainly had no _____ about lying.

- (1) conscience
- (2) restrictions
- (3) sympathy
- (4) qualms

13. Two foreign workers were publicly _____ as heroes for rescuing a child who was stuck between the rails of a flat.

- (1) hailed
- (2) loathed
- (3) accepted
- (4) censured

14. All my attempts to cheer my best friend up proved _____ as she completely ignored me and walked away.

- (1) competent
- (2) useful
- (3) lethal
- (4) futile

15. Mr Lee had instructed his students _____ on the given task but they were still clueless on what to do.

- (1) explicitly
- (2) expansively
- (3) exuberantly
- (4) expressively

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Amy-Beth Ellice may only have turned 17 last week but with her cookbook being sold in stores alongside books by famous baker, Jamie Oliver, Amy's stardom is set to rise. Billed (16) as Britain's youngest published baker, Amy has grown up at a time when Britain has gone baking bonkers, with such TV shows as The Great British Bake Off.

You might be wondering who Amy is since she seems to have appeared from obscurity. Like millions of children, she started baking at home with her mother and approached publishers with the recipes she had created. (17)

Amy began baking professionally in 2010. The American cupcake fascination was (18) sweeping the country so she and her mother started a business making them from home. They were soon deluged with orders for weddings, parties and celebrity events. (19)

Amy's book deal came about when she approached a few publishers with her recipes and suggested they could promote her as Britain's youngest baker. Her initiative paid off. She even appointed her friends to test some of the new recipes she created for the (20) book.

*Adapted from: Move over Nigella! Baker Amy-Beth Ellice is the culinary world's rising star
Retrieved from: <http://www.express.co.uk/life-style/food/539991/Amy-Beth-Ellice-Young-Baker>*

16. (1) fame
(2) limelight
(3) character
(4) reputation

17. (1) built
(2) imagined
(3) fabricated
(4) developed

18. (1) immersion
(2) escalation
(3) obsession
(4) concentration

19. (1) spilled
(2) poured
(3) gushed
(4) flooded

20. (1) granted
(2) excelled
(3) approved
(4) succeeded

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Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 × 1 mark)

Study the flyer below carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.



MediaKorp Studios presents
**SHORT STORY WRITING
CONTEST
2015**



"Creativity is intelligence having fun!" ~ Albert Einstein

Our annual short story writing contest is back!

Our theme for this year is "**Remembering the Past... Writing the Future**". Let your creativity and imagination run wild as you embark on your writing journey and share with us some interesting and significant events in your story! You could stand a chance to win attractive cash prizes! What's more, your story could also be featured on television!

Stories which do not adhere to the theme given will be disqualified.



Guidelines for entry:

- ✓ Contest is open to all Singaporean children aged 10 to 14.
- ✓ Work must be originally published.
- ✓ Your story must be typed (Arial font, size 11) and not exceed one page. Handwritten entries will **NOT** be accepted.
- ✓ Judging is based on originality, clarity, and creativity.
- ✓ Only one entry per person. Registration is free.
- ✓ Email your story to shortstorywritingcontest@mediakorp.com.sg by **1 December 2015**.
- ✓ Late entries will **NOT** be entertained.

Include the following in your entry:

1. Title of your story
2. Your full name and age
3. Your mailing address
4. Your contact number (home & mobile)
5. School's name
6. English teacher's full name & email address

AWESOME PRIZES YOU COULD WIN!

	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
Division I (Age 10 – 12)	Carbon Lenova Laptop & \$1000 cash	Lenova ThinkPad & \$500 cash	Lenova Thumb Drive & \$100 cash
Division II (Age 13 – 14)	LaVie Lenova Laptop & \$1200 cash	Lenova IdeaPad & \$600 cash	Lenova External Hard Drive & \$200 cash

To view a list of the previous year's winners, please visit www.mediakorp.sg/winners2014.htm

THAT'S NOT ALL, FOLKS!

EXCLUSIVE!

Winners will be invited to MediaKorp Studios to attend a special presentation by a creative executive, which will cover the art of writing for television.

Judging Process

- ✓ All entries will be evaluated in a single round by a panel of writers from MediaKorp who will judge the stories of different genres based on their expertise to ensure unbiased evaluation.
- ✓ Selection of winners by the judging panel is final. Each judge will give every story a score of 1 to 10 in the following elements:
 - (a) *Concept* (Creative flow of ideas in the story)
 - (b) *Plot* (The actions, events, turning points that propel the story forward/ how the story unfolds)
 - (c) *Presentation* (Spelling, punctuation, grammar and language usage)
- ✓ The top winners from each division will have their stories adapted for a special telemovie which will be featured on Channel 1 on 31 December 2015.
- ✓ All winners will be notified via telephone on 17 December 2015. Names of the winners will be posted on MediaKorp's website the following day.
- ✓ More details for winners to collect their prizes will be provided on the website at a later time.

For further enquiries, you may call us at 6444 4999 or drop us an email at enquiries@mediakorp.com.sg

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For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. How often is the writing contest held?

- (1) every year
- (2) every two years
- (3) every three years
- (4) every four years

22. Stories submitted for the writing contest must fulfil the main criterion of _____

- (1) using only one page for the story
- (2) having only one entry per person
- (3) writing according to the theme given
- (4) submitting the story on 1 December 2015

23. All participants of this contest will have to _____

- (1) email their stories to MediaKorp Studios
- (2) attend a presentation by a creative executive
- (3) submit their school's email address in their entry
- (4) correspond directly with the organiser about the results

24. Audrey is 12 years old and she wishes to take part in the competition. She stands a chance to win _____

- (1) an IdeaPad
- (2) a thumb drive
- (3) an external hard drive
- (4) a LaVie Lenova laptop

25. The words "That's Not All, Folks!" are printed in bold because the organiser wants to _____

- (1) give away consolation prizes
- (2) capture the children's attention
- (3) promote the art of writing on television
- (4) show the list of previous year's winners

26. To ensure a fair judging process, the judges will _____

- (1) give a score on one element only
- (2) consider requests to reselect the winners
- (3) evaluate the entries through several rounds
- (4) assess the stories based on their proficiency of genres

27. The main purpose of the contest is to _____

- (1) encourage children to think creatively
- (2) help children improve their writing skills
- (3) teach children how to write short stories
- (4) provide opportunities for the children to appear on television

28. Which one of these statements is true?

- (1) Participants must check MediaCorp's website on 17 December 2015 for the results.
- (2) Only the top winning story from Division II will be featured on national television.
- (3) Winners will not be given their prizes immediately on the day of the results.
- (4) Every participant has to pay a registration fee.

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BOOKLET B

SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A)	a	(E)	against	(J)	have	(N)	to
(B)	an	(F)	during	(K)	in	(P)	which
(C)	and	(G)	from	(L)	on	(Q)	who
(D)	across	(H)	has	(M)	since		

There has been a spike in the number of dengue cases in Singapore.

(29) _____ light of the dengue clusters that have been forming across our island, the North East community has geared up for the fight (30) _____ dengue.

On the morning of 16 February 2013, Ms Grace Fu, Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources and Second Minister for Foreign Affairs, visited Punggol South to understand the ground situation and to visit households to raise awareness (31) _____ dengue prevention. Strong support also came (32) _____ Mr Gan Thiam Poh, MP and Grassroots Advisor for Punggol South division (33) _____ led the house visit. The residents in the area had been battling dengue (34) _____ January 2013. To combat the situation, the grassroots organisation (35) _____ placed dengue alert notices in four languages, English, Mandarin, Malay and Tamil, at the lift lobbies (36) _____ Punggol South to highlight the seriousness of the dengue situation and to urge residents to do their part to remove mosquito breeding in their homes.

(37) _____ the visit, Ms Grace Fu and Mr Gan distributed educational materials on dengue prevention and mosquito repellent wipes (38) _____ residents. Residents were reminded to practise the 10-minute mozzie wipe-out steps to remove mosquito breeding habitats in their homes. They were also advised to apply repellent to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Singapore's only colonial-style hospital, Alexandra Hospital, closed its doors to patients
yesterday to undergo renovation works.

(39)

Its last nineteen patients are taken by ambulances yesterday afternoon to the Ng Teng Fong
(40)
General Hospital in Jurong which opens official today.

(41)

Those who are fond of Alexandra Hospital's colonial-era facade and its luxurious garden with
(42)
five hundred plant species and over one hundred butterfly species, need not be destressed.

(43)

It will reopen and take in patients in the third quarter of this year and be run on the team
behind the upcoming Sengkang General Hospital. That team will move to the new hospital in 2018.

(44)

Alexandra Hospital will then become the second campas of the National University Health
System, which is less than four kilometres away.

(45)

A Ministry of Health spokesman told the Straits Times that it plan to maintain Alexandra

(46) [REDACTED]

Hospital's "healthcare heritage while intensifying land use".

(47) [REDACTED]

The ministry has called for a tender for a masterplan and feasibility study on the longer term

(48) [REDACTED]

use for the location.

(49) [REDACTED]

Alexandra Hospital, which sits on a sprawling 111 000 square metres land, date back to 1938
when it was called the British Military Hospital.

(50) [REDACTED]

It got its current name in 1971 when the British withdrew in Singapore. The hospital was then
handed over to the Government.

Adapted from The Straits Times "Alexandra Hospital closes for renovation" Tuesday 30 June 2015

Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Amateur photographer, Sandra Critelli, has captured a breath-taking picture of the migration of thousands of stingrays off the coast of Mexico's Holbox Island.

These poisonous golden cow-nose stingrays _____ in groups — or
(51)
'fevers' — of up to 10,000 as they glide their way silently away ^{from} _A their summer feeding grounds to
_____ the cold, harsh winter. They migrate twice yearly — north in late spring and
(52)

south in late autumn. _____ to autumn leaves floating in a sunlit pond, this vast
(53)

expanse of magnificent stingrays livens the bright blue seas of the Gulf of Mexico.

This type of rays _____ distinctive and high-domed heads. These features
(54)
give them a curiously dull appearance. _____ their gentle looks, they are armed with
(55)
a poisonous stinger. This weapon can be _____ to humans or sharks, which are known
(56)
to be their main predators and are more _____ to provoke them. The stinger, a razor-
(57)
sharp spine _____ grows from the creature's whip-like tail, reaches almost
(58)
38 centimetres in length and _____ a heady dose of venom. This actually killed the
(59)
popular Australian zoologist, Steve Irwin, in 2006.

Although they are _____ with this potent punch, cow-nose stingrays are shy and
(60)
non-threatening in large 'fevers'. Even when isolated, they will attack _____ when
(61)
cornered or threatened. Unlike other stingrays, they rarely rest on the seabed and prefer to be on

the _____ They use their extended pectoral fins to swim and often turn upside down,
(62)

curling their fin tips above the _____ of the water, leaving terrified swimmers convinced
(63)

that they have seen a _____
(64)

Their flexible fins also come in handy when rustling up food. By flapping them rapidly over the seabed, they stir up sand and reveal crabs and shellfish which they then feed on using their powerful, grinding _____ Their fondness for shellfish has made them an arch
(65)

enemy with oyster fishermen.

Adapted from: The great ocean migration... thousands of majestic stingrays swim to new seas by Marcus Dunk

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

For each of the question 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 that of the given sentence(s).

66. Larry will not forgive Betty for tearing his shirt. She must apologise to him.

Unless Betty _____

67. The picture fell to the floor but was not damaged.

Although _____

68. Mary agrees not to tell anyone the secret. Her brother agrees as well.

Both _____

69. He persevered and did well for the test.

because of _____

70. Everyone was amazed when the magician disappeared suddenly.

What amazed _____

Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

The room was quiet, closed-in and dark but for the low rumble of deep breathing and two burning eyes in the corner. Edward paused at the door. "Smell that?" the man asked. "That's the smell of a living tiger." Taking up most of the room was a giant cage with smooth silver bars. Plastic branches were arranged to imitate the long-lost forests. The tiger was lying at the very back – crisp black and dull orange stripes, great paws stretched out in front, hind legs and rump like a shadowy mountain range. The animal did not cower or cringe, but neither did it attack. It just watched.

"Looks uncannily life-like, doesn't it? Most of its original flesh and bones remain intact. Don't worry, you'll get your money's worth. You need to understand that unlike a real animal with a functioning heart and other internal organs, this tiger's heart and other internal organs needed a synthetic maintenance system in the form of a microchip installed in its brain. So no, the tiger isn't purely natural. But it's still the most "alive" animal you'll find in this day and age. Do you want it, or not?" Edward could feel the tiger's eyes boring into him. He could not say no.

The man continued, "And I need to teach you how to look after a living thing. It requires a lot more care than you'll be used to. Like all living things, the tiger needs to be fed. Always remember to feed it."

15

The Last Tiger certainly was a lot of work to look after. It needed feeding several days a week: massive, raw chunks of nutrient-enhanced protein-slab. "Think of it as a battery," the little man had said, "one that needs to be charged regularly." The Last Tiger was high-maintenance indeed. As well as food, it needed water. Clean, fresh water was even harder and more costly to get hold of, but Edward had been instructed to keep a large bowl full of it, to monitor and top up as required. It seemed the creature would shut down completely if he failed to do this. Initially, the Last Tiger could not get along with the other animals. It had tried to attack the hydrogen-fuelled elephant and had left deep scratch marks in the paint down its steel legs. It had caught the solar bird and cracked several of the panels in its wings. After a few initial problems, the Last Tiger settled into its new home.

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In the end, Edward reprogrammed the other animals to remain in the outer gardens and invested in an ionic fence to confine the Last Tiger to the left wing of the house. It tried to climb trees, but the plaster and thin mesh frames of the artificial trees crumbled beneath its weight. It scratched in the grass, tearing up great strips of plastic lawn. Edward replaced the trees with holograms. He could not do much about the grass. It seemed to like Edward, at least. Thanks to the electric shock it received the first time it tried to bite his hand, it learned that Edward was not for eating. After a while, it started following him around like a faithful watchdog. The once aggressive creature had now become a more docile one. Edward grew accustomed to its smell and missed the imposing presence when the Last Tiger was not near him.

(adapted from <http://dailysciencefiction.com/science-fiction/robots-and-computers/joanne-anderton/the-last-tiger/>)

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Your answers must be in complete sentences.

71. Describe the cage the tiger was kept in. (2m)

72. Which sentence from paragraph 2 tells you that Edward would buy the tiger? (1m)

73. From paragraphs 2 and 3, pick out the main similarity and difference between the Last Tiger and a real animal. (2m)

Similarity : _____

Difference : _____

74. Why was the tiger "high-maintenance"? (2m)

75. How did the tiger hurt the other animals in its new home? (2m)

76. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is *True* or *False*, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
The tiger would still survive if it were not given clean water.		
The artificial trees could take the weight of the tiger when it tried to climb them.		
In the end, Edward managed to find a way to prevent the tiger from attacking the other animals.		

77. How did the tiger learn that Edward was not for eating? (1m)

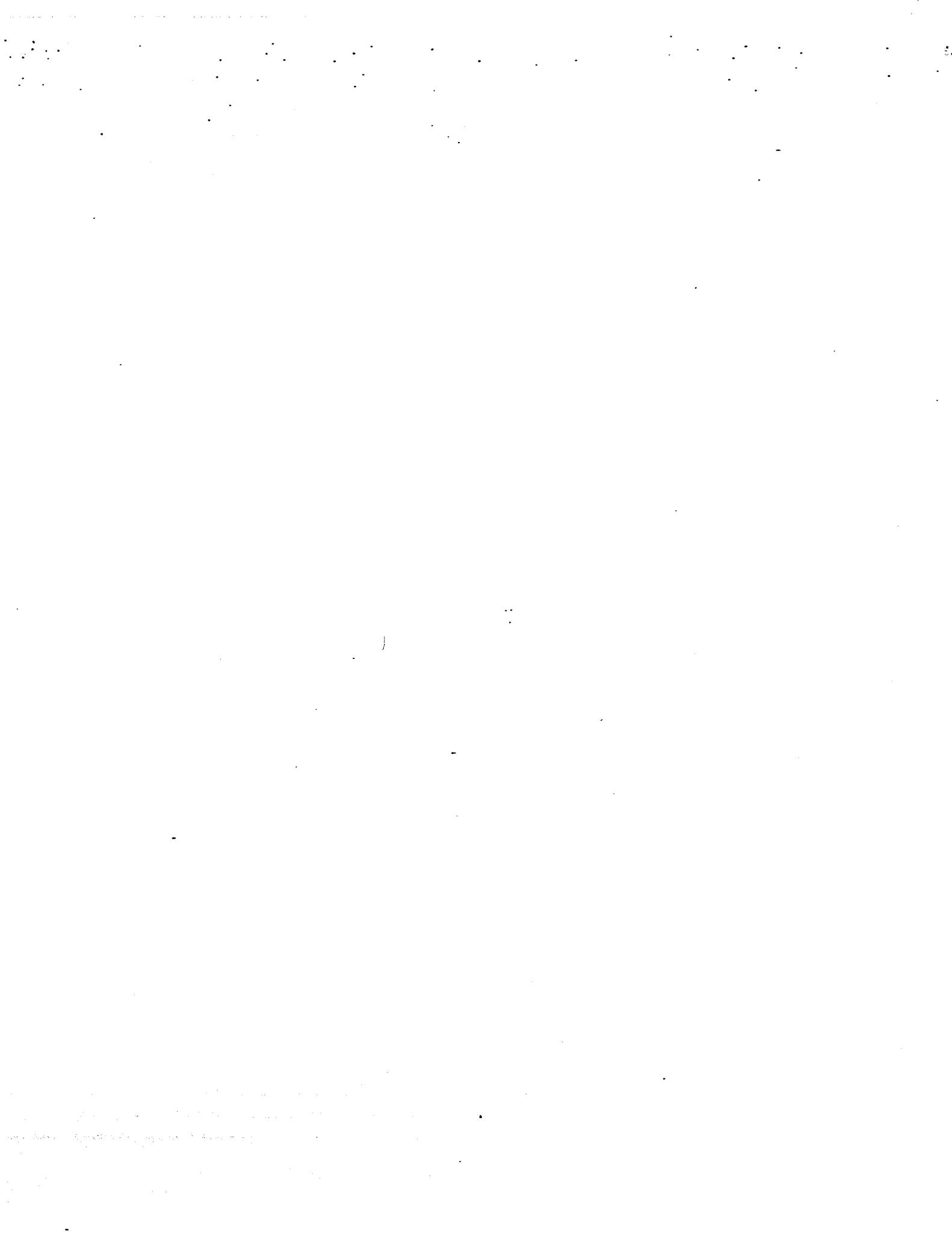
78. Choose the word/words from lines 25 to 34 in the passage that have similar meaning to the words/phrases below. (3m)

adjusted to	
restrict	
submissive	

79. How do we know that Edward and the tiger grew to like each other? (2m)

-80. Based on the passage, if you were Edward, would you keep this tiger? Why/ Why not?
(2m)

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EXAM PAPER 2015

LEVEL : PRIMARY 5

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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1	3	1	2	2	4	1	3		

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Q41 luxurious

Q42 distressed

Q43 by

Q44 campus

Q45 planned

Q46 heritage

Q47 feasibility

Q48 location

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Q65 teeth

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Q71. It was a giant cage with smooth silver bars, and there plastic branches arranged to imitate the long lost forest.

Q72. He could not say no.

Q73. Similarity : Both the Last Tiger and a real animal needs to be fed.

Q73. Difference : The Last Tiger needed a microchip in its brain unlike a real tiger whose heavy and other internal organs could function on their own.

Q74. The tiger needed to be fed regularly with massive, raw chunks of nutrients enriched protein – slab and clean, fresh water that was harder and more costly to get hold of and it needed a large bowl full of it and top up as required. The creature would shut down if he failed to do so.

Q75. It tried to attack the hydrogen – fuelled elephant and had left deep scratch marks in the paint down its steel legs. If had caught the solar bird and cracked several of the panels in its wings.

Q76. FALSE – It would shut down completely.

Q76. FALSE – The plaster and thin mesh frames of artificial trees crumbled beneath its weight.

Q76. TRUE – Edward reprogrammed the other animals to remain in the outer gardens and invested in an ionic fence to confine the tiger to the left wing of the house.

Q77. The tiger received an electric shock the first time it tried to bite Edward's hand.

Q78. Adjusted to – settled into

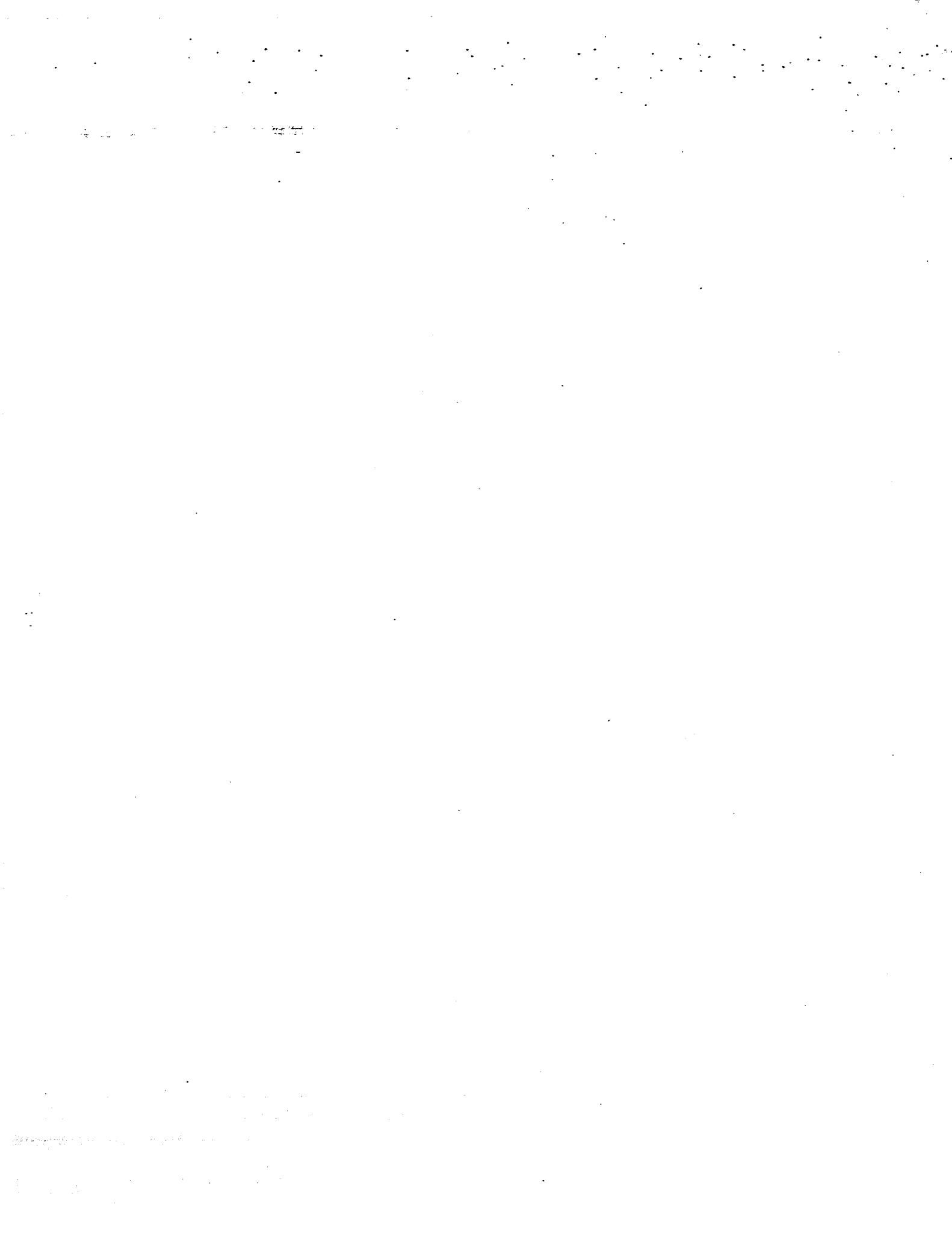
Q78. Restrict – confine

Q78. Submissive – docile

Q79. The tiger started following him around like a faithful watchdog and it became a more docile creature. Edward also grew accustomed to the smell and would miss the Last Tiger's presence when it was not near him.

Q80. Yes, I would keep the tiger. It would be nice to have a new experience to keep a tiger as a pet and it would be nice a company and will help to practice responsibility to feed the tiger and take care of it.

THE END





RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BOOKLET A

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Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. Betty, as well as her classmates, _____ taking part in the Youth Challenge next month.

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

2. _____ I do not like him, I agree that he is a good manager.

- (1) If
- (2) When
- (3) Since
- (4) Although

3. "Annie", _____ is a popular musical film, tells the story of a mischievous orphan from New York City.

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

4. We need to come up with an alternative solution _____ our plan fail.

- (1) can
- (2) may
- (3) would
- (4) should

5. _____ of the boys was absent from remedial lesson yesterday.

- (1) All
- (2) None
- (3) Every
- (4) Some

6. The thought of what happened yesterday made her _____ how much her parents cared for her.

- (1) realise
- (2) realises
- (3) realised
- (4) realising

7. What caught all of us by surprise _____ the sudden withdrawal of two schools from the competition last week.

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

8. My friends _____ the movie tickets before I arrived at the cinema.

- (1) buy
- (2) was buying
- (3) had bought
- (4) have bought

9. The fans have been sitting in the lobby, waiting for their idol _____ the past two hours.

- (1) at
- (2) for
- (3) from
- (4) since

10. The new employee knows her colleagues, _____ she?

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

Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

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

11. The paramedics managed to _____ the boy who fainted in the crowd before he was sent to the hospital.

- (1) revive
- (2) restore
- (3) resurrect
- (4) rejuvenate

12. This is the best _____ the police has found to prove that he is innocent.

- (1) evidence
- (2) influence
- (3) significance
- (4) consequence

13. Many farming villages were _____ as farmers could not harvest due to the dry spell.

- (1) constricted
- (2) exhausted
- (3) diminished
- (4) impoverished

14. We only managed to catch a _____ of the guest-of-honour after the concert as there were too many people blocking our view.

- (1) glint
- (2) glare
- (3) glimpse
- (4) glimmer

15. As it was raining heavily, we felt that it was a _____ that we had cancelled our camping trip.

- (1) slap on the wrist
- (2) drop in the bucket
- (3) blessing in disguise
- (4) chip on our shoulder

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Recent research has shown that the ill effects of sugar on one's health are more extensive than one could imagine. According to a 2012 article in the journal *Nature*, it is a toxic substance that should be regulated, like tobacco and alcohol.

(16)

Studies show that too much sugar not only makes us fat, but also wreaks havoc on our organs, such as the liver and even the brain. As a result, we become more susceptible to heart disease, diabetes and maybe even cancer.

(17)

Some experts say that raising awareness is insufficient. A lot more needs to be done to remedy the situation. Some experts have suggested tight controls limiting the sugar used in foodstuffs or even a tax on sugar.

(18)

(19)

(20)

Nevertheless, after hearing the sobering news, many of us shrugged and returned to our cupcakes.

Adapted from "Your body on Sugar", by Joanne Chen

16. (1) banned
(2) controlled
(3) manipulated
(4) standardised

17. (1) sensitive
(2) receptive
(3) accessible
(4) vulnerable

18. (1) inefficient
(2) ineffective
(3) inadequate
(4) insignificant

19. (1) save
(2) renew
(3) expose
(4) negotiate

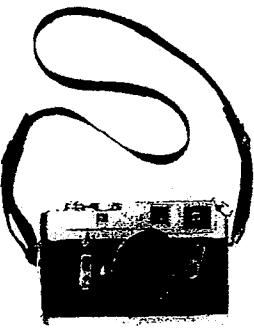
20. (1) rigid
(2) slack
(3) loose
(4) cramped

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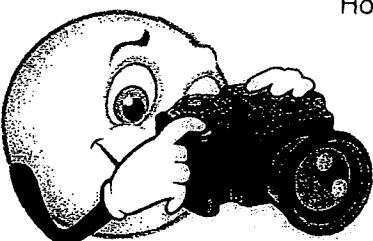
Study the poster below carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

RGPS Photography Competition 2014
proudly presented by RGPS Photography Club



Calling all amateur photographers or
photography enthusiasts!

The RGPS Photography Competition 2014, the first competition ever organised by our very own Photography Club is finally happening! You'll get to showcase your photography talent, learn from fellow photographers and win attractive prizes! Diana Lee, our former alumni, also nominated by Lion City Times as *Most Influential Photographer* of 2014, is part of our Honorary Judging Committee. She will be meeting shortlisted photographers in a special Meet-and-Share Session!



The RGPS Photography Competition offers 4 categories:

- ❖ **Architecture**
Shoot buildings from different angles to showcase their architectural details and beauty.
- ❖ **Nature & Wildlife**
Capture the beauty of wildlife, insects, plants and natural wonders.
- ❖ **People**
Take pictures of the faces around you.
- ❖ **Split second**
Capture that moment which would be gone in a split second. Shutter speed and fastest fingers win the day!





Attractive cash prizes to be won,
courtesy of SonyPro Electronics!
A chance to meet Diana Lee and have
her judge your work!



3 winners will be announced!

1st prize: \$100 cash
2nd prize: \$50 cash
3rd prize: \$20 cash

Young Photographers Meet-and-Share Session / Exhibition

- ❖ 5 entries will be shortlisted for each category. The Pre-selection Committee consists of a panel of executive members from RGPS Photography Club.
- ❖ Photographers of the shortlisted entries can attend a Meet-and-Share Session with members of the Photography Club and the official Honorary Judging Committee including Diana Lee on 10 July 2014. The winners will be announced on the same day.
- ❖ Shortlisted entries will be exhibited in the school hall from 10 July 2014 to 15 July 2014.
- ❖ Photographers of the shortlisted entries will be granted special membership into RGPS Photography Club.

Deadline

All entries must be submitted to www.rgps.edu.sg/photocontest by 30 June 2014.

Shortlisted entries will be notified via email on 6 July 2014.

Further details on the Meet-and-Share Session will be conveyed via email.



Note

Late entries will not be considered.

All decisions of the judges will be final.

Jointly organised by:



RGPS
Photography
Club

SonyPro
Electronics

Supported by:



National Creative
Youths Council



School of Mass
Communications

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The RGPS Photography Competition will be held for the _____ time in 2014.

- (1) first
- (2) second
- (3) third
- (4) fourth

22. The photographs of a building, a tree, a group of children and a football player kicking a ball in mid-air are used in the poster to _____.

- (1) honour Diana Lee's work
- (2) showcase past winning entries
- (3) introduce the organisers of the event
- (4) help people better understand what the categories mean

23. Lily wants to submit an image of an egg falling onto the floor. Which category would that fall under?

- (1) People
- (2) Architecture
- (3) Split second
- (4) Nature and Wildlife

24. The sponsor of the prizes for this competition is _____.

- (1) SonyPro Electronics
- (2) RGPS. Photograghy Club
- (3) National Creative Youths Council
- (4) School of Mass Communications

25. The phrase 'shortlisted entries' under the subheading **Young Photographers Meet-and-Share Session/Exhibition** refers to entries that are _____.

- (1) submitted via email
- (2) most likely to win prizes
- (3) winners of the categories
- (4) rejected by the Honorary Judging Committee

26. To take part in the competition, participants should _____

- (1) attend the Meet-and-Share Session
- (2) email the RGPS Photography Club
- (3) contact the Pre-selection Committee
- (4) submit their images to the RGPS Photography Competition website

27. The main purpose of the competition is to _____

- (1) encourage participants to meet Diana Lee
- (2) introduce camera equipment to participants
- (3) recruit talented photographers into RGPS Photography Club
- (4) exchange photography tips with Diana Lee and members of the RGPS Photography Club

28. Why is the subheading “Deadline” in bold type?

- (1) To distract interested participants
- (2) To raise doubts about the competition
- (3) To make participants feel excited about the competition
- (4) To make it easier for the reader to find relevant information

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BOOKLET B

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SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38 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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| (D) but | (H) it | (M) over | |

Charities are going online to reach donors. With Singaporeans more generous than ever when (29) _____ are giving through online channels, charities have begun innovating to embrace the connected generation.

From clicking for coupons (30) _____ "liking" a Facebook page and tapping an ez-link card, charities are trying to reach (31) _____ to donors through innovative platforms. Last Friday, the Community Chest launched a campaign in which all (32) _____ takes to donate is to tap an ez-link card on billboards found (33) _____.

Online donation portals are reporting how they have been receiving more donations than ever. Singapore's largest online donation portal SG Gives raised a record \$8.5 million last year, a 37 per cent jump (34) _____ \$6.2 million the year before. Social enterprise See-No-Clay reached its goal (35) _____ selling 10 coupons within two weeks. Each coupon can be used to place order for small sculptures made by potters (36) _____ visual disabilities.

Online giving is reaching (37) _____ entirely new audience of supporters - a younger and more socially aware generation. For them, donations online is a universal and shared experience that says to their friends, "I care and so should you." For others, donating online is not only convenient (38) _____ also easy. Mr Andy Chen, 39, said, "Due to my busy schedule, I choose to donate online as the process is hassle-free."

Adapted from "Charities go online to reach donors." By Priscilla Goy, The Straits Times, 2 Dec 2013

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word each of the boxes.

You may not realise it but each day, nearly every one of us brings a pest into the

(39)

home. It is small, adaptable with land and water and has caused the deaths of numerous animals and fish around.

(40)

It may seem unbelieaffable to many that the plastic bag, a ^{flimsy} everyday item

that we simply cannot do without, has been the scourge of many countries, which have

(41)

rally to impose taxes or ban them altogether.

(42)

The global war against plastic bags is picking on steam. Shoppers in San Francisco

(43)

must use paper bags when they buy growsirees or carry their own bags from

(44)

home. The move came after sirveral weeks of intense lobbying by environmentalists. Why then, is

(45)

Singapore, a much smaller city and one that has serious airspurations of making its mark as

a champion of green technology, not following suit in a big way?

46)

Ever since a heated debate on plastic bags is sparked off some two years ago,

(47)

awareness of the problem has gone up somewhat. A national attempt to encourage

(48)

the use of reusable bags have taken off well with 100,000 such bags sold at major

(49)

supermarkets. This is indeed an achievement. More significantly, today marks Singapore's first

(50)

Bring Your Own Bag Day. The efforts are laudable. However, we can do best. We need to speed up the push to bring down the use of plastic bags here.

Adapted from "Say no to plastic bags." By Lee U-Wen, Today, 18 April 2007

Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

By the time you are old enough to apply for a driving licence, you may find that you do not need one. Cars might be _____ to drive themselves by then
(51)

said some experts. All you will have to do is enter your destination into your car's navigation system. You may then sit back _____ enjoy the ride.
(52)

"People think that autonomous driving is science fiction, but the fact is that the _____ is already here," a representative from car maker Volvo told the BBC.
(53)

"Many of today's cars already have the ability to control their own speed and choose the best route _____ the journey. Some even have systems to help drivers park and _____ collisions. Thus, it is not impossible that, as the science improves, our vehicles will be able to take over completely from human drivers one _____
(54)
(55)
(56)

A couple of months back, Steve Mahan got a taste of what life could be _____ he had a self-driving car. Mr Mahan is blind. On his own, he is unable to _____ some errands. However, with the self-driving car, he could manage
(57)
(58)
a lot on his own. He could do this as Google had fitted the car with special
(59)

It had radars, sensors and cameras that would continuously take _____
(60)

of its surroundings. The car's computer system could then use all of this data to move the vehicle forward _____ hitting anything. It could stop at traffic lights, allow
(61)
pedestrians to cross the road and give _____ to other vehicles. Mr Mahan did not
(62)

have to navigate the car in any way.

During the past two years, Google has been exploring various technologies
that would _____ a car to self-drive. The idea is for robo-cars to do
(63)

more than help people like Mr Mahan to travel. It is also to make car journeys safer and
efficient for all. Most road accidents are caused by human _____
(64) (65)

Some researchers, therefore, argue that travel would become much safer if humans were
removed from the equation.

(Adapted from "Watch out for the Robo-Cars", by Shameen Idiculla. What's Up Issue 93, September 2012)

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

For each of the question 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 that of the given sentence(s).

66. You will be late for your appointment. You must hurry.

unless

67. The tigers and cubs are not sleeping

Neither

68. "Did you see my painting yesterday?" Mr Ho asked his niece.

Mr Ho asked his niece

69. He was careless. He lost his wallet.

Due to his

70. He ate everything on his plate. He did not eat the beans.

except

Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

Every year in winter, Mr Manner and his family gather at a lakeside cabin in the mountains in Helsinki. He and his two sons go skating and ice fishing if the lake is frozen, or they fish from the canoe if it is not.

Two years ago, the lake was covered by a thin layer of ice, too thick for boating, but not solid enough to walk on. Mr Manner and his family spent most of their time in front of the blazing fire in the cabin. In the mid- afternoon, while preparing dinner, they heard a commotion from outside.

"Be careful!" someone bellowed, "don't go out too far!"

Mr Manner and his family hurried to the window and saw a young girl skating across the ice. As they watched on in fear, the girl's feet slipped and she lost her footing on the unstable surface. She managed to stand back up on her feet and started skating further and further away.

She was in the middle of the lake when she stumbled once more. This time, the ice gave way and the girl disappeared under it. She was nowhere to be seen. Seconds later, she resurfaced gasping for air as she struggled to hold on to the ice and keep her head above water.

Mr Manner and his son, Theo, ran to the edge of the water. Theo took a few steps on the ice before quickly retreating to shore. He realised that he was in a precarious situation and decided to join the rest of his family who was trying in vain to work a channel open with the canoe.

"She can't last long in that icy water," Mrs Manner said. Tears were welling in her eyes.

The other people who were watching what was happening before them started to cry out in despair as they joined the Manner family in trying to break the layer of ice with the canoe. They knew they had to race against time.

Suddenly, little eight-year-old Theo, jumped up and shouted, "I have an idea!"

He ran into the cabin and grabbed the rope that they always used to pitch their tents. He tied the rope into a knot securely around one of his favourite plush toys but realised that it was not suitable for his use. He looked frantically for something that could float. He picked up a golf club which was placed by the fireplace but shook his head. Then there were the porcelain crockery and silver cutlery. Just as he was scratching his head, he spotted an orange buoy hanging on the wall. He fastened it to the rope he had in his hand and then rushed out again. From the side of the lake, Theo tossed the buoy to the girl who then grabbed it with her life. With the help of Mr Manner, they managed to reel the girl back to safety.

All the onlookers started cheering as Mrs Manner was ready with a large towel to wrap around the young girl who was still in shock and shivering profusely. She was swept by a wave of remorse and she hung her head low. The Manner family quickly ushered her into their cabin where it was warm so that she could recover from what could have been a tragedy.

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Your answers must be in complete sentences.

71. According to the writer, what were the two reasons given to suggest that the lake was unusable? (2m)

72. Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ The young girl was trying very hard to stay afloat.

_____ Mrs Manner wrapped a towel around the little girl to keep her warm.

_____ Someone tried to warn the young girl of the danger.

73. Choose the word/words from lines 8 to 16 in the passage that have similar meaning to the words below. (3m)

shouted	
rushed	
vanished	

74. What does the word "it" in line 14 refer to? (1m)

75. Which sentence from lines 21 to 27 tells you that the family realised that they had to come up with a faster rescue plan? (2m)

76 Why did Theo eventually choose the buoy and not the golf club, the porcelain crockery and the silver cutlery?

77. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is *True* or *False* then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True / False	
Theo was confident that they could work a channel with the canoe		
The little girl was drowned in the icy water		
The onlookers did not help to save the little girl.		

78. In the last paragraph, did the young girl regret her action? How can you tell? (2m)

79. What does the "tragedy" in line 41 refer to? (2m)

80. Do you think the Manner family would still gather at the lake in Helsinki the next winter? Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)

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Q7	3	Q27	3	Q47	attempt		
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Q9	2	Q29	P	Q49	achievement		
Q10	4	Q30	N	Q50	better		
Q11	1	Q31	L	Q51	able		
Q12	1	Q32	H	Q52	and		
Q13	4	Q33	G	Q53	technology		
Q14	3	Q34	F	Q54	for		
Q15	3	Q35	K	Q55	avoid		
Q16	2	Q36	Q	Q56	day		
Q17	4	Q37	B	Q57	if		
Q18	3	Q38	D	Q58	run		
Q19	1	Q39	to	Q59	equipment		
Q20	1	Q40	unbelievable	Q60	note		

Q66 You will be late for your appointment unless you hurry.

Q67 Neither the tigers nor cubs are sleeping.

Q68 Mr Ho asked his niece if she had seen his painting the previous day.

Q69 Due to his carelessness, he lost his wallet.

Q70 He ate everything on his plate except the beans.

Q71 The lake was covered by a thin layer of ice which was too thick for boating and not solid enough to walk on.

Q72 2,3,1

Q73 bellowed, hurried, disappeared

Q74 The ice in the middle of the lake.

Q75 They knew they had to race against time.

Q76 The buoy is the only object that can float.

Q77 True He went back to help his family to create the channel.

False Mr Manner and the other people watching what was happening managed to reel the girl back to safety.

False The onlookers joined the Manner family in trying to break the layer of ice with the canoe.

Q78 Yes, the young girl regretted her action. She was swept by a wave of remorse and hung her head low.

Q79 It refers to the drowning of the ^{little} girl in the icy water.

Q80 Yes, they will go back to the lake as they have been doing so every winter.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the spaces provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 28 only.

Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. Jane, _____ father is a vet, loves animals too.

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

2. Tom was walking so close to the edge of the pond that he nearly fell _____ it.

- (1) onto
- (2) into
- (3) along
- (4) beside

3. Siti, together with her friends, _____ watching the movie next week.

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

4. "Has anyone here ever _____ for an adventure camp before?" Mrs Lee asked the class.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) went
- (4) gone

5. What the teacher said yesterday made her _____ harder to improve in her studies.

- (1) work
- (2) works
- (3) worked
- (4) working

6. Either Alice or the twins _____ at home when the accident happened last night.

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

7. Mary and Kate only have _____ to blame for missing the audition as they had overslept.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

8. The camping trip will have to be cancelled _____ the weather changes for the better.

- (1) if
- (2) as
- (3) unless
- (4) although

9. The girls _____ their training soon and will make their way home.

- (1) finishing
- (2) will finish
- (3) had finished
- (4) have finished

10. Looking at the poor performance of the team this season, there is _____ hope of them making it to the finals.

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

Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

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

11. The child fell off the bed and hurt her head due to the _____ of the caregiver.

- (1) negligence
- (2) supervision
- (3) consideration
- (4) management

12. Our prefect, Danielle, is very _____ in her work. I cannot imagine her ever making any careless mistakes.

- (1) arduous
- (2) gracious
- (3) conscious
- (4) meticulous

13. The suspect was _____ as there was insufficient evidence to link him to the crime.
- (1) acquitted
(2) convicted
(3) sentenced
(4) imprisoned
14. Charlotte and Elaine have decided to _____ and become friends again.
- (1) tie the knot
(2) bury the hatchet
(3) save their own skin
(4) burn the candle at both ends
15. You must take a firm stand and not _____ to pressure from your friends.
- (1) admit
(2) beckon
(3) condition
(4) succumb

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16-20, 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.

Jurong Regional Library is one of the most popular libraries in Singapore.

An entire basement of the library is dedicated to nurture the inquisitive young minds. (16)

The perimeter of the children's section is lined generously with vibrantly (17)
painted low chairs and tables so you do not always end up sitting on the floor.

A Read Aloud corner is set up so that parents and their boisterous bunch can (18)
have fun with the books without the disapproving looks from the library staff.

Their fiction section – books in Chinese, Malay and Tamil languages – is
praiseworthy, particularly its collection of folk and fairy tales from all over Asia. (19)

The range available is extensive and possibly unparalleled anywhere else. (20)

With such a wealth of books available as well as an enticing reading environment, it is no wonder that Jurong Regional Library has become one of the most popular libraries in Singapore.

Adapted from "Let's read in the forest", Family.

16. (1) eager
(2) curious
(3) analytical
(4) interested

17. (1) aptly
(2) amply
(3) simply
(4) seriously
18. (1) rowdy
(2) vicious
(3) grievous
(4) dangerous
19. (1) valuable
(2) justifiable
(3) believable
(4) commendable
20. (1) unseen
(2) uneven
(3) unfamiliar
(4) unmatched

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 mark)

Study the poster below carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

Kids Art Camp

brought to you by National Arty Council



Back by
popular
demand!

Nominated for Parents' Choice Award
2014, "Best Vacation Programme"



Calling all 9-12 year olds! Come on down to **Kids Art Camp**, a one-stop centre where you can participate in a variety of art activities this December holiday to indulge in some creative FUN!

Dates : 1 Dec 2014 - 8 Dec 2014
Venue: Merlion Art Museum

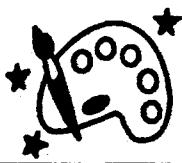
Registration/ Course details:

- Register online at www.kidsartcamp2014.com from 1 Oct 2014 to 31 Oct 2014.
- Fees are a flat rate of \$50 for each workshop, excluding a registration fee of \$10 and a material fee of \$30.
- All art materials will be provided.

For further enquiries,

Visit www.kidsartcamp2014.com or email us at kidsartcamp@gmail.com.
You may also contact us at 61234567.

Sponsors:



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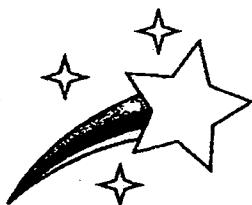
Genius Art School



Pop Bookshop

Schedule for 2-Day Workshop

Date/Time	Workshop
1 Dec - 2 Dec Mon-Tue 9 am - 12 noon	Theme: Recycling Mania Used objects get a new lease of life as children learn to use their creativity to turn used objects into beautiful works of art!
3 Dec - 4 Dec Wed-Thurs 1 pm - 4 pm	Theme: Pottery Fun Children learn basic techniques in modelling clay to create works of art that express their unique personalities.
5 Dec – 6 Dec Fri-Sat 1 pm - 4 pm	Theme: Draw, Paint, Create Children dabble in a wide variety of materials –crayons, colour pencils, acrylics, water colours and poster colours to explore the art of painting and drawing.
8 Dec – 9 Dec Mon-Tue 9 am – 12 noon	Theme: Cartoon Drawing Children learn basic cartoon drawing techniques to create their own characters. Maybe your child can be the next Walt Disney!



Renowned cartoonist Alex Lee, creator of the popular cartoon “Captain Earth”, will make a guest appearance at the Cartoon Drawing Workshop!

Testimonials:

My son, who used to hate Art, totally enjoyed the workshops! The instructors are passionate and highly qualified!

Mrs Lee Hui

I look forward to Kids Art Camp every year! It's the highlight of my holidays! This year will be my third Kids Art Camp!

Sara Tan

Best way to spend the vacation! The workshops are engaging and educational. Really value for money!

Josiah Tay

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The main purpose of this poster is to _____

- (1) encourage creative thinking
- (2) promote renowned cartoonist – Alex Lee
- (3) give more information about Kids Art Camp
- (4) create awareness on using recycled materials for art

22. How do interested participants sign up for Kids Art Camp?

- (1) Call the hotline-61234567.
- (2) Go to the Merlion Art Museum.
- (3) Register online at www.kidsartcamp2014.com.
- (4) Email the organisers at kidsartcamp@gmail.com.

23. The organiser of Kids Art Camp is _____.

- (1) Wonder Paints
- (2) Lee's Papercrafts
- (3) Genius Art School
- (4) National Arty Council

24. The schedule of Kids Art Camp is presented in a table to _____.

- (1) distract the reader
- (2) rate the different workshops
- (3) explain how simple the workshops are
- (4) organise the information in an easy-to-read manner

25. May is only free on weekday afternoons. Which workshop can she attend?

- (1) Pottery Fun
- (2) Cartoon Drawing
- (3) Recycling Mania
- (4) Draw, Paint and Create

26. Which of the following art pieces would one most likely create in the Pottery Fun workshop?

- (1) glass jewellery
- (2) canvas painting
- (3) personalised T-shirt design
- (4) decorative bowls and plates

27. Testimonials of ex-participants are used in this poster to

- (1) show appreciation for ex-participants of the camp
- (2) make Mrs Lee Hui, Sara Tan and Josiah Tay famous
- (3) highlight the passionate and highly qualified instructors
- (4) convince people that Kids Art Camp is a quality art programme

28. Which one of the following statements is true?

- (1) The workshops are conducted daily.
- (2) Alex Lee will conduct all the art workshops.
- (3) Participants must bring their own art materials.
- (4) Participants have to pay more than \$50 for each workshop.

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SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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| (B) about | (F) down | (K) the | (P) to |
| (C) ago | (G) its | (L) these | (Q) up |
| (D) and | (H) or | (M) their | |

For years, scientists have debated whether dinosaurs were warm-blooded like mammals, or cold-blooded like reptiles, fish and amphibians. Now, scientists have found that (29) _____ prehistoric creatures were somewhere in the middle. This new information shows that dinosaurs are very different from today's animal species that are all either warm (30) _____ cold-blooded.

"I think we were all surprised by this," said University of New Mexico Professor Felissa Smith who supervised (31) _____ study. "The idea certainly took (32) _____ getting used to."

The last dinosaurs roamed the earth more than 60 million years (33) _____. However, there is always more to discover (34) _____ these ancient creatures.

There are certain characteristics that make warm-blooded creatures different from cold-blooded creatures. Warm-blooded creatures can control (35) _____ body temperature. They also eat a lot and burn calories quickly. Cold-blooded creatures do not

control their body temperature internally. They use sunlight (36) _____ keep warm, and they move much more slowly. Cold-blooded creatures do not need to eat very much. Their bodies slow (37) _____ due to colder temperatures.

Dinosaurs are in the middle (38) _____ they do not fully regulate their internal temperature, but their temperature does not only rely on their environment either. The study shows that this feature helped dinosaurs and allowed them to thrive for so many years.

Adapted from <http://www.timeforkids.com/news/dino-discovery/165461>

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)

**Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error.
Write the correct word in each of the boxes.**

Twenty-six-year-old Yang Yun had a dream – to work with whales.

Therefore she took part in a competition at Polarland in Harbin, northeast China, to

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land a job working for the theme park's famous beluga whales, Mila and Nicola.

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As one of the finalists, Yun was require to dive as deep as possible into a

(41)

freezing tank with the whales – all without breathing eqipment. She made it close to the bottom, but at 4.5m, she realised her legs had cramped due to the Arctic-temperature water.

(42)

She could not move it and she was stuck, thinking she was going to die. That was when the

(43)

whales come to her rescue.

(44)

"I began to choke and sink even low and I thought that was it for me – I was dead,

(45)

until I felt this incredible force under me driving me to the surface," Yun told jornalists

later.

(46)

Mila and Nicola, both two-metre beluga whales, swam toward Yun and nuched her towards the surface. Mila at one point clamped the diver's leg in her mouth to propel her forward.

"Mila noticed the problem before we did," one of the Polarland officials said later.

"She is a sensitive animal and works closely with humans. I think this girl owes Mila

(47)

its life."

The whales usually spend their days performing with two trainers in a

(48)

beautiful underwater dance dipicting the "Heart of the Ocean", and blowing rings of bubbles in the water.

(49)

Mila is known as an inteligant and sensitive animal. She can now chalk up saving

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human life among her accolades.

News of Mila's heroic deed travelled far and wide. Since then, Mila has become the biggest attraction of the theme park.

Adapted from "<http://www.readersdigest.com.au/hero-pets>"

Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Imagine this: a picturesque bay with glittering waters and a world-famous skyline and floating garbage everywhere in sight.

Meanwhile, tranquil beaches and parks are left (51) _____ with trash such as plastic bottles once the visitors have gone home.

Does that sound (52) _____ Singapore to you?

An anti-littering volunteer group, the Waterways Water Society (WWS), (53) _____ an odd contest for a country with a worldwide (54) _____ for being spotless. It asked Singaporeans to send in photographs of some of the dirtiest places (55) _____ February and April this year. It picked up ten winners (56) _____ about sixty submissions.

One shot emerged of a part of Marina Reservoir close to Marina Bay Sands literally covered in a sea of trash washed in by the rain. Yet (57) _____ one revealed a segment of East Coast Park that is infested with flies due to the litter lying around.

In one particular photograph, a road divider along Prinsep Street was piled up with so much rubbish, it (58) _____ an open dumping ground. The same could be said of Pasir Ris Park (59) _____ picnickers left their trash brazenly.

The dozens of photographs sent in (60) _____ void decks, parks and roadsides from Toa Payoh to the Central Business District strewn with rubbish.

"We had expected it. It wasn't a (61) _____ to us," said WWS chairman Eugene Hong. He plans to make the contest annual and (62) _____ the most striking photographs on its Facebook page.

"For our group, whenever we go out, our mission is (63) _____ look for litter. The sad thing is, we are (64) _____ disappointed. We always find litter.

Singapore's reliance on an army of about seventy thousand cleaners to keep the island (65) _____ and span is definitely not something we should be proud of, especially since November 2012, when Keep Singapore Clean head Liak Teng Lit called the nation "a cleaned city, not a clean city". As citizens, we should work towards a more gracious and responsible society by cleaning up after ourselves.

Adapted from Contest to snap Singapore's dirtiest places bares it all by David Ee, the Straits Times 16 July 2014

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

For each 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 that of the given sentence(s).

66. Tom likes running. Joe likes running too.

Both _____

67. If we do not take a taxi to school, we will not be able to get there on time.

Unless _____

68. "I will be attending a seminar here," Miss Shen told her friend.

Miss Shen told her friend _____

69. Tammy is fearful of the dark. She went down the stairs to check out the noise.

in spite of her fear _____

70. Siti was delighted. She was chosen as a finalist in the singing contest.

Much to her _____

Section I : Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage carefully and answer the questions 71 to 80.

I knew it was a risk, but a risk I had to take. The journey across the turbulent sea could very well cost me my life, but I had to deliver the shipment of illegal goods. I would deliver the shipment with Brandon to Tiku Island and that would be my last involvement with the underworld. Big Boss has promised to let me go and I desperately held on to his words. I had to. 5

Both of us loaded our cargo onto the old, unassuming speedboat and wasted no time in getting ready. The last rays of the day would soon be upon us and we had to reach our destination before nightfall. Nothing could deter us now – except that looming, ominous cloud in the distance. 10

The engine coughed into life and we were off. I looked around, edgy and wary, for any sign of police patrol boats.

"You sure you want to get away from us?" Brandon asked, amidst the purring of the engine.

"I've never been surer of anything in my life," I replied, looking straight ahead into the horizon. By now, large drops of rain were pelting our faces and a strong wind was slicing at us. 15

"But why?" Brandon asked once more. "Don't you like it here? Big Boss gives us protection from the police. And you'll never receive that much money in your lifetime." 20

"Yes and you have been with me through all kinds of hardship," I said in a voice that was barely audible, "but I have my reasons. I do not want to live a life of crime. I cannot live with my conscience. Why don't you consider leaving as well?"

Brandon never got to answer that question, for at that moment, lightning streaked across the sky and a clash of thunder like a command from the heavens exploded in our ears. We were in the heart of the thunderstorm. However, the worst part was, the engine of our speedboat stopped abruptly and despite our best attempts, it refused to start. 25

Brandon got up from his seat once more to cover our goods, but no sooner was he up than he went down again except this time, he was in the water. 30

"Brandon! Grab my hand! Brandon! Where are you?" I shouted anxiously but I could barely see anything amidst the heavy rain. I strained my ears to pick up any possible call for help, but could not detect any. 35

Suddenly, panic, fear and anger took control of my body. Fearing for my life, I gave up searching for him. My vision was blurred and I acted blindly. I drove my fist down heavily onto the dashboard and miraculously, the engine came to life.

40

By then, my body was trembling violently but I managed to bring the speedboat safely to the shore of Tiku Island. I heaved myself out of the boat and collapsed heavily onto the sand. I kissed the sands and muttered a prayer of thanks:

Finally, I got onto my feet to get the shipment. Suddenly, light shone brightly around me. I was stunned.

45

Too late. I was caught. All my dreams of leading a normal life were now only shattered fragments like the sand beneath my feet. As I looked longingly at the sea, I saw a familiar outline of a man struggling in the waters.

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Your answers must be in complete sentences.

71. What was the writer delivering to Tiku Island? (1m)

72. Write 1,2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

- _____ The speedboat engine stopped working.
_____ It started to rain.
_____ The writer scanned the area for any patrol boats.

73. Choose the word/words from lines 7 to 14 in the passage that have similar meaning to the words/phrases below. (3m)

stop	
dark	
careful	

74. What was the question Brandon never got to answer in line 25? (2m)

75. Why was Brandon reluctant to leave the Big Boss? (2m)

76. Why did the author want to stop his involvement with the underworld? (2m)

77. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is *True* or *False*, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True / False	Reason
It was night time when the author loaded the cargo onto the boat.		
Delivering the shipment was the author's first assignment.		
The author managed to deliver the goods successfully.		

78. How did the author feel when he landed on Tiku Island? (2m)

79. Which sentence from lines 41 to 50 suggests that Brandon survived the journey? (2m)

80. Do you think the author was a loyal friend? Support your answer with information from the text. (2m)

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LEVEL : PRIMARY 5
SCHOOL : RAFFLES
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA2

Q1	4	Q21	3	Q41	equipment	Q61	surprise
Q2	2	Q22	3	Q42	them	Q62	post
Q3	1	Q23	4	Q43	came	Q63	to
Q4	4	Q24	4	Q44	lower	Q64	never
Q5	1	Q25	1	Q45	journalists	Q65	spick
Q6	4	Q26	4	Q46	nudged		
Q7	4	Q27	4	Q47	her		
Q8	3	Q28	4	Q48	depicting		
Q9	2	Q29	L	Q49	intelligent		
Q10	2	Q30	H	Q50	accolades		
Q11	1	Q31	K	Q51	strewn		
Q12	4	Q32	J	Q52	like		
Q13	1	Q33	C	Q53	held		
Q14	2	Q34	B	Q54	reputation		
Q15	4	Q35	M	Q55	between		
Q16	2	Q36	P	Q56	among		
Q17	2	Q37	F	Q57	another		
Q18	1	Q38	E	Q58	resembled/ became		
Q19	4	Q39	with	Q59	where		
Q20	4	Q40	required	Q60	showed		

Q66 Both Tom and Joe like running.

Q67 Unless we take a taxi to school, we will not be able to get there on time.

Q68 Miss Shen told her friend that she would be attending a seminar there.

Q69 Tammy went down the stairs to check out the noise in spite of her fear of the dark.

Q70 Much to her delight, Siti was chosen as a finalist in the singing contest.

Q71 The writer was delivering illegal good to Tiku Island.

Q72 3,2,1

Q73

stop	deter
dark	ominous
careful	wary

Q74 The question was to ask Brandon to also consider leaving Big Boss.

Q75 Brandon liked it there as Big Boss would give him protection from the police and he would receive a huge sum of money from Big Boss.

Q76 He did not want to live a life of crime and he could not live with his conscience.

Q77

False	The last rays of the day would soon be upon the author and he had to reach Tiku Island before night fall.
False	The author would deliver with Brandon to Tiku Island and that would be his last involvement with the underworld.
False	The police had caught him.

Q78 The author felt relieved.

Q79 As I looked longingly at the sea, I saw a familiar outline of a man struggling in the waters.

Q80 Yes, I think that the author was a loyal friend.

When Brandon fell into the water, the author searched for him and reached his hands out to allow Brandon to grab him even though he could barely see anything amidst the heavy rain.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the space provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 30 only.



Section A : Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus) (5 ×1 mark)

Study the advertisement below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

SUPER-SIZED activities for your little ones at Sentosa during the June Holidays

Storytelling Comes Alive!

Date: 1 – 24 June 2013

Story Times: Every Wed – Sun at 11:30am, 3:30pm & 5:30pm

Venue: Images of Singapore Forecourt

Admission: Free

Enjoy SUPER-SIZED activities for the entire family this June at our International award-winning interactive event, Story Telling Comes Alive! This is where the storyteller uses a giant storybook, puppetry and characters coming alive to bring the exciting and fun stories to life.



Art Excursion at Sentosa

Date: 8 & 15 June 2013 (Children)
22 June 2013 (Family)

Time: 9am – 5pm

Admission: \$120 per child (Sentosa Play Pass: \$90 per child)
\$360 per family (Sentosa Play Pass: \$270 per family)

Unleash your child's creativity with the Art Excursion conducted by My Art Studio. Participants will have the opportunity to exchange creative ideas inspired by what they experience as they move through various stations in Sentosa. Registration closes 1 week before the excursion.

Boogie with Captain Palawan

Date: Every Tuesdays to Fridays

Time: 2.25pm & 4.15pm

Admission: Free

Join in the boogie fun with Captain Palawan on the Beach! Bop to the rhythm and you may dance your way to some prizes!



Storytelling at Underwater World Singapore

Date: 1 – 24 June 2013, every Sat & Sun

Time: 11.45am & 3.15pm

Venue: Underwater World Singapore (UWS)

Admission: \$20 per adult
\$10 per child

Come and listen to storyteller, Denise Tan, as she shares stories about marine animals and marine conservation in the Living Fossils Hall filled with displays of ancient marine animals.

Promotions

Sentosa PLAY Pass

1 Pass, 1 Price, MORE PLAY!

Play to your heart's content with a day trip to Sentosa. Enjoy greater value at Sentosa with the Sentosa PLAY Pass now! Visit 16 attractions with one pass to enjoy more than 60% discount on admission charges!

Visit www.Sentosapass.com for more information.

Get your Sentosa PLAY Pass at any Sentosa ticketing counters or selected TransitLink ticket offices[^].

Promotion: Redeem a **COMPLIMENTARY*** activity with every Play Pass purchased.

Sentosa 40th Celebration

Simply spend a minimum of \$40 in a single receipt and stand a chance to win attractive prizes!

Visit www.Sentosa40.com or call James at 64321789 for details.

[^] Available during weekdays from 9-5pm at Bugis, Changi Airport, Chinatown, City Hall and Orchard stations. Somerset station is open from 9a.m-12 (noon) on weekends.

* Terms and conditions apply. Excludes Art Excursion at Sentosa.

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) and select the best possible answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Judy and her children would like to sign up for the "Art Excursion at Sentosa" activity. Which is the latest date Judy can sign up for the activity?

 - (1) 8 June,
 - (2) 9 June,
 - (3) 15 June,
 - (4) 22 June,

2. John, who is a Sentosa PLAY Pass holder, need not pay for the activities except _____

 - (1) Storytelling Comes Alive
 - (2) Art Excursion at Sentosa
 - (3) Boogie with Captain Palawan
 - (4) Storytelling at Underwater World Singapore

3. Which of the following statements is true?
 - (1) Boogie with Captain Palawan is an activity that happens daily.
 - (2) Denise Tan will share her stories at Images of Singapore Forecourt.
 - (3) Storytelling Comes Alive is recognised globally for its engaging content.
 - (4) You will win prizes if you spend at least \$40 in a single receipt at Sentosa.

4. Mr Smith and his family want to purchase the Sentosa Play Pass. He can go to _____ if he wants to purchase the pass on a Saturday at 2pm.

 - (1) Bugis station
 - (2) Somerset station
 - (3) any TransitLink ticket office
 - (4) any Sentosa ticketing office

5. The main purpose of this brochure is to encourage _____

 - (1) children to read
 - (2) children to tell stories
 - (3) families to visit Sentosa
 - (4) families to dance on the beach

Section B : Grammar Discrete (7 × 1 mark)

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.

6. The biologists _____ the negative effects of work-related stress on human's internal organs for years.
- (1) predict
(2) predicted
(3) are predicting
(4) have been predicting
7. If I had known the amount of effort he had put in, I _____ my assistance.
- (1) offer
(2) will offer
(3) would offer
(4) would have offered
8. Those ladies _____ you chatted with are my cousins.
- (1) when
(2) which
(3) whom
(4) whose
9. Since she is normally quiet and reserved, it is hard to make her _____.
- (1) up
(2) off
(3) out
(4) over
10. _____ we have the money, Jason is not willing to sell us the goods.
- (1) If
(2) Lest
(3) Since
(4) Unless
11. All the lost luggage _____ found eventually in the east wing of the airport.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

12. We witnessed the man _____ down the street in fear.

- (1) tore
- (2) torn
- (3) tears
- (4) tearing

Section C : Punctuation (3 × 1 mark)

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.

Mr Lee's name may not ring a bell. That's because fans of his amusement park know him better as Uncle Ringo (13) the name tagged to his amusement park.

The 59-year-old said, "I like traditional entertainment like the horse carousels (14) I would like to bring back the old atmosphere with traditional songs."

The amusement park, which he runs with a crew of five, does not usually stay in one place for more than a week. Uncle Ringo says he has no plans to retire any time soon. "I started this business to bring joy to children. When I see people enjoying the ride, I feel happy," he said. "It's my passion (15)

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

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

15. (1) [" . "] inverted commas and full stop
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [" ! "] inverted commas and exclamation mark
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (5x1mark)

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 number in the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Unless we _____ our food supplies at the next checkpoint, we cannot continue with our expedition.

- (1) renew
- (2) revoke
- (3) revamp
- (4) replenish

17. The violinist gave such a wonderful performance that the audience gave him a/an _____ applause.

- (1) encore
- (2) rousing
- (3) ovation
- (4) congratulatory.

18. Jenny's ideas are so _____ that no one can figure out what she is thinking about as they are always so vague.

- (1) lucid
- (2) coherent
- (3) apparent
- (4) ambiguous

19. Rats _____ in our house because we leave too many scraps of food lying around.

- (1) swell
- (2) amplify
- (3) escalate
- (4) proliferate

20. It is difficult to _____ a response from the audience if the emcees are not engaging enough.

- (1) illicit
- (2) elicit
- (3) implicit
- (4) explicit

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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.

According to the World Health Organization, over a billion people in the world are starving and the number is increasing. Despite these (21) dire statistics, many of us still order much more than we can eat at restaurants and then we have no (22) qualms letting it all go to waste. Now, a restaurant in Saudi Arabia is trying to put a stop to the unnecessary wastage - by levying a fine! Fahd Al Anzi, the (23) benign-looking owner of Marmar restaurant, came to a decision to implement this rather unfriendly rule after reading about the problem of the people of Somalia.

The fine he imposes depends on the amount of leftover food and the odd thing is: instead of rebelling against the restaurant and his new rule, his customers are (24) praising him for this creative initiative and ordering less. In fact, they (25) liken him to 'Robin Hood' because all the extra money he collects is sent to Somalia.

Adapted from the article: "Should Restaurants Penalise Customers For Leftover Food?"

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- (1) trivial
- (2) terrible
- (3) important
- (4) challenging

22.

- (1) sense
- (2) regrets
- (3) sympathy
- (4) restrictions

23.

- (1) kind
- (2) malicious
- (3) perplexed
- (4) industrious

24.

- (1) lauding
- (2) berating
- (3) abhorring
- (4) censuring

25.

- (1) mould
- (2) contrast
- (3) compare
- (4) resemble

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 × 1 mark)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Sushil Kumar, 26, grew up in one of the poorest states in India. However today, he is a millionaire and television superstar, the first contestant to win \$1 million on the Indian version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire." His win echoes the plot of the film "Slumdog Millionaire," starring Dev Patel, whose impoverished protagonist won the grand prize on the show.

With the roar of audience applause in the background, tears streamed down Kumar's face as Indian superstar and host of "Kaun Banega Crorepati," Amitabh Bachchan, handed him and his wife of five months, a cheque for 50 million rupees, the equivalent of a little more than \$1 million, after he had answered all the show's questions correctly. The moments after his win were captured by Indian news-station, NDTV.

Kumar is a government clerk who lives with his wife, mother and five brothers in the small town of Motihari, in the state of Bihar. Before appearing on the show, he made the equivalent of \$120 a month. Growing up, he was a voracious reader and very precocious, tutoring other students to enhance his own mind. He told viewers that his family was so poor, they could not afford a television set, forcing him to go to a neighbour's home to watch the quiz show. Watching him tick off correct answer after correct answer, his neighbours persuaded him to try out for the show.

The trip to the Mumbai studio where the show was taped was his first ride in a plane and his first visit to a big city. Before arriving on the set, Kumar was confident of winning \$50,000 or \$100,000, but the jackpot seemed like a distant dream.

Kumar has clear, if modest, plans for the money. He said he would use some to pay for a preparatory course so he could take India's civil service IAS examination, which could lead to a prestigious lifetime job. He said he would also buy a new home for his wife, pay off his parents' debts and give his four brothers startup cash so they can set up small businesses. Just as he was a child who dreamed of access to books to fuel his fervid desire for knowledge, he plans to build a library in Motihari so other children have access to the books and resources he never had.

"I never thought in my wildest dreams that I could do this," Kumar told BBC News.

Host Bachchan said, "You have created history. Your grit and determination have made you come so far in this show."

Adapted from <http://news.yahoo.com/blogs/abc-blogs/real-life-slumdog-millionaire-first-win-big-133931964.html>

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For each of the question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. The phrase "impoverished protagonist" (line 4) refers to _____.

- (1) Dev Patel
- (2) Sushil Kumar
- (3) Amitabh Bachchan
- (4) the main character in Slumdog Millionaire

27. Why did Kumar become a tutor?

- (1) He needed to earn more money.
- (2) He wanted to increase his own knowledge.
- (3) He wanted other children to have access to the books and resources he never had.
- (4) He needed a television set as he had to go to a neighbour's home to watch the quiz show.

28. In line 28, the word "fervid" has the same meaning as _____.

- (1) ardent
- (2) curious
- (3) composed
- (4) unflustered

29. According to the passage, which of the following statements is most likely to be true?

- (1) Kumar built a library in Motihari.
- (2) The game show was filmed in Bihar, India.
- (3) India's civil service examination is very challenging.
- (4) Kumar would like to own a business one day.

30. The most suitable title for the passage is _____.

- (1) How to be a Millionaire
- (2) Lifestyle of the Rich and Famous
- (3) The Life of the Clerk from Motihari
- (4) India's Real-Life Slumdog Millionaire

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BOOKLET B

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Section G : Structural Cloze (10 X 1 mark)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

- | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| (A) about | (D) and | (G) by | (K) however | (N) on |
| (B) after | (E) before | (H) for | (L) in | (P) then |
| (C) although | (F) between | (J) from | (M) of | (Q) to |

Adding a few hours' sleep to your night may prevent you from gaining weight. A new study has found that sleeping more than nine hours a night appears to suppress genetic factors that leads to weight gain.

(31) _____ contrast, getting too little sleep seems to have the opposite effect.

Previous research has shown an association (32) _____ poor sleep and obesity. (33) _____, the new findings reveal a complex interaction between sleep and genetic factors linked to body weight.

Scientists made the discovery (34) _____ studying 1088 pairs of identical and non-identical twins:

Twin studies help researchers unravel genetic (35) _____ environmental influences. Only identical twins share the same genes, and are therefore subject (36) _____ the same genetic effects, so differences between them are likely to be caused (37) _____ environmental factors.

For twins sleeping less than seven hours a night, genetic factors accounted

(38) _____ 70 per cent of differences in BMI (Body Mass Index). In twins averaging more than nine hours' sleep, only 32 per cent (39) _____ weight variations could be attributed to genes.

"The results suggest that shorter sleep provides a more permissive environment for the expression of obesity related genes," WA today quoted Nathaniel Watson, (40) _____ the University of Washington, who led the US study.

<http://sg.news.yahoo.com/sleeping-more-8-hours-night-may-help-stay-071640610.html>

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

41.

It is reporting that metal wires, about 10-20 cm long, grow from a woman's body!

42.

43.

Scaptiks initially thought that it must be "self-inflicted". Doctors have given in on

44.

providing any scientific or medical explainasios.

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The woman had this problem for 17 years and currently being investigated from the

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Ministry of Health. Initial consaltaetion with doctors found that the wires are also inside her body.

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Her first symptoms started mannerfesting in 1991. The metal wires grew out of her chest

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and her belly. During the first week, wires kept falling of from her body and were gone. A month later, the wires grew back again and much to her embarrassment, they kept growing!

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The doctors have took an X-Ray image from her stomach and found that there are more

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than 40 metal wires inside her. They look like living organysems.

Adapted from a news article in funnymos.com

Section I: Comprehension Cloze Passage (15x1mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

In 1977, Irene Pepperberg, a recent graduate of Harvard University, did something very bold; it was something that no one _____ or wanted to try out. She (51)

_____ out to find what was on another creature's mind by talking to it. She (52)

brought a one-year-old African grey parrot she named Alex into her research laboratory to teach him to reproduce the sounds of the English language. "I thought if he learned to

communicate, I could ask him _____ about how he sees the world." (53)

When Pepperberg began her _____ with Alex, who died last September at (54)

the age of 31, many scientists believed animals were _____ of any thought. (55)

They were simply machines, _____. the ability to think or feel. However, any (56)

pet owner would _____. We see the love in our dogs' eyes and know that they (57)

have thoughts and emotions. However, such claims remain highly controversial. How does a scientist prove that an animal is capable of _____ (58)

"That's the _____ why I started my studies with Alex," Pepperberg said. They (59)

were seated in her laboratory, a windowless room about the size of a boxcar, at Brandeis University. They were clearly a team and because of their work, the notion that animals can think is no longer so fanciful. In fact, they are able to acquire information about the world and act _____. (60)

As a _____ of Pepperberg's hard work, Alex was able to produce a close (61)

approximation of the _____ of some English words. Pepperberg could ask him (62)

questions about a bird's basic understanding of the world. She could not ask him what he was thinking about, but she could ask him about his knowledge _____ numbers, shapes and colours.

Alex had lived his entire life in _____, but he knew that beyond the

(64)

laboratory's door, there was a hallway and a tall window framing a leafy tree. He liked to see the tree, so Pepperberg put her hand out for him to climb aboard. She walked him down the hall into the tree's green light.

"Good boy! Good birdie," Alex said, bobbing on her hand.

"Yes, you're a good boy. You're a good birdie," Pepperberg replied and she kissed his feathered head.

He was a good bird until the end and Pepperberg was happy to report that when he breathed his _____, he had finally mastered the numbers one to seven.

(65)

*Adapted from: Minds of their Own, animals are smarter than you think.
By Virginia Morell*

Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 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).

66. It was a satisfying experience to cook for the children at the orphanage.

Cooking _____

67. The girls heard the footsteps of the discipline master. They ran out of the classroom to inform him what had happened.

On _____

68. Mr Chia asked May whether she had completed her assignment.

"_____

?" Mr Chia asked May.

69. The blouse Mary bought is not exquisite. It is also old.

70. May believed that she would not be caught if she cheated. She was a fool to believe that.

It was _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-ended (10x2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

As I walked into the elementary school, looking down at my new black Mary Jane shoes, my stomach turned from the biscuit I had just eaten an hour earlier. My mother held my hand (which was comforting but embarrassing seeing that I was already in fifth grade) as we made our way to Mrs. Blackstone's class. I was the new kid in town enrolling in January, which made it even worse. Desks had been assigned, rules established, friendships made and seats in the cafeteria taken. I wanted to be anywhere in the world but Fountain Inn Elementary School. I stood at Mrs. Blackstone's door. It was made of solid wood with a tiny glass window at the very top. I could not see what was inside, but my mother could.

"Oh Amanda, they look so nice! It's a big classroom. Ready to go in?"

The decorated door was full of pictures of the kids just on the other side.

"Wait," I pleaded. "Let's look at these first," pointing at the snapshots staring back at me.

My mother, always the optimist, fingered to a little girl in plaits. "She's cute. I bet she'd make a good friend!" Her encouraging words fell on deaf ears. I knew I only had seconds to spare if I was going to make a run for it. Before I attempted the great escape, the wooden door abruptly opened to the singsong voice of Mrs. Blackstone, my new fifth grade teacher.

"We've been waiting for you!" she said in an unusually high voice. With a wink and a smile, my mother tiptoed away and I was left standing centre stage in front of an unimpressed group of students.

Over the next few days, Mrs. Blackstone made it her mission to find me a new best friend, enroll me in choir and give me the all-important dream job of hall monitor. During history lessons, when I slumped into my desk because I did not want to speak in front of the class (even when I knew the answer), she would not only call on me but have me stand up to address my peers. She laughed at my awkwardness, like when I would not get in line to sharpen my pencil, even when my lead was broken, for fear of being embarrassed. Eventually, she made me realise it was all right to laugh at my own awkwardness and I felt more at ease in my new surroundings:

One spring afternoon, when the bell rang at 2.30pm for children to meet their parents in the courtyard, Mrs. Blackstone asked me to stay after class. "I'd like to speak with you Amanda."

My mind raced and my throat all of a sudden felt very dry. What did I do?

She sat comfortably behind her desk, surrounded by pictures of her former students.

"I want to tell you something, between you and me, not to be shared with anyone else."

"Er...Okay." I swallowed a lump stuck in my throat, preparing for whatever was coming.

With her eyebrows raised, she continued, "I see something special in you. The way you interact with others, the kindness that you show, I think you have great potential to be something very important."

I listened intently, hanging on to every word. "I can see it. But you must believe it yourself. Confidence – compassion- common sense. That's what is important. Remember that and you'll go far."

After hearing what Mrs. Blackstone had said, my tension melted away almost instantly and I gave a sheepish-looking, almost relieved smile. She must have noticed **this**, for she suddenly laughed heartily and said, "What did you think I was going to say?" We looked at each other, then burst out laughing together. I must have looked so silly earlier on.

That day, I walked out of her class, not staring at my Mary Jane shoes, but looking straight ahead with my head held high. My teacher saw something special in me!

As an adult now, I have decided to follow the footsteps of Mrs. Blackstone. I recall those words often when I need them most. Mrs. Blackstone has gone on to impact and educate many lawyers, doctors, politicians, police officers, accountants and mothers.

Not long ago, in the busyness of a spring afternoon, I sat down with a quiet, timid, ten-year-old. Seeing the old me in her, I looked into her eyes and repeated those words I never forgot, "I think you have great potential. You must believe in yourself. Confidence – compassion- common sense. Remember that and you'll go far."

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Soul: Teacher Tales by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen & Amy Newmark

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was the author embarrassed in line 3?

72. Give a reason why the author felt terrible being "the new kid in town" (line 4)?

73. Why did the author plead with her mother to look at the snapshots pasted on the door?

74. What eventually made the author feel more at ease with her new surroundings?

75. 'My mind raced and my throat suddenly felt very dry' (line 26). Why did the author feel this way?

76. What does 'this' in line 35 refer to?

77. What immediate impact did Mrs. Blackstone's words have on the author as she was walking out of the class?

78. Explain in your own words, the phrase 'followed the footsteps of Mrs. Blackstone' (line 40).

79. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Mrs. Blackstone had many years of experience as a teacher?

80. Why do you think the author repeated Mrs. Blackstone's exact words (from lines 44-46) to the little girl?

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Answer Ke

EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS'
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH
TERM : SA2

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46)consultation 47)manifesting 48)off 49)taken 50)organisms
51)dared 52)started 53)questions 54)studies 55)incapable
56)without 57)disagree 58)thinking 59)reason 60)on
61)result 62)sounds 63)about 64)cages 65)last
66)Cooking for the children at the orphanage was a satisfying.
67)On hearing the footsteps of the discipline master, the girls ran out of the classroom to inform him what had happened.
68) "May, have you completed your assignment?" Mr Chia asked May.
69)The blouse Mary bought was neither exquisite nor new.
70)It was foolish of Mary to believe that she would not be caught if she cheated.
71)The author was still holding on to her mother's hand even though she was already in fifth grade.
72)The decks have been assigned and the author would feel left out.
73)She wanted more time to think of a escape.
74)Mrs. Blackstone made her realise that it is was all right to laugh at her own awkwardness.
75)The author thought that she did something wrong and Mrs. Blackstone wanted to scold her.
76)It refers to the author's tension melting away and became relieved.
77)The author was not shy anymore and help her head high as she was walking out of the class.
78)The author became a teacher like Mrs. Blackstone when she was on adult.
79)The sentence is "Mrs Blackstone has gone on to impact and educated many lawyers, doctors, politicians, police officers, accountants and mothers.
80)The word had a positive impact on her and she hoped to inspire the little girl as well.





**RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the spaces above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 30 only.

Section A : Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus) (5 marks)

Study the following text and then answer questions 1 to 5.



Kiwi Village at Riverbank Wildlife Park NOW OPEN!

Have fun this December holidays and hop down to the Riverbank Wildlife Park to experience the Kiwi wonder! This new attraction adds to the current 25 enclosures in the park. Lying between Butterfly Garden and Lion Kingdom, Kiwi Village boasts a sprawling area of more than 30 000 square metres. Be sure to be amazed by more than 450 wildlife species from New Zealand in the entirely new enclosure!

Grand opening – 5 December 2010, 10am

Strike a pose with our mascot, Marney the Kiwi, who will be at the door to welcome you. The first 100 visitors will receive a goodie bag each!

Kiwi Enclosure – One and only in Asia!

Don't miss this rare opportunity to look at New Zealand's most iconic bird. In our specially-designed nocturnal houses, you don't have to view the kiwis only at night now!

You can also watch the keepers feed the kiwis at one of our Kiwi Feeding times!

Kiwi feeding daily at:

- 10am to 10.30am
- 1.30pm to 2pm
- 4.30pm to 5pm



Riverbank Wildlife Newsletter

Sign up for our quarterly newsletter with this irresistible bargain! Offer starts from 1 December 2010 to 10 December 2010

1 year subscription - \$36 and receive a \$20 dining voucher

2 year subscription - \$68 and receive a \$45 dining voucher and a Marney plush toy

Sign up at the registration booth at the entrance of Kiwi Village. Top up \$3 and receive a poster with every issue.

The Conservation Show

The Conservation Show features some of the most fascinating endangered wildlife in New Zealand. Get up close and personal with free-flying birds while our team of keepers entertain with their wealth of knowledge and experience!

- Show timings
- Monday to Friday – 11am and 3pm
- Saturday and Sunday – 10am, 3pm and 5pm

Getting to Riverbank Wildlife Park:

By bus: Take bus 113 from Woodfare MRT station. By car : Take Cross-island Expressway and exit at E15

Shuttle bus service from Riverbank MRT Station (30 min interval): Monday to Friday: 9am to 7.30pm

Saturday and Sunday: 8am to 7.30pm

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. According to the advertisement, which one of the following statements is true?
 (1) The Conservation Show is available twice daily.
 (2) There are more than 20 different enclosures in the park.
 (3) Everyone at the grand opening will receive a goodie bag.
 (4) Subscriber will receive a Riverbank Wildlife newsletter every month.

2. Jay reached Riverbanks Wildlife Park at 12.30pm on Saturday and he would like to watch the kiwis being fed. What time should he be at the enclosure?
 (1) 2:20 p.m.
 (2) 4:25 p.m.
 (3) 5:20 p.m.
 (4) 10:15 p.m.

3. Mr and Mrs Ong brought their three children to the park on Friday, 8 December 2010. They would be able to _____
 (1) pose a picture with Marney, the Kiwi
 (2) catch the Conservation Show at 5pm
 (3) take the shuttle bus to the park at 8am
 (4) sign up for the newsletter at a discount

4. The Kiwi Enclosure could be the star attraction of the park because _____
 (1) we can now look at the kiwis in the day
 (2) it is the only kiwi enclosure in the world
 (3) the public can only visit it in December
 (4) we can hold the kiwis and take a picture with them

5. Kelly paid \$39 to sign up for the Riverbank Wildlife Newsletter on 2 Dec 2010. She would receive a _____
 (1) Marney plush toy
 (2) \$20 shopping voucher
 (3) \$20 dining voucher and posters
 (4) \$20 dining voucher, posters and a Marney plush toy

Section B : Grammar Discrete (7 x 1 mark)

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.

6. I hope the food we bought was _____ your liking.

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

7. All but one of the participants _____ punctual for the workshop yesterday.

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

8. _____ any of the twins know about the plan tomorrow?

- (1) Do
- (2) Has
- (3) Have
- (4) Does

9. Mrs Tan made her son _____ for his rudeness.

- (1) apologise
- (2) apologised
- (3) apologises
- (4) apologising

10. He promised to return to the office after lunch, _____ ?

- (1) isn't he
- (2) didn't he
- (3) hadn't he
- (4) wouldn't he

11. Nobody _____ from her since she left the company last year.

- (1) hears
- (2) heard
- (3) has heard
- (4) have heard

12. _____ his injury, Joe continued to play in the match.

- (1) Despite
- (2) However
- (3) Although
- (4) Because

Section C : Punctuation

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. (3 marks)

"The tale of the Dragon cannot be true," said old Mrs Greywhistle, the shopkeeper.

"How can it be true when the heat is so unbearable (13) We are going to melt in this furnace !" replied her customer, tapping an angry foot.

It was now too hot for the children to play out in the direct sun and they would gather under the shade of the trees, digging holes in the dust and snapping brittle twigs (14) Do you think the Dragon will help us?" asked Tom.

"He must do something," agreed Jim (15) he won't leave us in the lurch."

Adapted from <http://www.eastoftheweb.com/short-stories/UBooks/DragRock.shtml>

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [-] hyphen
(4) [?] question mark

14. (1) [:] colon
(2) ["] inverted commas
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

15. (1) [:"] colon and inverted commas
(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(3) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (5 marks)

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.

16. The _____ noise caused by the road works near my house will distract me from revising my work.
- (1) incessant - never stopping
(2) involuntary
(3) inadequate - not enough
(4) insignificant
17. Whenever I listen to my father's _____ stories about his difficult childhood, tears would well up in my eyes.
- (1) soothing
(2) poignant
(3) provocative
(4) nonsensical
18. Janice will not see improvements in her test results if she continues to _____ in her studies.
- (1) slacken
(2) advance
(3) enhance
(4) decrease
19. The park rangers watched helplessly as the calf _____ for its life in the tiger's mouth.
- (1) wriggled
(2) fumbled
(3) struggled
(4) competed
20. Mary has no friends because she tends to make _____ comments about others.
- (1) decisive
(2) desirable
(3) derogatory
(4) deteriorating

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

A man (21) lambasted his 3-year-old daughter for ~~wasting~~ ~~and~~ ~~left~~ gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he was (22) maddened when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree. Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy."

The man was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found out that the box was empty. He (23) took hold of her hand and yelled at her, "Don't you know, when you give someone a present, there is supposed to be something inside?" The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and cried, "Oh, Daddy, it's not empty at all. I blew kisses into the box. They're all for you, Daddy."

The father was (24) awed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged for her forgiveness. Only a short time later, an accident took the life of the child. Her father kept that gold box by his bed for many years and, whenever he was (25) discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

--Taken from "Motivational sayings & stories - A Box Full of Kisses"

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| 21. | (1) | lauded |
| | (2) | applauded |
| | (3) | reprimanded |
| | (4) | complimented |
| 22. | (1) | pleased |
| | (2) | infuriated |
| | (3) | appeased |
| | (4) | depressed |
| 23. | (1) | seized |
| | (2) | stroked |
| | (3) | strangled |
| | (4) | slammed |
| 24. | (1) | amazed |
| | (2) | disturbed |
| | (3) | frightened |
| | (4) | threatened |
| 25. | (1) | heartened |
| | (2) | reassured |
| | (3) | dissatisfied |
| | (4) | demoralised |

Section F : Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

When I was quite young, my father had one of the first telephones in our neighbourhood. I remember well the polished old case fastened to the wall. The shiny receiver hung on the side of the box. I was ~~too little~~ to reach the telephone, but used to listen with fascination when my mother talked to it. Then I discovered that somewhere inside the wonderful device lived an amazing person. Her name was "Information Please" and there was nothing she did not know. "Information Please" could supply anybody's number correctly.

My first personal experience with this genie-in-the-bottle came one day while my mother was visiting a neighbour. Amusing myself with a hammer at the tool bench in the basement, I was careless and I hurt myself. The pain was terrible, but there didn't seem to be any reason in crying because ~~there was no one at home to give sympathy~~. I walked around the house sucking my throbbing finger, finally arriving at the stairway - The telephone! Quickly, I ran for the footstool in the storeroom and dragged it to the landing. Climbing up, I unhooked the receiver from the telephone and held it to my ear. "Information Please," I said into the mouthpiece just above my head. A click or two and a small clear voice spoke into my ear. "Information."

"I hurt my finger ...," I wailed into the phone. The tears came readily enough now that I had an audience.

"Isn't your mother home?" came the question. "Nobody's home but me," I blubbered. "Can you open your icebox?" she asked. I said I could. "Then chip off a little piece of ice and hold it to your finger."

After that, I called "Information Please" for everything. I asked her for help with my geography and she told me where Kuala Lumpur was. And there was the time that Petey, our pet canary, lay motionless at the bottom of its cage. I called "Information Please" and told her what I saw. She listened, then said the usual things grown-ups say to soothe a child but I was unconsoled.

She must have sensed my deep sadness, for she said quietly, "Paul, always remember that there is a better place for Petey to sing in." Somehow I felt better.

Then when I was 9 years old, we moved to another city. I missed my friend very much. "Information Please" belonged in that old wooden box back home, and I somehow never thought of trying the tall, shiny new phone that sat on the hall table.

Yet as I grew into my teens, the memories of those childhood conversations never really left me; often in moments of doubt and perplexity, I would recall the serene sense of security I had then. I appreciated now how patient, understanding, and kind she was to have spent her time on a little boy.

-Adapted from "Information Please" by Paul Villian

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25

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For each of the question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. When the writer was younger, he could not use the telephone because _____.

- (1) he was not allowed to do so
- (2) he was fascinated by the new telephone
- (3) the telephone was mounted too high up for him
- (4) he was happily listening to his mother talking to it

27. In paragraph 2, "Information Please" refers to a/an _____.

- (1) old telephone
- (2) genie in the bottle
- (3) telephone operator
- (4) person who lived in the phone

28. The writer did not cry when he first hurt his finger because _____.

- (1) he was careless
- (2) there was no one to cry to at home
- (3) he wanted to talk to "Information Please"
- (4) the people at home would give him sympathy

29. What happened to Petey?

- (1) It died.
- (2) It was sleeping.
- (3) It did not want to sing to the writer.
- (4) It flew off and sang in another place.

30. What gave the author a sense of security as a child?

- (1) His old friend from his school.
- (2) The new phone on the hall table.
- (3) The first telephone his father had.
- (4) The conversations he had with "Information Please".

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ ()

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Section G : Structural Cloze (10 marks)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) been	(G) in	(K) on	(N) was
(B) although	(E) for	(H) of	(L) the	(P) which
(C) be	(F) had	(J) off	(M) to	(Q) who

Four men were facing jail after being convicted of taking part in a brazen raid on a jewellery store, Graff Diamonds, in London, which netted gems worth \$84 million.

Police welcomed the convictions but appealed (31) _____ help in finding a motorcyclist who made (32) _____ with the jewels, which have yet to (33) _____ recovered.

During the trial, the court was shown footage of Solomun Kassaye, 25, firing (34) _____ shot in the street outside the shop, sending passers-by running for cover. He (35) _____ pleaded innocent, saying it was a case of mistaken identity. Two further suspects were cleared of suspicion (36) _____ February and another two were found not guilty last week.

Detective Chief Inspector Pam Mace welcomed (37) _____ successful outcome of the investigation but said they would continue to trace the motorcycle rider and the whereabouts of the jewellery.

The items snatched in the raid were put into a black plastic bag and handed (38) _____ an accomplice who sped off on a motorcycle. (39) _____ he had to abandon the motorcycle nearby after it had broken down, police still lost track of him.

Graff Diamonds, (40) _____ is known for its well-cut diamonds, was also targeted in 2003 in a robbery worth \$23 million.

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 marks)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Thrice a week, Mr Wan Chong Hock inspects the HDB blocks in Ang Mo Kio and

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neighbouring Yio Chu Kang constituency. His town council is within 16 others across

42)

Singapore that is being assessed for the first time on their performance in four areas:

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44)

clairniness of estate, lift performance, managment of arrears in service, conservancy

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charges and maintainence of facilities. Results will be out this month and will pit the

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47)

councils with one another in each catigery on a level from one - which is the best - to

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five. Residents are quick to let him know when things goes awry, and he tries his best to

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see to the problem as soon as possible. A ruetine check could start as early as 9 a.m.

-50)

and last as long for six hours!

Adapted from The Straits Times Wednesday, June 9, 2010

Section I: Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

The recent BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico has affected scores of marine life.

It also stirred _____ an emotional debate, especially since a flood of pictures
(51)
featuring oil-coated birds appeared in the papers.

Some experts, citing traditionally low _____ rates for rescued birds,
(52)
are arguing it would be better to immediately and humanely kill the suffering birds. Too
much damage could have been done by the time the birds are _____.
(53)

Oil harms birds in two ways: internally and _____.
(54)

Oil-soaked birds vigorously preen their _____ to remove the toxic
(55)
crude, accidentally _____. It, which can cause internal ailments.
(56)

"Try removing crude oil from your arm with your mouth and not getting any of it
into your body," Louisiana State's Remsen said.

Externally, crude oil degrades the birds' waterproofing _____, allowing cold
(57)
water to seep _____ their skin. It also makes the animals vulnerable
(58)
hypothermia, a sudden drop in body temperature which may result in death,
(59)
especially in cold regions. Fortunately many of the hard-hit Gulf birds such as _____ brown
(60)
pelicans and laughing gulls, do not spend much time at sea, making the process of waterproofing
_____ critical.
(61)

The Deepwater Horizon crude is also especially sticky. It requires workers to
_____ the birds with more "intense" detergent. This, in _____,
(62) _____
strips more of the birds' waterproofing oils. Also, when a bird is rehabilitated, there is
a possibility that the birds cannot _____ to their new homes. It
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is a tragic example, in our face, that this problem is going to be _____ us for
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decades. Only time will tell.

Adapted from website <http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news>

Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 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).

66. Tony could not solve the puzzle despite trying very hard.

However _____

67. "Did you attend the meeting yesterday?" Alan asked Wendy.

Alan asked Wendy _____

68. All of us jumped for joy when we heard the good news.

upon _____

69. We were relieved that nobody was hurt in the fire last night.

Much to _____

70. Karen was wearing a thick jacket, but she was still cold.

Although _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (20 marks)

Laura and Brian Mullin and their 18-month-old daughter, Sarah, were looking forward to Christmas as they arrived to join Brian's family in Northern Ireland on December 21, 1996. However, the next day, their **good cheer turned to numbing disbelief** when a friend telephoned to tell them, "I'm afraid you've been burgled."

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Back home in England in their comfortable 1930s house in an affluent Southampton suburb, they found their world had literally been turned upside down. No room was untouched. The intruders had systematically turned out drawers and cupboards and even emptied the tea caddy in their search for cash. The television and stereo had gone. So had Laura's jewellery, much of it given to her by her grandmother and irreplaceable.

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The break-in was one of a string of strikingly similar burglaries of well-appointed houses. Most had taken place while the occupants were on vacation. So far, the thieves had plundered goods worth around \$425,000. In eight cases, they had even taken the victims' cars to drive away their haul. They had not left a single fingerprint.

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Detective Inspector Dean Jones, head of Hampshire police's 30-strong Western Area Crime Unit, based in Southampton, had been called in to hunt down the highly professional gang. However, the tough 37-year-old was baffled.

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In his 19 years as a policeman, Jones had never come across a series of burglaries with no geographical pattern. Normally they happened in clusters in the same town or district, or strung out along highways for a quick getaway. This gang seemed to be raiding at random.

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Jones set a 12-member team to study the police reports on all the break-ins, hoping to find a link that had been overlooked. ***It was like searching for a contact lens on an ice rink.***

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Then one detective spotted that two of the victims had flown on vacation from Southampton International Airport. "Is that just a coincidence?" Jones wondered aloud to Olan Jenkins, the 26-year-old constable coordinating the inquiry.

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"Let's find out how the other victims travelled," Jenkins suggested. He went to see Brian and Laura Mullin. They had flown from Southampton. So had at least six others and all had flown with the same airline: British Airways.

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Jenkins talked to airport director, John Bullen, and Roger Edge, general manager of Southampton Handling, the company subcontracted to do ticketing and checking-in reservations for British Airways (BA). They were dumbfounded at the suggestion that BA passengers might be targets. "We'll give you every support," Bullen promised as the list of victims grew.

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"There's only one way the gang could have got those addresses," Jenkins added. He asked Roger Edge for a name list of all the employees handling ticketing and reservations. Now, the suspects they had to investigate were visibly reduced.

Among those on the list was Katherine Woodward, an attractive 23-year-old blonde who had worked at Guernsey Airport before moving to the mainland in early 1996. That April, Roger Edge, impressed by her efficiency, friendly manner, had given her a job on check-in, processing departing travellers. After two months, she was promoted to the ticketing and reservations desk.

Adapted from Tim Bouquet's Ticket to a Break-In, from Reader's Digest January 1999

Answer questions 71-80

Answer questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Explain clearly in your own words, why the Mullin family experienced "good cheer turned to numbing disbelief" in lines 3-4.

72. Give two reasons why it was so difficult to find the culprits of the break-ins?

73. In most cases, how did the thieves manage to get away with all that they had stolen from the houses?

74. Which word in the passage from lines 17-38 has the same meaning as *bewildered*?

75. When did the thieves normally strike?

76. "*It was like searching for a contact lens on an ice rink.*" What were Jones and his team actually searching for in lines 25-26?

77. What was common in all of the victims Detective Jenkins had asked?

78. Why did Detective Jenkins suspect the employees handling ticketing and reservations?

79. What were the reasons for Katherine Woodward's quick promotion since she moved from Guernsey?

80. Which sentence in the passage tells you that the thieves only targeted wealthy homes?

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EXAM PAPER 2010

SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

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41) among 42) are 43) cleanliness 44) management 45) maintenance

46) against 47) category 48) go 49) routine 50) as

51) up 52) survival 53) saved 54) externally 55) feathers

56) swallowing 57) oils 58) through 59) to 60) as

61) less 62) wash 63) turn 64) adjust 65) haunting

66) However hard Tony tried, he could not solve the puzzle.

67) Alan asked Wendy of she had attended the meeting the previous say.

68) All of us jumped for joy upon hearing the good news.

69) Much to our relief, nobody was hurt in the fire last night.

70) Although Karen was wearing a thick jacket, she was still cold.

71) At first, they were looking forward to Christmas as they arrived to join Brian's family in Ireland, then they found out that they had been burgled.

- 72) The culprits of the break-ins had not left a single fingerprint and instead of having a series of burglaries with geographical pattern, this gang seemed to be raiding at random.**
- 73) In most cases, the thieves had taken the victims' cars to drive away their haul.**
- 74) The word is "baffled".**
- 75) The thieves normally strike while the occupants of the house were on vacation.**
- 76) Jones and his team were searching for a link of all the burglaries that had been overlooked in the police reports.**
- 77) All the victims had flown from Southampton International airport and all had flown with the same airline: British Airways.**
- 78) As all the victims had flown with British airways, there was only one way the gang could have gotten those addresses which was through employees handling ticketing and reservations.**
- 79) Katherine Woodward was promoted as Roger Edge was impressed by her efficiency and friendly manner.**
- 80) The sentence is "The break-in was one of a string of strikingly similar burglaries of well-appointed houses."**



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)
2010

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the space provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 30 only.

Section A : Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus) (5 x 1 mark)

Study the details of a writing competition which appeared in a magazine carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Write and Win 2010

The title for the month of April:

MOTHER, I LOVE YOU !



Take part in this annual writing competition.

Win attractive prizes !

1st Prize
\$200
and a Dining
Voucher worth
\$300

2nd Prize
\$100
and a Dining
Voucher worth
\$200

3rd Prize
\$50
and a Dining
Voucher
worth \$100

Specially-designed Mother's Day
Cards by *Creative Arts Club*

Free for the first 50 participants

Category	Age	Minimum Length of Composition
A	7 - 9	100 words
B	10 - 12	150 words
C	13 - 15	200 words
D	16 - 18	300 words

Consolation prizes:

10 beautifully-designed and handmade aprons

- ❖ Send in as many compositions as you wish
- ❖ Submit your entries to the nearest NTUC supermarket
- ❖ Each composition must be accompanied by an entry form found on the back of **Creative Arts Club** magazine. Write your particulars on the entry form.
- ❖ All entries must reach Creative Arts Club before 15 May 2010. Late entries will not be accepted.

Organised by **Creative Arts Club** (88, Lorong Asam, Singapore 335335)

Cash prizes and Dining Vouchers donated by **Popular Insurance Company**

Aprons contributed by **Care Group Community Club**

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 organiser of this writing competition is _____.

- (1) Creative Arts Club
- (2) NTUC Supermarket
- (3) Popular Insurance Company
- (4) Care Group Community Club

2. The main aim of the 'Write and Win 2010' competition is to encourage young people to _____.

- (1) read widely
- (2) appreciate their loved ones
- (3) win prizes for their loved ones
- (4) shop at their favourite supermarket

3. Lizzie, who will turn thirteen in December, wants to take part in the competition. She needs to write at least _____ to qualify for the competition.

- (1) 100 words
- (2) 150 words
- (3) 200 words
- (4) 300 words

4. A student who wins \$100 will also have a dining voucher worth _____.

- (1) \$50
- (2) \$100
- (3) \$200
- (4) \$300

5. The composition must be sent in _____.

- (1) through the school
- (2) with the completed entry form
- (3) with a Creative Arts Club magazine
- (4) through Care Group Community Club

Section B : Grammar (7 X 1 mark)

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.

6. _____ she was disappointed with her results, she did not complain.

- (1) Since
- (2) Unless
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

7. I think you must _____ what I have told you.

- (1) forgot
- (2) forgotten
- (3) had forgotten
- (4) have forgotten

8. The motorist sped _____ the red light and knocked down a pedestrian who was crossing the road.

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

9. It rained _____ December and into the first half of January.

- (1) over
- (2) along
- (3) through
- (4) between

10. The children found it difficult to _____ their disappointment when the trip to Malaysia was suddenly called off.

- (1) get into
- (2) get over
- (3) get away
- (4) get through

11. If I had been informed earlier, I _____ signed the agreement.

- (1) will not
- (2) would not
- (3) will not have
- (4) would not have

12. Jane, together with her accomplices, _____ called on stage to make a public apology last Friday.

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

Section C : Punctuation (3 X 1 mark)

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.

The doorbell rang. "I'll get it (13) I yelled as I leapt off the bright-red sofa I was lying on. Looking through the peep-hole, I saw a tall and lanky man with a moustache standing at the doorstep. I opened the door just in time to hear a "Who's at the door(14) coming from my mother, who was busy vacuuming her room. Before I could reply (15) my mother had already turned off the vacuum cleaner and started walking towards me.

13. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!"] exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) [,] comma
(2) [?] question mark
(3) [."] comma and inverted commas
(4) [?"] question mark and inverted commas
15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semi-colon

Section D: Vocabulary (5 × 1 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 number in the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. Before the painting was bought, it was _____ by the buyer.

- (1) probed x
- (2) haggled
- (3) perceived
- (4) scrutinised

17. It is _____ to bring a compass whenever one hikes in an unfamiliar area.

- (1) crucial
- (2) explicable
- (3) superfluous
- (4) hypothetical

18. The politician's corruption was _____ to the public by the media and that brought about his downfall.

- (1) detected
- (2) ridiculed
- (3) exposed
- (4) extracted

19. As Jason knew about his father's soft spot, he never failed to take _____ of it to get what he wanted.

- (1) care
- (2) hold
- (3) heart
- (4) advantage

20. Marian refused to give in and _____ her principles throughout the whole meeting.

- (1) adhered to
- (2) called upon
- (3) succumbed to
- (4) revolted against

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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.

I was relieved when school commenced that week. Students with new notebooks and sharpened pencils in hand ambled about the courtyard, kicking up dust, chatting in groups, waiting for the class captains' whistles. Father drove down the dirt lane that led to the entrance. Most of the boys walked to school, and Father's black Mercedes drew more than one envious look. I should have been beaming with pride when he dropped me off but all I could muster was a mild form of embarrassment. That and emptiness. Father drove away without saying good-bye.

I bypassed the customary comparing of kite-flying scars and stood in line. The bell rang and we marched to our assigned class, filed in in pairs. I sat in the back row. As the English Language teacher handed out our textbooks, I prayed for a heavy load of homework.

School gave me an excuse to stay in my room for long hours. And, for a while, it took my mind off what happened that winter, what I had let happen. For a few weeks, I was engrossed in my school work instead of thinking about Hassan and what had happened to him. However, my mind returned to the scene and Hassan's teary face.

Adapted from The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini

21. (1) sprinted
(2) hobbled
(3) pranced
(4) wandered

22. (1) jealous
(2) serene
(3) haunting
(4) indifferent

23. (1) instigate
(2) provide
(3) deploy
(4) gather

24. (1) avoided
(2) opposed
(3) stimulated
(4) challenged

25. (1) confined
(2) immersed
(3) submerged
(4) surrendered

Section E : Comprehension MCQ (5 X 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Turbulent muddy water pressed against him, making it hard to breathe despite the oxygen tank strapped to his back. Inchng his way forward with a 60-metre lifeline, his only tether to safety, Abdul was 15 metres under the flooding Padma River in Bangladesh, searching for dead bodies trapped in a sunken ferry. On that dive in May 2005, Abdul found seven bodies pinned against a grill, before being pulled back to the rescue boat.

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"I thought I was going to die from the crush of the water," said the 39-year-old diver for the Bangladeshi fire service, "but it would be a shame if I came back empty-handed."

Over 100,000 people use ferries each day to traverse Bangladesh's more than 230 rivers. Overcrowded and often less than seaworthy, the ferries run into trouble in the monsoon when the rivers are flooded and filled with debris. The power of the water, plus the fact that most of the passengers cannot swim, means there is little hope of pulling anyone out alive when a ferry sinks.

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For the past 15 years, Abdul had risked his own life to return as many bodies as possible so that grieving families could have a proper burial.

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"I love helping my fellow human beings in times of tragedy," admitted the father of a twin boy and girl, "I'm not afraid but I tell my colleagues that if I die, to send my body to my family."

Born on the banks of the Salda River northeast of the capital Dhaka, Abdul had always been a strong swimmer and immediately answered an advertisement for fire service divers when a relative showed it to him in 1990. Told that he should move to the Gulf states to become a commercial diver and earn more money, the devout Muslim decided he liked the challenge of going where others would not dare to go.

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"He is exposed to diseases and infections from the polluted waters as well as many other health problems from diving repeatedly during rescue operations. So many times I have thought he was going to die," said Dilip Kumar Gosh, Abdul's commander at the Siddique Bazar Fire Station office in Dhaka.

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Adapted from <http://www.rdasia.com/going where others don't dare>

For each question from 26 to 30, 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.

26. Abdul risked his life by diving into the turbulent muddy water to _____.

- (1) put out fires on ferries
- (2) salvage sunken ferries
- (3) repair damaged ferries
- (4) search for trapped dead bodies

27. Most people use the ferries daily to commute because _____.

- (1) they are new and safe to travel on
- (2) there are hundreds of rivers in Bangladesh
- (3) they do not run into trouble in the monsoon
- (4) the passengers on board are good swimmers

28. The phrase "but it would be a shame if I came back empty-handed" in lines 8 and 9 means that Abdul _____.

- (1) was ashamed of his meagre pay
- (2) regretted diving for the Bangladeshi fire service
- (3) was determined to find survivors or dead bodies
- (4) would be humiliated if he did not survive the rescue attempt

29. Which of the following statements is not true about Abdul's job?

- (1) It gives him a challenge when doing it.
- (2) It pays better than a commercial diver's salary.
- (3) He could die anytime during an operation.
- (4) He risks getting health problems in the long run.

30. The best adjective to describe Abdul is _____.

- (1) cynical
- (2) selfless
- (3) pessimistic
- (4) materialistic

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BOOKLET B

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Section G : Structural Cloze (10 X 1 mark)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) above	(D) because	(G) or	(K) though	(N) what
(B) against	(E) during	(H) out	(L) unless	(P) where
(C) along	(F) for	(J) then	(M) until	(Q) with

Every year, the Christmas holidays are usually a bore, (31) _____ last year, when my family and I went to India to visit my grandparents. It was a happy reunion (32) _____ we had not seen our grandparents (33) _____ quite a long time.

We wanted to enjoy the beauty of Kerala, so we hired a big van and toured the country (34) _____ my cousins. We started (35) _____ early one Saturday morning and it was great fun for we joked or sang on the way.

First, we went to Tekadi, a holiday resort. On our way there, we had to travel (36) _____ winding roads amid high mountains and deep valleys. As we got higher and higher, I began to feel as if I was on top of the world. It was truly breathtaking to be so high up (37) _____ the world and feeling close to God. The cool, fresh air refreshed us (38) _____ we were a bit exhausted.

On our way, we saw women picking tea-leaves and we also stopped at a tea factory. At last, we reached Tekadi, a nature reserve, (39) _____ wild animals roam about freely in the jungle. We were taken on a boat ride, on a lake amidst the hilly forests, (40) _____ which we saw wild animals like elephants, zebras, wolves and deer coming out of the thick forests to drink the cool water of the lake.

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Glass is a very useful substance. It is a hard, manufactured solid with

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transparent properties. Glass is used for a varyaty of purposes. Some of its uses

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include the making in bulbs, bottles, windows, spektele lenses and even certain types of

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furniture. Microscopes on examining minute things and telescopes for studying the heavenly

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bodies is also made of glass.

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Glass can come at thin or thick sizes. Its use ditarmines its shape and

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size. When we walk through a labretory, we will find almost all containers made out of

glass.

Glass can also be recycled. Glass recycling is the process of turning waste

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glass for usable products. Glass recycling uses less energy than producing glass from sand,

lime and soda.

Section I: Comprehension Cloze Passage (15 × 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Gambling addicts who fear that they may put themselves at risk if they enter the two upcoming casinos here can get themselves banned from them. All they have to do is _____ up online at www.knowtheline.sg. The move is the latest of several

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taken by the National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG) to try and ensure that the opening of the casinos does not give _____ to a flood of social problems.

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The NCPG realises that few people will sign up, given the low take-up

_____ in other countries with similar measures, such as the United States

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and Australia, and the fact that many addicts refuse or fail to realise they have a gambling

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However, it is adopting the move anyway and views it as

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of a wider approach that will help pre-empt problems in future.

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In April, for example, families were allowed to apply to bar their loved ones from the casinos if they can _____ to counsellors and a committee appointed by the

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NCPG, how the gambler's actions have hurt them.

The government-funded NCPG will also _____ the step of

automatically banning between 25,000 _____ 29,000 undischarged bankrupts

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and those on the government's public assistance scheme from the casinos. The casinos

here will have to _____ that those who are banned do not enter their

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premises. If they _____ to do so, they can be fined up to \$100,000.

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For gamblers _____ bar themselves, the ban is valid for a minimum of

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one year and remains in force unless they _____ out. Counsellors interviewed

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by The Straits Times said that gamblers who want to prove to their families they are

_____ about kicking the habit are the ones most likely to get themselves

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banned.

Reverend Edward Job, executive director of the Christian Care Services, said some of the men he is counselling have expressed an _____ in doing so. Public awareness of gambling addiction and of where to _____ help has increased,

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council member, Mildred Tan said.

Adapted from the Straits Times, Friday, 27 November 2009

Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 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).

66. You must concentrate during lessons. You will be able to understand the topic.

Unless _____

67. Mr Ali continued working hard. He was unwell.

Although _____

68. Jane is my cousin. I share a room with her.

_____ whom _____

69. Susan gave her old clothes to charity. Susan had outgrown her old clothes.

Since _____

70. "I want this teddy bear for my birthday," Belinda told her parents.

Belinda told her parents _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 × 2 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

There was a big commotion in our class. Amanda, the best speaker of our class, was our class representative to the annual Impromptu Speech Contest. Everyone was getting anxious as Amanda had still not turned up for school that day. Unfortunately, she was rushed to the hospital the previous night due to an acute attack of asthma. The contest was to be held that very day. Amanda's eloquence made her a sure winner. Furthermore, my teacher had said, "Amanda is very well-read. She can easily come up with a perfect speech on the spot." Naturally, everyone had faith in Amanda to win the trophy and do our class proud.

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A little while later, our teacher walked into the class. By the look on her face, we could immediately predict the outcome. She said in a resigned voice, "Class, Amanda is hospitalised and won't be discharged today. I'm afraid we'll have to withdraw from the contest unless we can find a substitute to represent our class." I sat rooted in my seat as thirty-nine pairs of eyes stared at me.

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"But... but... I am not prepared," I said stumbling over my words. Suddenly, an idea struck me. "Surely... surely you won't want m... me to ss... stammer like this? I h... hh... have stage fright. I will g... gg... get nervous and I will ss... stammer," I said, hoping the stutter sounded real. My teacher walked up to me and said, "Claire, we depend on you to get the trophy for us." Realising the futility of arguing with anyone, I gave in. At that very moment, thunderous claps resounded in the classroom.

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Soon, it was time for the Primary Five students to assemble in the hall. The contestants were asked to report at the meeting room for a briefing. My knees were practically knocking against each other. "Mum, I wish I can call you in this time of need. Your soothing voice and encouraging words never fail to give me strength and calm me down," I said to myself, wishing she was beside me, holding my hand.

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All the contestants were asked to sit in the meeting room and wait for our turns to go on stage. This was to ensure fairness in the contest. A teacher reminded us on the rules and informed us that we would all be given the same topic. A prefect would be sent to bring each contestant to the hall when her name was called out.

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I was the sixth contestant. The moment I stepped into the hall, my classmates cheered for me. I told myself to do my best. Mustering my courage, I made my way to the stage. The compere read out the topic I had to talk about. As soon as the topic was announced, my nervousness seemed to fade away. I started addressing the audience confidently and shared my thoughts and views with conviction. When I ended my speech, waves of applause broke out. I left the stage and joined the other contestants who had already spoken. I was all smiles and I felt a deep sense of satisfaction.

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As the rest of the contestants took their turns, I thought they spoke as well as, or even better than I did. Finally, the last contestant completed her speech. Worry and anxiety overwhelmed me as I waited for the results to be announced. We were called on stage again. My heart skipped a beat. My fingers gripped the hem of my skirt. Every muscle in my body tensed. I tried to hum a tune. The voice of the compere boomed, "We have an eloquent speaker as the winner and she is none other than Claire Tan!" Everyone in the hall clapped for me. A wave of glory swept over me and I stood there triumphantly, waving my gleaming trophy in the air. I knew I would never forget that wonderful moment.

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Answer questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was there a big commotion in class?

72. What made the teacher select Amanda to be the class representative for the contest?

73. Why did the class stare at the writer in line 13?

74. What was the idea that struck the writer in line 15?

75. How would the writer's call to her mother calm her down before the contest?

76. Who does 'she' in line 24 refer to?

77. Why was it fair that all the contestants were kept in the meeting room to wait for their turns to go on stage?

78. Which sentence tells you that the writer was pleased with her speech on stage?

79. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'held tightly'?

80. How did the writer feel before the contest results were announced?

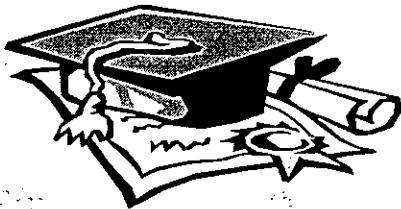
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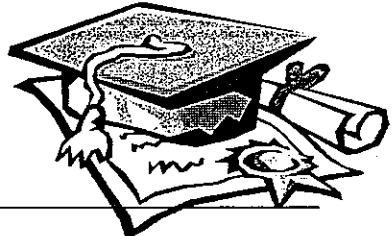


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

**SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY
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61)who 62)opt. 63)serious 64)interest 65)seek

66)Unless you concentrate during lessons, you will not be able to understand the topic.

67)Although Mr Ali was unwell, continued working hard.

68)Jane, whom I share a room with is my cousin.

69)Since Susan had outgrown her old clothes, she gave them to charity.

70)Belinda told her parents that she wanted that teddy bear for her birthday.

71)There was a big commotion in class because Amanda, the best speaker of the class was their representative to the Annual Impromptu speech contest and had still not turned up for school that day.

72)Teacher selected Amanda to be the class representative for the contest because she is very well-read and she can easily come up with a perfect speech on the spot.

73)She was the second best speaker in the class and everyone wanted her to be the substitute.

74)She would pretend to be nervous, saying that she would get stage fright and stammer.

75)The writer's call to her mother calmed her down before the contest because her mother's soothing voice and encouraging words never fail to give her strength and calm her down.

76)It refers to the author's mother.

77)All the contestants would be given the same topic so they cannot hear it as it would be unfair as some would get a longer time to prepare.

78)The sentence is "I was all smiles and felt a deep sense of satisfaction.

79)The word is "gripped".

80)The writer felt worried and anxious before the contest results were announced.



RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

2011

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

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Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5 × 1 mark)

Study the poster below carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

DECEMBER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT THE SINGA EXPO	
 <p>Daily from 10 am – 8 pm Free admission Open to the public</p>	Complimentary parking after 6 pm.
ART WITH KITTY <p>Art with Kitty is an exhibition in celebration of Goodbye Kitty's 30th anniversary in the Asia Pacific region. It features Goodbye Kitty memorabilia as well as contemporary artworks by 70 international artists and designers in the form of fashion, music and motion graphics.</p> <p>Goodbye Kitty will be making a special appearance in the last week of December!</p> <p>Venue: Hall 1</p>	IT ATTACK! <p>IT Attack! brings you a thought-provoking interactive experience. It features new technologies that are integral in the way we live, learn, work and play. Experience the recent development of robot technologies in Japan where robots are used in their daily lives.</p> <p>Venue: Hall 2</p>
TRADITIONAL TRADES <p>Experience the trades of yesteryear! View old black and white movies and witness the craft of the tin bucket man and clog maker played on the giant screens.</p>  <p>Traditional Trades is brought to you courtesy of ABC Traders Association.</p> <p>Venue: Hall 3</p>	FRUIT BAZAAR <p>Make a trip to the "garden" at Hall 4 for a great shopping experience! Experience a magical experience in a unique garden setting with over 50 traders selling a range of fresh and cooked fruit products. It is the perfect place for any fruit lovers.</p>  <p>Venue: Hall 4</p>

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. All the activities featured in the above poster are held in Singa Expo for one _____.

- (1) day
- (2) year
- (3) week
- (4) month

2. The main objective of organising 'Art with Kitty' is to _____.

- (1) sell Goodbye Kitty's products
- (2) display contemporary artworks
- (3) feature Goodbye Kitty's memorabilia
- (4) celebrate Goodbye Kitty's 30th anniversary

3. At the Singa Expo, you can purchase _____.

- (1) fruits
- (2) new IT gadgets
- (3) clogs and tin buckets
- (4) a Goodbye Kitty memorabilia

4. If you want to experience a world transformed by technology, you should go to Hall _____.

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

5. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Free parking is available throughout the day.
- (2) You need to purchase a ticket to enter the Singa Expo.
- (3) People of all ages are welcome to visit the Singa Expo.
- (4) ABC Trade Association is the sponsor of all the activities held in the Singa Expo.

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (7 x 1 mark)

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.

6. Although Ahmad won the motorcycle race, he came close to _____ killed.

- (1) be
- (2) being
- (3) have been
- (4) having been

7. All but Jenny _____ for the barbecue party organised by the class tomorrow.

- (1) is going
- (2) are going
- (3) has gone
- (4) have gone

8. _____ two minutes of the game, Wayne Rooney had scored a goal for Manchester United.

- (1) By
- (2) Within
- (3) Before
- (4) During

9. I do not know anything about the theft. I am just standing _____ for Judy today as she has called in sick.

- (1) in
- (2) by
- (3) up
- (4) out

10. Behind this school _____ seven blocks of flats built for the elderly recently.

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

11. My cousin speaks German and French fluently. So _____.

- (1) do I
- (2) am I
- (3) may I
- (4) have I

12. My brother and _____ go to the library at the community centre every week.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) mine
- (4) myself

SECTION C: PUNCTUATION (3 x 1 mark)

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. (3 marks)

"Good morning," I greeted each student at the door. "Please put your coats and lunch bags in the closet and sit at the desk where you find your name tag (13)

The children came in quietly and sat expectantly, almost reverently, their hands folded on the desks. They stole daring looks around the classroom (14) searching for familiar faces. Some of the more daring ones peeked inside the textbooks piled on the desktops; most of them did not. They must be wondering who I am (15).

Adapted from: Chicken Soup for the Soul (Teacher Tales) by Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen & Amy Newmark

13. (1) (.) full stop
(2) (!) exclamation mark
(3) (. ") full stop and inverted commas
(4) (! ") exclamation mark and inverted commas
14. (1) (:) colon
(2) (,) comma
(3) (.) full stop
(4) (?) question mark
15. (1) (.) full stop
(2) (?) question mark
(3) (. ") full stop and inverted commas
(4) (? ") question mark and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (5 × 1 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.

16. Asia finally has a Grand Slam singles title winner to call her own. This has never happened before. It is _____.

- (1) unbridled
- (2) unprovoked
- (3) unprecedented
- (4) unconventional

17. There is a long queue at the newsvendor to grab the magazine that is _____ with the latest news.

- (1) hands full
- (2) hot off the press
- (3) a pat on the back
- (4) a tough nut to crack

18. He received very few votes as his argument was deeply _____.

- (1) flawed
- (2) stained
- (3) scarred
- (4) blemished

19. As he is the only eyewitness, we have no choice but to believe that his account of what happened is _____.

- (1) fabulous
- (2) authentic
- (3) incredible
- (4) legendary

20. With more than ten years of working experience in the bank, she is _____ qualified for the job.

- (1) earnestly
- (2) eminently
- (3) persistently
- (4) permanently

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1 mark)

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.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was one of the great musical geniuses of all times. His precocious musical gifts were already apparent by the age of four. He was

(21)

extremely dexterous on the piano. His remarkable musical memory and flair for music

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(23)

improvisation never failed to please all who heard him.

(24)

Mozart was the first great composer to write music for the piano, an instrument which had only just become popular. He wrote just about every kind of music there was in his time.

Mozart led a short life. The nature of his last illness which led to his death has yet to be ascertained as it is not easy to be sure what happened.

(25)

He perished poor, aged 35.

21. (1) developed
(2) maximised
(3) recognised
(4) observable

22. (1) agile
(2) efficient
(3) creative
(4) knowledgeable

23. (1) liking
(2) talent
(3) training
(4) preference

24. (1) outwit
(2) delight
(3) threaten
(4) intimidate

25. (1) confirmed
(2) measured
(3) discovered
(4) investigated

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SECTION F: COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Between about 55 and 25 million years ago, rhinoceroses were among the most dominant hoofed mammals. Today, there are only five surviving species and all are on the verge of extinction. One of these is the African black rhino, whose scientific name *Diceros bicornis* means two-horned.

The black rhino has thick, hairless, grey skin. It can grow to a length of 3.8 metres, a height of 1.7 metres and a weight of 1800 kilograms. Only its front horn can grow up to 1.3 metres. The rhino's upper lip is pointed or hooked in contrast to the white rhino, which has a square lip. The rhino has very poor eyesight but good hearing. It has a great sense of smell too, and it uses this to detect its very few predators and other rhinos.

The black rhino lives in small pockets of eastern and southern Africa in grasslands and woodlands. Each rhino lives in an area of its own called its home range. Some females share part of their home range but males keep clear boundaries between theirs. Rhinos mark out their land by spraying urine on paths and borders, scraping over sites with their legs and horns, and using regular dung heaps.

The International Rhino Foundation calls the endangerment of all rhinos 'a crisis of catastrophic proportions for such a venerable group of animals'. They predict that without drastic action, four species of rhino could be extinct in the wild within the next 10 years. The black rhino has suffered the most spectacular decline with populations reduced by 85% in the last 10 to 15 years. The main problem is people poaching for horns to use in eastern medicines or as decorative handles for ceremonial daggers.

There have been intense anti-poaching efforts over the last years and this had led to a stabilisation of the population at about 2400. In Zimbabwe, for example, armed rangers defend game parks. In Namibia, conservationists dehorn rhinos in a simple, painless operation so they will be valueless. Protected sanctuaries in Kenya have allowed the species to increase there by 5% each year. International captive breeding programmes such as the one at the Western plains Zoo in Dubbo, New South Wales, have also contributed. While the results of conservation programmes have been encouraging, poaching remains a very real threat to the survival of the magnificent black rhino.

Written by Hannah McLean for English Workbook, Excel Essential Skills

For each question from 26 to 30, 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.

26. The rhino _____.

- (1) is an extinct mammal
- (2) does not have any natural enemies
- (3) used to have more than five species
- (4) has good eyesight and a keen sense of smell

27. Which of the following about the black rhino is true?

- (1) It has black skin.
- (2) It has a square lip.
- (3) Its horns can grow up to 1.3 metres.
- (4) It is the species with the greatest decline in population.

28. What does the male rhino do to mark its territory?

- (1) It creates marks using its legs and horns.
- (2) It defecates on the territories of other rhinos.
- (3) It uses its spouse's urine to spray on paths and borders.
- (4) It uses its legs and horns to block out unwanted intruders.

29. The phrase "a venerable group of animals" (line 16) suggests that rhinos _____.

- (1) are old but useful
- (2) deserve to be respected
- (3) are harmless and vulnerable to attack
- (4) are animals which people kill for their meat

30. Which of the following statements is false?

- (1) Conservationists dehorn the rhinos for themselves.
- (2) Sanctuaries have allowed constant growth of the species.
- (3) Rhinos are captured so that they can breed with one another.
- (4) Park rangers are given weapons to prevent the rhinos from being poached.

BOOKLET B

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SECTION G: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 x 1 mark)

There are ten 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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| (A) about | (D) as | (G) in | (K) out | (N) that |
| (B) across | (E) for | (H) like | (L) since | (P) where |
| (C) around | (F) from | (J) of | (M) to | (Q) whom |

Martin Luther King was the leader of the Civil Rights Movement against racism in the United States of America during the 1950s and 1960s. Tragically, at the age of 39, he was shot dead.

King was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia, (31) _____ the discrimination against black people was a way (32) _____ life. In most southern states at that time, laws made it a crime for black people to use the same restaurants, schools and even sections of public transport (33) _____ white people.

King became a Baptist minister, and in his church, spoke (34) _____ against racism prejudice. Then in 1955, something happened which led to a far greater role for him in fighting racial injustice. A woman called Rosa Parks in Montgomery refused to move for a white woman on a bus and was arrested. (35) _____ that moment onwards, King became a leader of his people (36) _____ the nation.

His first step was leading a bus boycott in Montgomery which successfully led to a change in the law (37) _____ segregated seating. He went on to lead other blacks (38) _____ a campaign for freedom. King became well-known (39) _____ his powers of oratory. When he spoke, people listened. King's assassination rocked the nation and the world. Black and white people alike mourned the loss of this man who devoted his life (40) _____ his people and his country, and who had the power to move an audience like no other.

Written by: Kristine Brown, adapted from English Workbook, Excel Essential Skills

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar.
Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Singaporeans have been making their way to far-flung kelongs off Malaysia for a

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rustic eating experience in tranquil surroundings. The traditional fishing huts in stilts offer

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them the perfect place to experience serinity. There, they can lap out unobstructed

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water views, the sea air and a peaceful atmosphere. But for most Singaporeans, the most

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important pull factor are the search for fresh and delectable seafood. Each kelong

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offers segnature dishes and gets the seafood directly from trawlers who pull up next

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to them.

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A two-day, one-night trip at a kelong started from about \$65 a person including meals. Popular periods include the school holiday season during the months between June and December.

Adapted from The Sunday Times, 5th June 2011

SECTION I: COMPREHENSION CLOZE (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) is enlisting more helping hands – from across the community – in its bid to help smokers (51)_____ the habit. Social media uniformed services such as the police, the private sector and even reformed (52)_____ will be roped in to provide support. The plan is to bring (53)_____ the number of smokers in Singapore by about 150,000 or to less than 10% of the population, by 2020. Last year, smokers made up 14.3% of the population, up (54)_____ 12.6 % in 2004.

The proportion has been on the (55)_____ even though efforts have been ongoing to raise public (56)_____ about the harmful effects of smoking. Stiffer tobacco taxes have also driven the (57)_____ of cigarettes up. A packet now costs \$9 to \$11, compared to about \$7 three years ago.

HPB chief executive, Ang Hak Seng, said, "The research we have conducted has indicated that we need a multi-pronged, bottom-up (58)_____. " He noted that in the past few years, (59)_____ emphasis had been placed on targeting individual smokers. However, now it was crucial to embrace another level by establishing a strong partnership with the community.

To help low-income smokers, HPB will work with five community development councils to identify smokers and help them to (60)_____ smoking. To help drive the message (61)_____, former smokers, such as Mr Raymond Ng, 38, have been (62)_____ as role models. The taxi driver said, "I want to be part of this movement so that I can be a source of (63)_____ for my younger brother, still a heavy smoker, to quit."

HPB believes smokers and former smokers will not be willing to share their experiences if they meet face-to-face. Hence, HPB has set up an "I Quit Club" on Facebook, where they can meet (64)_____ for encouragement. A smartphone application that gives users customised tips on how to quit smoking has also been (65)_____. In addition, HPB is expanding its counselling service for smokers. Now they can get help through text messaging and MSN messaging, and not just on the hotline.

Adapted from The Straits Times, 6th June 2011

Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each 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 that of the given sentence(s).

66. The landslides were caused by the continuous heavy rain.

The cause _____

67. "How did you find your way?" Sally asked.

Sally asked _____

68. Ann is a diligent girl. She was commended by her principal.

for _____

69. I am the tallest pupil in my class.

Among the _____

70. My sister was curious. She opened the box.

Out of _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

The small, well-equipped classroom in Karachi is filled with colour and life. A group of four-year-olds, dressed in matching green uniforms, listens attentively as a young teacher gives a lesson on shapes. When she asks a question, hands shoot in the air.

Welcome to The Garage School (TGS). As the name suggests, it resides in the garage of a bungalow, located in the upmarket residential area of Clifton. However, none of the students is wealthy. They come from the nearby slums of Shah Rasool Colony and Neelum Colony. If not for the free education provided by TGS, most of these kids would probably end up as child labourers.

TGS was born out of tragedy. In 1971, Shabina Mustafa was widowed at the age of 20. For the next 32 years, she worked as a reservation agent at Saudi Arabian Airlines and raised her son, Syed Zain Mustafa. However, she never forgot the dream of her late husband, Syed Safi Mustafa, who often talked about opening a school for underprivileged students one day. Finally the opportunity presented itself in November 1999 when Sobia Riyasat, the daughter of Shabina's maid, was refused admission to a sewing school because she could not read or write.

Shabina took on the job and decided to teach Sobia herself. Working in her spare time, Shabina began teaching the 11-year-old Sobia in a space set up in her garage. Word about the new school spread among the parents in Sobia's neighbourhood. Initially Shabina worked alone, but later when the number of students grew to 40, she asked teachers she knew to volunteer their time at the school.

A key to the school's success is Shabina's gift for bringing people together. "In the initial days, Ghazala Nizami, principal of Happy Home School, sent me all the used leftover pencils, exercise books with few unused pages and tiffin boxes. Other schools also sent us newspapers which we sold to buy erasers and pencils," Shabina says. "When people see that someone is genuinely helping the society, they try to be a part of it too."

TGS's mission is to provide a useful education to the under-privileged children in and around the Clifton area. When Abbas Vawda, a friend of Shabina visiting from the UK, heard about this, he began to sponsor ten children annually so they could move into the regular school system. "Now we have a programme in place where anyone can sponsor a child or a teacher and pay for the medical expenses or uniforms, whatever one can afford to do," Shabina says.

Education is now only part of the picture. All students are sent for health and dental checkups. Shabina's older brother, Athar Ahmed, started a milk and biscuits programme so the students do not study on empty stomachs. TGS also offers informal training for older students and adults in subjects such as English and Financial Management.

Adapted from Reader's Digest April 2011, "Home Schooling" by Erum Adnan.

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Answer questions 71 to 80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why is the school named 'TGS'?

72. Which 5-word phrase tells us that the students at TGS were enthusiastic during lessons?

73. Give two reasons why the children from the slums came to study at TGS.

74. What aspiration did Shabina's late husband have?

75. What led Shabina to take on the job in line 17?

76. Why was there an increasing enrolment at TGS?

77. Other than used stationery, how do schools contribute to TGS's success?

78. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "sincerely"?

79. With reference to line 31, "...we have a programme in place where anyone can sponsor a child..". How do students in TGS benefit from this programme?

80. What has the school done to improve the students' physical well-being?

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46)is 47)delectable 48)signature 49)it 50)starts
51)kick 52)smokers 53)down 54)by 55)rise
56)awareness 57)prices 58)approach 59)much 60)stop
61)across 62)selected 63)encouragement 64)online 65)developed

66)The cause of the landslides was the continuous heavy rain.

67)Sally asked me how I had found my way.

68)Ann was commended by her principal for being diligent.

69)Among the pupils in my class, I am the tallest.

70)Out of curiosity, my sister opened the box.

71)The school is named TGS as it resides in the garage of a bungalow, located in the upmarket residential area of Clifton.

72)It is "hands shoot in the car".

73)None of the students are wealthy and TGS knew that if not for the free education provided by them, most of the children would end up as child labourers.

74)Shabina's late husband's aspiration was to open a school for under-privileged student.

75)Sobia was refused entry to the sewing school as she could not read or write and Shabina decided to teach Sobia herself.

76)Word about the new school spread among parent in Shabina's maid's neighbourhood and parents enrolled their children at TGS.

77)They contribute tiffin boxes and newspapers.

78)It is "genuinely".

79)The students could move into a regular school as the sponsor pays for their school expenses.

80)The school sent students for health and dental check-ups and Shabina's older brother sponsored milk and biscuits.



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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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- ~our friendly and informative local guide will add to your sightseeing experience immeasurably

\$1500

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Free meals at selected hotels
Departure: Daily

2 Days 1 Night Bintan for \$208

One night accommodation at Bintan Lagoon Resort
Welcome drink upon check-in
Departure: Daily

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. If Lim Min wants to enjoy backpacking and roaming around on her own, she can consider signing up for the _____.
 - (1) Asia Delights tour package
 - (2) Island Getaway tour package
 - (3) Asia Delights and Highlights of West America tour packages
 - (4) Island Getaway and Highlights of West America tour packages

2. Jill and her sister intend to be the first two customers to sign up for the Island Getaway to Bali tour package. They want to complete their payment over a period of time. According to the advertisement, which of the following treats are they entitled to?
 - (1) a free travel bag only
 - (2) two free meal vouchers only
 - (3) a free travel bag and two free meal vouchers
 - (4) an interest-free installment and two free meal vouchers

3. Which one of the following statements is true?
 - (1) If Tim books the Asia Delights tour package, he will pay less than \$1500.
 - (2) If Ben books the Asia Delights tour package, he will be able to set off on Sunday.
 - (3) If Mrs Lee books the Asia Delights tour package, her five-year old son does not need to pay for the tour.
 - (4) If Mrs Tan books the Asia Delights tour package, she and her family will not have free breakfast.

4. Mr Lee wants to book the Highlights of West America tour package for his family. In order to enjoy the special discount, he _____.
 - (1) can use any credit card
 - (2) must book his tour before 4 November
 - (3) should book his tour after the travel fair
 - (4) should be one of the first few customers to book his tour

5. The main aim of the advertisement is to _____.
 - (1) promote Asia
 - (2) learn about the history of other countries
 - (3) learn how to spice up one's holidays with family members
 - (4) promote the tour packages by Sunny Travels and World Travels

Section B: Grammar Discrete (7 marks)

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.

6. I had to admit that my brother's suggestions might help to save the environment _____ they were rather unusual.
- (1) if
(2) unless
(3) despite
(4) although
7. There really isn't _____ she can do to help you.
- (1) lots
(2) many
(3) much
(4) a little
8. She is the _____ girl in the family as compared to her sister.
- (1) quiet
(2) quieter
(3) quietly
(4) quietest
9. We had to step _____ our efforts so that our project could be completed by next week.
- (1) up
(2) in
(3) down
(4) through
10. On the first day of school, the first thing the teachers noticed about the children _____ their bright smiles.
- (1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

11. She rarely comes these days, _____ she?

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

12. After he _____ his shirts, he went to bed.

- (1) has ironed
- (2) had ironed
- (3) was ironing
- (4) has been ironing

Section C: Punctuation (3 marks)

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.

Janet was going to celebrate her birthday soon.

"What birthday gift would you like to receive this year, Janet (13) asked Mother.

"Well (14) Mother," replied Janet. "I would like to donate all my birthday gifts to the orphans."

When her mother heard Janet's reply, she immediately hugged Janet. She whispered into Janet's ears (15) I'm so proud of you. You truly understand what it means to care for others."

Source: WLM

13. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [?] question mark
(3) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [? "] question mark and inverted commas

14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [,] comma
(4) [;] semi-colon

15. (1) [,] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) ['] inverted commas
(4) [, "] comma and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (5 x 1 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.

16. The wound on your hand looks _____. You should go to the doctor as soon as possible.

- (1) burned
- (2) soothed
- (3) wrinkled
- (4) inflamed

17. The performance by the young violinist left an _____ impression on James. He was inspired to take up violin lessons after watching the performance.

- (1) indelible
- (2) inaudible
- (3) incurable
- (4) inconsequential

18. Mr Chia could _____ that Jenny was not telling the truth when she fidgeted.

- (1) induce
- (2) adduce
- (3) deduce
- (4) produce

19. Darren is the most _____ pupil in class because he is friendly. Everyone likes to talk to him.

- (1) diligent
- (2) amiable
- (3) efficient
- (4) hospitable

20. John spoke with such _____ that he made me want to volunteer my services to help out in the orphanage too.

- (1) conviction
- (2) distraction
- (3) articulation
- (4) recognition

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1 mark)

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.

In February 2011, the Japanese whaling fleet fled the Southern Oceanic Whale Sanctuary, (21) citing their fear of the aggressive (22) intervention of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. Since 1977, Sea Shepherd has never harmed anyone, which makes the Japanese position seem alarmist. Sea Shepherds do use tactics that focus on the (23) obstruction of whaling ships and hamper these ships as much as they can. Their effects are largely (24) theatrical and they go busy around the globe thwarting the efforts of poachers, pirates and (25) unethical fishing on behalf of all marine life.

Adapted from the article "All Whaling Must End" by David McMillan

21. (1) quoting
(2) protesting
(3) displaying
(4) repudiating

22. (1) inaction
(2) Interweave
(3) intersection
(4) involvement

23. (1) éxpedition
(2) deployment
(3) impediment
(4) construction

24. (1) staged
(2) veritable
(3) beautified
(4) unobtrusive

25. (1) rigorous
(2) improper
(3) legitimate
(4) discriminatory

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For each question from 26 to 30, 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.

26. The word 'it' in line 4 refers to the _____.

- (1) water puddle
- (2) writer's journey
- (3) attack on the writer
- (4) path the writer took

27. The writer was attacked by a/an _____.

- (1) ant
- (2) bee
- (3) hawk
- (4) butterfly

28. According to the passage, which one of the following sentences is true?

- (1) The author was angry at the time of the attack.
- (2) The author caused the death of the creature's mate.
- (3) The creature attacked the author because he was about to step on it.
- (4) The author believes that we can learn from even the humblest of creatures.

29. The word 'relented' in line 14 means _____.

- (1) abated
- (2) struggled
- (3) persisted
- (4) intensified

30. What was the main reason the writer decided to take "the more difficult side of the puddle"? (line 30)

- (1) He admired and respected his attacker's courage.
- (2) He preferred walking on the muddy side of the track.
- (3) He did not want to incur the wrath of his attacker again.
- (4) He was reminded of an incident that happened a month earlier.

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SECTION G: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are ten 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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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- | | | | | |
|-----------|----------|------------|-----------|----------|
| (A) a | (D) at | (G) during | (K) since | (N) was |
| (B) after | (E) but | (H) for | (L) to | (P) were |
| (C) an | (F) down | (J) of | (M) up | (Q) with |
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About 40 students stepped into the shoes of cleaners yesterday, scrubbing toilets, sweeping the floor and picking up litter. _____ a few hours, they handed the job back
(31)

_____ the real cleaning staff, who had been supervising their work. The
(32)

youngsters _____ taking part in a campaign to raise people's awareness _____
(33) (34)
environmental issues.

After interacting _____ the cleaners, the students had different impressions of them:
(35)

Elfin Ng, said, "I think society forgets about them _____ now I understand their
(36)

lives." Added Ms Masnurdiah Zaini, "I used to take things _____ granted. Now I know
(37)

that the clean facilities we enjoy come _____ a cost."
(38)

The cleaners were glad to see the students rolling _____ their sleeves and making an
(39)

effort to understand their work. One of the cleaners, Ms Toh Lay Hoon, said, "Society looks down
on us, but our job is _____ honourable one. I do not care what others think of me as long
(40)
as I do my job well."

Adapted from the Straits Times, April 23 2013

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Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 marks)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Wherever you are in Auckland, you are never far from the water. Imagine

(41)

an erburn environment where everyone lives within half an hour of beautiful beaches. Add

(42)

a passion about outstanding food and shopping and you are beginning to get the picture

(43)

of Auckland, where stunning beauty went hand in hand with big city sophistication.

(44)

Auckland is a shopaholic's pearadise indeed with everything from top-end

(45)

(46)

designers with open-air street markets. It offers a heterogeneous mix of falision and one

(47)

can find anything from the totally mainstream to the unique and sometimes bazaarre.

(48)

Food lovers are spoilt for choice when they comes to dining out in Auckland.

(49)

While you're here, enjoy the city's diverse cafes, restroands and nightlife. Indulging in

(50)

local food was a must-do for many travellers.

From idyllic islandsto the vibrant city waterfront, you will definitely find a favourite place in Auckland.

SECTION I: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Around the world, large areas of forests are owned by indigenous people and local communities. These indigenous people (51) _____ on these forests, fisheries and wildlife for their livelihoods and culture. They are deeply rooted (52) _____ their environment.

Imagine the state of nature if we lived like the indigenous people. What we do not realise is that we do own a piece of this planet. We are the stewards of this Earth and must start holding ourselves (53) _____ for the environment around us.

Just think of how forests have affected your life today: Have you taken your breakfast? Read a newspaper? All the above activities directly or (54) _____ involve forests. Some are easy to see – fruits, paper and wood from trees. Others are less (55) _____ by-products that go into medicine and detergent.

Over the past 50 years, about half the world's original forest cover has been lost. The most significant (56) _____ is due to man's unsystematic use of its resources. Forests have been cleared to make (57) _____ for oil palm and soy plantations roads and other infrastructure. Fires and illegal logging also (58) _____ to the 12 to 15 million hectares of forests destroyed every year.

Follow the Golden Rule: think before you print and try to use both sides of the paper. You will be amazed how much paper we all can (59) _____ with these simple actions.

For centuries, people looked to the oceans as an inexhaustible (60) _____ of food that would "magically" replenish itself, a useful transport route and a convenient dumping ground – simply too vast to be affected by anything we do.

Poorly-managed fishing has (61) _____ in 76 percent of the world's fisheries being fully exploited. Each year billions of unwanted fish and other animals die from these inefficient, illegal and destructive fishing (62) _____. How can we save such a precious resource? We could do that by consuming seafood in (63) _____ and not in excess. Choose only seafood that comes from sustainable fisheries. Your consumer-led choice could possibly encourage more fisheries to change so that we can have healthier oceans.

Today we are seeing the (64) _____ of climate change around the globe – stronger storms, higher floods, less snow north and more droughts south. The main cause of climate change is the uncontrolled burning of fossil fuels – coal, oil and natural gas to (65) _____ our hunger for energy. If we can come together and start being more "earth friendly", our planet will be a better place for us and our future generations to live in.

Adapted from the article "The Stewards of This Earth- Amy Ho "

Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each 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 that of the given sentence(s).

66. Mandy likes oranges. She does not like apples as much.

prefers

67. Andy is talking very loudly. I have to go to the library to study.

so

that _____

68. Coach Sam said that his pupils were late for practice that day.

"

Coach Sam said, _____

"

69. Joan went for the job interview as soon as she received the call.

Upon _____

70. Not one of the boys helped Tom when he fell down the stairs.

All _____

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (20 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Recently, Stephen told me the wrinkles methodology was a hoax, like astrology and those other unsuccessful bridges between science and superstition. He was beginning to have doubts about the methodology after working three months at the research centre, where we were interns assigned by our university. Each day then, we placed our hands on the foreheads of children and checked them. We told them to smile and frown. We recorded on our pads the lines that showed up on their faces. Then we diagnosed them and told them their futures.

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Stephen also said he wanted nothing more to do with wrinkles after the assignment was over. But that was easy for him to say. He had promised his father to manage the family-run bakery and would have little need for the wrinkles methodology. In my future practice, I would of course see many children and this knowledge would be essential. Like with yesterday's diagnosis, Tom did not have any crisp horizontal indentations above his eyebrows, unlike the military leaders studied in New England during the past decade. Stephen had sighed as he filled out the report, anticipating Tom's father's disappointment that his chosen profession would not be able to run in the family.

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We were taking our lunch near the research centre, eating sandwiches on a wooden bench. I was pondering that I certainly did not need Stephen's doubts in my head. In a way, you could say he was biased because he had nothing at stake in any of this.

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I asked Stephen how his new opinion would affect the report we had to deliver at the end of the term, our analysis of the popular wrinkles methodology. He gazed at me.

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"I think that you will have your report and I will have mine," he said.

"That's not good," I said. "We will discredit each other."

"What else can I do?" he asked.

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Poor Stephen. He was still sceptical about the wrinkles methodology. I was concerned that his doubts would affect when we graduate. Our internship was to be our final requirement — but if it was discredited, we would have to spend another semester at the research centre.

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Just then, I noticed Tom and his father, Major Scott, walking out of the research centre. They reached us and Major Scott questioned, "What are we supposed to do with this?" Stephen's prediction of his reaction came true as he held up the report with quivering fingers.

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"It's the earliest sort of diagnosis," I began, quoting from the research centre's standard rhetoric. "Its benefit is to allow you to begin planning early."

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"I have just this one son," he said.

"Tear it up. It does not mean anything."

That was Stephen. He should not have.

35

Major Scott's expression eased for a moment. As he walked away, he crumbled the report. Hit by a wave of remorse, he muttered under his breath, "I have just paid a fortune for a piece of useless paper. I should not have."

Adapted from "The Wrinkles" by Troy Keller

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What was the author working as at the research centre?

72. Why must the author tell the children to smile and frown?

73. Give two reasons why Stephen did not want to have anything to do with the wrinkles methodology after the assignment was over.

74. Which sentence tells you that the author felt that there was a need for him to know about the wrinkles methodology?

75. According to the passage, what was the physical feature that the military leader studied in New England during the past decade had in common?

76. What does the **chosen profession** in line 13 refer to?

77. Which word in the passage from lines 7- 18 has the same meaning as "prejudiced?"

78. Why was the author concerned that Stephen's analysis of the wrinkles methodology would be different from his?

79. Explain clearly why Major Scott was holding up the report with **quivering fingers** (line 27).

80. In the last paragraph, what do you think was Major Scott's opinion about the wrinkles methodology? What did he do that makes you think so?

Answer Key

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41)urban 42)for 43)goes 44)paradise 45)to

46)fashion 47)bizarre 48)it 49)restaurants 50)is

51)rely/count/depend 52)in 53)responsible/ accountable

54)incorrectly 55)visible 56)cause/reason 57)way/space

58)add/amount 59)save 60)supply/source 61)resulted

62)practices/methods/habits 63)moderation 64)impact/effect

65)satisfy/ satiate

66)Mandy prefers oranges to apples.

67)Andy is talking so loudly that I have to go to the library to study.

- 68)Coach Sam said , “My pupils are late for practice today” .**
- 69)Upon receiving the call, Joan went for the job interview.**
- 70)All of the boys did not help Tom when he fell down the stairs.**
- 71)He was an intern in the research centre.**
- 72)The author told the children to smile and frown so that he can see and record the lines that showed upon their face.**
- 73)He had promised his father to manage the family-run bakery and he thought that the wrinkles methodology was hoax.**
- 74)The sentence is “In my future practice, I would of course see many children and this knowledge would be essential”.**
- 75)The military leaders studied in New England during the past decade had crisp horizontal indentations above their eyebrows.**
- 76)It refers to being a major.**
- 77)The word is “biased”.**
- 78)The author was concerned that if it was discredited, they would have to spend another semester at the research centre.**
- 79)He was upset as his only son did not possess any military leadership skills.**
- 80)Major Scott regretted about the wrinkles methodology. He muttered under his breath that he had just paid a fortune for a piece of useless paper which he should not have.**



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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the space provided above.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 30 only.

Section A: Graphic Stimulus (5x1 mark)

Study the poster below carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.

ACT-Q COMPANY presents

MAMARATO

A Fantastic Family Adventure! (4)
September 3rd to 19th 2011

The Singapore Theatre @ Lesalle College of the Arts
Script writer : Brian Steward
Director : J J Krishnan
Composer : Bong Wenfu

Duration: 75 minutes with one 30-minute interval

Marvell
As baby
Mamarato is
discovered-
inside a
peach!

Wonder!
As he grows
into a
magnificent
warrior!

Gaspl
As he decides
to go and
defeat the
dreaded
demons of
Oni Island!

Travell
With him as
he discovers
three faithful
friends...

Discover!
Whether
together
they can
finally
defeat their
foe!

WATCH OUT FOR:

- A brand new, state of the art theatre space!
- Colourful quirky characters!
- A strong message about friendship!
- A warning about greed and selfishness!
- An engaging and delightful story told in a visual physical style!
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**Note: Please come to the CISTIC counters to collect your tickets at least 30 minutes before the performance. A delivery charge of \$5 is applicable if you wish the tickets to be sent to you. Free delivery of tickets for minimum purchase of 40 tickets.*

Advisory
Mamarato is recommended for children over 4 years of age. Whilst we do not ban children below 4 years old, all children (including babies-in-arms) require a valid ticket to enter the theatre.

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 lead character, Mamarato, is _____.

- (1) discovered in a peach
- (2) brought up by a warrior family
- (3) someone who likes to travel alone
- (4) a friend with the demons of Oni Island

2. The music of the play is written by _____.

- (1) Mamarato
- (2) JJ Krishnan
- (3) Bong Wenfu
- (4) Brian Steward

3. Mamarato is a production by _____.

- (1) CISTIC
- (2) Act-Q Company
- (3) The Singapore Theatre
- (4) Lesalle College of the Arts

4. Which of the following about the play is NOT true?

- (1) It is suitable for children of all ages.
- (2) The theme of the play is 'adventure'.
- (3) The play teaches values to the children.
- (4) The actors will ask the audience to participate during the play.

5. A school teacher who makes a booking for 41 pupils on 10th February will _____.

- (1) not receive a free resource pack
- (2) receive a 25% discount off prices
- (3) receive 2 free tickets for the play
- (4) need to pay a delivery charge of \$5

Section B: Grammar (7x1 mark)

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.

6. The stationery set, together with the two bookmarks, _____ for five dollars.

- (1) sells sell
- (2) sold
- (3) is sold
- (4) are sold

7. _____ of the pupils has received the drinks coupon.

- (1) Both
- (2) Some
- (3) None
- (4) A few

8. Before the music _____, the audience had begun applauding enthusiastically.

- (1) end
- (2) ends
- (3) ended
- (4) had ended

9. I heard Sam _____ to his mother for breaking the vase last night.

- (1) apologise
- (2) apologised
- (3) has apologised
- (4) was apologising

10. After a while, it dawned _____ us that Mr Ng was not joking about his holiday plans.

- (1) at
- (2) on
- (3) off
- (4) away

11. Aunt Kelly goes to the supermarket every day. _____ she?

- (1) isn't
- (2) don't
- (3) didn't
- (4) doesn't

12. Raja cannot go out to play _____ he finishes his homework.

- (1) as
- (2) but
- (3) unless
- (4) despite

Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

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.

The three boys fell in a sprawling heap at the bottom of the mound and looked up at the rock.

"I saw something (13) whispered the youngest boy.

They stared intently and saw the dragon's ear swivel like a periscope. Soon the ground began to rumble.

"Look out (14) warned the eldest boy.

The children scampered in all directions (15) shrieking and squealing, arms pumping with excitement.

Adapted from "The Dragon Rock" by Ellena Ashley

13. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

14. (1) [.] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. (1) [.] comma
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [. "] comma and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

Section D: Vocabulary (5x1 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.

16. The angler used live worms as _____ to lure the fish to the hook.

- (1) baits
- (2) decoys
- (3) rewards
- (4) appetisers

17. That dog looks _____ but it has actually bitten two passers-by before.

- (1) harmful
- (2) menacing
- (3) innocuous
- (4) abandoned

18. She used _____ means to get her child into the school of her choice. She even lied to the principal and gave the wrong information on the application form!

- (1) unsure
- (2) unreliable
- (3) unscrupulous
- (4) undependable

19. I _____ my old friend while shopping yesterday and we had a nice chat about the good old times.

- (1) ran up
- (2) ran into
- (3) ran over
- (4) ran through

20. He was charged with murder because he was unable to produce any _____ to prove he was not at the scene.

- (1) alibi
- (2) associate
- (3) accomplice
- (4) acquaintance

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5x1 mark)

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.

Susan was desperate. It was supposed to have been a perfect getaway. Now here
(21)

she was, stranded at the airport with no cash and passport. Susan had been mugged while
(22)

on her way to the airport and was now unable to buy an air ticket to fly home in time for her
grandfather's wake. She should not have disregarded her mother's advice and embarked
(23) (24)

on some silly round-the-world travel at this time. She knew her grandfather was ill but

never had she anticipated the severity of his condition. Now she was paying the price for
being wilful. Now she would not be able to see her grandfather for even the last time.
(25)

Wiping off tears of regret, she tried one more time to ask for assistance at the airport
service counter.

21. (1) solution
(2) vacation
(3) excursion
(4) expedition

22. (1) robbed
(2) conned
(3) burglarized
(4) hypnotised

23. (1) ignored
(2) delayed
(3) rebutted
(4) misused

24. (1) ventured into
(2) come across
(3) come through
(4) ventured across

25. (1) rude
(2) foolish
(3) carefree
(4) headstrong

Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Dawan sighed. "Here," she said, thrusting the umbrella into Kwai's hand, "if you must think out in the rain, at least use an umbrella." Her care and concern for her brother catching a chill superceded her anger.

Without giving him time either to protest or express his gratitude, Dawan turned away quickly and scurried down the bridge. She needn't have bothered to hurry, though. Sunk within his own conflicts as he was, Kwai did not even notice the umbrella in his hand until Dawan had already reached the bottom of the bridge and was starting down the path home. 5

Only then did he catch a glimpse of her hobbling awkwardly into the tree-lined path, bare-headed and empty-handed. Startled, he glanced up and finally noticed the little orange roof above him. 10

By now his sister was already drenched with the rain, and only with painful difficulty could she limp along, trying to keep her wounded ankle out of the many puddles on the road.

Kwai scrambled up and rushed down the slippery old bridge, nearly tripping over the umbrella in his haste. "Wait!" he shouted above the sound of the wind and rain, "I don't want your dumb umbrella! You take it!" 15

Far away as she was, Dawan heard him and turned her head to shout back, "You're going to be in the rain longer than me." With that, she continued as she trudged on, head bent against the slashing rain and arms wrapped tightly around her chest. 20

Under the shelter of the orange umbrella, Kwai halted, watching his sister limping down the narrow path. Just a few hours ago, he had hurt Dawan badly but now she had left her umbrella for him to sit under the rain, while she hobbled clumsily home, wet and cold and tired. How could he claim selflessness with his intention to help others when his actual deed was to rob his own sister of her chance to study? Kwai suddenly knew his decision was made. 25

For each question from 26 to 30, 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.

26. Dawan scurried after giving Kwai the umbrella because she _____.
(1) was afraid of catching a chill
(2) was not near the bottom of the bridge
(3) wanted to avoid a possible confrontation with Kwai
(4) wanted to keep her wounded ankle out of the many puddles on the road
27. In lines 5-6, "Kwai did not even notice the umbrella in his hand" as _____.
(1) he was still angry with Dawan
(2) he was too engrossed in his thoughts
(3) Dawan had already reached the foot of the bridge
(4) Dawan's footsteps were drowned by sound of the wind and rain
28. The "*orange roof*" in line 10 refers to _____.
(1) Dawan
(2) the rain
(3) the umbrella
(4) the tree-lined path
29. The driving force behind Kwai's decision in line 26 was _____.
(1) his sister's kindness and caring attitude
(2) his sister's anger superceding everything
(3) his intention to rob his sister of her chance to study
(4) the long hours spent under the bridge resolving his conflict
30. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "walked with tired steps"?
(1) halted
(2) trudged
(3) scurried
(4) scrambled

BOOKLET B

Name: _____ () P5 ()

Section G: Structural Cloze (10x1 mark)

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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) are	(D) but	(G) in	(K) on	(N) under
(B) as	(E) by	(H) into	(L) over	(P) until
(C) between	(F) for	(J) is	(M) that	(Q) with

Grandparents are truly special. That's why the fourth Sunday of November has been designated _____ Grandparents' Day for everyone in Singapore (31) to celebrate. On this day, keep a look out _____ the special packages (32) and activities offered _____ food and beverage outlets and recreational (33) venues. These discounts and privileges _____ available not only on (34) Grandparents' Day _____ throughout the Senior Citizens' Week. (35)

One mega activity happening _____ the day itself is the (36) Grandparents' Day Carnival. This all-day event will be held at the Toa Payoh Amphitheatre, with the carnival grounds being divided _____ four zones - Heritage, (37) Arts & Craft Zone, Games & Interactive Zone, Healthy Lifestyle Zone and Food Zone.

Among the activities featured at these zones are: free health screening for seniors _____ 50 years, makeover for grandparents and stalls selling (38) traditional food items _____ are fast disappearing from our lives today (39) and a walk down memory lane with photo taking _____ traditional (40) costumes.

Section H: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10x1 mark)

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

41)

I struggled to open my eyes. My eyelids felt **xtreemill** heavy. Where was I?

42)

Squinting, I made out the white-washed walls and took up the smells of medication

43)

44)

and **disinfactént**. This was **defeenitly** a hospital. Trying to prop myself up on the bed, I

suddenly realised my legs were gone! Now, I am left with two rounded stumps. Slowly,

45)

46)

reality sunk in. I remembered my legs being run through by a car. I was at a Christmas

47)

party with my friends and we were highly **intocikated** at that time. I remembered

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49)

collapsed onto the ground while crossing the road but that was when the accident

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happened. Now I have to pay the price for my **fulishnes**.

Section I: Comprehension Cloze Passage (15x1mark)

Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Singaporeans are eating out more often than ever. The bad news is that the even so-called healthier hawker food _____ not really that healthy. From porridge (51) _____ soup noodles, many quick meals have too much salt, or are high in (52) _____ calories but _____ in fibre. (53)

Too much eating out has been cited as a _____ Singaporeans are (54) becoming fatter. Most people eat at food centres. Dieticians _____ out that (55) hawker food, even soupy dishes _____ are supposedly healthier, may not be (56) entirely good for the health.

Salt is one problem. A _____ of sliced fish soup packs 70 per cent of the (57) daily recommended _____ intake while a teriyaki chicken bowl has about 50 (58) per cent. Soupy dishes such as fishball soup are considered lighter as they have fewer calories _____ to dishes that are fried or come _____ heavy (59) gravy. However, soupy dishes tend to be high _____ salt content. (60) (61)

Other so-called healthier choices contain a small _____ of fibre, which (62) is important for a healthy digestive _____. For example, a Japanese salmon (63) bento rice set has 560 calories but only 3g of fibre, or 12 percent of the daily recommended intake.

The Health Promotion Board (HPB) has been encouraging hawker centres and restaurants to _____ healthier options. Some examples include fried carrot (64) cake topped with beansprouts _____ of only spring onions. Since October, HPB (65) has started tracking whether people ask for healthier choices at hawker centres and restaurants.

Adapted from The Straits Times, Wednesday, 1 December 2010

Section J: Synthesis / Transformation (2x5 marks)

For each 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 that of the given sentence(s).

66. I thought about it again. I decided not to buy the handbag.

after
on

67. "I'm certain Thomas did not take the money," Ben said.

Ben said that

68. Hide in that closet. You will not be in danger.

will keep

69. I attend morning lectures. I tend to yawn during the lectures.

Whenever

70. Ramesh cannot be a racecar driver. He is too tall.

because of

Section K: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 × 2 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

When she looked ahead, Florence Chadwick saw nothing but a solid wall of fog. Her body was numb. She had been swimming for nearly sixteen hours.

Already she was the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions. Now, at age 34, her goal was to become the first woman to swim from Catalina Island to the California coast. 5

On the morning of 4th July 1952, the sea was like an ice bath and the fog was so dense she could hardly see her support boats. Sharks cruised towards her lone figure, only to be driven away by rifle shots. Against the frigid grip of the sea, she struggled on, hour after hour, while millions watched on national television.

Alongside Florence in one of the boats, her mother and her trainer offered encouragement. They told her it was not much farther. However, all she could see was fog. They urged her not to quit. She had never thought of quitting until then. With only one kilometre to go, she asked to be pulled out. 10

Still thawing her chilled body several hours later, she told a reporter, "Look, I'm not excusing myself, but if I could have seen land I might have made it." It was not fatigue or even the cold water that defeated her. It was the fog. She was unable to see her goal. 15

Two months later, she tried again. This time, despite the same dense fog, she swam with her faith intact and her goal clearly pictured in her mind. She knew that somewhere behind that fog was land and this time she made it! Florence Chadwick became the first woman to swim the Catalina Channel, eclipsing the men's record by two hours! 20

Adapted from A 2nd Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul by an unknown author

Answer questions 71- 80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. What did Florence Chadwick hope to achieve?

72. What were the two reasons that caused Florence's body to feel numb?

73. What was Florence's earlier accomplishment?

- 74 Why didn't the sharks get near to Florence?

75. How do we know that Florence's swim was not witnessed only by her mother and trainer?

76. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Florence's mother and trainer wanted her to succeed?

77. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'moved slowly'?

78. Why did Florence ask "to be pulled out" (in line 13)?

79. Why was it important for Florence to see land and not just the fog?

80. In which month did Florence succeed in swimming the Catalina Channel and what made her success even better?

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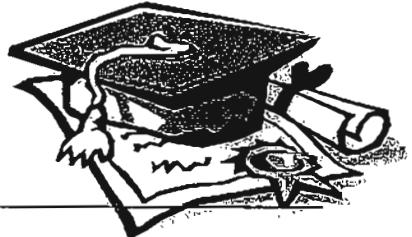


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH**

TERM : SA1



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45)sank 46)over 47)intoxicated 48)collapsing
49)and 50)foolishness 51)is 52)to 53)low
54)reason 55)found 56)which 57)bowl 58)salt
59)compared 60)with 61)in 62)amount 63)system
64)promote 65)instead

66)I decided not to buy handbag after thinking about it again.

67)Ben said that he was certain Thomas had not taken the money.

68)Hiding in that closet will keep you safe.

69)Whenever I attend morning lectures, I tend to yawn.

70)Ramesh cannot be a racecar driver because of his height.

71)She hoped to become the first woman to swim from Catalina Island to the California coast.

- 72)The water was cold and she had been swimming for nearly sixteen hours.**
- 73)She was already the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions.**
- 74)The sharks were driven away by rifle shots.**
- 75)Florence's swim was not only witnessed by her mother and trainer as millions watched her on national television.**
- 76)It is "Alongside Florence in one of the boats, her mother and her trainer offered encouragement".**
- 77)The word is "cruised".**
- 78)She could not see the land in the dense fog.**
- 79)She needed to see her goal and not just the fog.**
- 80)Florence succeeded in swimming the Catalina channel in September. She eclipsed the men's record by two hours.**



**RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
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**ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2**

1 hour 50 minutes

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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.

Section A : Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the flyer below carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.



Desserts Galore.....



Need a treat for your sweet tooth?
Coming your way this June 2009 ...

Opening soon! Yummy Treatz, your favourite café @ Yishun Shopping Centre

Come down to our newest outlet during the opening week and just spend \$15 to receive our all-time favourite, the Yummy Muffin, absolutely free.

Other mouth-watering desserts include:

- ▣ Chocolate peanut éclairs
- ▣ Doughnuts with an assortment of toppings
- ▣ Yoghurt ice cream (all 15 flavours of it!)
- ▣ Chocolate mudpies
- ▣ Milkshakes*



*In celebration of Youth Day, \$1 off regular price for students when they present their student cards, only in the month of July.

"The fastest-growing dessert franchise so far this year, with the launch of three outlets each in the months of April and May."

Life Magazine, May 2009

"The desserts are sinfully delicious ... you will not regret standing in line around the block for its scrumptious muffins ..."

Munchies Magazine, April 2009

Location of new outlet:

#01-56 Yishun Shopping Centre
Ivory Road, Singapore
(just across North Vista Hotel)

With 2 more outlets to be opened in
the later half of this year!

Simply present this coupon to purchase
a bubble tea drink for only half the
price on Opening Day, 1st June 2009, at
the Yishun outlet.

**For dine-in customers only.



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. Yummy Treatz is the name of a _____.
(1) café
(2) hotel
(3) magazine
(4) shopping centre

2. Yummy Treatz is famous for its delicious _____.
(1) eclairs
(2) muffins
(3) mudpies
(4) doughnuts

3. The latest outlet is set to open in _____.
(1) April 2009
(2) May 2009
(3) June 2009
(4) July 2009

4. There are currently _____ outlets of Yummy Treatz in operation in Singapore.
(1) two
(2) six
(3) three
(4) seven

5. If you are a student, you can get _____.
(1) a Yummy Muffin for free on the opening week
(2) all 15 flavours of its yoghurt ice creams for just \$15
(3) a bubble tea drink for half its price on Youth Day
(4) a milkshake for \$1 less its usual price in the month of July

Section B : Grammar Discrete (7 x 1 mark)

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.

6. Since the two of you did not leave the room, _____ of you are responsible for the broken window.

- (1) one
- (2) both
- (3) each
- (4) either

7. Whenever Tom was naughty, his mother made him _____ to bed without dinner.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) went
- (4) going

8. The blind lady at the bus stop asked me if I _____ tell her when her bus arrived.

- (1) might
- (2) could
- (3) should
- (4) ought to

9. Were they the only girls _____ were present at the ballet class yesterday?

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

10. We _____ everything before our teacher walked into class.

- (1) prepare
- (2) prepared
- (3) had prepared
- (4) have prepared

11. When the wind started blowing, the fire burnt even _____.

- (1) fiercer
- (2) fiercely
- (3) most fiercely
- (4) more fiercely

12. _____ the snakes were harmless, I did not dare to touch them.

- (1) Since
- (2) When
- (3) Even
- (4) Although

Section C : Punctuation (3 x 1 mark)

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.

Belle and her mother were taking a stroll along the beach when Belle chanced upon something glittery in the sand – a shell. Belle held up the shell in her hands. "Mummy, look at this pretty shell (13)" she called out to her mother excitedly. She was right (14) The shell was a rare one, one that even her mother had not seen before. It was so enormous that Belle's two hands were barely supporting it. "I've never seen such a shell before, I wonder where it's from (15) Belle's mother said, taking the shell from her daughter's hands. Its beautiful ornament designs reflected the sunlight perfectly.

13. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [?] question mark
(3) ["] inverted commas
(4) [!] exclamation mark
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [.] full stop
(3) [,] comma
(4) [;;] semi-colon
15. (1) [."] full stop and inverted commas
(2) ["..] inverted commas and full stop
(3) [,.] comma and inverted commas
(4) [",.] inverted commas and comma

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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.

There are many myths and legends surrounding the origin of the ancient well known Olympic Games. The most prevalent legend describes Hercules as the creator of the (21) Games, who built the Olympic stadium and surrounding buildings as a tribute to his father, Zeus, after completing his twelve labours. According to that legend, he walked in a straight line for 400 strides and called this distance a 'stadion' that later (22) now also became a distance calculation unit. This is also why a present-day stadium is (23) 400 metres in circumference. According to scholars, the first Olympic Games were held as early as 884 B.C.

From then on, the Games quickly became much more important throughout ancient Greece, reaching its peak in the sixth and fifth centuries B.C. The Games (24) were held once every four years and the celebration was spread over several days. Winners of the events were greatly revered and were immortalised in poems and (25) statues by the people. With the establishment of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the games started internationally in 1876 and continues till today.

21. (1) popular
(2) favourite
(3) infamous
(4) notorious

22. (1) short steps
(2) long steps
(3) quick steps
(4) unsteady steps

23. (1) modern
(2) historical
(3) temporary
(4) permanent

Section D : Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1 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.

16. The old school has been _____ and residential apartments will be built in its place.

- (1) renovated
- (2) decorated
- (3) demolished
- (4) reconstructed

17. That painting is not a/an _____ but it is a good replica of the one painted by Monet.

- (1) hoax
- (2) fake
- (3) original
- (4) specimen

18. With too much _____ on his hands and nothing to keep him occupied, he was bound to get into mischief without proper adult supervision.

- (1) time
- (2) space
- (3) wealth
- (4) freedom

19. Please remember to _____ my message to Alan. It is urgent and important.

- (1) convey
- (2) review
- (3) transfer
- (4) disseminate

20. He was riding his bicycle at full speed when he hit a tree and was _____ the bicycle.

- (1) thrown on
- (2) thrown off
- (3) thrown out
- (4) thrown over

24. (1) roof
(2) climax
(3) ceiling
(4) summit

25. (1) received
(2) rewarded
(3) respected
(4) remembered

Section F (5 × 1 mark)

Read the passage and answer questions 26 to 30.

Bringing a giraffe into the world is a tall order. A baby giraffe falls 10 feet from its mother's womb and usually lands on its back. Within seconds it rolls over and tucks its legs under its body. From this position it considers the world for the first time and shakes off the last vestiges of the birthing fluid from its eyes and ears. Then the mother giraffe rudely introduces its offspring to the reality of life.

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In his book, "A view from the Zoo", Gary Richmond describes how a newborn giraffe learns its first lesson.

The mother giraffe lowers her head long enough to take a quick look. Then she positions herself directly over her calf. She waits for about a minute, and then she does the most unreasonable thing. She swings her long, pendulous leg outward and kicks her baby, so that it is sent sprawling head over heels.

10

When it doesn't get up, the violent process is repeated over and over again. The struggle to rise is momentous. As the calf grows tired, the mother kicks it again to stimulate its effort. Finally, the calf stands for the first time on its wobbly legs.

Then the mother giraffe does the most remarkable thing. She kicks it off its feet again. She wants it to remember how it got up. In the wild, baby giraffes must be able to get up as quickly as possible to stay with the herd, where there is safety. Lions, hyenas, leopards, and wild hunting dogs all enjoy young giraffes, and they'd get it too, if the mother didn't teach her calf to get up quickly.

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The late Irving Stone understood this. He spent a lifetime studying greatness, writing novelised biographies of such men as Michelangelo, Vincent van Gogh, Sigmund Freud, and Charles Darwin.

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Stone was once asked if he had found a thread that runs through the lives of all these exceptional people. He said, "I write about people who sometime in their life have a vision or dream of something that should be accomplished and they go to work."

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"They are beaten over the head, knocked down, vilified, and for years they get nowhere. However, every time they're knocked down, they stand up. You cannot destroy these people. At the end of their lives, they've accomplished some modest part of what they set out to do."

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make a choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

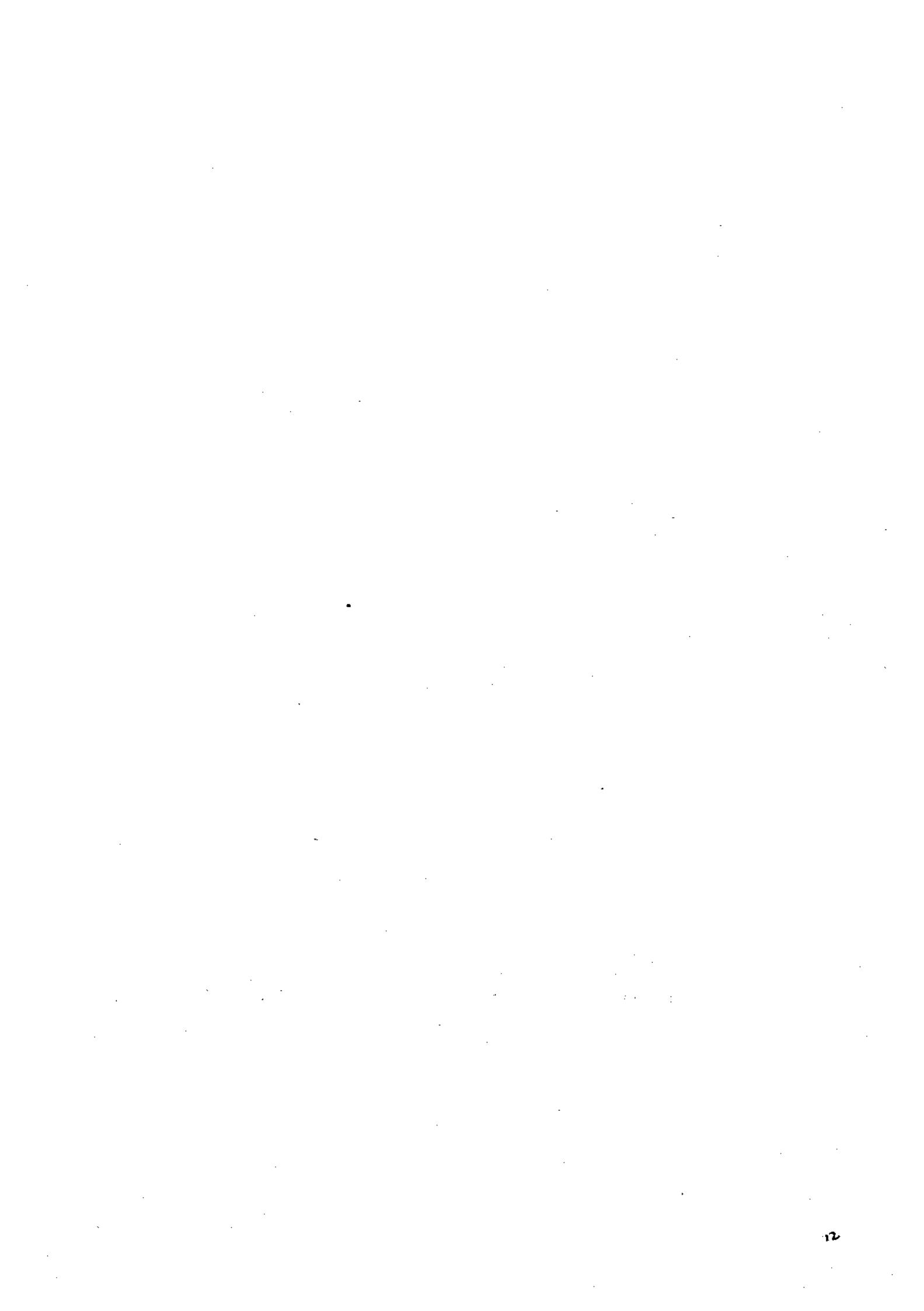
26. Another word for 'vestiges' in line 4 is _____.
- (1) vision
(2) residue
(3) container
(4) reminder
27. The calf receives its first lesson on life by _____.

(1) listening to its mother
(2) trying to stand up on its own
(3) sitting on its legs under its body
(4) looking at the world for the first time
28. The mother giraffe kicks her calf again after it has stood up for the first time because _____.

(1) she wants to do a remarkable thing
(2) the calf is being playful and disobedient
(3) she wants her calf to remember how to get up
(4) the predators will get to her calf if it doesn't get up quick enough
29. The word 'this' in line 20 refers to _____.

(1) the life of an exceptional person
(2) the biography Irving Stone wrote
(3) the time Irving Stone spent studying the people he wrote about
(4) the lesson learnt on how to overcome obstacles and accomplish a task
30. The people Irving Stone wrote about _____.

(1) were born great
(2) were people with great thinking and skills
(3) gave up fighting what they believed in when they were knocked down
(4) have undying fighting spirit despite being knocked down many times



Section G : Structural Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) can	(G) in	(K) lest	(N) though
(B) and	(E) even	(H) into	(L) must	(P) should
(C) any	(F) from	(J) it	(M) or	(Q) while

Most of us are afraid of sharks. (31) _____ is the fish that we fear most. Sharks belong to (32) _____ class called chondrichthyes. It includes rays and sawfish. These fishes have no bones (33) _____ the skeleton is made up of cartilage. Sharks have to be on the move all the time (34) _____ else, they will sink.

Sharks will eat (35) _____ object in the water, whether it is moving or still. They feed on sick and injured fishes and (36) _____ eat the garbage dumped from ships. When there is a group of sharks, eating turns (37) _____ a frenzy. At times like that, they (38) _____ even end up eating one of their own kind.

(39) _____ some sharks bite off chunks of their prey, others swallow them whole. The harmless sharks that feed on plankton, small plants and animal organisms are, ironically (40) _____ the giants of the shark family, the whale shark and the basking shark.

Section H : Editing (10 × 1 mark)

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

This is a handbook about the craft of fiction writing for new and emerging writers.

This handbook on writing cannot help you unless you invest time and effort in
(41) (42)

developing your talents. For example, it's unwise to set off to be a writer of fiction

without first being a reader of it. Writers of fiction who are thoughtful readers of it are
(43) (44)

better able to make informed assessments of their own work and forged their own writing

styles.
(45)

Becoming a writer also involves patience and a readiness to rewrite. I once spent

(46) a week writing a detailed reader's report for a man who first novel had been rejected by
(47)

a publisher. The novel had interesting characters and a moving theme, but it was too long

by half, sloppily constructed and badly written.

(48)

I believed that many new writers have false notions about writing, the writer's life

and getting published. They don't realise that writing and rewriting require thought, care,

(49)

patience and long hours for solitary work. As long-distance runners need training, and

ongoing training, in order to run a marathon, writers learn to write by observing, being

(50)

perceptive, reading, writing, drafting and refining, and establishing good work habits:

Section I : Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each of the blanks with a suitable word.

The old dog took a few minutes to take stock of the telephone repairman in that wet, cold night. Being tired, hungry and footsore, he decided to get into his truck, then into his home and soon _____ (51) his heart.

Alleybones was not as lucky. He _____ (52) in the alley, growing wilder, hungrier, skinnier. As eating was not a _____ (53) thing with him, his spine began to stick out like a row of little knobs. He _____ (54) a lot of time sleeping and a lot of time trying to get out of the way.

He was a street-smart cat who knew when to fight - not too _____ (55) and when to run away - usually always. For a long time, he was the only cat in the alley, but there was a gang of rats, most of them half his size and twice as tough. So long as he stayed behind the garbage tin, _____ (56) for times he had to look for food, they did not bother him. He had no intention of bothering them either.

Alleybones scrounged in garbage bins, _____ (57) the occasional mouse, found scraps here and there that people taking a shortcut through the alley, carrying hot dogs or sandwiches or bags of potato chips, had _____ (58).

One evening, drifting _____ (59) of his sleep, he ventured out and sensed _____ (60) different. Sniffing eagerly, he breathed in the wonderful odours of food percolating through the night air. Lifting one paw, then the _____ (61), over and over, he sniffed till he felt faint. However, before he lost _____ (62), he heard someone say, "You look worse than I thought. Hold on a second."

The old man _____ (63) through the back door and emerged a moment later with a plate of scraps. "Left over stuff," he explained. "They make me pile too much food on the dishes and it always goes to _____ (64). Got no sense, that's the trouble with most people."

Alleybones was not listening. He gobbled _____ (65) pieces of chicken, ham, carrots, onions, pasta - all of it smothered in a buttery sauce.

Section J: Transformation / Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

For each of the questions 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).

66. That lady is Miss Tang. My mother knows her very well.

whom

67. "Did you take my library books?" James asked his sister.

James asked his sister

68. You must hurry. You will be late for the competition.

Unless

69. My siblings enjoy playing basketball but I do not.

Unlike

70. The robber saw the policemen. He took to his heels.

when

Section J: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 × 2 marks)

Read the passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

It seems to me that all writers, including those eminent ones, need encouragement particularly in their early years. I always knew I could write, but that just meant I wrote a little better than my peers. I hope that I might one day write well enough to derive income from my efforts. Oddly enough, this never occurred to me during my grade and high school years. 5

There was a benevolent teacher at Hyde Park High School in Chicago, who simply by concentrating her attention on me, made me believe that I might be able to master the knack of writing well enough to consider the craft as a profession. Her name was Marguerite Byrne and she taught English, which of course, involved writing skills. Whatever instruction she shared with me was exactly the same as all her other students enjoyed, but the difference was she encouraged me to begin the process of submitting things I was writing, in those days, chiefly poems. 10

To my surprise the Chicago Tribune not only thought enough of several of my verses to publish them, but also paid me -- inadvertently -- the highest compliment a fledgling author can receive. The editor wrote a confidential letter to Miss Byrne, asking her to see, if by chance, one of her students -- a certain Stephen Allen -- might be guilty of plagiarism. The editor's suspicions had been roused because, he was kind enough to say, he found it hard to believe that a seventeen-year-old could create material on such a professional level. When Miss Byrne shared the letter with me, I was ecstatic! It was wonderfully heartening. 15
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Miss Byrne made me realise that I should not hide my light under a bushel. This made me muster my courage to enter a writing contest. The assignment was to write an essay titled "Rediscovering America." I was literally astonished when I received a letter saying that I was the winner of the contest. The prize was a thousand dollars. My mother, at the time, was not even aware that I was interested in writing, or if she had somehow found out about it, she took little notice. When I arrived home that evening with the letter, she was indifferent and did not ask how the evening had gone. 25

Without encouragement, talented students will continue to perform below expectations without the motivation to learn. For example, at the same high school, there was a teacher whose Spanish language classes I attended but from whom I, unfortunately learned very little simply because of the woman's cold sarcastically critical attitude. She seemed to know nothing about nurturing students. Soon, I withdrew from her classroom literacy instruction. 30

Years later, I was able to repay my debt to Marguerite Byrne by dedicating one of my books, *Wry on the Rocks -- A Collection of Poems*, to her. I have enjoyed a lifetime writing books and television scripts because of Miss Byrne's tutelage. 35

Adapted from Chicken Soup for the Writer's Soul by Steve Allen

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Answer questions 71-80 in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. How is Miss Byrne related to the writer?

72. What additional support did the writer receive from Miss Byrne that her other students did not receive?

73. What was the editor's suspicion?

74. Why did Stephen find the editor's suspicion heartening?

75. What does the "it" in line 26 refer to?

76. How did Stephen show his gratitude to Miss Byrne?

77. Why did the writer withdraw from his Spanish language classes?

78. Name two jobs Stephen held after graduation.

79. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as the word "famous"?

80. Which sentence tells you that Stephen realised that he should not keep his writing talent a secret?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

**SCHOOL : RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY
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60)something 61)other 62)consciousness 63)went
64)waste 65)up
66)That lady whom my mother knows very well is Miss Tang.
67)James asked his sister is she had taken his library book.
68)Unless you hurry, you will be late for the competition.
69)Unlike mu siblings, I do not enjoy playing basketball.

70)The robber took to his heels when he saw the policemen.

71)Miss Byrne was the writer's benevolent teacher at Hyde Park High School in Chicago.

72)Miss Byrne encouraged him to submit his writing.

73)The editor thought that Stephen Allen might be guilty of plagiarism.

74)It was because the editor it hard to believe that a seventeen-year-old could create material on such a professional level.

75)The word "it" in line 26 refers to the writer being interested in writing.

76)He dedicated one of his books to her.

77)It was because the woman's cold sarcastically critical attitude caused the writer to learn very little.

78)Stephen became an author and a TV scriptwriter.

79)The word is "eminent".

80)The sentence is "Miss Byrne made me realise that I should not hide my light under a bushel.