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ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR) PRELIM PAPER

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- 1 My teammates and _____ gifted the new student a new soccer ball to commemorate the start of _____ new soccer journey in our school.
- (1) I...he
 - (2) I...his
 - (3) me...he
 - (4) me...his
- 2 The student _____ the teacher spoke about is also an excellent chef.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whoever
- 3 "The librarian arranged the books neatly, _____ she?" asked Mrs Lam.
- (1) didn't
 - (2) shan't
 - (3) hasn't
 - (4) doesn't
- 4 If it _____, you would have gotten wet.
- (1) rains
 - (2) rained
 - (3) had rained
 - (4) have rained
- 5 Neither the twins nor Alona _____ Dev's stories.
- (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) are enjoying
 - (4) have enjoyed

- 6 The Lim Bo Seng Memorial was announced as a national monument _____ memory of one of Singapore's war heroes.
- (1) in
 - (2) as
 - (3) for
 - (4) with
- 7 Not until they had discussed the topic _____ they _____ on their project.
- (1) do...work
 - (2) did...work
 - (3) had...worked
 - (4) have...worked
- 8 _____ how hot and dry the weather is, you must still exercise.
- (1) Owing to
 - (2) Giving rise to
 - (3) Regardless of
 - (4) Resulting from
- 9 _____ that the accused was innocent, some members of public decided to show support for him despite the backlash.
- (1) Belief
 - (2) Believe
 - (3) Believed
 - (4) Believing
- 10 The tourist from Myanmar spoke _____ English and it was difficult to speak to her.
- (1) few
 - (2) any
 - (3) little
 - (4) some

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 11 The firefighter's reassurances were not effective in _____ the little girl's concerns about her pet dog in the burning building.
- (1) allaying
 - (2) finishing
 - (3) stopping
 - (4) extinguishing
- 12 The man was imprisoned after making _____ remarks and hurting the sentiments of a minority group.
- (1) deformed
 - (2) derogatory
 - (3) debilitating
 - (4) disheartening
- 13 Kelly, the head prefect, _____ confidence when she delivered her farewell speech to the graduating cohort.
- (1) exuded
 - (2) emitted
 - (3) ensued
 - (4) evolved
- 14 The long-distance runner realised that he was way ahead of his competitors and decided to _____ for a bit before his final burst.
- (1) let down
 - (2) let go
 - (3) let on
 - (4) let up
- 15 "Just because you have _____ in rank does not mean you can treat your subordinates badly," Maxine said to her boss.
- (1) seniority
 - (2) authority
 - (3) inferiority
 - (4) superiority

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s).
Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

How does one deal with online trolls? These trolls with their heinous schemes have
(16)
made it difficult for many online users to enjoy the Internet. They pass off as innocent online
(17)
users at first. When the time is right, these users often leave behind vile comments on
contentious online topics that provoke other users into an argument. Despite being disturbed by
(18)
the rise of such trolls, many other users have come to defend them, purportedly under the
(19)
banner of free speech. There is no real solution to trolls unfortunately. As you meander the vast
(20)
network of the Internet, the best you can do is practise graciousness and kindness.

- 16 (1) illicit
(2) elicit
(3) solicit
(4) explicit
- 17 (1) reveal to be
(2) believe to be
(3) pretend to be
(4) ascertain to be
- 18 (1) violent
(2) vehement
(3) controversial
(4) confrontational
- 19 (1) admittedly
(2) repeatedly
(3) supposedly
(4) undoubtedly
- 20 (1) lurk
(2) walk
(3) roam
(4) prowl

Study this flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28.

A Day Out at the City Farm



Come join us for a day of fun and learn about the importance of growing our own food. Buy some organic produce. Bring back your own mini garden to start your urban farming journey!

Date: 23 October 2022 (Sunday)

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Venue: City Farm

Fruit and Vegetable Sale

Get your organic produce from our garden!



WORKSHOPS

Miniature Garden

10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 per person (payment at booth)

Learn to start an easy herb or vegetable garden in a recycled box. Bring it home and be excited as you watch your plants sprout. Cook a meal after harvesting them.



How To Make A Seed Ball

11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Free entry (first come, first served)

Each seed ball is made by wrapping seeds with compost and clay. They provide nutrients for seeds to germinate and act as a carrier to disperse the seeds. They also prevent the seeds from being eaten by birds and animals. Our seed balls are wrapped in craft paper and make great gifts for your family and friends.

Guided Tour

9 a.m. or 3 p.m.

Free registration (registration ends 5 minutes before tour starts)

Our friendly guide will share interesting facts about some common local plants and their uses. You will have an opportunity to touch, smell and taste some of the vegetables and fruits. Our guide will also highlight some farming methods that are environmentally friendly.

Excerpt from Nature Magazine, published on 5 May.

Have you ever wondered where your vegetables come from?

Singapore imports most of our produce from all over the world. This is because Singapore does not have enough land for farming. To ensure Singapore is able to produce its own food, the Government is encouraging urban farming. In fact, in recent years, urban farming has become increasingly popular as people are more curious about the source of their vegetables and fruits. Singaporeans are worried about the amount of pesticide used. More people are growing edible plants in urban spaces, such as balconies and HDB corridors, without the use of pesticides.

Located at Kranji, City Farm is one of the more established urban farms in Singapore. On weekends, they offer farm tours and workshops for parents and children to get in touch with nature and learn about the importance of growing their own vegetables. They also help design and build **edible gardens** for residential use so that more Singaporeans can enjoy their own fresh produce. In addition, they conduct school visits to educate students on how to start urban farming.

Student ambassadors needed!

Do you have a passion for gardening? Volunteer with us and help promote urban farming to your schoolmates!

City Farm visits schools to give educational talks, teach students how to grow vegetables and build gardens together with them. We will train student ambassadors to guide other students on the correct techniques for growing their own vegetables.

Interested students are to drop us an email at joinus@cityfarm.sg



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

21. What is the main purpose of the event?

- (1) to show people the wonders of nature
- (2) to share interesting facts about edible plants
- (3) to get students to volunteer as ambassadors
- (4) to encourage people to start their own edible gardens

22. The Miniature Garden workshop teaches participants to _____.

- (1) recycle boxes
- (2) grow herbs and vegetables
- (3) cook greens from their garden
- (4) monitor how their vegetables are growing

23. In the section 'How to make a Seed Ball', which of the following statements is true?

- (1) A seed ball contains only one seed.
- (2) Birds and animals enjoy eating the seed balls.
- (3) The craft paper provides nutrients for the seeds to grow.
- (4) A mixture of compost and clay is used to wrap the seeds.

24. Mila wants to take the guided tour around the farm. She _____.

- (1) should make payment at the booth
- (2) should register for the tour at 3 p.m.
- (3) will be able to taste some of the fruits
- (4) will get to try out new farming methods

25. According to the excerpt from Nature Magazine, what is one concern that Singaporeans have when it comes to urban farming?

- (1) Location of edible plants
- (2) Singapore's small land space
- (3) The amount of pesticide farmers use
- (4) Supermarkets only have produce from other countries

26. According to the excerpt, City Farm builds 'edible gardens'. What does the term 'edible gardens' refer to?

- (1) gardens that are free of pesticides
- (2) gardens that owners look after themselves
- (3) gardens that produce vegetables and fruits
- (4) gardens that are built in urban spaces like shopping malls

27. City Farm contributes to local farming efforts by _____.

- (1) offering farm tours and workshops on weekdays
- (2) assisting people with the design of their edible gardens
- (3) going to schools to help students build vegetable gardens
- (4) educating Singaporeans on the need for imported produce

28. What does City Farm look for in a student ambassador?

- (1) A love for gardening
- (2) Experience in urban farming
- (3) Good at giving educational talks
- (4) The ability to train other students

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B. (20 marks)

It was Thursday morning just before assembly. Phil was on a mission. Hurrying along the Primary 3 corridor, he looked for his younger brother. Jimmy had left the house early to walk to school with a friend and had inadvertently forgotten his pocket money. As a Primary 6 boy, Phil had been entrusted to ensure that Jimmy had it in time for recess.

Phil was about to pop into his brother's classroom when he thought he saw the back of his brother's jacket further ahead. It had to be Jimmy. No one else in the school had a jacket like that one. 5

"Hey Jimmy!" he called out but his brother did not stop. Phil rushed forward and grabbed hold of the boy. But it wasn't Jimmy. It was someone Phil had never seen before and he was wearing Jimmy's jacket. As the boy struggled to break free, Mrs Atkins came striding towards them. 10

Immediately, sensing the teacher's presence, Phil released his grip. Glaring at both boys, Mrs Atkins ordered them to follow her. Once they were at the school office, Mrs Atkins asked the younger of the two to explain.

"I was walking along the corridor when this boy grabbed me. I didn't do anything!" explained Daniel. 15

"He stole my brother's jacket," explained Phil.

"Liar!" Daniel immediately jumped to his feet and faced Phil, his fists clenched. "I have never stolen anything! This jacket is from my grandmother, a birthday present. Stop saying that!"

"Boys! I am sure this is a simple misunderstanding. Isn't possible that this is just an identical jacket, Phil?" Mrs Atkins reasoned. 20

Phil shook his head forcefully. "My mother got that jacket for me when she was overseas some years ago. Go on, look at the label inside the collar. It will say 'Di Roma'. That's because she got it in Rome. That is my jacket which I've outgrown so Jimmy, my younger brother, has been using it."

When Mrs Atkins asked Daniel for permission to look at the label, Daniel turned his back to her, indicating consent. The teacher gently pulled the collar of the jacket back. As she did, **her eyebrows shot up**. She stated that the jacket indeed had that specific label. Even as Phil started to accuse Daniel yet again of stealing, she told the boys to remain quietly seated while she made a quick telephone call. 25

Returning ^ashort while later, Mrs Atkins explained that she had called Daniel's mother. It turned out that both boys were right. Someone had given the jacket to Daniel's grandmother and she had given it to Daniel. 30

Phil was about to make a scathing remark when something registered in his mind. It was only then that he remembered seeing his mother packing some clothes to give away. Turning to Daniel, he asked tentatively, "Who is your grandmother? What's her name?" 35

Daniel curled his lip. "None of your business. But her name is Lucy Taylor."

Immediately, Phil's face reddened. "Hey, I am sorry I grabbed you! You are right. It's your jacket."

"What?" Daniel looked straight at Phil. "You accuse me of stealing and now you tell me that the jacket is mine. Why?" 40

Phil looked at the floor, **embarrassed**. "It's just that, I know your grandmother. You see, she's... she helps my mom to clean the house. I guess my mom must have given her the jacket."

The words seemed to echo off the walls.

Daniel looked like he had been punched in the stomach. He backed towards the office door, anger written all over his face. Yanking off the jacket, he threw it at Phil's feet. "There's your jacket, 45

Rich Kid! I don't need your charity!"

As Phil bent down to grab the jacket, he was full of remorse. Although all he had done was to tell the truth, he knew he was in the wrong. Standing up, jacket in hand, Phil resolved to be gracious and avoid making assumptions.

Adapted from *The Jacket* by A Clements

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) although	(D) but	(G) have	(K) its	(N) when
(B) are	(E) from	(H) of	(L) on	(P) which
(C) at	(F) has	(J) in	(M) their	(Q) with

The aardvark gets its name from a South African word meaning 'earth pig'. _____ the
 (29)

aardvark looks like a pig, especially with its body and snout, aardvarks actually share common ancestors

_____ elephants and golden moles. Aardvarks are found throughout much of sub-Saharan Africa.
 (30)

Aardvarks use _____ large front claws to dig holes at a rate of 0.5 metres in 15 seconds.
 (31)

This enables them to get to their favourite meal _____ termites and ants. Aardvarks have long,
 (32)

sticky tongues with _____ they slurp up and swallow tens of thousands of insects from termite
 (33)
 mounds and ants nests.

Aardvarks are most active _____ night and tend to live alone. During the day, they sleep
 (34)
 curled up _____ their burrows. As night falls, aardvarks will emerge cautiously from their dens,
 (35)

_____ the lookout for predators. They are able to see at night, _____ otherwise have
 (36) (37)
 poor vision and are colour-blind.

Humans are the aardvark's biggest threat. Some landowners do not like the holes left behind by
 the aardvarks. The use of pesticides to grow crops on land inhabited by aardvarks _____ also
 (38)
 reduced the number of insects available for aardvarks to eat. It is not surprising then, that its numbers are
 decreasing.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39)

His name is Flanagan and he is my four-legged friend. From a mere eight kilogrammes, his

(40)

lineage hails from the Spaniel family. He has flop ears, a tail that never stops wagging, and a brown coat.

(41)

(42)

Some time ago, I enlist Flanagan in a programme to assist children which have difficulty

(43)

reading aloud. Most of the children in the programme pesieve reading as something to be dreaded,

(44)

but reading to a dog that is not jargemantal changes everything for them.

During our library time, I unroll Flanagan's paw-print rug in the children's reading corner.

(45)

(46)

Flanagan sits ajascent to a bright yellow bookcase neatly stacked on all types of inviting books for

(47)

a child to read and explore. Purches on top of the bookcase is an adorable plush puppy with a

(48)

striking rezembalance to Flanagan.

When the first child arrives, Flanagan wags his tail to welcome her, and the reading session

(49)

begins. Flanagan listens conshiensiously as the child reads, sometimes placing a paw on the child's

(50)

knee. His attentiveness as each child reads aloud is amaze to observe. Flanagan has heard all sorts

of stories. Each week, Flanagan makes a difference, changing a child's life story, one word at a time.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A team of scientists have unearthed what is believed to be the largest spider fossil ever found. _____ near the Daohugou village in Northeastern China, the perfectly preserved specimen is a close relative of the modern-day spider known as the Golden Silk Orb-Weaver. It is a type of spider known for the impressive _____ it weaves.

Experts _____ that the fossil is about 165 million years old. What surprises them is its rather large size, which _____ about five centimeters when stretched from end to _____. That is because this specimen of spider _____ during a period when oxygen levels were much higher, causing similar insects to _____ to almost monstrous sizes. For example, back _____, dragonflies sported a wingspan of up to a metre, while millipedes measured over two metres.

Similar _____ today's Golden Silk Orb-Weaver, this spider also had silk spinning organs on its leg, suggesting that it too was capable of spinning large webs, to _____ its prey.

Scientists believe that the ancient spider has been around for over 350 million years _____ the Earth was one big supercontinent known as Pangaea. However, the species was well spread out by the time Pangaea _____ up into seven continents and can therefore be found in many _____ of the world today. Since its close relative thrives in tropical climate, scientists speculate that the Daohugou region used to be warmer and more humid _____ it is today.

Generally, _____ are not well-represented in the fossil records as their soft external skeletons do not preserve well. As such, this is a significant find in the world of paleontology.

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). (10 marks)

66 Lucy tried very hard. She could not master the skill of skipping.

However _____

67 John was relieved when he received the news that he had passed with flying colours.

_____ with great

68 "I will meet you after school today," Mrs Lim said to her son.

Mrs Lim told her son that _____

69 The children were curious. They opened the brightly-coloured box.

Out of _____

70 The principal invited the musician to speak to the students. The musician's song won an award.

_____ whose

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

- 71 Pick out a three-word phrase in paragraph one which suggest that Phil had something to do? [1m]

- 72 Why did Phil need to meet his younger brother before school began? [2m]

- 73 Explain clearly why Phil had grabbed Daniel? [2m]

- 74 State whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
Daniel was offended by Phil's accusation that he had stolen the jacket.		
Jimmy had previously used the jacket.		
Phil had been informed by his mother that she had given away some clothes.		

- 75 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
it (line 4)	
that (line 18)	
someone (line 31)	

- 76 Look at the table below. Based on lines 20 to 30, what was the action and the meaning behind the action for each of the characters. Write your answers in the blanks. [2m]

	Action	What it meant
(a) Daniel		He gave permission for Mrs Atkins to check the label in his jacket.
(b) Mrs Atkins	Her eyebrows shot up. (line 27)	

- 77 Choose a word between lines 30 to 40 which has a similar meaning to each given word or phrase below. [2m]

Phrases	Word from the passage
a) extremely critical	
b) hesitantly	

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

_____ Daniel received a gift from his grandmother.

_____ Phil had outgrown the jacket.

_____ Phil's mother had given the jacket to her cleaning lady.

- 79 Which two of the following words correctly describe how Daniel felt in lines 39-46?
Put a ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

guilty

sad

humiliated

indifferent

afraid

confused

- 80 Explain clearly why Phil was embarrassed in line 41. [2m]

~ End of Booklet B ~

ANSWER SHEET

Booklet A Q1	2
Booklet A Q2	3
Booklet A Q3	1
Booklet A Q4	3
Booklet A Q5	2
Booklet A Q6	1
Booklet A Q7	2
Booklet A Q8	3
Booklet A Q9	4
Booklet A Q10	3
Booklet A Q11	1
Booklet A Q12	2
Booklet A Q13	1
Booklet A Q14	4
Booklet A Q15	1
Booklet A Q16	1
Booklet A Q17	3
Booklet A Q18	3
Booklet A Q19	3
Booklet A Q20	3
Booklet A Q21	4
Booklet A Q22	2
Booklet A Q23	4
Booklet A Q24	3
Booklet A Q25	3
Booklet A Q26	3
Booklet A Q27	2
Booklet A Q8	1

Booklet B Q29	A
Booklet B Q30	Q
Booklet B Q31	M
Booklet B Q32	H
Booklet B Q33	P
Booklet B Q34	C
Booklet B Q35	J
Booklet B Q36	L
Booklet B Q37	D
Booklet B Q38	F
Booklet B Q39	At
Booklet B Q40	Floppy
Booklet B Q41	Enlisted
Booklet B Q42	Who
Booklet B Q43	Perceive
Booklet B Q44	Judgemental
Booklet B Q45	Adjacent
Booklet B Q46	With
Booklet B Q47	Perched
Booklet B Q48	Resemblance
Booklet B Q49	Conscientiously
Booklet B Q50	Amazing
Booklet B Q51	Located
Booklet B Q52	Webs
Booklet B Q53	Say

Booklet B Q54	Is
Booklet B Q55	End
Booklet B Q56	Lived
Booklet B Q57	Grow
Booklet B Q58	Then
Booklet B Q59	To
Booklet B Q60	Trap
Booklet B Q61	When
Booklet B Q62	Split
Booklet B Q63	Regions
Booklet B Q64	Than
Booklet B Q65	Arachnids
Booklet B Q66	Hard Lucy tried, she could not master the skill of skipping

Q67)	John received the news that he had passed with flying colours with great relief.
Q68)	She would meet him after school that day.
Q69)	curiosity, the children opened the brightly-coloured box.
Q70)	The principal invited the musician whose song won an award to speak to the students.
Q71)	On a mission
Q72)	Phil had to give Jimmy the money he forgot to take that morning.
Q73)	Phil saw Daniel wearing Jimmy's jacket and thought it was him, but when Phil called out for Jimmy, he did not stop and went to grab Daniel for him to shop walking.
Q74)	True: When Daniel heard Phil's accusation, he immediately jumped to his feet and face Phil, with his fists clenched.
	True: Phil had outgrown the jacket so he had passed it on to his younger brother.
	False: Phil had seen his mother packing some clothes to give away but was not informed by her.
Q75)	Jimmy's pocket money Daniel stealing Jimmy's jacket Phil's mother.
Q76)	a) Daniel turned his back to Mrs Atkins. b) She was shocked to see that the jacket had the same label as what Phil had said.
Q77)	a) Scathing b) Tentatively
Q78)	3, 1, 2
Q79)	humiliated & confused
Q80)	He had wrongly accused Daniel of stealing his jacket. He realized that the jacket had been given away. He was embarrassed to tell Daniel that his grandmother worked for Phil's mother.

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR) SA1 PAPER

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. You've had the time to look through my work, _____ you?

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

2. Aunt Jenny confused John's cup for _____ as both cups looked similar.

- (1) his
- (2) her
- (3) hers
- (4) himself

3. The number of people contracting dengue nowadays _____ on the rise.

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

4. Neither the students nor the band instructor _____ where band practice is being held tomorrow.

- (1) knew
- (2) know
- (3) knows
- (4) knowing

5. He has _____ choice but to follow his landlord's instructions because he has nowhere else to stay.

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

6. It is imperative that the investigation _____ at once before the culprit gets away.
- (1) begin
 - (2) begun
 - (3) began
 - (4) begins
7. Mr Lee made the students _____ their worksheets into the respective files.
- (1) file
 - (2) files
 - (3) filed
 - (4) filing
8. "I looked this word _____ in the dictionary, but I still don't understand how to use it," said Gloria.
- (1) of
 - (2) up
 - (3) over
 - (4) through
9. You will not be allowed to leave the examination room _____ there is an urgent and pressing need to.
- (1) if
 - (2) unless
 - (3) however
 - (4) regardless
10. "With a good command _____ the language, you will be able to answer most of the questions asked during the quiz," Mother reminded me.
- (1) in
 - (2) at
 - (3) of
 - (4) over

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(5 marks)

11. His _____ business is the reason he is able to afford the huge bungalow and branded cars.

- (1) waning
- (2) aspiring
- (3) withering
- (4) flourishing

12. The robbers managed to _____ the heist successfully. The police is now hot on their tails.

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

13. "Your _____ handwriting makes it impossible to read what you are writing! Please learn to write neatly!" Mrs Tan chided.

- (1) indecipherable
- (2) inexplicable
- (3) incoherent
- (4) inaccurate

14. The discipline master _____ us for our terrible behaviour at this morning's assembly.

- (1) urged
- (2) exiled
- (3) exhorted
- (4) admonished

15. The History project is due in three hours but they have only just started working on it. Now, it is truly _____.

- (1) in the nick of time
- (2) time to hit the road
- (3) at the eleventh hour
- (4) a race against the clock

For each question from 16 to 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. (5 marks)

Work from home or the office? People are torn! This is considered as one of the most (16) controversial topics of today. While some people believe it's best to go back to pre-pandemic patterns, many others have opposite beliefs. The idea of returning to office is (17) daunting to some. In a survey conducted, most of those who declared that they would prefer to work from home are those with young kids. Susan, 35, mentions that she feels like she thrives while working from home because she can juggle many responsibilities (18) all at the same time. Namely, being a mother, wife and a worker. The pandemic has changed the way the world works. Many people now feel that they do not need to be physically present in an office setting to be (19) fruitful in their work.

Organisations around the world have experienced unprecedented (20) disruption due to the change in working patterns. For those with the resilience to adapt and ride the waves, the change has felt like anything from a carousel ride to full-blown shipwreck.

16. (1) worrying
(2) confusing
(3) ambiguous
(4) contentious
17. (1) baffling
(2) crumbling
(3) intimidating
(4) deteriorating
18. (1) simultaneously
(2) chronologically
(3) systematically
(4) promptly
19. (1) dynamic
(2) excellent
(3) productive
(4) conscientious
20. (1) confusion
(2) distraction
(3) commotion
(4) interruption

Study this feature article from a magazine, The Student Times, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

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3 - 5 November

An evening with Margaret Haywood

talk by author and book signing*

7 to 8.30 p.m. daily

Ages 18 and above



Join South African writer Margaret Haywood, who is currently based in Singapore, as she reads from her latest book, *The Chronicles of South Africa* - a collection of short stories which shines a light on the current hardship of the people of South Africa.

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Book talk and craft session

6 to 7.30 p.m. daily

No age limit



Artist and writer Kiro Hashima honours her Japanese heritage with this hand-drawn Christmas picture book. Taking inspiration from the title of her book, participants will learn how to fold origami trees.

Free registration at

www.globalbookstore.com/hashima

12 November

Book launch: Trouble in the North by Jane Ho

Talk by author and book signing*

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

People of all ages are invited to come!



Meet Singaporean writer Jane Ho and her book character Dr Vision Superspy. Fight the evil Major Myopia and solve exciting cases. Take part in an interactive writing activity with Jane Ho.

Free admission

*Note: *Book signing available only for books purchased at Global Bookstores. Receipts must be shown.*

Interview with Jane Ho, author of the *Adventures of Dr Vision Superspy* series

By Susan Long, The Global Bookstore

Jane Ho lives in the northern part of Singapore with her family and a cat called Furball. When she is not writing, she is in her garden of herbs and flowers. Her books can be found in all major bookstores like The Global Bookstore.

What was the inspiration behind the Adventures of Dr Vision Superspy?

My children, Max and Mary. They spend a lot of time indoors and on electronic devices. I want them to know how to take good care of their eyes.

Is myopia another name for near-sightedness?

Yes. When you can see objects that are close to you clearly but not objects that are farther away, you have myopia or near-sightedness.

How does your book series help spread awareness of the need for good eye care?

Dr Vision fights villains like Major Myopia whose desire is to trap everyone into spending excessive amounts of time on electronic devices. Readers will discover ways to avoid falling into his traps.

Tell us about your latest book in this series, Trouble in the North.

Santa has trouble reading road signs that are farther away, so he cannot deliver Christmas gifts. He has unknowingly fallen into one of Major Myopia's traps. Dr Vision uncovers the evil Major's wicked plan and saves the day!

Thank you, dear Susan for giving me this platform to talk about my book launch. Hope to see you there! I will select some members of the audience to work with me in writing a short chapter. Illustrator, Daniel Hong, will make sketches of some of the scenes on the spot!

Healthy Eye Care Habits



1

Reading – Ensure that there is adequate lighting. Hold book 30 cm away from your eyes. Sit upright.

2

At the computer – ensure that there is adequate lighting. Place screen 50 cm away from your eyes. Take breaks after every 30 minutes of near work.

3

Get active – Being outdoors creates more opportunities for the eyes to focus on objects in the far distance which relaxes the eye muscles and prevents myopia.

4

When watching television or playing video games – Limit screen time.

A-7

For each question from 21 to 28, write your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

(8 marks)

21. Which of the following statements about the Reading Festival is false?
- (1) Margaret Haywood will share about the hardships she is facing
 - (2) Samuel Paulo will share tips on how to make stories interesting
 - (3) Participants will do a writing activity during Jane Ho's talk and book signing
 - (4) Participants will be engaging in hands-on work during the Kiro Hashima session
22. Jeff has a copy of *The Chronicles of South Africa* purchased from another bookstore. He can _____.
- (1) attend the Margaret Haywood's talk
 - (2) have the book signed by Margaret Haywood
 - (3) hear Margaret Haywood share about her other books
 - (4) learn tips from Margaret Haywood on writing short stories
23. The Reading Festival _____.
- (1) has age limits for all events
 - (2) holds events that feature only local authors
 - (3) will require participants to pay for all events
 - (4) has events that are held at the same venue
24. Zikri, aged 15, likes hands-on activities. However, he will be away on holiday from 5 to 12 November. Which event can he take part in?
- (1) He can go for the book launch.
 - (2) He can attend the book talk and craft session.
 - (3) He can enjoy an evening with Margaret Haywood.
 - (4) He can participate in the reading and writing workshop.
25. What is the main purpose of the interview with Jane Ho?
- (1) to promote the launch of a new book
 - (2) to get readers to take care of their eyes
 - (3) to pick out participants for the writing activity
 - (4) to introduce budding illustrators to Daniel Hong

26. *The Adventures of Dr Vision Superspy* series is _____.

- (1) inspired by the author's children
- (2) for readers with near-sightedness only
- (3) only available at The Global Bookstore
- (4) about the troubles Santa faces during Christmas

27. According to the flyer, Major Myopia is _____.

- (1) helping Dr Vision in his mission
- (2) having trouble reading road signs
- (3) constantly spending time on electronic devices
- (4) always thinking of ways to lure victims into his traps

28. Based on the text, which of the following is **not** a tip to keep eyes healthy?

- (1) Go outdoors more often to relax the eye muscles.
- (2) Keep your book at least 30 cm away when reading.
- (3) Take a short rest every 30 minutes when using the computer.
- (4) Massage your eyes in a circular motion every night before you sleep.

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

(20 marks)

<p>The night was getting dark and the stretch of road was deserted except for a salled car by the side. As Peter drove past the car, he noticed a dark, bent figure next to the car. Against the dim street light, Peter could tell that it was the figure of an elderly lady. Was she in some kind of trouble?</p>	
<p>Being concerned for ohter people, Peter was always ready to lend a hand. He steered his truck to one side of the road and got out. As he approached the car, he saw that one of the front tyres of the car was punctured. The lady saw Peter and she looked worried. None of the other cars that passed by had stopped. Peter smiled, but the lady did not reciprocate. She was suspicious of him. What was he up to? Peter saw that the lady was frightened. Her expression gave her away.</p>	5
<p>With a reassuring voice, Peter said, "Hi, I'm Peter. I can change the tyre for you. It's cold out here. Why don't you wait in the car while I fix it?" Her fear subsided. She was relieved that such a kind soul had turned up to help her. It was an ardeal for the frail, old lady to change a punctured tyre. Her delicate body frame had hardly the strength to lift the jack, let alone take the spare tyre out of the boot.</p>	10
<p>Peter was adept at changing tyres. However, he took fifteen minutes to complete the task. The car jack was rusty and he had some difficulties manipulating it. The old lady noticed that while replacing the tyre, Peter had dirtied his clothes and scratched his hand. She offered to pay Peter, but money was never in Peter's mind when he stopped to offer his help. To him, it was a natural reaction to give help to those in need. However, the old lady was <i>insistent</i> on paying. It was a gesture of appreciation, she emphasised. Peter, on the other hand, was firm in not accepting the payment. She did not owe him anything, he reiterated. To settle the matter, Peter suggested that if she really wanted to pay him back, she could help someone else in return. The old lady accepted his <i>proposal with a smile</i>, thanked him again and drove off into the dark.</p>	15
<p>Many kilometres down the road, the old lady stopped by a cafeteria. She walked through the door into a dingy, empty dining space. There was no one in the cafeteria except for a pregnant waitress. As the old lady sat down by a table near the door, the bloated waitress walked towards her. By the size of her tummy, one could tell that she was in her late stage of pregnancy. The varicose veins on her legs were conspicuous. Worn out, she walked slowly, and <i>with difficulty</i>. In her state, she should have been resting, and not working at such late hours in the night. Yet, the strain and the aches did not affect her hospitable attitude one bit. She smiled and took the old lady's order. Then, she waddled into the kitchen. The old lady's heart went out to the waitress. Why was she still working at such a late hour? Was she in some kind of financial trouble? At that moment, she remembered Peter. She then made her decision.</p>	25
<p>When the old lady finished her meal, she called for the bill and handed the waitress a hundred-dollar note. As the waitress trudged to the cash register to get the change for her customer, the old lady slipped out of the door. When she turned around, she was surprised to see that her customer had left without waiting for the change. At the table, she noticed something written on the serviette, under which was a five-hundred-dollar note. Tears rolled out from her eyes as she read the note which the old lady had left her. It read: <i>Someone named Peter gave me help when I needed it most. I am just doing what he did for me. You don't owe me anything. If you really want to pay me back, help someone else in need.</i></p>	35
<p>That night, the waitress returned home and thought about the money the old lady had given her, and the note she wrote. She was grateful to the old lady for she and her husband were in dire need of extra cash, especially since the baby was soon due.</p>	40
<p>With a sigh of relief, she took another look at the note and uttered gratefully, "Thank you very much, Peter."</p>	45

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) as	(D) in	(G) over	(K) to	(N) then
(B) but	(E) is	(H) so	(L) then	(P) was
(C) by	(F) it	(J) some	(M) them	(Q) while

Most of us take salt for granted. It is inexpensive and is commonly found in kitchens and on tables in cafeterias and restaurants. In the past, salt (29) _____ very valuable. Homer, the famous Greek poet, called salt a divine substance. Plato the Philosopher described it as being especially dear to the gods. In ancient Rome, salt was even used (30) _____ a form of currency.

We use salt more (31) _____ any other chemical compound. Even our cells swim in a saline solution. Without salt, our body cannot perform (32) _____ vital functions like regulating blood and body fluids and maintaining nerve signals.

Our food is not as palatable without salt. Salt is not only used to season food, (33) _____ also to cure and preserve it. Prior (34) _____ 1800, the only way to keep food for any length of time was to salt it. Even adding a tinge of salt to boiling water retains the colours (35) _____ the vegetables.

Salt has antiseptic properties. It can be used to clean and heal wounds. It was recorded that thousands of Napoleon's troops died (36) _____ retreating from Moscow because their wounds would not heal as a result of a lack of salt.

Salt can also help melt ice and prevent (37) _____ from re-freezing on roads and walkways. Thus, salt is sprinkled (38) _____ roads in winter to de-ice a slippery pathway. The list of uses of salt can go on and on; and this reminds us of the important part it plays in our lives.

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

No. 221B Baker Street in London was the home of the famous sleuth, Sherlock

Holmes and his friend, Doctor John Watson. According to the detective stories created by

(39)

(40)

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, they lived there between 1881 to 1904. Today, the place house the

Sherlock Holmes Museum.

(41)

(42)

Sherlock Holmes is a finest criminal detective in English literacher. He displays an

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ability to solve baffle crimes through clever observation. He draws amazing conclusions from

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mineyute details. This detective is also eqwiped with remarkable powers of concentration and a

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wide knowleige of Science. Characters of every type would call at his house for help to

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unrarevil mysteries. Holmes is often pictured wearing a deerstalker hat, smoking a pipe and

(48)

(49)

carried a magnifying glass. Besides being an amuhcher detective, Holmes is also a chemist, an

(50)

accomplished violin, an expert in bee keeping, a boxer and a swordsman.

The character of Sherlock Holmes is without doubt one of the most beloved figures

in the history of mystery fiction.

For each of the questions 51 to 65, fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Once upon a time, when the computer was first invented, one had to feed it with a stack of punch cards to operate it. Then, there was the keyboard, which (51) _____ the operation easier. A milestone in computer interaction came in the (52) _____ of a mouse. We can get our computers to do things by pointing and clicking with a mouse. The next big (53) _____ forward came in 1971 when Dr Samuel C Hurst invented the electronic touchscreen interface. As a lecturer in the University of Kentucky, he had to battle with the (54) _____ task of reading huge amounts of data from a strip chart. If an (55) _____ method could be devised to do this work, his students would be able to complete their work faster. Dr Hurst started (56) _____ of a way and in the process, created an input tablet that could sense the pressure of a stylus. In 1977, he and his team (57) _____ up with what was to become one of the most popular touchscreen (58) _____ today - the five-wire resistive technology.

A touchscreen technology (59) _____ users to navigate a computer system by touching icons or links on the screen. This technology works as if there is a transparent keyboard above the screen. A touch on the screen (60) _____ a change in the electrical current and the new information is then sent to the controller for processing.

(61) _____, resistive touchscreen panels offer only 75% clarity and are (62) _____ to breakage by sharp objects.

Touchscreens are incredibly easy for people to (63) _____. They allow users to go through complex processes with ease. This is why touchscreen panels are now used (64) _____ in public information kiosks, ticketing machines, self-service grocery check-outs and military computers. The touchscreen panel is fast replacing the keyboard and mouse as the latter becomes too (65) _____ to be used. The touchscreen technology is anticipated to become one of the most preferred technologies for the next generation of users.

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). (10 marks)

66 Paul's kindness led him to give generously to the poor.

Being _____

67 If you look carefully, you will see the insect moving.

_____ unless

68 "Did you go for the audition yesterday?" Mingli asked Bob.

Mingli wanted to know _____

69 The audience rose from their seats when the guest arrived.

Upon _____

70 The students were eager to learn. It delighted the teacher.

_____ the students'

Read the passage on page A-10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

71 What was Peter worried about when he saw the old lady as he drove past? [1m]

72 Which sentence in the second paragraph shows us that Peter was considerate in nature? [1m]

73 Explain clearly why the old lady was worried when she saw Peter. [2m]

74 In paragraph 3, how did Peter get the old lady's fear to subside? [2m]

75 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Words from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
(a) a dark, bent figure (line 2)	
(b) an ordeal (line 12)	
(c) a gesture of appreciation (line 20)	

- 76 Choose a word from paragraph four which has a similar meaning to each given phrase below. [2m]

Phrases	Word from the passage
(a) very skilled at something	
(b) repeated for emphasis or clarity	

- 77 Look at the table below. What were the actions and corresponding feelings of the two women in the story? Write your answers in the blanks. [2m]

Character	What she did	How she felt
(a) pregnant waitress	She walked with difficulty while working late.	
(b) old lady		She had empathy for the waitress.

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

_____ The waitress thanked Peter for his help.

_____ Peter helped the old lady change her car tyre.

_____ The old lady gave the waitress a big tip.

- 79 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]

Statement	True / False	Reason
Peter expected to receive payment from the old lady for changing the tyre.		
Though tired, the waitress served the old lady in a pleasant manner.		
The waitress did not need the five hundred dollars.		

- 80 a) Explain clearly why the waitress was thankful to Peter at the end. [2m]

- b) Based on the story, how should the waitress pay the old lady back for the money she had received? [1m]

ANSWER SHEET

Booklet A Q1	4	Booklet B Q29	P
Booklet A Q2	3	Booklet B Q30	A
Booklet A Q3	1	Booklet B Q31	L
Booklet A Q4	3	Booklet B Q32	J
Booklet A Q5	2	Booklet B Q33	B
Booklet A Q6	4	Booklet B Q34	K
Booklet A Q7	1	Booklet B Q35	D
Booklet A Q8	2	Booklet B Q36	Q
Booklet A Q9	2	Booklet B Q37	F
Booklet A Q10	4	Booklet B Q38	G
Booklet A Q11	4	Booklet B Q39	from
Booklet A Q12	2	Booklet B Q40	houses
Booklet A Q13	1	Booklet B Q41	the
Booklet A Q14	2	Booklet B Q42	literature
Booklet A Q15	4	Booklet B Q43	baffling
Booklet A Q16	4	Booklet B Q44	minute
Booklet A Q17	3	Booklet B Q45	equipped
Booklet A Q18	1	Booklet B Q46	knowledge
Booklet A Q19	3	Booklet B Q47	unravel
Booklet A Q20	4	Booklet B Q48	carrying
Booklet A Q21	1	Booklet B Q49	amateur
Booklet A Q22	1	Booklet B Q50	violinist
Booklet A Q23	4	Booklet B Q51	made
Booklet A Q24	1	Booklet B Q52	form
Booklet A Q25	1	Booklet B Q53	invention
Booklet A Q26	1		
Booklet A Q27	4		
Booklet A Q28	4		

Q67)	You will not see the insect moving unless you look carefully.
Q68)	Mingli wanted to know if Bob had gone for the audition the previous day.
Q69)	Upon the guest arriving, the audience rose from their seats.
Q70)	The teacher was delighted at the students' eagerness to learn.
Q71)	Peter was worried that the old lady was in some kind of trouble.
Q72)	Being concerned for other people, Peter was always ready to lend a hand.
Q73)	None of the other cars that passed by had stopped to help the old lady and she was suspicious of what Peter was up to.
Q74)	Peter talked to the old lady in a reassuring voice and he showed that he did not want to cause trouble and only wanted to help her by showing concern for her. He spoke reassuringly to her as he offered to change her car tyre.
Q75)	a) the old lady b) the punctured tyre c) the old lady insisting that she pay Peter
Q76)	a) adept b) reiterated
Q77)	a) she felt worn out b) she gave her a tip
Q78)	3, 1, 2
Q79)	False --- Money was never in Peter's mind when he stopped to offer his help. True --- The starch and the aches the waitress suffered did not affect her hospitable attitude one bit. False --- The waitress and her husband were in dire need of cash, especially since their body was soon due.
Q80)	a) If Peter had not helped the old lady, the old lady would not have helped her. However since Peter helped the old lady, the old lady helped her to get the extra money she needed. b) The waitress should help someone else in need.

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR) BA1 PAPER

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- 1 The boy, _____ school bag was left at the train station, is speaking to the Discipline Master.
- (1) whose
 - (2) where
 - (3) which
 - (4) who
- 2 In the school newsletter published yesterday, the football players from the training squad _____ for their outstanding sportsmanship.
- (1) is commended
 - (2) are commended
 - (3) was commended
 - (4) were commended
- 3 "_____ you find yourself in need of advice, please do not hesitate to speak to me," announced the School Counsellor.
- (1) Need
 - (2) Could
 - (3) Would
 - (4) Should
- 4 I thought to help with cleaning up the library but when I got there, _____ work had already been done.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
- 5 "_____ I have explained this concept to you just now, you do not seem to understand," said Ms Lim.
- (1) Despite
 - (2) Regardless
 - (3) Even though
 - (4) Consequently

- 6 Jonah reached home only to realise that he _____ his homework file in school.
- (1) left
 - (2) leaves
 - (3) has left
 - (4) had left
- 7 Ali has made it a habit to _____ his schoolwork every weekday evening.
- (1) revise
 - (2) revises
 - (3) revised
 - (4) revising
- 8 The foreign ministers from the region get together on a monthly basis for an informal exchange _____ ideas.
- (1) of
 - (2) for
 - (3) with
 - (4) towards
- 9 Having _____ the table earlier in preparation for her dinner guests, Mrs Tan was able to enjoy a cup of tea.
- (1) lie
 - (2) lay
 - (3) laid
 - (4) lain
- 10 Not only _____ the poster, he also painted it.
- (1) he designed
 - (2) did he design
 - (3) does he design
 - (4) he has designed

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 11 When confronted by her friends, Lisa made a _____ attempt to explain her odd behaviour at the party.
- (1) frail
 - (2) weary
 - (3) flimsy
 - (4) feeble
- 12 My classmate related such a _____ account of what had happened during recess that it took Mrs Tan a long time before she understood what he had said.
- (1) concurred
 - (2) congested
 - (3) convoluted
 - (4) concentrated
- 13 "After a few days of rest, you should be _____," the doctor told her patient.
- (1) on the mend
 - (2) under the weather
 - (3) as red as a beetroot
 - (4) pulling yourself together
- 14 My sister has finally _____ to completing her application for university after a two week delay.
- (1) got up
 - (2) got over
 - (3) got round
 - (4) got together
- 15 In an attempt to _____ the angry teacher, the students quickly tidied up the classroom and returned the furniture to its original place.
- (1) allay
 - (2) relieve
 - (3) placate
 - (4) alleviate

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s).
 Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

We all know that President Halimah Yacob is the current President of Singapore. Many of us, however, are unaware that when she was a child growing up in a struggling household, President Halimah Yacob was seized with the idea of becoming a lawyer. She wanted to provide the less fortunate access to justice.

Her family, already poor when her father was alive, was plunged into more hardship when he died. She spent much of her childhood helping her mother run a food stall.

"I witnessed how little power and voice those without resources have," Madam Halimah said in an interview in December 2021. It motivated her to study law at the National University of Singapore, and later to join the National Trades Union Congress as an in-house lawyer. While it may sound impressive, it was not a glamorous job.

In 2001, Madam Halimah joined politics, becoming the first female Malay Member of Parliament since independence and in 2017, she became the first lady President in Singapore.

The Straits Times, 2022

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|----|-----|-------------|
| 16 | (1) | blind |
| | (2) | oblivious |
| | (3) | negligent |
| | (4) | unconcerned |
| 17 | (1) | give |
| | (2) | issue |
| | (3) | award |
| | (4) | dispense |
| 18 | (1) | beheld |
| | (2) | observed |
| | (3) | confirmed |
| | (4) | scrutinized |
| 19 | (1) | excited |
| | (2) | detered |
| | (3) | impeded |
| | (4) | prompted |
| 20 | (1) | revered |
| | (2) | eminent |
| | (3) | important |
| | (4) | prestigious |

Study this flyer and answer questions 21 to 28.

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PARENTS SAY

Rachel used to worry about speaking in front of a crowd. After attending this camp in 2021, teachers and friends tell her that her speeches inspire them to action.

Robert, father of Rachel, Fernville Primary School



Roy has changed for the better since he attended the camp last year. In the past, he would need me to organise his weekly plan including what to study and when to go for his extra classes. Now, he does everything independently. He tells me that a leader needs to be organised and self-motivated in all areas of his life, not just in his CCA.

Janet, mother of Roy, Clover Primary School

TEACHERS SAY



There was a significant change in Cheryl, the student leader of our choir, after this leadership training camp. When there was a dispute among the junior members of the choir, she persuaded them to put aside their differences and work as a team.

*Miss Chong, teacher-in-charge
Rivertown Primary School Choir*

Our prefects said that the mentorship programme helped them the most. They were inspired by the youth entrepreneurs who shared their experiences about working in the real world. The mentors also gave them individual feedback on their performance during the camp last year.

*Mr Jireh Tan, teacher-in-charge
Prime Garden Primary School Prefectorial Board*

A STUDENT SAYS

Step Up Leadership Camp 2021 was fun and I learnt about taking responsibility and developing my own leadership style. Now I know how important it is to lead by example.

*John, Primary 5 student leader
Petal Primary School*



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

- 21 Why is the quote by Ralph Waldo Emerson included in the flyer?
- (1) To inspire student leaders to take risks.
 - (2) It highlights the path of a student leader.
 - (3) It introduces the activities included in the camp.
 - (4) To get teachers to send student leaders to the camp.
- 22 Tom wants to sign up for the camp. He has to _____.
- (1) ask his form teacher to write his personal statement for him
 - (2) get his personal statement endorsed by his CCA teacher
 - (3) get a letter of recommendation from his teacher
 - (4) be selected by both his CCA and form teachers
- 23 In which of the following activities will participants get a chance to work as a team?
- (1) Speak Up and Leadership Experience
 - (2) Mentorship Programme and High Element Activities
 - (3) Leadership Experience and Escape Room Challenge
 - (4) Escape Room Challenge and Mentorship Programme
- 24 What is the **main** goal of the activity "High Element Activities"?
- (1) to improve physical flexibility in participants
 - (2) to coach participants in understanding leadership
 - (3) to provide opportunities for participants to lead a team
 - (4) to encourage participants to go beyond their own expectations
- 25 According to the section 'PARENTS SAY', which of the following is true of the camp?
- (1) Participants were taught how to be independent.
 - (2) Participants inspired their friends to sign up for the camp.
 - (3) Participants spoke more fluently after attending the camp.
 - (4) Participants learnt that only CCA leaders have to be self-motivated.

- 26 What did Miss Chong, the teacher-in-charge of the Rivertown Primary School Choir, praise Cheryl for?
- (1) fueling the feud with the junior members
 - (2) highlighting a dispute among the junior members
 - (3) settling a disagreement among the junior members
 - (4) putting aside her differences with the junior members
- 27 According to Mr Jireh Tan, how did the mentors in the Mentorship Programme help the camp participants?
- (1) The mentors taught them different leadership styles.
 - (2) The mentors provided them with individual feedback.
 - (3) The mentors gave them tips on taking on responsibilities.
 - (4) The mentors shared feedback on what jobs they could do in the future.
- 28 Which of the following is **not** a benefit of the Step Up Leadership Camp 2022?
- (1) The camp teaches the participants to be organised.
 - (2) Participants will learn values like responsibility and teamwork.
 - (3) Student leaders will understand the importance of being a role model.
 - (4) Mentors will provide opportunities for participants to observe them in the real world.

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) as	(D) between	(G) forward	(K) off	(N) while
(B) at	(E) did	(H) in	(L) since	(P) with
(C) but	(F) for	(J) of	(M) upon	(Q) which

It was the start of a brand new morning. The sun had yet to rise fully and birds could be heard chirping in the distance. Liam, (29) _____ his skateboard tucked under his arm, set (30) _____ for the skate park.

Liam crept out of his house. He had been so sure that no one saw him leaving the house. Little (31) _____ he knew, Mother was watching him the whole time. Liam's mother always advised him to count his eggs before they hatched. Mother had warned him many times that he needed to work on his balance. However, he was caught (32) _____ a rock and a hard place because while he knew she was right, he was determined to prove her wrong.

(33) _____ reaching the skate park, Liam watched the other skateboarders perform their stunts. He watched (34) _____ awe, with his mouth agape, wishing that he could be as good, if not better than them. He then decided that he would muster his courage and show the other skateboarders what he had to offer. (35) _____ he was nervous, he was also excited to show them some brand new tricks he had recently learnt.

Soon, it was time. He put his best foot (36) _____ and decided to skate down the ramp. At that precise moment, he got onto his skateboard and tried to find his balance. Unfortunately (37) _____ him, his wheel got caught in a piece of cloth that was left lying on the ramp. He lost his balance and fell onto the ground with a resounding thud.

Thankfully, he was not badly injured. He only suffered some abrasions and cuts. He then looked at his skateboard to check on its condition. The skateboard, (38) _____ had acted as a shield for his knees, saved him a lashing from his mother. It was then that he realised – perhaps mothers do always know best.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

In a recent report published in the newspaper, it was reported that Singaporeans are not giving much
(39)
thought to their diets. For one, many people are not eating nutreeshes meals. Long hours at the desk
(40) (41)
coupled with the lack of excersize has resulted in poor eating habits. It is recommend that we should
(42)
consume at least one serving of vegetables with every meal. Dietesherns say that green vegetables
(43)
will help with issues such as bloating and indigestion. Our food consume choices can have a dire impact
on our health. Poor choices may result in diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. Currently, there
(44) (45)
is already a rising in the level of hypertension cases in hospitals. Experts are of the beeleaf that if our
(46)
habits do not change, this number of cases will only continue to increase. Instead of haphazard
(47)
deciding on our meal choices, we should pay more attenshern to the calories and ingredients being used
in each dish. Things like bubble tea and ice cream should only be consumed once in a blue moon. Often,
(48)
in a bid to satisfaction our sugar cravings, we consume such items more than we should. Some people
(49)
consider bubble tea to be an absolute neccessity. The World Health Organization suggests consuming
a total of 24 grams of sugar daily but shockingly, Singaporeans took in an average total of 36 grams
(50)
daily in 2021, far exceeded the daily limit. It is crucial that we start developing better food habits!

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The Salvation Army is an international charitable organisation where people donate their old items meant to be recycled or rehomed. For many years, people only donated items worthy of being passed on to the less (51) _____. However, in the past year, Singaporeans are giving away items that are not worthy of being reused or recycled, (52) _____ to a report published in The Straits Times.

The Salvation Army has many booths spread all (53) _____ the island. The organisation usually (54) _____ donations of up to 10 tonnes daily but that number has since increased to about 15 tonnes in recent days. Items (55) _____ as clothes, electronics and even books are some of the things that the organisation receives on a daily (56) _____.

While the organisation is appreciative of the efforts and generosity of the donors, it is (57) _____ increasingly difficult to acquire the manpower needed to sort out the donated items. There are standards that the donated items must adhere to. Not many people are aware of the work that goes (58) _____ managing the donations. For items that do not (59) _____ the standard, recyclable parts will be salvaged and the rest will be (60) _____.

The organisation usually sees a (61) _____ in donations around December through to Chinese New Year. People tend to declutter their homes during festive seasons and hence, the increase in donations. Another reason for the increase is the (62) _____ that people are purchasing a lot more than necessary. Consumers are not (63) _____ of their purchases and therefore, tend to accumulate things that they do not need. "There needs to be a lot more thought when it comes to the buying of items," said environmentalist Kenneth Lim. These are only some of the reasons why the organisation is (64) _____ to cope with the increase in donations.

It is not (65) _____ The Salvation Army, but also other charitable organisations that are struggling to cope with the overwhelming donations – many of which are not in the condition to be recycled. People need to start putting in more thought into both their purchasing and donating habits. One man's trash might not always be another man's treasure.

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). (10 marks)

66. Peter ironed his clothes. Then, he left for the meeting.

Before _____

67. Despite her young age, Jackie does not depend on others.

Jackie is not _____

68. They need their hockey coach. Then, they are able play well.

_____ without

69. The tailor measured accurately. This resulted in a good fit.

The tailor's _____

70. "I went to the supermarket yesterday to replenish the groceries," said Mother.

Mother said _____

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(20 marks)

Back in 1986, in the small town of Kenko, Chandra was born. Chandra's father, Mr Samy, was a reputable merchant. Mr Samy and his wife had been trying to have a child for many years but to no avail. It was only after 17 years that Chandra was conceived. Chandra was pampered by everyone in the household because he was deemed as a miracle child. His every wish was fulfilled by the people around him. Whatever he wanted, he received.	5
Time flew by. Chandra grew into a young man who never lacked anything in life. His outlook in life was very different from that of his father's. Unlike Chandra, Mr Samy had to work hard to establish himself. He had spent years toiling and finally, had managed to earn a decent living for his family. Chandra, however, never saw the importance of working hard. He felt that he was better and richer than everyone around him. Chandra would speak condescendingly to his peers. He would often mock them for the clothes they wore. Besides his peers, Chandra also treated his housekeepers poorly. He would often berate them for speaking too loudly or cooking food that was not up to his standards. Everyone in Kenko was well aware of how unpleasant a person Chandra was. However, out of respect to Mr Samy, no one said anything to Chandra.	10
It was becoming evident to Mr Samy that his son did not understand the importance of hard work and humility. Chandra's attitude was getting to Mr Samy and he could not take it anymore. "Chandra, I would like you to come with me to the office tomorrow. I have some tasks for you to complete." The next day arrived and Chandra did not step foot into his father's office. When one of the housekeepers had tried to wake Chandra up, he shouted at her to leave him alone. Mr Samy then realised that Chandra would only learn the hard way.	15
Furious, Mr Samy called for a meeting for everyone in the household, including the housekeepers. In a serious voice, he said, "Chandra, you have not contributed to my business or this household at all. From now on, you will only be given food when you can give me money for that food. A piece of advice - you have to start working hard. No one will give you any food or money without my permission. No one in this household will be doing any chores for you since you refuse to speak politely." Mr Samy felt bad for being so strict with his son but he knew he had no choice but to take matters into his own hands for the sake of his son's future.	20
When Chandra felt hungry the next day, he approached one of his housekeepers and pleaded with her to give him money. Stunned that he had spoken to her politely, she relented and gave Chandra some money. When Chandra presented this money to Mr Samy in exchange for food, his father asked him to throw the money into the well that was situated in the middle of their living room. Chandra found this strange but did as he was told, without any hesitation. Mr Samy sighed, slumped his shoulders and passed a plate of food to Chandra.	25
Some days had passed. Mr Samy came to the realisation that Chandra had been getting money from his family members so he reminded them again not to give in to Chandra. Chandra had no choice but to approach one of his father's friends. His father's friend gave him some money and he happily trotted home. Upon reaching home, his father asked him to do the same thing and once again, he did so without any qualms.	30
Despite his conscience pricking him, Mr Samy then informed the people of Kenko not to give in to any of Chandra's requests. This left Chandra with no choice but to work for his money. He approached one of the labourers in the town and Chandra spent the day carrying bags of rice and sand around town. When the work was completed, the labourer paid him. Chandra was famished so he decided to buy some fruits on the way home.	35
Upon reaching home, the same thing happened. Mr Samy asked Chandra to throw both the money and fruits in the well. "I don't want to throw this money and fruits in the well because I have worked hard for this," exclaimed Chandra. Mr Samy then patted his son on the shoulder and said, "The fruits of your labour will always be the sweetest, son." Chandra smiled as he bit into his fruit. His father was right.	40
	45

- 71 In the first paragraph, which three-word phrase tells us that Mr Samy's wish of having a child was not being fulfilled? [1m]

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- 72 From the second paragraph, state two actions of Chandra's that show he was unkind to others.

i. _____

ii. _____

☐

- 73 Which sentence in paragraph two shows that Mr Samy was highly regarded by the people of Kenko? [1m]

☐

- 74 Choose a word from paragraphs two and three which has a similar meaning to the given word for each question listed below. [3m]

Given word	A word from the passage
slogging	
reprimand	
clear	

☐

- 75 What were the two lessons that Mr Samy was trying to teach Chandra in paragraph four? [2m]

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- 76 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Words from the passage	What the word refer(s) to
them (line 12)	
it (line 16)	
the same thing (line 37)	

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

_____ Chandra's housekeeper gave him money.
 _____ Chandra reached out to Mr Samy's friend for money
 _____ Chandra shouted at his housekeeper.

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- 78 Which **two** of the following words correctly describes Mr Samy as seen in lines 21- 43? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
 DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

Nonchalant

☐

✓ Guilty

☐

Malicious

☐

Stingy

☐

Robust

☐

Livid

☐
☐

- 79 Based on lines 29 – 44, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
a) The first time Chandra threw money into the well, Mr Samy was affected.		
b) Chandra approached the labourer for work because he agreed with his father's advice of working hard.		
c) Chandra refused to throw the fruits he bought into the well because he was hungry.		

- 80 Explain in your own words what you think Mr Samy meant when he said, "the fruits of your labour will always be the sweetest." [2m]

ANSWER SHEET

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Booklet A Q5	3
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Booklet A Q12	3
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Booklet B Q33	M
Booklet B Q34	H
Booklet B Q35	N
Booklet B Q36	G
Booklet B Q37	F
Booklet B Q38	Q
Booklet B Q39	nutritious
Booklet B Q40	exercise
Booklet B Q41	recommended
Booklet B Q42	Diet
Booklet B Q43	consumption
Booklet B Q44	rise
Booklet B Q45	belief
Booklet B Q46	haphazardly
Booklet B Q47	attention
Booklet B Q48	satisfy
Booklet B Q49	necessity
Booklet B Q50	exceeding

Booklet B Q51	fortunate
Booklet B Q52	according
Booklet B Q53	across
Booklet B Q54	receives
Booklet B Q55	such
Booklet B Q56	basis
Booklet B Q57	getting
Booklet B Q58	into
Booklet B Q59	meet
Booklet B Q60	discarded
Booklet B Q61	surge
Booklet B Q62	fact
Booklet B Q63	mindful
Booklet B Q64	unable
Booklet B Q65	only
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Booklet B Q67	Jackie is not dependent on others despite her young age.
Booklet B Q68	They are not able to play well without their hockey coach.
Booklet B Q69	The tailor's accurate measurement resulted in a good fit.

Q70)	Mother said that she had gone to the supermarket the previous day to replenish the groceries.						
Q71)	to no avail						
Q72)	i)Chandra would speak condescendingly to his peers. ii)He would also often mock them for the clothes they wore.						
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Q80)	You will feel best when you work hard to earn your money versus getting money without having to work hard.						

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For each question from 1 to 10, 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. (10 marks)

1. If Jia Bao _____ about the book sale, he would have gone for it.
- (1) knew
 - (2) knows
 - (3) has known
 - (4) had known
2. "I refuse to let the matter rest _____ I get a sincere apology from you!" exclaimed Joey.
- (1) if
 - (2) until
 - (3) despite
 - (4) although
3. Neither of the children _____ attending tuition classes every Saturday.
- (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) is enjoying
 - (4) have enjoyed
4. Mrs Soh has a teenage daughter _____ ambition is to be a photographer.
- (1) who
 - (2) who's
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
5. The pupils were anxious as they were not given _____ time to complete their Science projects.
- (1) little
 - (2) less
 - (3) many
 - (4) much

6. "Ashraf's done his homework, _____?" asked Mrs Lee.
- (1) didn't he
 - (2) hasn't he
 - (3) doesn't he
 - (4) haven't he
7. Joining his CCA a year later than the rest of the members put Jun Wei _____ a disadvantage when the coach was selecting the school team.
- (1) at
 - (2) in
 - (3) on
 - (4) with
8. "_____ you have any questions after the briefing, please approach me" the presenter reminded the audience.
- (1) Will
 - (2) Shall
 - (3) Would
 - (4) Should
9. By the time Mr Peng _____ at the airport, the plane had already taken off.
- (1) arrives
 - (2) arrived
 - (3) has arrived
 - (4) had arrived
10. A number of parents _____ helping out with the Family Day carnival this weekend.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

11. Many offshore islands around Singapore are now easily _____ by boat.
- (1) available
 - (2) attainable
 - (3) accessible
 - (4) approachable
12. After being terminated from his job, Ravi hid his distress behind a cheerful _____ as he did not want his family to worry about him.
- (1) facade
 - (2) disguise
 - (3) pretense
 - (4) impression
13. After learning the Thai language for the past two years, Andy has become _____ in it. She now converses fluently with her peers.
- (1) proficient
 - (2) qualified
 - (3) talented
 - (4) efficient
14. Knowing that she was in the wrong, Rebecca _____ and apologised for starting the fight.
- (1) backed up
 - (2) backed out
 - (3) backed into
 - (4) backed down
15. During the recent learning journey to Kampung Glam, Jack was mindful of his behaviour as he did not want to _____ his school's reputation.
- (1) thwart
 - (2) tarnish
 - (3) defame
 - (4) degrade

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. (5 marks)

Are you addicted to fast food? The term "fast food" generally refers to food that people intend to consume quickly, either on- or off-site. Swinging through a drive-thru or hopping into your favourite fast-food restaurant tends to happen more often than not. While an occasional night of fast food won't hurt, a habit of eating out could be wreaking havoc on your mind and body. There is ample well-researched evidence demonstrating the various negative effects of eating and overeating fast food, in both the short and long term.

Many fast-food establishments now list the number of calories each item contains. However, this is only part of the consideration of whether it is healthy or not. Fast food is typically poor in terms of nutrition. It is high in sugar and salt and has many processed preservatives. However, not all fast food is unhealthy. A person can make an informed choice by reading the nutritional content of any fast food item. People can find this information on the websites of most major restaurants.

Adapted from <https://www.medicalnewstoday.com>


16. (1) relish
(2) ingest
(3) gobble
(4) swallow
17. (1) rarely
(2) usually
(3) periodically
(4) sporadically
18. (1) helping
(2) injuring
(3) inflicting
(4) damaging

19. (1) issues
(2) reactions
(3) conclusions
(4) consequences


20. (1) an easy
(2) a reliable
(3) a familiar
(4) an enlightened

SMILE Tutor
EFFICIENT · EFFECTIVE · EASY

Study this article from a newsletter, What's On, and then answer questions 21 to 28.



Nights Out Festival 2022




1 to 30 November

The annual event is back with an exciting line-up of activities for you to engage in with your family and friends at night!
 Participation in outdoor activities is free.
 Entry tickets are required only for the concert venues and museum.

Buskers
 Talented magicians, puppeteers and acrobats will provide hours of entertainment every night under the stars! More than ten food and drinks stalls will be set up. Come hungry and check out what they have in store for you!

Outdoor Art Maze
 You would not want to miss this interactive display put together by ten visually impaired students. To find your way through the maze, you can only use your sense of hearing and smell. The experience gives you a taste of the world as experienced by the visually impaired. This activity is open to participants 13 years and above.



The map shows the layout of the festival grounds. On the left is the Sand Pool. To its right is the Poolside Station. Further right is Silver Lawn. In the center is City Park. Below City Park is the Visual Arts Museum. To the right of the museum are three concert venues: Sapphire Hall, Ruby Hall, and Emerald Hall. To the far right is the Gems Station. Arrows indicate a path from Silver Lawn through City Park to the concert venues, and from the Sand Pool area towards the Visual Arts Museum.

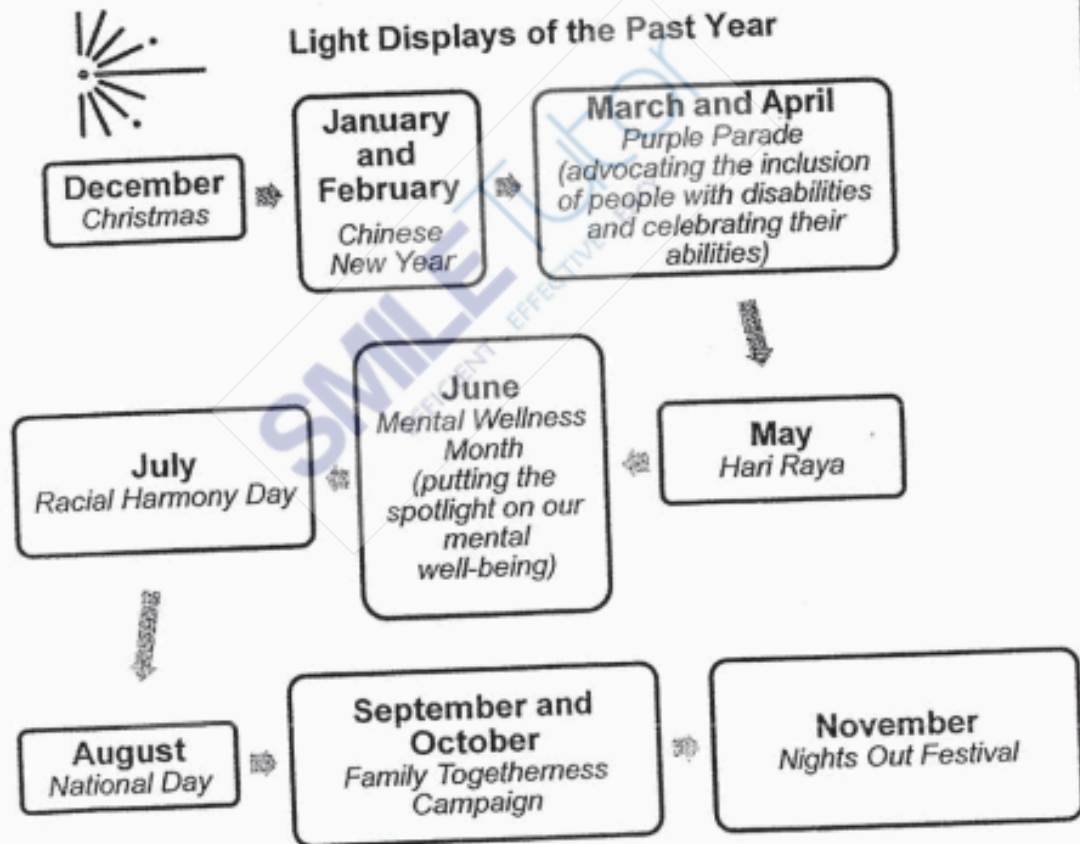
Giant Sandpit and Drone Light Shows
 Over the past few months, an outdoor pool was turned into a giant sandpit! During the festival, the sandpit will be lit up after dark so that children between 6 and 13 can build sandcastles in it. They will also get to watch drone light shows put on by the students of Apex Polytechnic every other hour, with the first show starting from 8 p.m. daily.

Concerts
 Popular local singers Amir, Jaz Kwa and Priya will be performing live. Tickets are only available online. Visit www.nof.sg early to purchase them before they are sold out!

The Visual Arts Museum

The walls of the Visual Arts Museum were beautifully illuminated most nights from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. over the past year. The light-ups started on 1 August 2021 in celebration of our nation's birthday, and flashing stars and crescents could be seen the entire month. Since then, interesting light displays – with colours and designs that convey different meanings – have been used to commemorate local festivals and significant events.

During the Nights Out Festival 2022, the museum will mount a stunning light display that promises to mesmerise its spectators. Opening hours are also extended daily to 11.30 p.m. for those who wish to enjoy exploring the museum after dark. Visitors must form a group of 4 and sign up for the guided tours in advance. For more information and to register (before 1 November), visit the museum's website at www.vam.sg.



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. Which of the following statements about the festival is true?
- (1) The festival is held twice a year.
 - (2) The festival is only for families to attend.
 - (3) The festival spans over an entire month.
 - (4) The festival is open to visitors from morning to night.
22. Mrs Ramu wants to attend the festival with her 12-year-old daughter without getting tickets beforehand. Which activity can they do together?
- (1) finding their way in the outdoor Art Maze
 - (2) watching the puppeteers and acrobats
 - (3) playing in the sandpit
 - (4) attending a concert
23. What is the similarity between the Art Maze and the Giant Sandpit?
- (1) Both activities require all 5 senses to be used during the activity.
 - (2) Both activities provide a hands-on experience.
 - (3) Both activities are organised by students.
 - (4) Both activities require entry tickets.
24. What is the **main** purpose of the monthly light displays in the Visual Arts Museum?
- (1) to celebrate National Day
 - (2) to leave its spectators in awe
 - (3) to mark important local festivals and events
 - (4) to give the visitors more time to explore the museum

25. Raj wants to be part of the Visual Arts Museum's guided tour during the festival. He must do all the following **except** _____.
- (1) visit the museum's website
 - (2) register before the first day of the festival
 - (3) get 3 other people to join him for the tour
 - (4) stay in the museum till 11.30 p.m. for the guided tour
26. The use of dashes in "Since then, interesting light displays – with colours and designs that convey different meanings – have been used to commemorate local festivals and significant events", serve to _____.
- (1) provide more information about the light displays
 - (2) break up the information given about the light displays
 - (3) explain why information about the light displays is given
 - (4) elaborate on the different meanings behind the colours and designs
27. Nadia is a strong advocate of mental health. Which monthly light display would she have been interested in?
- (1) June
 - (2) January
 - (3) October
 - (4) November
28. What is the **main** purpose of the article? It is to _____.
- (1) encourage readers to attend the festival
 - (2) give directions to the visitors attending the festival
 - (3) encourage readers to visit the Visual Arts Museum
 - (4) give an overview of the light displays of the past year

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B. (20 marks)

To me, Grandma's house was my second home. I had spent my entire childhood living at Grandma's and I used to visit her often even through adulthood. Standing at the front door, I stared at the twisted vines that crept up the exterior of the house, trying to devour the entire structure. Yet it seemed as though this little house stood unshaken against the test of time – just like Grandma. She always stood firm in her beliefs.

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I had been here numerous times, yet when I raised my clenched fist to knock on the door, I paused. "Would she recognise me this time round? Would she even let me into the house?" These thoughts had been ringing in my head all morning. Two years ago, Grandma was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease*, an illness that caused her memory to fail. Thus, remembering names and even recognising the people closest to her were huge **challenges** and I was not spared.

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The last time I paid her a visit after she had been diagnosed, she chased me out of the house as she thought I was one of those persistent salespersons. Since then, I only dropped by once every six months as she had become cold and moody. I fondly remembered how warm and loving Grandma was, preparing my favourite meals and always ready to lend a listening ear. Her unconditional love for me was something I treasured.

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The door creaked open, and Grandma's blank eyes met mine. I looked deep into her eyes, hoping to see the woman who was once full of life. Now, she was a shell of her former self. Her gaze dropped to a photograph of me in her hand. She took another glance at me. Leaving the door open, she walked back into the house. I took that as my cue to enter.

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The familiarity of the place struck me. I remembered the hint of jasmine in the air. It made me feel at ease, at home. I caught sight of the patchwork quilt that Grandma had painstakingly sewn together for me over months. It was what kept me warm at night during my childhood. Yet a wave of unfamiliarity hit. I looked over at Grandma, still staring blankly at the photograph. I wanted to be a part of Grandma's life once again. I was **prepared for battle**. I searched for more photographs of our good times together in the hope of jogging her memory. I showed her many videos of us that I had in my mobile phone. I tried all I could.

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She still gazed blankly at me. The truth was clearer than water. She had no recollection of me at all. Tears welled up in my eyes and threatened to course down my cheeks. My heart shattered. The battle was lost.

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Not wanting Grandma to notice, I excused myself and ran to the nearby park. I sat under a gigantic tree, obscured from the prying eyes of children at the nearby playground. Tears eventually found their way down my cheeks. I sobbed for the loss of everything; the grandma

I once knew, our shared memories, the love we shared. They were shattered by Alzheimer's, never to be pieced together again.	35
Suddenly, a familiar pair of shoes came into view. I looked up and found Grandma looking down at me. She seemed to have forgotten why she was at the park until she saw my face. "Let's start anew," she said, still holding onto the photograph. "It's a pleasure to meet you. And you are?"	40
I knew she would forget even this in a matter of time, for the illness would continue to claim her memories. But no matter what, she would still be my beloved grandma, and I could tell that she wanted to persevere and so would I.	45
"Bethany, your granddaughter," I responded, accepting her outstretched hand with a smile. Even if Grandma could not remember the good times we shared, I could. Those memories were mine to keep. Perhaps, the battle was not completely lost.	
Adapted from <i>Distance</i> by Amanda Chang	

*Alzheimer's disease is a brain disorder that slowly destroys memory and thinking skills and eventually affects the ability to carry out simple tasks.



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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and	(D) but	(G) has	(K) is	(N) to
(B) are	(E)	(H) have	(L) of	(P) which
(C) as	(F)	(J) however	(M) on	(Q) with

Le Le, the first panda cub born in Singapore, was born to Kai Kai and Jia Jiā on 14 August last year, after the giant pandas' seventh breeding season.

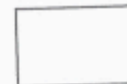
Pandas are adored (29) _____ the world and considered a national treasure in China. Living mainly in temperate forests high in the mountains of southwest China, they survive almost entirely (30) _____ bamboo. They eat around 10 (31) _____ 40 kilogrammes of bamboo every day by using their enlarged wrist bones that function (32) _____ opposable thumbs. Pandas are often seen eating in a relaxed sitting posture, (33) _____ their hind legs stretched out before them. Pandas may appear sedentary, (34) _____ they are actually skilled tree-climbers and efficient swimmers.

A newborn panda is about the size of a stick of butter. Females can grow up to about 90 kilogrammes, while males (35) _____ much bigger and can grow up to 135 kilogrammes as adults. These bears are extremely agile (36) _____ their bulky appearance.

Improved conservation efforts (37) _____ resulted in an increase in the wild panda population. Hundreds more pandas live in breeding centres and zoos where they are always among the most popular attractions.

Le Le made his public debut on 30 December last year and has now joined his mother, Jia Jia, in the exhibit at River Wonders. However, viewing chances depend on the comfort levels (38) _____ both mother and cub. Let's respect their privacy and give them some space to get comfortable with all the attention!

Adapted from <https://www.worldwildlife.org/species/giant-panda>



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

Dear Mother,

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How are you? How's the weather like in Japan? You would be thrilled by where I am going to share with you.

I am going to represent my school at the National Debate Challenge! When Mrs Ong

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asked if anyone would like to volunteer, I avoided eye contact at her because I did not

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want to be choose. However, everyone in class chanted my name in eunisen and Mrs Ong

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also agreed that I would be the best candidate for the challenge. Reluctant, I agreed.

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Mrs Ong shared that this is a rare oppertunenity and she hopes that I will rise to the

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okaytion.

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The competition will take place in a month's time. Not wanting to disepoint Mrs Ong

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and my classmates, I have been burning the midnight oil, practice day and night

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in prepare for the competition.

Mrs Ong said that I could bring two guests along on the day of the competition. I

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heard that there would be a skrumxious dinner provided after the competition for all

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guests! I have confirmed Dad's uhtenddence. Will you be back in time for my

competition? I hope to hear from you soon! Meanwhile, do take care.

Love,

Wei En

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Over the last decade, environmental issues have garnered much attention. Research has shown that climate change and global warming are set to worsen in the future. One of the (51) _____ in which we can slow down the damage and save this beautiful planet is by living sustainably. Contrary to popular (52) _____, going green does not equate to spending more. In fact, you might be (53) _____ more money in the long run.

Recycling is one of the most direct ways to help the environment. It helps curb air pollution caused by landfill sites, cuts back on the need for raw materials, hence helping to conserve many of our scarce natural (54) _____. All you have to do is (55) _____ your waste into two categories — recyclable and non-recyclable. However, it is important to ensure the items you would like to recycle (56) _____ not contaminated with food or liquids. For example, you need to ensure that items such as shampoo bottles and canned drinks are washed (57) _____ they are recycled. Unsure of what you can recycle? You can always look out for the recycling symbol on the packaging.

Also, thanks (58) _____ the ease and instantaneity of communication today, it is no longer a necessity for documents to be in the form of (59) _____. To go paperless, simply opt for your bills and even receipts to be sent to your email accounts. Using less paper means we cut down (60) _____ trees, which results in using less chemicals and water that papermaking demands.

Did you also know that not all bulbs are created equal? The most environmentally (61) _____ option is the light-emitting diodes (LED) bulb which uses the least (62) _____ of energy. Coupled with its considerable lifespan of up to 10 years, choosing to use LED bulbs can go a long way towards conserving resources.

(63) _____ to a study done in 2018, people in Singapore used about 1.76 billion plastic items each year and most are plastic bags from supermarkets. Single-use plastic bags take a (64) _____ on our planet. Hence, it's always good to bring reusable shopping bags when out on a grocery run.

While your personal efforts to go green may seem inconsequential, the combined efforts of the world can make a big (65) _____ in combating environmental issues. Remember, every little bit counts!

Adapted from <https://www.timeout.com/singapore/things-to-do/8-easy-steps-to-live>

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). (10 marks)

66. You cannot accuse Gordon of cheating. You need to have evidence.

_____ unless

67. Leela stared at the mess her dog had made. She could not believe it

_____ made in

68. The author has autographed the award-winning book.

The award-winning book _____

69. "How many laps did Dave swim?" Rishi asked Sarah.

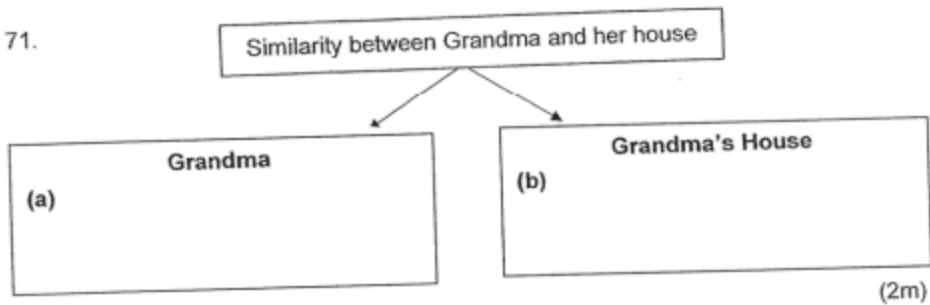
Rishi asked Sarah _____

70. My brothers were excited to see the rainbow stretched across the sky.

The _____

Read the passage on pages 11 and 12 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.
 (20 marks)

71.



72. Based on lines 6-11, give two reasons why Bethany was hesitant to knock on Grandma's door. (2m)

73. Pick out **two** phrases from lines 12-20 which show the change in Grandma's personality after she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Each phrase is found in a separate sentence. (2m)

Grandma before the diagnosis	Grandma after the diagnosis
(a)	cold and moody
full of life	(b)

74. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. (3m)

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
challenges (line 10)	
that (line 20)	
It (line 23)	

75. Based on lines 21-35, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (2m)

Statement	True / False	Reason
The patchwork quilt was a symbol of Grandma's unconditional love for Bethany.		
Bethany did not want Grandma to know that she was crying.		

76. "I was prepared for battle." (line 25)

(a) Based on lines 25-30, what battle was Bethany fighting? (1m)

(b) How did she fight the battle? Support your answer with evidence from lines 25-30. (2m)

77. Pick out a five-word phrase from lines 31-35 that tells you that Bethany was hidden from the view of others. (1m)

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

- _____ Grandma was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.
- _____ Bethany slept with the quilt that Grandma had made for her.
- _____ Grandma mistook Bethany for a salesperson.

79. Which **two** words best describe how Bethany felt **after** Grandma introduced herself to her in lines 38-39? Put a tick (✓) in the box beside each of your answers. (2m)
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

determined	
disheartened	
helpless	

hesitant	
hopeful	
inspired	

80. Explain what Bethany meant when she said "Perhaps, the battle was not completely lost."
(line 45) (2m)

END OF PAPER

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Booklet B (Paper 2) Q55	Sort
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q56	Are
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q57	Before
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q58	To
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q59	Paper
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q60	Fewer
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q61	Friendly
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q62	Amount
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q63	According
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q64	Toll
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q65	Difference

Booklet B (Paper 2) Q66	You cannot accuse Gordon of cheating unless you have evidence.
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q67	Leela stared at the mess her dog had made in disbelief.
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q68	The award-winning book has been autographed by the author.
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q69	Rishi asked Sarah how many laps Dave had swum.
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q70	The sight of the rainbow stretched across the sky excited my brothers.
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q71	a) She always stood firm in her beliefs. b) The house stood firm against the test of time.
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q72	She feared that since her grandmother was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, her grandmother would forget who she was and that she would not let Bethany into her house.
Booklet B (Paper 2) Q73	a) Warm and loving b) Shell of her former self

Q74	(line 10) : remembering names and recognising the people close to Bethany Grandmother. (line 20) : Grandma leaving the door open (line 23) : the patchwork quilt that Bethany's grandmother had painstakingly sewn together.
Q75	True. Grandma had painstakingly sewn it over months for Bethany. True. Bethany did not want grandma to know that she was crying , thus she excused herself and ran to the nearby park.
Q76	a) Bethany wanted to jog Grandma's memory. b) She searched for more photograph of the good times Grandma and she had in her mobile phone.
Q77	Obscured from the prying eyes
Q78	2 , 1 , 3
Q79	Determined , inspired
Q80	Initially , Bethany thought that the battle was lost as she had tried her best to jog Grandma's but failed but she realised that she could still remember their good times together and it was hers to keep.

CATHOLIC HIGH SA1 PAPER

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. She said that she would attend the rehearsal for the concert later, _____?
- (1) did she
 - (2) didn't she
 - (3) would she
 - (4) wouldn't she
2. If I _____ to the university, I would have studied law.
- (1) go
 - (2) went
 - (3) has gone
 - (4) had gone
3. "You are not allowed to go to the playground with your friends _____ you finish your assignment," Mother warned sternly.
- (1) if
 - (2) unless
 - (3) although
 - (4) because
4. Many of our relatives were invited to my sister's wedding ceremony, some of _____ I had never seen in years.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
5. Sam, as well as his parents, _____ to visit his brother in Australia since last December.
- (1) is planning
 - (2) are planning
 - (3) has been planning
 - (4) have been planning

6. Since neither the twins nor Sally _____ interested in watching a movie, we will visit the museum instead.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
7. The donuts are cheaper if you buy them _____ the dozen.
- (1) of
 - (2) by
 - (3) with
 - (4) from
8. "Where did you go? I _____ for you for the past one hour!" Thomas said worriedly.
- (1) looked
 - (2) was looking
 - (3) have looked
 - (4) have been looking
9. I was distracted by the noise across the street and did not pay _____ attention to what you were saying earlier.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
10. No matter how much she tried to convince her parents, they would not approve _____ her plans to study abroad.
- (1) of
 - (2) to
 - (3) for
 - (4) with

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Having spent most of her weekends in the library, she _____ an interest in spy novels.
- (1) formed
 - (2) cultured
 - (3) cultivated
 - (4) generated
12. We were told to _____ from passing any remarks when we entered the home for the visually handicapped.
- (1) refrain
 - (2) abstain
 - (3) restrain
 - (4) prevent
13. The newly opened store tried to _____ customers by selling their products at bargain prices.
- (1) enrol
 - (2) entice
 - (3) engage
 - (4) enthuse
14. Upon receiving the news that the enemy may launch an attack, the soldiers remained _____ throughout the night.
- (1) vigilant
 - (2) diligent
 - (3) negligent
 - (4) conscious
15. The entire project _____ due to poor planning and for failing to adhere to deadlines.
- (1) fell in
 - (2) fell off
 - (3) fell out
 - (4) fell through

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

I gaped at the extinguisher's amazing power. The loud swishing sound made me flinch back in fright, quivering all over like an aspen leaf in a storm.

(16)

A quick look at Mr. Gauss's face revealed it to be forebodingly dark with pent-up rage.

(17)

(18)

That only served to further unnerve me. Blurting out a "Very sorry, Sir!", I stooped meekly to lift the messy extinguisher. However, my apprehensive handling merely resulted in the forceful jet

(19)

forming random figures in foam on the wall. Tears welled up in my eyes. Everything seemed

(20)

to be jinxed! After all, was I not trying my best to make good the damage done? But whatever I did was going awry.

Adapted from 'Froth and Fury'

16. (1) jerk
 (2) recoil
 (3) lunge
 (4) squirm

17. (1) gaze
 (2) stare
 (3) squint
 (4) glance

18. (1) subtle
 (2) subdued
 (3) smothered
 (4) suppressed

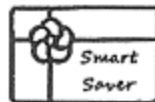
19. (1) only
 (2) singly
 (3) mainly
 (4) possibly

20. (1) casting
 (2) building
 (3) creating
 (4) assembling

Study this article from a magazine, Money Matters, and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Smart Saver Card

from the team at Downtown Mall



The Smart Saver card offers students the most amazing discounts!
 Use your Smart Saver card at Downtown Mall for great savings!
 Check out the list of shops where cardholders have special privileges
 from 1 January to 31 December 2022!

Cool Cuts

\$8 for a haircut



Genius Bookstore

10% off all stationery and fiction books



Trends

20% off all T-shirts and jeans

Cosy Cafe

\$5 weekday set lunches



Jane's Bakery

\$4 for a box of 5 cupcakes

20% off birthday cake orders

Juicy Burgs

50% off signature burgers

from 2 to 4 p.m. daily



Premium Sports

Free cap or visor with a

minimum spend of \$120

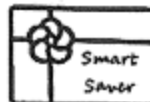


Omega Optical

50% off selected designs

of spectacle frames

Smart Saver cards must be produced at the time of payment for cardholders to enjoy the privileges. Visit www.smartsaver.sg to apply for the card and find out how to make maximum use of it.



*Only students aged 18 and below are eligible for Smart Saver card application.

Smart Saver Tips on Managing Your Money

from the team at Downtown Mall

Have you started saving money? The amazing discounts that the Smart Saver Card offers present a great opportunity for you to start planning your finances! A budget is a plan for getting, spending, and saving money. You can follow these initial steps to make a budget.

1. Get a notebook.
2. Use each page for a different week.
3. Write the date at the top of the page.
4. Draw and label a chart as shown below and start from the left.
5. In the "Money in" boxes, write down all the money you expect to get. Include details like exactly how much it will be and where it will come from.
6. In the "Money out" boxes, write down where this money will go. Start with all necessary expenses. Then, write down things you would like to spend money on. Lastly, write down how much money you plan to save, if any.



Your plan may or may not work out. Pay meticulous attention to what really happens in the boxes on the right and review your plan for the following week. Be prepared to either make changes to your plan or your spending habits. Budgets are an effective way to track your money. If you get into the habit of keeping a budget now, you will learn to manage your money in future:

What I planned		What really happened	
Money in		Money in	
Pocket money	\$15	Pocket money	\$15
Total	\$15	Total	\$15
Money out		Money out	
Food for recess	\$6	Food for recess	\$6
Snacks after school	\$2	Snacks after school	\$4
Leisure activity	\$3	Leisure activity	\$5
Savings	\$4	Savings	\$0
Total	\$15	Total	\$15

**HURRY! APPLY FOR YOUR
SMART SAVER CARD NOW!**

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. Look at the section below the title "Smart Saver Card". Why are exclamation marks used in all sentences?
- (1) to emphasise that the Smart Saver Card offers amazing discounts
 - (2) to draw attention to when and where the Smart Saver Card can be used
 - (3) to show that the card can only be used from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022
 - (4) to convey excitement about the Smart Saver Card and the special privileges for cardholders
22. According to the article, which of the following is true of the Smart Saver Card?
- (1) Anyone can apply for the Smart Saver Card
 - (2) Cardholders can enjoy 20% off all T-shirts and track pants in Trends.
 - (3) Cardholders need to present the Smart Saver Card at the time of payment.
 - (4) Cardholder can enjoy 50% off all designs of spectacle frames at Omega Optical.
23. Siti, a Smart Saver Card holder, has \$50 to spend. She is visiting Downtown Mall on Saturday at 5 p.m. Which shop can she visit to enjoy special privileges?
- (1) Cosy Cafe
 - (2) Juicy Burgs
 - (3) Premium Sports
 - (4) Genius Bookstore
24. Josiah is a Primary Six pupil. He is interested in applying for the Smart Saver Card. According to the article, what should he do?
- (1) Visit the Smart Saver website
 - (2) Approach the team at Downtown Mall
 - (3) Purchase any item from the shops listed in the article
 - (4) Approach the salesperson at any of the shops listed in the article
25. Smart Saver cardholders can enjoy the special privileges _____.
- (1) for one year
 - (2) in all shopping malls
 - (3) in all the shops in Downtown Mall
 - (4) when they make purchases on the Smart Saver website

26. Why did the writer choose to use numbered points to present the steps to make a budget?
- (1) to save space in the article
 - (2) to create a list that will stand out in the article
 - (3) to highlight the important information of making a budget
 - (4) to organise the steps in an orderly and sequenced manner
27. According to the section "Smart Saver Tips on Managing Your Money", why is making a budget considered a good habit?
- (1) It helps you to save money for your future.
 - (2) It allows you to review your plan every week.
 - (3) It helps you to better organise your finances in future.
 - (4) It provides you a plan for getting, spending and saving money.
28. What is the main purpose of the article?
- (1) to attract customers to visit Downtown Mall
 - (2) to tell people the importance of making a budget
 - (3) to encourage people to apply for the Smart Saver Card
 - (4) to provide information about the privileges Smart Saver Card offers

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B. (20 marks,

There are many good things about having a goldfish for a pet. It teaches a child responsibility. You don't have to walk it. It won't mess up the house. It doesn't shed. One goldfish looks pretty much like another. This last trait is very important and the only flipside to owning a goldfish— they have a relatively short lifespan.	
I have two younger sisters, Kelly and Tina. Since I am the eldest, I would try to take good care of them, especially my youngest sister, Tina, who is younger than me by twelve years.	5
When Tina was three, she developed a fear of the dark and had to turn on the light whenever it was dark. As she shared the bedroom with Kelly, it became a problem as Kelly could not sleep with the lights switched on. This led me to ponder deeply for a solution and finally, I came up with one. The answer was a goldfish!	10
I bought Tina a bowl, a little plastic house for the fish to swim through, some coloured gravel and a small light that kept the little aquarium illuminated. Tina kept the bowl on the nightstand next to her bed. That way, she had enough light to make her feel safe and a "friend" to murmur to quietly before she fell asleep. The light from the fishbowl was dim so that did not bother Kelly. Both of them liked having a pet.	15
Tina fed that fish like clockwork. One day, I caught her staggering with the fishbowl and told her that Mother and I would take charge of changing the water instead. Ever since then, she would remind us to clean the bowl more often than we would have liked. She was always careful about adding the anti-chlorine drops to the fresh water, lest her fish die a toxic death. She also named her fish creatively. Some days, it would be "Jaws", other days it would be "Swimmy". The gender of the fish also varied according to Tina's whim.	20
Since goldfish do not live for very long, my mother and I became co-conspirators in the game, making sure that Tina always had a live goldfish in that bowl. Every night, we would take turns to check on the fish. If any of us noticed the fish looking a little peaked around the gills, a quiet trip to the pet store was quickly scheduled. Once, I was caught red-handed by Kelly and I explained to Kelly why I was doing it.	25
"But what if Tina finds out? Won't she be sadder?" Kelly asked.	
"We will tell her when she's older. Luckily, it is a goldfish and I'm confident that she won't find out if we are careful. Now, she's just too young to understand and I love her too much to see her upset," I told Kelly. Nodding her head in agreement upon hearing my explanation, Kelly agreed not to disclose anything to Tina.	30

<p>One evening, at a time when I was overseas to further my studies, six-year-old Tina asked my mother innocently, "Mummy, Anna has been away for too long and I wish I could see her soon. When this fish dies, will Anna come home and get me a new one?" Alarmed at that, my mother asked her how long she had known that her goldfish was being replaced every time one died.</p>	35
<p>Tina just shrugged. "Are you bothered that it was not the same one Anna had bought a few years ago?" my mother asked gently.</p>	40
<p>"Initially, I was. But once I understood the reason why she did it, I knew I had to play along with the game," she replied. I cried when my mother told me the story. Then, I understood. The little love token from one sister to another and back again was swimming happily beside Tina's bed. The fish may not have been the original, but the message behind it never changed.</p>	45
<p><i>Adapted from The Thing About Goldfish, Chicken Soup for the Soul by Jack Canfield & Mark Victor Hansen</i></p>	

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) despite	(G) in	(K) over	(N) to
(B) are	(E) from	(H) is	(L) their	(P) were
(C) as	(F) if	(J) on	(M) thus	(Q) while

Human hands are amazing and capable of complex manipulations. (29) _____ it is strange that people have a preferential use of one hand (30) _____ the other. It is even stranger that they would consistently favour the right hand.

(31) _____ you are left-handed, you would agree that navigating through everyday life is challenging. A lot of things, including even a pair of scissors, (32) _____ designed for right-handers. Although there are some that are especially made for the former, predominantly, they are made for (33) _____ right-handed counterparts. Despite all these challenges, a small minority of mankind insists (34) _____ using their left hands.

Experts have studied the genes of millions of people and have found out that handedness is 25% genetic while 75% boils down (35) _____ the environment. For instance, parents and teachers have been known to force children to switch (36) _____ using their left hand to using their right hand for writing.

(37) _____ old biases against left-handedness have started to give way to enlightened attitudes in much of the rest of the world; (38) _____ Asia, it can still be downright difficult. This is due to long-standing cultural and social prejudices against using the left hand, especially for writing and eating.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Ashwin was on his way home when he saw a few elephants in the filthy backyard of a house. To his surprise, he noticed that the elephants were not kept in cages or hold

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by chains. In fact, all that was holding them back from escaping, was a small piece of rope loose tied to one of their legs.

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Ashwin was biwilderd by what he had seen. The elephants did not try to use his

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strength to break free and escape. His kyuriositi was piqued and he asked the owner for the reason.

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The owner, see how interested Ashwin was, explained that the elephants had been tie up with the same piece of rope since young. Then, that piece of rope was enough to

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restrain them. As they grew, they were conditioned to believe that they could not break away. Therefore, they did not even uhtempt to escape.

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I was apawld by what the owner said. I understood that the elephants did not break

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free because over time they had adopted the believe that it was just not possible.

I realised then that no matter how much the world tries to hold me back, I too should not be sweyd. matter how many times I fall and how eqzawsted I feel, I must

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be willing to push myself forward to achieve my goals. Believing I can become successful is the most important step in actually achieving it.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Numerous ships and planes have vanished without a trace within the imaginary Bermuda Triangle, yet no one knows what exactly happened.

The Bermuda Triangle is an area in the Atlantic Ocean roughly bounded by Miami, Bermuda and Puerto Rico. This exact location is (51) _____ many people believe an invisible black hole on earth exists. There have been numerous stories of planes, ships and people (52) _____ never to be seen again. However, many such stories were later found to be made (53) _____ by people and were not backed with solid proof. In fact, several number of vessels that disappeared were known to have had structural failures which logically explain (54) _____ some ships and planes had vanished into (55) _____ air.

One such story revolves (56) _____ the disappearance of Flight 19. Flight 19 was a training flight of fighter planes that disappeared in 1945 while flying over the Atlantic. To this day, the official report of what (57) _____ to the missing plane is listed as unknown. Some have attributed it to the adverse weather and sea (58) _____ that day. Furthermore, the (59) _____ in command of the missing plane was known to have been lost during flights before. Thus, it was believed that he could have landed somewhere else and died or crashed into the ocean. Though all these theories sound logical, no one knows for (60) _____.

However, there are also stories that support the possibility of the Bermuda Triangle's (61) _____. One example is the disappearance of the USS Cyclops. This warship which (62) _____ sail in late February 1918 had 300 men aboard. However, it never reached its (63) _____. Since there has been no sign of the ship or the bodies of the men, till now, no one is able to (64) _____ a clear explanation as to how this could have occurred. Such stories make one wonder if the Bermuda Triangle might indeed be a reality.

Many still believe in the shocking events happening in the Bermuda Triangle, citing alien presence and paranormal activities. Others with scientific views have (65) _____ these arguments by offering rational explanations to the phenomenon. Nonetheless, accidents and disappearances continue to take place in the region every now and then.

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). (10 marks)

66. He refused to change his car which he had owned for ten years.

Although _____

67. Mr Lim has delivered the parcel to his neighbours.

The parcel _____

68. She can say anything. I will not attend the meeting.

No matter _____

69. "Could you find out where Alice went?" John asked Linda.

John asked Linda: _____

70. Aziz wants to go to the playground. He can only go to the playground if his mother approves.

_____ only with

Read the passage on pages 11 and 12 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.
 (20 marks)

71. Based on the first paragraph, write down one advantage and disadvantage of keeping a goldfish. (2m)

Advantage	
Disadvantage	

72. The table below compares how getting the goldfish affected Kelly and Tina. Fill in the blanks using the information from the story. (4m)

	Before getting the goldfish	After getting the goldfish
Kelly	Was not able to fall asleep because _____ _____ _____	Was able to sleep because _____ _____ _____
Tina	Was not able to fall asleep because _____ _____ _____	Was able to sleep because _____ _____ _____

73. Pick out a four-word phrase from the fifth paragraph that tells you that Tina's fish could sometimes be a male or female based on her mood. (1m)

74. Explain clearly what Anna and her mother had to do as co-conspirators. (2m)

75. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. (3m)

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
that way (line 14)	
it (line 21)	
that (line 37)	

76. Based on lines 17-33, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (2m)

Statement	True / False	Reason
Tina did not want to clean the fishbowl so Anna offered to help her.		
Kelly immediately agreed not to tell Tina when she found out what Anna had been doing to the goldfish.		

77. Circle one word that best describes how Tina felt when Anna left for her studies. (1m)

abandoned / helpless forlorn l' uneasy

78. "Luckily, it is a goldfish and I'm confident that she won't find out if we are careful," (lines 30-31).

a) Which trait of the goldfish led Anna to confidently say that? (1m)

b) How did this trait work to Anna's advantage? (1m)

79. What was the game Tina referred to in line 42? Why do you think she played along with it? (2m)

80. "... the message behind it never changed ..." (lines 44-45). What do you think the message was? Support your answer with information from the passage [1m]

ANSWER SHEET

Booklet A Q1	4	Booklet A Q15	4
Booklet A Q2	4	Booklet A Q16	4
Booklet A Q3	2	Booklet A Q17	4
Booklet A Q4	3	Booklet A Q18	2
Booklet A Q5	3	Booklet A Q19	1
Booklet A Q6	1	Booklet A Q20	3
Booklet A Q7	2	Booklet A Q21	4
Booklet A Q8	4	Booklet A Q22	3
Booklet A Q9	3	Booklet A Q23	2
Booklet A Q10	1	Booklet A Q24	1
Booklet A Q11	3	Booklet A Q25	1
Booklet A Q12	3	Booklet A Q26	4
Booklet A Q13	2	Booklet A Q27	3
Booklet A Q14	1	Booklet A Q28	4

Booklet B Q29	M	Booklet B Q39	held
Booklet B Q30	K	Booklet B Q40	loosely
Booklet B Q31	F	Booklet B Q41	bewildered
Booklet B Q32	B	Booklet B Q42	their
Booklet B Q33	L	Booklet B Q43	curiosity
Booklet B Q34	J	Booklet B Q44	seeing
Booklet B Q35	N	Booklet B Q45	tied
Booklet B Q36	E	Booklet B Q46	attempt
Booklet B Q37	Q	Booklet B Q47	appalled
Booklet B Q38	G	Booklet B Q48	belief

Booklet B Q49	swayed
Booklet B Q50	exhausted
Booklet B Q51	where
Booklet B Q52	disappearing
Booklet B Q53	up
Booklet B Q54	why
Booklet B Q55	thin
Booklet B Q56	around
Booklet B Q57	happened
Booklet B Q58	condition

Q59)	pilot
Q60)	sure
Q61)	mystery
Q62)	set
Q63)	destination
Q64)	give / conceive
Q65)	countered

Q66)	Although he had owned his car for ten years, he refused to change it.		
Q67)	The parcel has been delivered to his neighbours by Mr Lim.		
Q68)	No matter what she says, I will not attend the meeting.		
Q69)	John asked Linda if she could find out where Alice had gone.		
Q70)	Aziz can go to the playground only with his mother's approval.		
Q71)	Advantage ----- 1)It does not shed. 2)It teaches a child responsibility. Disadvantage ----- It has a relatively short lifespan.		
Q72)		Before getting the goldfish	After getting the goldfish
	Kelly	Was not able to fall asleep because <u>she could not sleep with the lights switched on.</u>	Was able to sleep because <u>Tina no longer needed to turn on the light in the bedroom.</u>
	Tina	Was not able to fall asleep because <u>she had developed a fear of dark at the age of three and could not sleep without turning the light on.</u>	Was able to sleep because <u>the little aquarium illuminated small light which was enough to make her feel safe.</u>
Q73)	according to Tina's whim.		
Q74)	They would take turns to check on the fish every night to ensue Tina had a live goldfish and they would schedule a quiet trip to the pet store to get a replacement if the fish is dying.		

Q75)	The way (line 14)	Keeping the fishbowl on the nightstand next to Tina.
	It (line 21)	the name of the fish.
	that (line 37)	Tina's fish would be replaced when it was dying.
Q76)	<p>False ---- Tina fed the fish like clockwork and was staggering with the fishbowl, so Anna and mother offered to take charge of changing the water.</p> <p>False ---- Kelly questioned that Tina would be sadden if she found out what Anna had been doing to the goldfish.</p>	
Q77)	forlorn	
Q78)	<p>a) Goldfish looks pretty much like another.</p> <p>b) She could replace the fish whenever it was going to die.</p>	
Q79)	If referred to Anna and mother replacing the goldfish whenever they noticed that it was going to die so that Tina would no be sad to see her fish died.	
Q80)	The love Anna had for her sister Tina and Kelly.	

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. Mrs Tan gave _____ student in her class a reward for winning the "Class of the Year" award in the Kindness campaign.
- (1) much
(2) each
(3) many
(4) some ()
2. The hikers used a compass to find _____ way through the thick jungle.
- (1) its
(2) his
(3) her
(4) their ()
3. "_____ are the boys who had bullied me," said Ben pointing to some boys at the canteen.
- (1) This
(2) That
(3) These
(4) Those ()
4. When we arrived, we noticed that everyone _____ anxiously for the famous actress to appear on stage.
- (1) is waiting
(2) are waiting
(3) was waiting
(4) were waiting ()
5. If you _____ not _____ on time, the plane will take off.
- (1) do arrive
(2) did arrive
(3) had arrived
(4) have arrived ()

6. The stranger asked Lily if she _____ the way to the nearest shopping mall.
- (1) knew
 - (2) know
 - (3) knows
 - (4) had known
- ()
7. While Mother _____ in her room, we slipped quietly to the kitchen to have some snacks.
- (1) sleep
 - (2) sleeps
 - (3) was sleeping
 - (4) has been sleeping
- ()
8. He _____ be at the office by now but he is not at his workstation.
- (1) will
 - (2) could
 - (3) might
 - (4) should
- ()
9. Most animals will not attack _____ they are provoked.
- (1) so
 - (2) and
 - (3) unless
 - (4) because
- ()
10. Just keep _____ it and you will find it easier solving these types of questions after a while.
- (1) at
 - (2) by
 - (3) in
 - (4) on
- ()

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. The parents were discussing their child's results with the teacher when the fire alarm suddenly rang and interrupted their _____.

- (1) debate
 - (2) speech
 - (3) argument
 - (4) conversation
- ()

12. She cannot resist ice cream and cakes because she has a _____.

- (1) sweet tooth
 - (2) pinch of salt
 - (3) finger in the pie
 - (4) hard nut to crack
- ()

13. I have been studying for the past four hours without a break and I am about to collapse with _____.

- (1) regret
 - (2) fatigue
 - (3) boredom
 - (4) anticipation
- ()

14. They _____ in jail after being caught for shoplifting.

- (1) landed up
 - (2) handed up
 - (3) washed up
 - (4) brought up
- ()

15. The chef spent a lot of time creating and perfecting his 'Truly Singaporean' dish. He wanted to _____ the distinguished guests from all over the world.

- (1) soothe
 - (2) impress
 - (3) ascertain
 - (4) reassure
- ()

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

(5 marks)

It was dawn when Jae woke up. After washing up, he (16) took his net and went off. He trudged his way across the seaweed and driftwood along the riverbank. With a thumping heart, he bent over and found that there were no fish in the shallow part of the river. He (17) quickened his steps down the riverbank towards the deeper waters.

He spent the morning scooping up water from different parts of the river, but he still could not catch any fish. He decided to take a break. Jae sat on a big rock and (18) looked hard at the river. He remained there for a while. Then, he tried again to find some fish. His efforts were (19) in vain. Eventually, he decided to (20) throw in the towel. Jae went home feeling disappointed with an empty stomach.

16. (1) grabbed
(2) secured
(3) detained
(4) abducted

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17. (1) headed
(2) hastened
(3) slackened
(4) accelerated

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18. (1) peek
(2) stared
(3) glanced
(4) squinted

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19. (1) futile
(2) feeble
(3) fertile
(4) frequent

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20. (1) give in
(2) give up
(3) give off
(4) give away

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Study this flyer carefully and answer questions 21 to 28.

Soft Toy Hospital



About Us



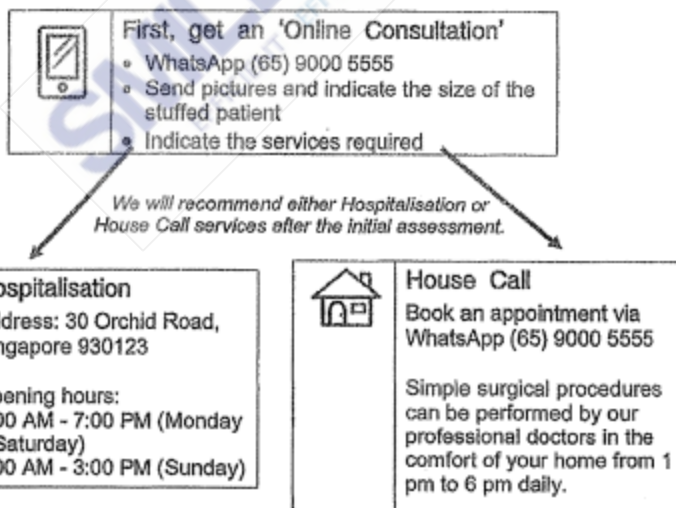
Soft Toy Hospital is founded by a pair of siblings, Anthony and Betty Tan. In 2018, they came across the website of Nulgurumi (which means "soft toy" in Japanese) Hospital and were intrigued by its concept. When the siblings read about the process of treating stuffed patients and saw the before and after photos on the website, they were reminded of how their mother fixed their dirty, torn and thin soft toys.

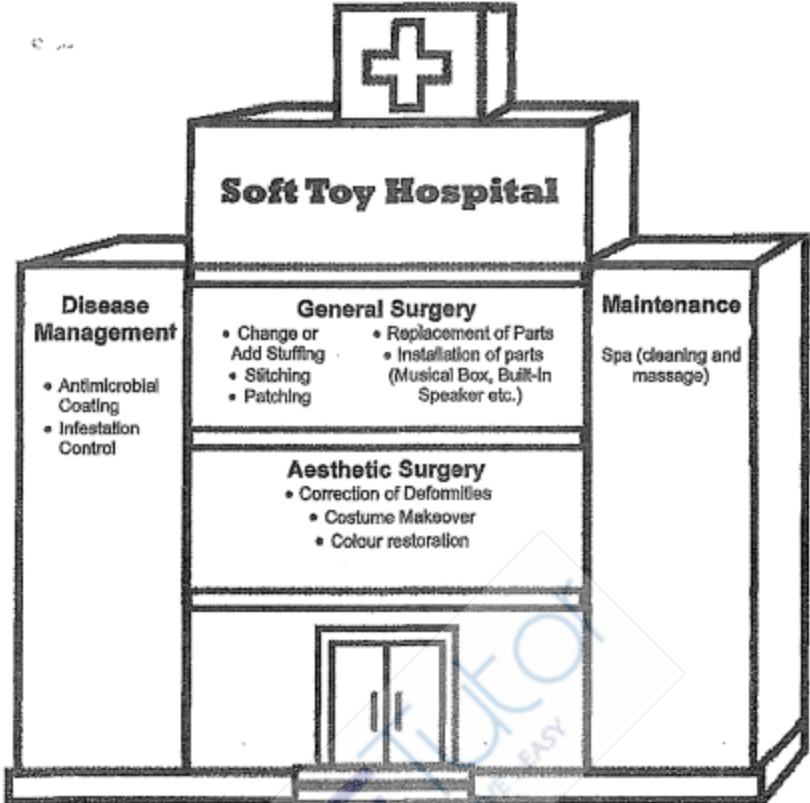
Anthony said, "It was magical when I witnessed an irreplaceable soft toy of mine that was ripping apart being transformed into the one from my childhood memory. I would like to provide the same experience for others."

Betty added, "My daughter has a stuffed friend that she drags along with her everywhere she goes. I would like to set up medical facilities that can help others to maintain the condition of their beloved soft toys."

The duo then launched Soft Toy Hospital by creating a Facebook page and putting up an advertisement to attract customers. Shortly after, the guardian of their first patient contacted them for treatment. It was a shark that needed more padding.

How to get your soft toys treated by our professional doctors?





Soft Toy Hospital

Disease Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antimicrobial Coating • Infestation Control 	General Surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change or Add Stuffing • Stitching • Patching • Replacement of Parts • Installation of parts (Musical Box, Built-In Speaker etc.) 	Maintenance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spa (cleaning and massage)
Aesthetic Surgery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction of Deformities • Costume Makeover • Colour restoration 		

Treatment Cost


We do not have a standard price list as each soft toy is unique in its own way. The cost will be determined by factors such as the size, age and extent of wear and tear of the stuffed toy.

After our experienced doctors have assessed the stuffed patient's condition, we will quote you a price.

For reviews and before and after photos, visit our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/softtoyhospitalsg>

Leave a review to receive:

- a limited-edition teddy bear (1 July to 31 July 2022)
- 10% off any treatment (1 Aug 2022 to 7 Aug 2022)

 Like and share our Facebook page to enjoy 10% off spa services for first-time customers!

- 21 Anthony and Betty Tan got the inspiration to set up Soft Toy Hospital from _____.
- (1) their mother
 - (2) a pair of Japanese siblings
 - (3) the concept of a soft toy hospital
 - (4) their favourite childhood soft toys ()
- 22 In the second paragraph of "About Us", the "experience" refers to _____.
- (1) maintaining the condition of your soft toy
 - (2) getting your favourite soft toy fixed by your mother
 - (3) replacing a soft toy from your childhood with a new one
 - (4) witnessing your old soft toy returning to its original state ()
- 23 Why are arrows (⇒) used in the section "How to get your soft toys treated by our professional doctors?"
- (1) to list information on where to get your soft toys treated
 - (2) to modify information on where to get your soft toys treated
 - (3) to organise information on where to get your soft toys treated
 - (4) to sequence information on where to get your soft toys treated ()
- 24 Mr Lee requires a few buttons to be stitched back onto his soft toy by a professional doctor. According to the flyer, he should _____.
- (1) get an online consultation first
 - (2) book an appointment for a house call
 - (3) send his soft toy to the hospital immediately
 - (4) send Soft Toy Hospital a message on Facebook ()
- 25 Which departments will help to maintain the hygiene of a soft toy and prevent it from having bed bugs?
- (1) Aesthetic Surgery and Maintenance
 - (2) Disease Management and Maintenance
 - (3) General Surgery and Disease Management
 - (4) Disease Management and Aesthetic Surgery ()

- 26 The hospital does not have a standard price list for the following possible reasons **except** _____.
- (1) every soft toy is special
 - (2) different doctors will quote different prices
 - (3) there are too many factors that affect the treatment cost
 - (4) the treatment cost depends on the condition of the soft toy ()
- 27 Sally was a first-time customer who liked and shared Soft Toy Hospital's Facebook page and left a review on 8 August 2022. What will she receive?
- (1) 10% off spa services only
 - (2) a limited-edition teddy bear only
 - (3) 10% discount for any treatment only
 - (4) a limited-edition bear and 10% off spa services ()
- 28 What is the main purpose of this flyer?
- (1) to inspire people to set up a soft toy hospital
 - (2) to encourage people not to dispose their old soft toys
 - (3) to attract people to get their soft toys treated at the hospital
 - (4) to introduce the professional doctors to the people at the hospital ()

(Go to Booklet B)

Please note that the passage for Comprehension questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B is on the next page. You may now go on to Booklet B.

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

I called the red mottled hen, Fluff. I did not know where she came from or who owned her. One day, she just showed up in my barnyard and acted as though she owned the place. She would squawk, flap her wings and peck at me if she did not like something I was doing. I would sprinkle grain for her and she began to tolerate me because of it.

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However, on the day I named her, she did not seem to have any toleration for me at all. I had gone into the barn to get grain for the horses when she flew at me, pecking and squawking. I shooed her away, yelling, "Get away, you psycho fluff ball!" That was how she got her name Fluff which was short for Psycho Fluff Ball. It was a week after the attack that I learned the reason it had occurred. She was trying to chase every leaf or creature out of the barn and that was when I heard some chirping sounds coming from a dark corner of the barn. Despite her acts of intimidation, curiosity got the better of me and I inched closer to find little fluffy bundles of about every imaginable colour.

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Sadly, one day, they just disappeared but not without a trail of feathers. I knew the animal which had taken Fluff's chicks must have put up a fight because Fluff lost a lot of feathers. By the time Fluff was once again in her protective mood, most of her feathers had grown back. I discovered another nest of eggs in the corner of the barn and when I saw part of a beak poking out of one, I rushed home to get my family. Fluff was beginning to trust me, but other humans still made her nervous. However, she let us get within five feet before she squawked her warning. Within a few days, there was a brood of chicks for her to protect.

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Then, one day, as I was cleaning the stallion's stall in another barn, Fluff came squawking and pecking at my feet. I pushed her away with my foot. "Get away, Fluff!" She attacked again and then ran toward the other barn, flapping and squawking. I went back to my work, and she attacked me again, only to run back toward her barn, flapping, squawking and turning in circles. I thought, "You want me

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to follow."

I took a step toward her, and she rushed to the other barn, stopping to look back at me. I took a few more steps and she went a little further. Finally, I just followed her to the other barn. As I stepped into its dim interior, I realised it was very quiet. I spotted Fluff rushing at **something** by her nest.

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That was when I saw a giant, wild tomcat sneaking toward the chicks. It had seen me and held still but Fluff knew he was there. She attacked him, pecking and beating with her wings but he was huge. Each swipe of his claws sent feathers flying. I was furious. I grabbed a nearby shovel and raced toward the cat. He saw me and ran for the door and into the nearby field. Fluff lay there bleeding, not moving.

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As I went closer, she tried to move to her babies, but her leg was broken. Afraid the cat would return, I got a box and put her in it. I found her babies in the nest where she had tried to conceal them. I moved them all to the stallion's barn and put them in one end of his pen. The only way in was through the door to his pen and he hated cats. I knew they would be safe there. I got her a little pan of water and some grain. She clucked to me, as if asking me to take care of her babies.

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"We'll get you better, Fluff, and you can take care of them yourself," I said but the next morning, I was digging her grave by the barn she had defended as home. I realised I was crying over a chicken because of the way she had trusted me and given her life for her children. I became a mother hen to her little brood which would often follow me around. I found them a home with a chicken farmer except for **one**. I saved the feistiest mottled little red hen and made a permanent home for her in the stallion's pen. I named her Fluffy.

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Adapted from a short story 'A Chicken Named Fluff' by Daris Howard

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EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) against	(D) as	(G) despite	(K) is	(N) of
(B) although	(E) before	(H) during	(L) moreover	(P) since
(C) among	(F) besides	(J) himself	(M) nevertheless	(Q) was

The Eiffel Tower is the most famous landmark in Paris, France.

_____ it was criticised by the public when it was built, it is one
(29)

_____ the most recognisable structures in the world today.
(30)

The 330-metre high monument was completed in March 1889. Since then, it has welcomed nearly seven million tourists yearly. The iron structure

_____ connected by 2.5 million rivets and expands
(31)

_____ summer, causing it to increase in height by more than
(32)
ten centimeters.

Gustave Eiffel, the designer of the tower, built _____
(33)

a place to live in on the top level of the tower. This apartment had not been used

_____ Eiffel's death until it was opened for public viewing in
(34)

2015. _____ two wind turbines, a system to reuse rainwater in
(35)

the tower's toilet was installed to make the Eiffel Tower more environmentally friendly.

The Eiffel Tower was originally painted dark red

_____ it was re-painted yellow. Today, it is painted bronze and
(36)

it gets a new coat of paint every few years.

Every evening, 20,000 light bulbs light up the Eiffel Tower

_____ the night sky. It is a mesmerising and an attractive sight.
(37)

_____, it looks beautiful in the day as well. Visiting the Eiffel
(38)

Tower in the day is a completely different experience as compared to visiting it at
night.



Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Mr Yuichiro Miura is a Japanese adventurer. At the age of 80, he

(39)

succeeded in reaching the sumit of Mount Everest for the third time, making

(40)

him the world's oldest person to do so. His journey to that peak is marked by

a series of unprecedented hardships.

After climbing Mount Everest for the second time at the age of 75, he

(41)

decided he will make a third attempt at the age of 80. However, the following

year, he landed hard in an awkward angle after a ski jump and broke five bones,

(42)

including his thigh bone or pelvis. Doctors told him that he would have to be

(43)

confine to a wheelchair. Still, Mr Miura's determination was unwavering. "I will

(44)

definatelly recover. I'm going to heal and climb" again. With this resolve in mind,

(45)

he followed a daily rehabillitation regime closely and after three years, he fully

(46)

recovered. He had completely overcome a situation who was considered

irreversible.

(47)

However, Mr Miura was again beset by dificultes. With only four months

(48)

left after he departed for Mount Everest, a chronic illness, arrhythmia,

(49)

recured, forcing him to undergo two operations. It was considered impossible

for him to climb. But he set off for the Himalayas without changing his plans.

(50)

It was a decision that suprised everyone. When he finally reached the peak of

Mount Everest, he felt a surging sense of accomplishment.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The National Environment Agency (NEA) has found a unique way of fighting dengue in Singapore. About 200 million Wolbachia-Aedes mosquitoes _____ been bred at the NEA's "mosquito factory" since it was _____
(51) _____ in 2019. These mosquitoes were then _____ in certain _____
(52) _____ (53) _____ areas of the island.

This is part of the agency's fight against dengue in the Republic. _____, it will be some time before Project Wolbachia expands to other _____
(54) _____ parts of the island as time is needed to improve the method of releasing these mosquitoes on the island. "The agency also needs _____ develop the _____
(55) _____ relevant technology," said senior scientist Deng Lu.

Mr Deng, in his weekly update to the press said that _____ 1.5 _____
(56) _____ to 2 million of these mosquitoes are released every week as part of Project Wolbachia. This project _____ releasing male Wolbachia-Aedes _____
(57) _____ mosquitoes to control the overall Aedes mosquito population, which _____ the primary cause of dengue being prevalent in Singapore.
(58) _____

The male Wolbachia-Aedes mosquitoes do not _____ the _____
(59) _____ dangerous disease. When they _____ with female Aedes mosquitoes,

the eggs that have been laid do not _____. This entire process will

(61)

eventually reduce the number of Aedes mosquitoes here in Singapore. Since the

project was launched in 2016, it has gone _____ five stages of field

(62)

studies with mosquitoes being released in more areas around the island.

In an interview, Mr Deng was asked why dengue has not yet

_____ eradicated from the shores of Singapore despite the

(63)

_____ of Project Wolbachia, Mr Deng said, "Although we have very

(64)

good mosquito population suppression and dengue suppression techniques, we're

only covering a limited area. For a greater impact, we need more resources in

_____ to scale up the population of the Wolbachia mosquitoes and

(65)

release more of them on the island. But this is not an easy task," he added.

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).

(10 marks)

66 I was late for my Science lesson. The school bus had a flat tyre.

_____ so

67 James asked his mother, "May I have pizza for dinner tonight?"

James asked his mother _____

68 The mischievous cat scampered away when it saw its owner enter the room.

_____ upon

69 The judges had a long discussion before they decided on the champion.

_____ after

70 In dealing with the challenge, Aaron showed his resilience.

The way Aaron _____

Read the passage on pages 11 and 12 in Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

71. From the first paragraph, pick out a four-word phrase that suggests that the narrator's presence in the barnyard was acceptable to Fluff. [1m]

72. In paragraph 2, state two examples of "acts of intimidation" by Fluff. [2m]

73. From lines 17-22, how did Fluff show that she continued to be anxious in the presence of people? [1m]

74. Based on lines 23-28, what was the purpose behind Fluff's attack? [2m]

75. 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
a) The narrator gave the hen the name Fluff based on her red mottled feathers.		
b) The narrator was excited about the hatching.		
c) The tomcat struck Fluff before she could react.		

76. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) little fluffy bundles (line 13)	
b) something (line 32)	
c) one (line 48)	

77. Based on the passage, state the corresponding cause and effect listed in the table below. [2m]

	Cause	Effect
a.		Fluff's babies were safe in the pen as the stallion hated cats
b.		The narrator found Fluff bleeding

78. Which two of the following words best describe Fluff?

Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers [2m]
 DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

calm

intolerable

courageous

negligent

friendly

persistent

79. List two things that the narrator did to care for Fluff after being injured by the tomcat. [2m]

1.	
2.	

80. Do you think that the narrator was attached to Fluff's chicks? Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

ANSWER SHEET

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Booklet A Q10	1	Booklet A Q24	1
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Booklet A Q12	1	Booklet A Q26	2
Booklet A Q13	2	Booklet A Q27	1
Booklet A Q14	1	Booklet A Q28	3

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Booklet B Q30	N	Booklet B Q40	was
Booklet B Q31	K	Booklet B Q41	would
Booklet B Q32	H	Booklet B Q42	and
Booklet B Q33	J	Booklet B Q43	confined
Booklet B Q34	P	Booklet B Q44	definitely
Booklet B Q35	F	Booklet B Q45	rehabilitation
Booklet B Q36	E	Booklet B Q46	which
Booklet B Q37	A	Booklet B Q47	difficulties
Booklet B Q38	M	Booklet B Q48	before
		Booklet B Q49	recurred
		Booklet B Q50	surprised

Booklet B Q51	have
Booklet B Q52	opened
Booklet B Q53	released
Booklet B Q54	However
Booklet B Q55	to
Booklet B Q56	about
Booklet B Q57	involves
Booklet B Q58	is
Booklet B Q59	carry
Booklet B Q60	mate
Booklet B Q61	hatch
Booklet B Q62	through
Booklet B Q63	been
Booklet B Q64	launch
Booklet B Q65	order
Booklet B Q66	The school bus had a flat tyre so I was late for Science lesson.
Booklet B Q67	James asked his mother if he might have pizza for dinner that night.
Booklet B Q68	The mischievous cat scampered away upon seeing its owner enter the room

Q69)	The judges decided on the champion after having a long discussion.
Q70)	The way Aaron dealt with the challenge showed his resilience.
Q71)	began to tolerate me
Q72)	Fluff would fly at the narrator peck and squawk and chase every leaf or creature out of the burn.
Q73)	She would squawk her warning when someone got within 5 feet.
Q74)	Fluff wanted the narrator to follow it to protect its chicks from the wild tomcat in the other burn.
Q75)	a) False / When Fluff attacked him he called her Psycho Fluff ball b) True / He rushed home to get his family when he saw he saw the hatching. c) False / Fluff had already attacked the giant wild tomcat.
Q76)	a) Fluffs babies b) The giant,wild tomcat sneaking towards Fluff's hicks at the burn. c) The feistiest mottled little red hen which was one of Fluff babies.
Q77)	a) The narrator shifted the nest to the pen. b) The giant wild tomcat swiped Fluff with its claws.
Q78)	Courageous / persistent
Q79)	1) The narrator placed fluff in the stallion's barn which is safe place from the tomcat. 2) The narrator gave Fluff a little pan of water and some grain.
Q80)	Yes, he was . He allowed the chicks to follow him around.

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

- 1 "Some sugar _____ required to make the dessert taste better," declared the chef in the cooking demonstration.

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

- 2 Azman recounted how his father would watch him _____ soccer in the school field every Saturday.

(1) play
(2) plays
(3) played
(4) playing

- 3 If we _____ it was Sally's birthday yesterday, we would have sent her a card.

(1) know
(2) knew
(3) had known
(4) have known

- 4 Suling, together with her parents, _____ in the park every weekend.

(1) exercise
(2) exercises
(3) exercised
(4) are exercising

- 5 "Jane took up the job offer just as I said she should, _____?" Ganesa asked.

(1) didn't she ✓
(2) hasn't she ✗
(3) hadn't she ✗
(4) shouldn't she ✗

- 6 "I _____ travelling around the world and will continue to travel as long as my schedule allows me to," remarked the busy businessman.
- (1) enjoyed
 - (2) am enjoying
 - (3) have enjoyed
 - (4) will have enjoyed
- 7 "Won't Mrs Koh be pleased when she _____ that we were both selected in the audition for the talent show?" Wen Xi asked Nurul.
- (1) hears
 - (2) heard
 - (3) could hear
 - (4) would have heard
- 8 "There was no malice in her; _____, she was very kind," said Mother of our neighbour.
- (1) although
 - (2) otherwise
 - (3) in contrast
 - (4) on the contrary
- 9 _____ effort has gone into making this event a success, all thanks to the committed team.
- (1) Less
 - (2) Many
 - (3) A bit of
 - (4) A lot of
- 10 Kumar was exempted _____ PE lessons for a week because he had sprained his ankle.
- (1) in
 - (2) for
 - (3) off
 - (4) from

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

11
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Since Adrian was addicted to gaming on his devices, his mother was _____ to confiscate his gaming console and handphone.

- (1) coerced
- (2) ordered
- (3) compelled
- (4) persuaded

- 12 A mob of fans surrounded the Korean pop star but he was _____ by the attention and continued to sign autographs enthusiastically.

- (1) unfazed
- (2) unnerved
- (3) unsettled
- (4) unimpressed

- 13 The coastal guards waited for the storm to _____ before heading out to patrol the coastline.

- (1) blow up
- (2) blow off
- (3) blow over
- (4) blow away

- 14 The forest ranger _____ followed the paw tracks of a leopard as he was afraid that he might be attacked.

- (1) warily
- (2) deliberately
- (3) suspiciously
- (4) nonchalantly

- 15 Mr Tan found out that Sandra was lying about the incident. There was a _____ between her account of the incident to her friends and what she had told him.

- (1) division
- (2) departure
- (3) digression
- (4) discrepancy

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s).
 Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

I gripped my racket and smiled grimly at my reflection before making my way to the tennis court. I was about to face the best player in the tournament. A wave of trepidation washed over me but it left as quickly as it came. The image of my frail grandmother in the hospital appeared vividly in my head. I had promised Grandmother that I would give this game my best shot.

The crowd roared the moment I stepped onto the court. As I raised my racket, the roar increased in intensity, and I relished the moment. Soon the game began and I started off reasonably well. However, my opponent Kyle was considered by many to be a fearsome force. Each time he hit the ball, it bolted towards me like a bullet. Unfortunately, I hit the ball at the wrong angle several times and it landed outside the court. I soon realised that I was losing the game. I was worried that this loss would have an enduring impact on me.

At that moment, Grandmother's wise words rang in my head, "It's not possible to win all the games, Eddie. Just do your best." With renewed energy, I continued playing the game.

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|----|---|
| 16 | (1) fear
(2) panic
(3) despair
(4) anguish |
| 17 | (1) distinctly
(2) evidently
(3) noticeably
(4) accurately |
| 18 | (1) adored
(2) enjoyed
(3) savoured
(4) cherished |
| 19 | (1) sinister
(2) dreadful
(3) disturbing
(4) formidable |
| 20 | (1) indelible
(2) inevitable
(3) irresistible
(4) irreversible |

Study this information from the SG Enable website and answer questions 21 to 28.

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Join the Run to Raise Funds!

Run & Raise 2022 is part of the Giving Family Festival organised by the Singapore Charity Foundation (SCF). It is a charity run benefitting the needy. Bring your family and friends to join the run on **10 November** at Bishan Park. It's a great way to spend the weekend with your family while supporting a worthy cause.

How to sign up:

- Register at www.runandraisegivingfamily.sg
- Choose one of these categories – 1 km Fun Run, 3 km Easy Run, 5 km Moderate Run and 7 km Intense Run. Your registration fee will be donated to various beneficiaries. See the map below for more details.
- Buy your run T-shirt online when you register.

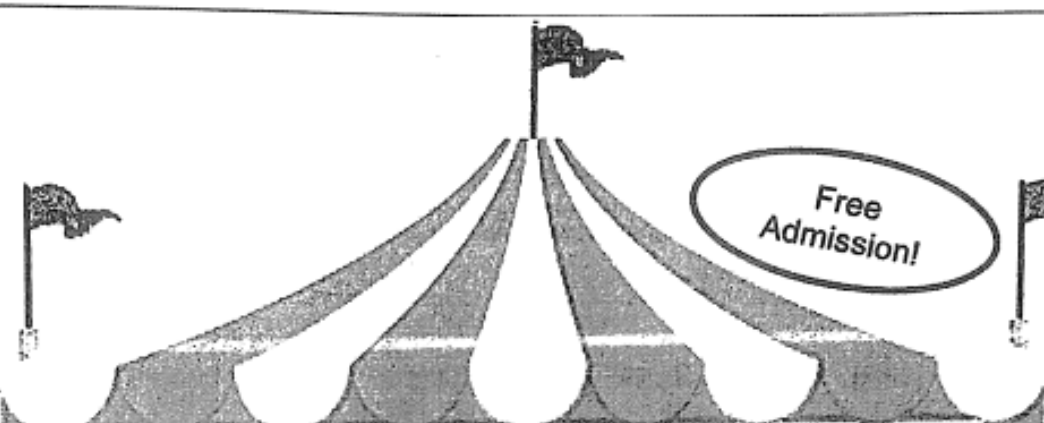
Run & Raise 2022 offers running routes with a breathtaking view of the greenery at Bishan Park. You can also follow the walking trail to enjoy an invigorating walk in the park.



Running Route at Bishan Park

Legend	Detail	Beneficiary
A	Starting Point	
B	Finishing Point for 1 km Fun Run	Children's Home
C	Finishing Point for 3 km Easy Run	St Theresa's Home for the Aged
D	Finishing Point for 5 km Moderate Run	Children's Cancer Society
E	Finishing Point for 7 km Intense Run	Enable the Disabled Foundation

Click on the hyperlinks to find out more about each beneficiary.



Free Admission!

Giving Family Festival Booths

Giving Family Festival booths are a must-visit!
 Families and friends can enjoy fun games, live workshops and volunteer opportunities either before or after the run! Sign up as a volunteer or donate generously.

Click on the hyperlinks to find out more about each beneficiary.

<p style="text-align: center;">Be A Befriender</p> <p>Do you enjoy making new friends?</p> <p>Twilight Dream Eldercare Centre needs volunteers for their "Senior Befriender" programme. Sign up at the booth and make a difference to someone's day!</p> <p>A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sheet will be distributed to those who sign up. You can read up if you have queries about the role, the organisation, the programme and the needs of the elderly.</p> <p>Suitable for: 14 years old and above</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WANTED!</p> <p>Do you like to create videos? Use your talent to help the needy.</p> <p><u>The Uplift Society</u> is looking for volunteers to create videos to raise awareness about their organisation on their social media platforms. Join them at the Uplift Society Booth! You can also sign up for a complimentary 1-hour workshop on video editing skills. First-come, first-served basis.</p> <p>Suitable for: Primary and Secondary students Minimum age: 12 years old</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Cookie Decoration Workshop</p> <p>Fee: \$10 for a family</p> <p>Learn how to create your own fancy cookies. Hurry! Limited spaces available.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Basic Brush Painting Workshop</p> <p>Fee: \$20 for a pair (excludes material fee)</p> <p>Learn basic brush strokes from a team of disabled artists.</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">Sign Language Workshop</p> <p>Fee: \$10 per person</p> <p>Learn sign language from a team of hearing-impaired volunteers.</p> 
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Mode of Transaction: Use only festival coupons to pay.
 Purchase festival coupons at www.thegivingfamily.sg

All proceeds from the workshops will be donated to the Association of the Physically Disabled.

This event is sponsored by SG Enable

Adapted from <https://thenewageparents.com/the-givingfamily-festival/>

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Mark your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 Which of the following organisations is organising Run & Raise 2022?

- (1) SG Enable
- (2) Uplift Society
- (3) Singapore Charity Foundation
- (4) Association of the Physically Disabled

22 Why is "Run and Raise" an appropriate name for the event?

- (1) Money raised from the run can be used to buy goodie bags.
- (2) Funds raised from the run will be used to spruce up Bishan Park.
- (3) Registration fee for each run will be donated to different charities.
- (4) Proceeds from the sale of the run T-shirts will be donated to charity.

23 Why is the colon (:) used in the section "How to sign up"?

- (1) To provide information to promote the run
- (2) To simplify facts and information about the run
- (3) To list the steps involved in the registration for the run
- (4) To indicate information about the run in order of importance

24 Mr Lim is passionate about supporting the elderly. What activities can he sign up for at the Giving Family Festival?

- (1) 1 km Fun Run and walking trail
- (2) 3 km Easy Run and Seniors Befriender programme
- (3) 7 km Intense Run and Cookie Decoration workshop
- (4) 5 km Moderate Run and Video Creation for Uplift Society

25 Mindy is 13 years old and wants to participate in activities that are free of charge. Which of the activities will be suitable for her?

- (1) Video editing and walking trail at Bishan Park
- (2) 1 km Fun Run and cookie decoration workshop
- (3) 5 km Moderate Run and Basic Brush Painting workshop
- (4) Seniors Befriender programme and Sign Language Workshop

- 26 The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) sheet regarding the "Seniors Befriender" programme will be able to achieve all of the following except _____.
- (1) clarify doubts about the programme
 - (2) raise awareness about the needs of the elderly
 - (3) encourage people to sign up for the programme
 - (4) increase the understanding about the role of a befriender
- 27 Which of the following is true of the Giving Family Festival?
- (1) Twilight Dream ElderCare Centre accepts befrienders of all ages.
 - (2) Larger families must pay more for the cookie decoration workshop.
 - (3) Payment for the workshops can only be made using the festival coupons.
 - (4) All runners will receive a goodie bag each after completing Run & Raise 2022.
- 28 What is the main purpose of this article?
- (1) to inform readers how they can volunteer for charities
 - (2) to inspire readers to bond with their family and friends
 - (3) to encourage readers to attend the event with their family
 - (4) to educate readers on the various types of charity organisations

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

As the headman of a rice plantation, Wang was known for being impatient. One day, he was snappier than usual. A tiger had crept up on two of his workers during midday and made a hasty meal of them before they could even shout for help. Wang was now short of two workers.

This made Wang waste no time in meeting all the plantation workers that evening to inform them of the danger and offer a \$200 reward to anyone who could kill the tiger. Peng Hoe, a plantation worker, asked with fear in his eyes, "Sir, can you supply us with guns? We definitely want to catch it as our lives are at stake. However, what chance do we have against the tiger with our small knives?" 5

The only gun belonged to Wang and he was too afraid to shoot the tiger himself so he decided to deny it. "There is no gun here," he said dismissively. "Anyway, you men have your knives and there are so many of you against that lone tiger." He then added awkwardly, "The reward will now be \$400 for the man who gets rid of this tiger!" With that, he left the meeting. 10

Rami, a young plantation worker whose eyes had narrowed when Wang denied having a gun, told the men, "We must kill that tiger before it gets any more of us. I heard from someone that Master Wang owns a gun." Ali, another plantation worker, who was listening intently, spoke up, "Really? If that is true, Wang can lead us to kill the tiger. Let me ask him!" Peng Hoe and the rest of the men cheered him on as he ran after Wang. 15

When asked, an indignant Wang replied, "Yes, I own a gun but why should I lead the men to kill it?"

Ali was surprised at the answer but persisted, "But Sir, you are the only one who knows how to use the gun." 20

"How about this? I'll lend you the gun. You just need to aim it at the tiger and squeeze the trigger," Wang offered. "And you can still have the \$400 reward." With that, he left and returned with a large rifle which he placed in Ali's reluctant hands.

Ali trudged back to the waiting workers. Though he had no experience with guns, he decided that he would make the best of the situation. He started hatching a plan to give them the best chance of killing the tiger. He told the workers about Wang's refusal to help, which drew loud complaints about Wang's cowardice. However, when he told them of his plan, it was met with approving nods. 25

That night, dressed in dark clothing, twenty men who had volunteered to help, arrived at the agreed venue for the tiger hunt, each carrying an empty tin can and a stick. They followed Ali's earlier plan and spread out, making a long line through the plantation. Then, they started shouting and banging the tin cans with their sticks as loudly as they could to lure the tiger out of its hiding place. 30

Under the cover of the trees, the nervous men moved cautiously. It was hard to see in the dim light and the shadows played tricks on them many times. Suddenly, after a few seconds of loud rustling in the trees came a terrific roar as a huge tiger leaped out right in front of them. Confused and angered by the noise, and faced with so many humans, it paced left and right, down the line of men, unsure about which one to pounce on. 35

Ali's plan was working! Although terrified, the men carried on banging their tin cans as they closed ranks around the hesitant tiger. Although it was snarling and baring its teeth, Ali calmly stepped forward, aimed his rifle carefully and...Bang! Bang! Bang! He shot the tiger stone dead. Shouting triumphantly, the men lifted Ali into the air and carried him all the way back to Wang's house. An astonished Wang, roused from his slumber, opened the door. He had not expected such teamwork from them. Wordlessly, he handed over the reward, which Ali generously shared with the twenty men, praising them for their bravery and teamwork. To everyone watching, it was clear that while Ali was not the headman, he was certainly the better leader. 40

Adapted from "The Last Tiger" by Di Taylor

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) every	(G) into	(K) of	(N) to
(B) along	(E) for	(H) it	(L) their	(P) when
(C) before	(F) in	(J) its	(M) through	(Q) where

The Jacob Ballas Children's Garden is one of the many gardens within the Singapore Botanic Gardens. It is the first garden in Asia dedicated _____ children. Its theme _____ 'Life on Earth Depends on Plants' aims to educate and instil a love for nature in children. The Garden is a learning environment rooted in nature, _____ children can delve deeper _____ the ecology of plants and our environment _____ discovery and experiential learning.

The Garden offers children a space _____ exploring and having adventures, with a farm, an orchard, and a forest with _____ own stream and ponds. Young adventure seekers can explore the suspension bridge and nature play areas; budding naturalists can walk _____ the stream and climb into the tree-houses; and our urban gardeners can observe how plants grow and pick up some gardening tips. Be _____ exploring the outdoor space, tending to the plants or indulging in the tree-houses, there is something for _____ child. It is no wonder that the Jacob Ballas Garden is one of the most popular gardens in Singapore.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Many of us enjoy the local snack 'pisang goreng' or banana fritters. It is a
 & (39)
 popular teatime snack in Singapore, paired to coffee or tea. While we in Singapore
 (40) & (41)
 might thought of them as a snack, many comeunitees around the world rely on bananas
 & (42)
 as a staple diet. Apart from being very nutreseous, bananas are affordable and
 & (43)
 available all year long. This is why many cultures depending on the banana for food and
 (44) (45)
 their lifeleehuds. In some countries, the banana is synonuhmus with food - 'matoke',
 & (46)
 the Ugandan word for banana, also meant food.
 (47) & (48)
 For being an important food source, bananas be also key to the economic
 (49)
servaival of many nations. Countries like Costa Rica, the Philippines and Ecuador all
 & (50)
 rely on income generated by the banana induhstree. "My whole family practically lives
 off the bananas," says a Costa Rican plantation worker. He is not alone. Unfortunately,
 many more are like him in Costa Rica.

Adapted from What's Up Issue 182

(15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Humans have a long relationship with horses. Some believe that horses were domesticated as _____ back as 4000 BC in Mesopotamia and China. Others say it was in _____ (51) Kazakhstan or Southern Russia. _____ (52) the case may be, human societies have long appreciated the value and usefulness of this graceful, majestic _____ (53).

Throughout human history, the horse has been an indispensable part of tribal life in many parts of the world. The desert tribes of the Arabian Peninsula have lived with their horses for thousands of years. They were valuable to the Bedouin people for providing transportation on long treks and quick raids _____ (54) other tribes. The Arabian horse was prized for its speed and stamina. Able to _____ (55) harsh desert conditions, the Arabian horse was a treasured part of the tribe and _____ (56) in the highest regard. They were lovingly reared and even slept within the family tents for shelter and protection.

As beasts of burden, horses are often used for carrying heavy loads or pulling heavy equipment. The horse's power has been harnessed by humans in many parts of the world. In France, they would pull carts of fish from the sea to the city as _____ (57) as possible to keep the fish fresh. Horses are still _____ (58) by the police worldwide for crowd _____ (59) during unrest or riots, as well as search and _____ (60) operations. In the _____ (61) of sports, horse races show _____ (62) the impressive speed of thoroughbred horses.

Horses are also enjoyed for leisure. Children love to pat the adorable Shetland ponies at the zoo. As a family pet on a farm, horses are a _____ (63) of fun and relaxation for many.

Humans realised that once they learned to ride a horse, they were able to see _____ (64), work harder, move faster and cover far greater _____ (65) than they have ever managed on their own two feet. It is no wonder that horses are universally popular animals.

Adapted from *Horse and Humans: a special bond*

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). (10 marks)

- 66 When the driver saw the child dash across the road, he jammed on the brakes.

On seeing the _____

- 67 Sam completed the challenging obstacle course because he persisted.

As a result _____

- 68 The girls stopped swimming when the heavy rain started.

_____ until

- 69 Ariel asked me if I would like to watch a movie with her the next day.

" _____

_____ " Ariel asked.

- 70 The students are packing goodie bags for the children at the kindergarten.

The goodie bags _____

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

- 71 From the first paragraph pick out a three-word phrase that tells us that the tiger was stealthy. [1m]

- 72 Why did Wang "waste no time" (line 4) in meeting all the plantation workers that evening? [2m]

- 73 According to the passage, what are two possible reasons for Wang's decision to raise the reward for killing the tiger? [2m]

- 74 From lines 5 – 16, identify the change in Peng Hoe's feelings during the meeting. Each box must contain a different word. [2m]

Before Ali spoke

After Ali spoke

- 75 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
they (line 3)	
it (line 9)	
this (line 21)	

- 76 What did Ali do to "make the best of the situation" (line 25)? Why does it show that he was making the best of the situation? [2m]

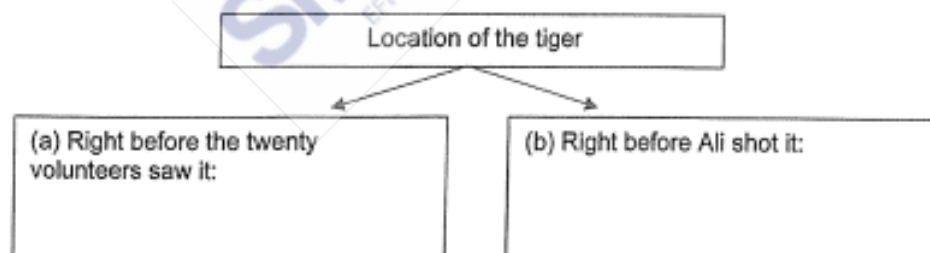
- 77 Based on lines 12 -36, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
a) Rami did not believe Wang when Wang said he did not own a gun.		
b) The twenty men knew that they had to make loud noises with their tin cans and sticks before the tiger hunt.		
c) The tiger moved around the twenty volunteers confidently.		

- 78 Circle one word that best describes the men's action in lines 37-38. DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

brave / relaxed / optimistic / confident

79



[2m]

- 80 Why was Ali a "better leader" compared to Wang (line 44)? Support your answer with evidence from lines 39 - 44. [2m]

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ANSWER SHEET

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Booklet B Q41	communities
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Booklet B Q43	depend
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Booklet B Q45	synonyms
Booklet B Q46	meaning
Booklet B Q47	besides
Booklet B Q48	are
Booklet B Q49	survival
Booklet B Q50	industry

Booklet B Q51	far
Booklet B Q52	whatever
Booklet B Q53	animal
Booklet B Q54	of
Booklet B Q55	survive
Booklet B Q56	placed
Booklet B Q57	fast
Booklet B Q58	used
Booklet B Q59	control
Booklet B Q60	rescue
Booklet B Q61	arena
Booklet B Q62	us
Booklet B Q63	source
Booklet B Q64	better
Booklet B Q65	ground

Q66)	On seeing the child dash across the road, the driver jammed on the brakes.								
Q67)	As a result of Sam's persistence, he completed the challenging obstacle course.								
Q68)	The girls swam until the heavy rain started.								
Q69)	Would you like to watch a movie with me tomorrow ?								
Q70)	The goodie bags for the children at the kindergarten are being packed by the students.								
Q71)	Crept up on a hasty meal.								
Q72)	Wang was snappier than usual as he was short of two workers and informed all the plantation workers of the dangerland to kill the tiger.								
Q73)	1) Wang decided to raise the reward as he wanted to hide the fact that he had a gun and was afraid to shoot the tiger, when Peng Hoe asked him to supply them with guns. 2) Wang wanted the plantation workers to get rid of the tiger as fast as they could.								
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Q77)		
		True / False
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	c) The tiger moved around the twenty volunteers confidently.	False
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Q79)	<div style="text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: 300px;">Location of the tiger</div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: 45%;"> (a) Right before the twenty volunteers saw it: In the trees </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: 45%;"> (b) Right before Ali shot it: In front of him </div> </div> </div> </div>	
Q80)	Ali was able to lead the twenty men bravely and together with them banging their tin cans, he shot the tiger stone dead and praised them for their bravery and teamwork instead of claiming the credit for killing the tiger. The twenty men even lifted Ali into the air and carried him on the way back to Wang's house.	

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For each question from 1 to 10, choose the appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- 1 The soldiers had been briefed on what to do _____ there be an emergency.
- (1) will
 - (2) shall
 - (3) would
 - (4) should
- 2 The doctor recommended that I _____ a vision break every thirty minutes of near work.
- (1) take
 - (2) took
 - (3) takes
 - (4) am taking
- 3 _____ do you expect us to complete our project within an hour? We need more time.
- (1) Who
 - (2) How
 - (3) When
 - (4) Where
- 4 My elder sister is envious _____ my new dress.
- (1) of
 - (2) by
 - (3) on
 - (4) with
- 5 This is by far _____ movie that I have ever watched.
- (1) an entertaining
 - (2) a very entertaining
 - (3) the most entertaining
 - (4) the more entertaining

- 6 "I'm going to pass this test with flying colours, _____?" asked Sharon.
- (1) do I
 - (2) am I
 - (3) don't I
 - (4) aren't I
- 7 People who work at night have to get used to _____ in the daytime.
- (1) slept
 - (2) sleep
 - (3) sleeps
 - (4) sleeping
- 8 Advice about possible career choices _____ to the students who are interested to know more.
- (1) is given
 - (2) are given
 - (3) has given
 - (4) have given
- 9 _____ you continue to work hard, you will not achieve your goals.
- (1) If
 - (2) Since
 - (3) Unless
 - (4) Despite
- 10 Neither of the twins _____ to join in the game but they have offered to organise it.
- (1) want
 - (2) wants
 - (3) wanted
 - (4) wanting

For each question from 11 to 15, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4).
Shade the oval (1, 2, 3, 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 The culprits were fortunate to escape punishment despite the _____ of their offence.

- (1) severity
- (2) urgency
- (3) intensity
- (4) difficulty

12 Kelly was _____ for her brave act in saving the drowning child.

- (1) noticed
- (2) approved
- (3) appreciated
- (4) commended

13 Your new jacket really _____ the colour of your eyes.

- (1) brings in
- (2) brings up
- (3) brings out
- (4) brings along

14 Lester _____ that we go to his house for a meal and we obliged.

- (1) alleged
- (2) claimed
- (3) insisted
- (4) protested

15 It is better to do things slowly and properly as _____.

- (1) haste makes waste
- (2) still water runs deep
- (3) a stitch in time saves nine
- (4) time and tide wait for no man

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Max, being a mischievous boy, decided to play a trick on his teacher, Mrs Chan.

He scooped his pet mouse, Jerry, put it into his pocket and headed for school.

(16)

Surreptitiously, Max let Jerry loose, making sure no one would catch him in the act.

(17)

At once, it scampered to the front of the class and squeaked. Stupefied to see the

(18)

(19)

mouse, Mrs Chan screamed. The whole class roared with laughter.

Unamused, she declared angrily, "If no one admits to playing this trick, I shall punish the whole class!"

As soon as the class heard that, they stopped laughing and turned to look at Max, expecting him to own up. Max knew that he was in hot soup.

(20)

- 16 (1) lifted
(2) threw
(3) grabbed
(4) removed
- 17 (1) trickily
(2) furtively
(3) indirectly
(4) deceptively
- 18 (1) sped
(2) skipped
(3) sprinted
(4) scurried
- 19 (1) numbed
(2) amazed
(3) shocked
(4) confused
- 20 (1) plead
(2) blame
(3) confess
(4) acknowledge

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

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For each question from 21 to 28, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4).
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

- 21 What does the phrase 'arm yourself with the tool' on Page 5 mean?
- (1) The world is getting more globalised.
 - (2) It does not make sense to be monolingual.
 - (3) Knowing only one language is sufficient for the 21st century.
 - (4) Learning another language is an essential skill for the 21st century.
- 22 According to the flyer, which one of the following is **not** a benefit of speaking more than one language?
- (1) You will be guaranteed a job.
 - (2) You will be more flexible in your thinking.
 - (3) You will be exposed to various cultures worldwide.
 - (4) You will be able to focus on information and complete a task.
- 23 Which one of the following language preparation programmes does not have a focus on conversational skills?
- (1) Italian
 - (2) French
 - (3) German
 - (4) Spanish
- 24 Which of the following statements about LANGgo School is true ?
- (1) Students will enjoy a discount for all the classes offered.
 - (2) Students can choose online lessons to learn a new language.
 - (3) Their teachers are qualified teachers from Ministry of Education.
 - (4) There are classes catered for big groups of more than ten students.
- 25 What is the similarity between the Conversational Korean and the Elementary Mandarin classes?
- (1) Students can learn to construct simple sentences.
 - (2) Students only need to pay \$300 for 10 lessons per class.
 - (3) Students will be taught basic grammar and pronunciation.
 - (4) Students will know how to use both formal and informal speech for social settings.

26 Why did LANGgo School publish the testimonials of the students?

- (1) to introduce the different teachers for the different classes
- (2) to show the importance of learning more than one language
- (3) to let the public know that the teachers are very funny and friendly
- (4) to attract more students to join the classes by sharing the students' positive experiences

27 To register for the classes, interested parties can _____.

- (1) Call 8563232
- (2) Visit LANGgo.com.sg
- (3) Go to 87 East Coast Road
- (4) Email to LANGgo@gmail.com

28 What is the main aim of the flyer?

- (1) to share about the benefits of bilingualism
- (2) to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of LANGgo School
- (3) to encourage the public to learn a language at LANGgo School
- (4) to showcase the testimonials of the students who had attended the classes

Read this passage carefully and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

"The hole looks really deep," Billy muttered as he kept his hands on the wall of the cave.

Jake peered over the edge of the hole. It spread from one side of the cave to the other. The hole seemed like a dark bottomless pit. Vines crept down the sides of the cave and into the hole, slithering over and between each other like black snakes. Staring into the hole, Jake stood precariously near the edge while Billy refrained from getting too close to it. To the latter, it looked too dangerous. The glistening, intertwined vines looked slippery. One misstep on one of the vines or losing his footing would mean tumbling into the deep black abyss. Staring back towards the entrance of the cave, Billy had his heart in his mouth when he realised that the ray of light at the entrance of the cave appeared too far away. He gulped. His heart was pounding hard against his chest. 5

"I think I can see something down there," whispered Jake, flashing Billy a wide grin. Lying face down on the ground, Jake's head was over the edge of the hole. Billy felt strange. His body seemed to be pulled towards the hole, which was as if it was going to swallow him whole. 10

"I dare you to come closer to the hole to take a look," Jake shrieked in excitement. Billy wanted to yell out a loud 'no' but no voice came out of his throat. Chickening out then would mean the word would be all over school very soon. His classmates would seize the opportunity to mock him. Reluctantly, he crouched down on all fours and spread his feet back behind him, making sure not to get too close over the edge of the dark space in front of him. At that moment, he spotted something. It was a flicker which seemed like a tiny fragment of light reflecting off something. 15

"See it?" gasped Jake as he nudged Billy with his elbow, which made Billy jump.

"No! I didn't see anything," Billy answered hesitantly. Obviously, Billy was lying. Stealing a glance at Jake, Billy saw a smile of mesmerised glee on his face. Billy edged slightly away from Jake. A smell rose from the hole. A musky, earthy smell. A smell that Billy did not want lingering in his face for too long. Their initial plan had been simple. All they were supposed to do was to sneak into the cave and take a look at the big hole. Yet, Jake wanted much more than that. With his eyes fixated on the dark mass below them, Jake's lips parted slightly and his breath was shallow. 20 25

"What are you waiting for? Let's get into the hole and explore it together now!" Jake roared impatiently with menacing eyes, like something had a grip on him. Billy shook his head, swallowed away the dryness in his throat and shuffled further away from Jake. In disgust, Jake curled his top lip. Turning away, Jake pushed himself into an upright position and swivelled his legs around. Upon doing that, both his feet hung over the dark hole. He then eased himself closer to the edge of the hole and leaned over. He cleared his throat and spat down into the darkness. 30

"Jake, let's get out of here. We can come back another time with a rope or a ladder," pleaded Billy, who would rather be ridiculed in school on Monday.

"Yeah, why not Billy? We'll bring your dad's ladder and get your mum to pack us some sandwiches. We can have a picnic at the bottom of the hole," Jake blurted in sarcasm and harrumphed, before moving himself closer to the edge of the hole. 35

Billy stood up and reached out his hand, "Jake, I'm serious. I don't want you to do this."

"What you want and what I want are two different things."

Without another sound, Jake leapt into the blackness. Billy jerked his hand back and stood frozen-like statue for a few seconds as he watched Jake's body disappearing from view into the darkness. 40

"Jake!" Billy's loud clarion voice echoed in the cave. "Are you all right?" No response. Still and silent. Dead silence. Inching forward, Billy stared down into the hole. Not a single sound came up from the abyss. Not one fragment of light. Not a soul in sight. It was like Jake had never existed at all.

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 two letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

(A) and	(D) during	(G) had	(K) or	(N) these
(B) are	(E) for	(H) is	(L) since	(P) who
(C) after	(F) has	(J) its	(M) that	(Q) whose

The Ministry of Health (MOH) has confirmed one imported case of monkeypox infection in Singapore. The patient is a 42-year-old British national _____ works as a flight attendant. MOH said that the man was in Singapore between 15 June 2022 _____ 17 June 2022. He flew in and out of Singapore and was tested positive _____ monkeypox on 20 June. He is currently warded in the National Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCID) and his condition is stable. Initially, the man _____ headache and fever. These symptoms were subsequently resolved but soon _____, he developed skin rashes.

"Contact tracing is ongoing for the affected flights and for the duration of his stay in Singapore. _____ this period, he had largely remained in his hotel room, except to visit a massage establishment and eat at three food establishments.

"In general, at _____ locations, the risk of transmission to visitors _____ low. Data has shown that monkeypox transmits through either close physical _____ prolonged contact. All four locations visited by the case are undergoing cleaning and disinfection. Thirteen close contacts have been identified. They will be placed on quarantine for twenty-one days _____ their last contact with the case. If suspected of being infected, they will be conveyed to the NCID immediately for further evaluation and isolation to prevent further transmission," added the Ministry.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Dear Diary,

My first day in school was memorable. I could still recall the events that
(39)
happened even after a long time. Whatever I reminisce my primary school life,
(40)
I will feel nostarlegic.

I woke up to the sound of my alarm clock early that morning and a wave of
(41)
excitement overwelmed me. I got ready for school while my mother packed my snack
(42)
box filled with nutritious food. Entering into the school premeses, I had a simultaneous
(43)
feeling of joy and fear. Many boys and girls were seeing playing merrily at the school
compound. How could they be so happy without their mothers?

(44)
In the classroom, the mood was intensive. We did not know what to expect. As soon
as I got used to the routine for scheduled classes, I finally understood the importance
(45) (46)
of having a disiplind life and its benefits. If any of us missbehayfed or did not pay
(47)
attention in class, our teachers could reprimand us and inform our parents.

(48)
My form teachers then went through our school rules before getting us
(49) (50)
to introduce myself to our classmates. I started to enjoy the conducive envirement of
my class. During snack break, I shared my food with one of my classmates. That marked
the start of our beautiful friendship.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Jackie Chan was a Hong Kong-born Chinese stuntman, actor and director. His dangerous acrobatic stunts and engaging physical humour made him an action-film star in Asia and helped to bring kung fu movies _____ the mainstream of American cinema. (51)

Chan and his family _____ to Australia when he was six. The following year, his parents sent him back to Hong Kong to _____ a strict boarding school. He studied acrobatics, singing and martial arts. These _____ landed him roles as a child actor and later, as a stuntman. Chan often travelled back and _____ to visit his parents and work in Australia. However, he finally made a decision to _____ to Hong Kong, a place he called his permanent home. (52) (53) (54) (55)

Chan commenced his movie career by appearing in _____ roles in two films which starred Bruce Lee, the rising martial arts superstar back then. Not long after Lee's untimely death, Chan got his big break and started receiving offers to take on major roles in films. _____, he started writing, directing and starring in his own movies. His own stunts were often extraordinarily dangerous and he nearly died from a fall that fractured his skull and _____ his hearing. Chan sustained many injuries as a _____ of doing his own stunt work. In 2016, Chan became the first Chinese actor to receive an honorary Academy Award _____ recognised his 'distinctive international career'. (56) (57) (58) (59) (60) (61)

Chan had done it the hard way to _____ his dreams and goals to be an international cinematic star. He also founded the Jackie Chan Charitable Organisation in 1998 and is directly involved in providing financial _____ to schools and universities around the world. He is a UNICEF GoodWill Ambassador who has campaigned _____ animal abuse and pollution. He has also assisted with disaster relief _____ to the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami victims. Chan is truly one of the pride in the international film industry. (62) (63) (64) (65)

For each of the question from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66 The twins loved to watch movies. The twins loved to read books.

Not only _____

67 My classmates were sweeping the floor when I entered the classroom.

The floor _____

68 "How did you get Ben to come here yesterday?" Sally asked Jane.

Sally asked Jane _____

69 She encouraged me constantly. I overcame all odds.

With _____

70 Malaysia and Singapore are separated by the Straits of Johor.

Separating Malaysia _____

71 Where was the big hole located? [1m]

72 What made Billy feel that the hole was dangerous? [2m]

73 Based on lines 2 to 12, fill in the following table. [2m]

How Billy felt	What made Billy feel that way
a)	Billy realised that they had gone too deep into the cave.
weird	b)

74 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word from the sixth paragraph tells us that Jake could not stop looking at the hole?	
b) Which four-word phrase from the seven paragraph tells us that Jake showed his contempt for Billy?	

75 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) it (line 2)	
b) much more (line 24)	
c) that (line 29)	

76. What Billy did to show that he did not want to go into the hole with Jake.

<p>(a)</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/>	<p>(b)</p> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/> <hr style="border: 0; border-top: 1px solid black; margin-bottom: 5px;"/>
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[2m]

77. 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
Billy could not tolerate the smell that was coming from the hole.		
Billy's classmates would laugh at him for being a coward.		
Jake and Billy's initial plan was to enter the hole and explore it.		

78. Based on the story, fill in the blanks below to show Jake's reaction to the different situations. [2m]

When Jake first spotted the flicker,	➡	he _____
When Billy begged Jake to leave,	➡	he _____

79. Which sentence from lines 34 to 41 show that the two boys did not see eye to eye with each other? [1m]

80. Explain clearly what the writer meant by 'It was like Jake had never existed at all.' (line 44) [2m]

End of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

Booklet A

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Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
P	A	E	G	C	D	N	H	K	L
Q39)	whenever	Q43)	seen	Q47)	would				
Q40)	nostalgic	Q44)	intense	Q48)	over				
Q41)	overwhelmed	Q45)	disciplined	Q49)	ourselves				
Q42)	premises	Q46)	misbehaved	Q50)	environment				

Q51)	into	Q56)	return	Q61)	which
Q52)	moved	Q57)	minor	Q62)	achieve
Q53)	attend	Q58)	eventually	Q63)	support
Q54)	skills	Q59)	lost	Q64)	against
Q55)	forth	Q60)	result	Q65)	effort
Q66)	Not only did the twins love to watch movies, but they also loved to read books.				
Q67)	The floor was being swept by my classmates when I entered the classroom.				

Q68)	Sally asked Jane how she had gotten Ben to go there the previous day.						
Q69)	With her constant encouragement, I overcame all odds.						
Q70)	Separating Malaysia and Singapore is the Straits of Johor.						
Q71)	The big hole was in the cave.						
Q72)	The hole was like a dark bottomless pit. The vines in the cave looked slippery.						
Q73)	a) frightened b) Billy felt that the hole was pulling his body, ready to swallow him whole.						
Q74)	a) fixated b) curled his top lip						
Q75)	a) The hole b) Jake exploring the hole c) Jake pushing himself into an upright position and swivelling his legs around.						
Q76)	a) Billy shook his head. b) Billy shuffled further away from Jake.						
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c) False	Jake and Billy's initial plan was to sneak into the cave and take a look at the big hole.						
Q78)	He nudged Billy with his elbow He blurted sarcastic remarks						
Q79)	What you want and what I want are two different things.						
Q80)	There was no trace of Jake had disappeared into the hole.						

NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL PRELIM PAPER

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

- 1 John has not been able to stay focused in class recently. The loss of his pet dog has a serious effect _____ his mood.
- (1) in
 - (2) at
 - (3) of
 - (4) on
- 2 _____ did the singer expect to receive such warm applause from the audience for her performance. She was pleasantly touched.
- (1) Much
 - (2) None
 - (3) Little
 - (4) Any
- 3 The class has decided to nominate Betty as the class monitress. "She's helped many of us in the past months, _____?" said Jane.
- (1) isn't she
 - (2) hasn't she
 - (3) wasn't she
 - (4) doesn't she
- 4 Kayley will read _____ she has the chance. She has been nicknamed 'Bookworm'.
- (1) however
 - (2) whereas
 - (3) wherever
 - (4) whenever
- 5 Jane, as well as her brother, _____ their grandparents every Saturday.
- (1) visit
 - (2) visits
 - (3) are visiting
 - (4) has visited

6 My father will let my siblings and _____ know if he is able to make it to our concert this evening.

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

7 John knew the plot of the story very well because he _____ the book before.

- (1) reads
- (2) had read
- (3) was reading
- (4) had been reading

8 All the children are grouped together in this class, _____ their ability.

- (1) since
- (2) besides
- (3) apart from
- (4) regardless of

9 The number of people who have been scammed online _____ increasing this year.

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

10 Kevin helped his mother _____ the groceries from the market.

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

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. My house is under renovation. We have to _____ at my grandmother's house during this period.
- (1) put up
 - (2) put away
 - (3) put down
 - (4) put across
12. The students worked _____ together for the Social Studies project without any disagreement.
- (1) amicably
 - (2) coherently
 - (3) deliberately
 - (4) simultaneously
13. The official checked my identity card to _____ the information that I had provided before allowing me to take part in the competition.
- (1) verify
 - (2) rectify
 - (3) modify
 - (4) classify
14. Search and rescue teams ploughed through the _____ after the earthquake in search of survivors.
- (1) refuse
 - (2) rubble
 - (3) remains
 - (4) fragments
15. The judge _____ the woman of theft due to the lack of evidence and released her immediately.
- (1) freed
 - (2) acquitted
 - (3) convicted
 - (4) condoned

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

Bella works as a domestic helper in the Lee family. She left Myanmar three years ago, hoping to improve her family's standard of living.
 (16)

When Bella first arrived, she communicated with Mr and Mrs Lee using hand signals. Their determination in teaching her English paid off after several months of instructions, Bella became very good in the language.
 (17)
 (18)

However, Bella's employers can be very demanding. The moment they call for her, they expect her to respond at the drop of a hat. If Bella does not work fast enough, her employers will reprimand her for being very slow in doing things.
 (19)
 (20)
 However, Bella would usually just smile and nod her head.

16. (1) elevate
 (2) develop
 (3) accelerate
 (4) strengthen
17. (1) firmness
 (2) benevolence
 (3) perseverance
 (4) conscientiousness
18. (1) talented
 (2) qualified
 (3) proficient
 (4) accomplished
19. (1) briefly
 (2) hastily
 (3) promptly
 (4) hurriedly
20. (1) idle
 (2) sluggish
 (3) negligent
 (4) inexperienced

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

Gifts SG

National Month of Giving

1 – 30 October 2022

**Sign up as a volunteer or
donate generously today!**

Gifts SG is a month-long campaign organised by the Singapore Charity Foundation. It aims to encourage everyone to help the weak and needy. You can use your time and talents to bless someone!



Twilight Dreams Senior Home

Are you able to dance, play chess, do simple yoga or do you enjoy talking to people? Twilight Dreams needs volunteers for their "Make Seniors Happy" programme on Saturdays. Sign up at www.TDSH.com.sg now. Volunteer for a single activity (two hours or longer) from 1 – 30 October. Volunteers below 12 years of age have to be accompanied by an adult.



Precious Paws Animal Shelter

If you have a soft spot for abandoned animals, give your time to these precious ones. Register your interest at www.preciouspaws.com.sg

Volunteers must commit at least three hours each day on four Saturdays or Sundays. Volunteers under 15 years of age are to be accompanied by an adult. No prior experience working with animals is required.



Hercules Physiotherapy Centre

This centre helps the elderly maintain or regain their mobility. Bigger and better facilities are needed to give them the best treatment they deserve.

Volunteer on any Sunday from 1 to 30 October, from 8 to 11 a.m. Volunteers will collect donations at various locations for the centre. Register your interest at www.HPC.org.sg



Sunshine Children's Hospital

We are raising funds for underprivileged children with special needs. Funds collected will be used for their medical and therapy treatments. Help us reach our target of \$500,000!

We are also looking for volunteers aged 16 and above to spend two to four hours on Sunday afternoons to read or play games with the children. More information regarding donations and volunteer schedules are available at www.SunshineCH.com.sg.



I look forward to the weekends when young people from nearby schools visit us. They sing and dance for us or perform magic tricks. They also teach us how to use our mobile phones and the Internet. I enjoy it most when they tell me about their lives, ask me about mine and help me forget my loneliness.

Aunty Marie, 78
 Resident of Twilight Dreams Senior Home



Many abandoned or stray animals are brought to our shelter every day. Some of them need therapy to get well. The staff at the shelter are trained to conduct therapy. We appreciate volunteers who help us clean and maintain the rooms and animal cages so that we can focus on conducting therapy sessions.

Cecil Lee, 33
 Founder of Precious Paws Animal Shelter



My parents could not afford treatment for me. Thanks to the [Fight Cancer Fund] set up by the Sunshine Children's Hospital in 2019, I was able to receive the medical help I needed to fight this terrible disease. I owe my life to the generosity of many donors in Singapore. Please continue to donate generously to hospitals. You are helping to save lives...

Dawn Chua, 15
 Cancer patient at the Sunshine

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. In what way is Twilight Dreams Senior Home similar to Hercules Physiotherapy Centre?

- (1) They take care of the elderly.
- (2) They receive donations from the public.
- (3) They recruit volunteers for Sunday programmes.
- (4) They look for helpers who enjoy physical activities.

22. Eleven-year-old Mindy wants to volunteer on a Saturday for two hours with her mother. They can volunteer at _____.

- (1) Sunshine Children's Hospital
- (2) Twilight Dreams Senior Home
- (3) Precious Paws Animal Shelter
- (4) Hercules Physiotherapy Centre

23. Fourteen-year-old James can volunteer up to three hours on a single Sunday on his own. He can _____.

- (1) read to children in the hospital
- (2) clean cages at the animal shelter
- (3) collect donations for the physiotherapy centre
- (4) play chess with the elderly at the senior home

24. The three testimonials provided by Aunty Marie, Cecil Lee and Dawn Chua tell us _____.

- (1) what activities they enjoy doing
- (2) why people sign up to help the elderly
- (3) who they like to spend their weekends with
- (4) how volunteers or donations have helped them

25. Which of the following is what Aunty Marie likes most when young volunteers visit her?

- (1) the magic tricks they do
- (2) conversations she has with them
- (3) their song and dance performances
- (4) being taught to use the mobile phone

26. According to Cecil Lee, some of the animals that are brought to the animal shelter _____.
- (1) require daily cleaning
 - (2) are unwell and need treatment
 - (3) need the staff at the shelter to train them
 - (4) are given therapy sessions by volunteers
27. According to the flyer, which of the following is true of Dawn Chua?
- (1) Her job at the hospital was to save lives.
 - (2) Her parents paid in full for her cancer treatment.
 - (3) She had made donations to the 'Fight Cancer Fund'.
 - (4) She received help from the Sunshine Children's Hospital.
28. What is the main purpose of the flyer?
- (1) to raise funds for underprivileged children
 - (2) to look for students who can take care of animals
 - (3) to increase awareness of the needs of the elderly
 - (4) to encourage people to volunteer or make donations

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

Tim believed that the little one could fly. He had trained her. His neighbour, Harry, did not share his enthusiasm and <u>constantly poked</u> fun at his attempts. "You got wings? Where are they?" He pinched his skin between Tim's shoulder blades and laughed. Tim <u>shook</u> his hand off and held on to the box.	
The bird flapped around and let out another cry. She hated being inside that box. But Tim had to put her in to get her <u>there</u> . The wind blew harder, icy-cold in their faces. "That's a strong wind," said Harry. "Are you sure that pigeon can fly in this?"	5
"Blanche isn't a pigeon," Tim retorted, "I told you before." <u>Blanche is a German word meaning 'white' which described her snow-white feathers perfectly.</u>	
"Oh yeah, that's right. A seagull. One of those little things that hop by the sea."	10
Tim was about to snap back at Harry when he made eye contact with old Uncle Frank who was approaching. He gave the boys a friendly nod, then glanced at the box curiously. <u>That</u> prompted Harry to make small talk with the kindly neighbour, telling him about going <u>to the top</u> of the hill at the end of Station Road. "Got to let this bird out," he said. "It's been with us since he found it on the shore, dying. I'm <u>surprised</u> it lasted this long to be honest."	15
As if reacting to the memory of her precarious early life, Blanche started flapping around in the box, screeching. She moved about so much that the box nearly fell out of Tim's hands. Spontaneously, old Uncle Frank's hands swung up to help secure it. "The enclosure is <u>stifling</u> it. You'd better run," <u>he warned the boys.</u>	20
All the way to Station Road, Harry made one comment after another. Always the same thing. That silly bird couldn't fly. That silly bird was lucky to be alive. On the contrary, Tim felt that there was no reason for her not to survive. He fed her. He made sure she ate every day. She was just a little blob when he found her. She had hardly any feathers and her eyes were almost completely shut. But he touched her and she <u>moved a little. That was when he decided to take her home.</u>	25
<u>Mother said Tim couldn't keep her in the house.</u> "It's dirty," she said. "It might have fleas."	
"She's a she, Mom," Tim said. "And she doesn't have fleas. I've washed her."	
Tim didn't know what food to give her initially. <u>When consulted, the pet shop man said dismissively that she would die in two days.</u>	30
<u>Tim went to the library instead and found a book on birds.</u> There was a picture of a man feeding a baby bird some milk. He didn't know birds could drink milk, but he would give it a try or <u>she would die.</u> He didn't want the pet shop man to be right.	
"So what are you planning on doing?" asked Harry. "Throwing it off the top here?"	35
"I'll help her," Tim said. "I've been helping her for the last two weeks."	
Harry chuckled again. The same chuckle whenever he thought he was right. A <u>smug</u> chuckle, Tim reckoned. It irked him no end.	
"Come on then," said Harry. "Get on with it. It's freezing up here."	40
Tim put the box on the grass and knelt down to open the lid. As he fumbled with the two cardboard flaps, Blanche flapped around inside. "Come on, girl," Tim said in what he hoped was a soothing voice. "Out you go."	
"Saying your last goodbyes?" teased Harry. "So sad." However, he couldn't say anymore as he went into one of his coughing fits. Despite Harry's noisy hacking and hawing, Tim was secretly <u>thankful for the momentary peace.</u>	45
Tim kept the flaps open and Blanche let her wings spill outside into the cold air. "Come on, girl! Go get your <u>freedom!</u> " Tim coaxed. The seagull only stretched out her head at awkward angles. Tim lifted the box higher to give her a full view of what was in front of them. She let out a cry yet dared not venture out. "You can do it!" he whispered. Alas, the box felt the same. Tim sighed. Then he heard it – strong flapping of wings. When he felt the box jolt and lighten, his spirits soared.	50

Adapted from Flight by David Buckley

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) among	(D) for	(G) in	(K) on	(N) they
(B) and	(E) has	(H) into	(L) or	(P) to
(C) are	(F) how	(J) is	(M) the	(Q) which

Many working parents spend very little time with their children due to work commitment. According to recent studies, _____ have begun to realise the importance of shared family time at the dinner table, _____ is the only time when every member of the family _____ together at one place.

(29) (30) (31)

The purpose of a family dinner may differ from family _____ family. In one family, good table manners might be _____ most important thing parents want to teach their children. In another family, it might be communication or learning _____ to listen and respect one another. Some parents might also want to divide the tasks of preparing dinner _____ the children. This is done so that the responsibilities of preparing food, serving and washing dishes do not fall _____ the parents only.

(32) (33) (34) (35) (36)

Having dinner together as a family can be looked upon as an opportunity _____ a chore. If it is viewed as an opportunity _____ bonding, it can enhance family relationships. If it is viewed as a chore, there is a possibility that the family relationships will not be as strong.

(37) (38)

Adapted from www.stanfordchildrens.org

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

I was day-dreaming in my room instead of preparing for my examination.
(39) (40)
Feeling frastraited, I decided to look for my father to sought advice.

(41)
In the living room, I saw my father angrosed in his reading. I contemplated if
(42)
I should disturb him. After a brief hesitate, I asked, "Dad, I have not been able to
(43)
conscentrat on my studies."

(44)
Father looked up and then signal for me to go to the kitchen with him. He said,
"Let's do an experiment! You will be able to look at things from a different
(45)
purspektive after that."

Father boiled some water in a pot. He then placed an egg, two tea leaves and
(46)
a potato into the water and told me to keep an eye on it. After ten minutes, he
instructed me to peel the egg and potato and strain the leaves. That left me in utter
(47)
bewilldement, not knowing what his intention was.

(48)
"Look at how the items have responded different? The egg was soft, but it is
now hard. The potato was hard, but it is now soft. And the tea leaves; they have

(49)

changed the colour of the water." My father then asked, "When adversity calls,

are you an egg, a potato or tea leaves?"

(50)

Heard his words made me realise that there are different responses that

one could choose in difficult situations. I went back to my room - all ready to put in

my best effort in my studies.

Adapted from <https://moralstories.top/read>

SMILE Tutor
EFFICIENT · EFFECTIVE · EASY

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Singapore is bracing itself for a major dengue outbreak. The numbers could rise _____ higher than the current 19,386 cases as the nation has entered its
(51)
peak dengue season from June to October. _____ to the warmer
(52)
weather, the mosquitoes breed quickly, and the virus multiplies.

_____ to the Ministry of Health, dengue is spread
(53)
_____ the bite of a female *Aedes* mosquito. A mosquito
(54)
_____ infected with dengue after taking blood from a dengue-infected
(55)
person. It can then infect other people after eight to twelve days and
_____ on the disease for the rest of its two-week lifespan.
(56)
_____ there are four different types of dengue virus, individuals can
(57)
be infected with dengue up to four times. Repeat infections increase the risks of
_____ dengue and, in turn, fatality. There have been four deaths,
(58)
_____ far in 2022.
(59)

The National Environment Agency (NEA) has carried out around 389,000 inspections in the first half of this year, _____ 10,800 mosquito-
(60)
breeding habitats. It noted that at least half of these breeding sites are found in homes. Homeowners are advised to use aids _____ mosquito traps or larvicide, to
(61)
_____ mosquito larvae before they reach the pupa stage.
(62)

Prof Cook said Singaporeans could _____ precautions such as
(63)
wearing long sleeves or applying mosquito repellent. Spraying insecticide indoors is
_____ option, he added. "There are places the mosquito likes to rest
(64)
so spraying those places can help to _____ the population. Finally,
(65)
you might consider installing anti-mosquito screens on windows like they do in Japan,"

Adapted from <https://www.straitstimes.com>

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). (10 marks)

66. "Did you take our dog out for a walk?" Mrs Pang asked her husband.

Mrs Pang asked _____

67. My cousins had not been to Chinatown. They lost their way.

Not _____

68. I will call you. I am almost home.

As soon as _____

69. Nothing was done by my brother to clean up our room.

My brother _____

70. I was amazed that he ate the whole pizza.

To my _____

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

71. From the first paragraph, pick up a four-word phrase that tells us that Tim was upset with Harry? [1m]

72. Circle one word that best describes the tone Harry would have used in lines 2-3.
DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

concerned / encouraging / humorous / skeptical

73. Harry asked, "Are you sure that pigeon can fly in this?" (line 7)
a) How do you think Tim felt about Harry's question? [1m]

- b) Why did Tim feel that way? [1m]

74. Why did Tim name the seagull Blanche? [1m]

75. Based on lines 17-26, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
a) Blanche flapped and screeched as she recalled her grave physical condition as a nestling.		
b) Harry was pessimistic about Blanche's chances of survival.		
c) When Tim found Blanche, she was unresponsive.		

76. Based on lines 32-34, what did Tim do to ensure Blanche's survival? [2m]

a)	
(b)	

77. Based on lines 17-34, tick (✓) the column to indicate each character's attitude towards Tim's efforts to help Blanche and give a reason why you think so. [3m]

Character	Supportive	Not supportive	Reason
Old Uncle Frank			
Pet shop man			
Tim's mother			

78. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
a) there (line 6)	
b) That (line 13)	
c) It (line 39)	

79. Explain clearly why Tim was "thankful for the momentary peace" (line 46). [2m]

80. Do you think Blanche got her 'freedom' eventually (line 48)? Support your answer with evidence from lines 47-52. [2m]

End of Paper

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Booklet B

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Q40)	seek		Q44)	signalled		Q48)	differently		
Q41)	engrossed		Q45)	perspective		Q49)	adversity		
Q42)	hesitation		Q46)	them		Q50)	Hearing		

Q51)	even	Q56)	pass	Q61)	like
Q52)	Due	Q57)	As	Q62)	kill
Q53)	According	Q58)	serious / getting	Q63)	take
Q54)	through	Q59)	so	Q64)	another
Q55)	becomes	Q60)	spotting	Q65)	reduce
Q66)	Mrs Pang asked her husband if he had taken their dog out for a walk.				
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Q68)	As soon as I am home, I will call you.				
Q69)	My brother did nothing to clean up our room.				
Q70)	To my amazement, he ate the whole pizza.				

Q71)	shook his hand off														
Q72)	humorous														
Q73)	a) Tim felt angry. b) Blanche is white (in german) and the seagull had snow white feathers.														
Q74)	The seagull has snow-white feathers and Blanche means white.														
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		√	Tim's mother said that Blanche could not be kept in the house as she was dirty and might have fleas.												
Q78)	a) The top of the hill at the end of Station Road. b) Old Uncle Frank glance at the box curiously. c) Harry's smug chuckle when he thought he was right.														
Q79)	Harry could not tease Tim as he went into one of his coughing fits. Tim was thankful since Harry always teased him.														
Q80)	Yes. Tim kept the flaps open and Blanche let her wing spill outside into the cold air. Tim encouraged Blanche and he heard a strong flapping of wings and the box jolt and lighten.														

NAN HUA PRIMARY SCHOOL SA1 PAPER

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

- 1 Mrs Koh will be taking my classmates and _____ to the aquarium at the end of the year.
- (1) I
 - (2) us
 - (3) me
 - (4) her
- 2 "Study hard and you will get good results. Mine _____ terrible when I was your age," Ben advised his younger sister.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 3 We were amazed _____ what she told us.
- (1) of
 - (2) in
 - (3) on
 - (4) by
- 4 Vicky has not managed to solve this problem sum _____ having worked on it for hours.
- (1) but
 - (2) yet
 - (3) despite
 - (4) although
- 5 "Do you mind _____ the windows? It is rather stuffy in the classroom," the teacher requested.
- (1) open
 - (2) opened
 - (3) to open
 - (4) opening

- 6 Neither of the magazines _____ in this country last year.
- (1) is published
 - (2) are published
 - (3) was published
 - (4) were published
- 7 As Kumar is shy, _____ is known about him.
- (1) less
 - (2) little
 - (3) more
 - (4) much
- 8 "Eva's always been wearing pink spectacles, _____ she?" Lina questioned.
- (1) has
 - (2) had
 - (3) hadn't
 - (4) hasn't
- 9 The pickpocket _____ off even before the victim realised that his wallet was missing.
- (1) ran
 - (2) runs
 - (3) has run
 - (4) had run
- 10 Sara consoled her brother, "Poor boy. When you got lost in the mall, you _____ have been very frightened."
- (1) will
 - (2) can
 - (3) shall
 - (4) must

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

11 The school musical is a _____ success as all the tickets have been sold out.

- (1) minor
- (2) global
- (3) moderate
- (4) tremendous

12 I am going to _____ tonight's party because my friends have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

- (1) call on
- (2) call off
- (3) call back
- (4) call away

13 Many people admired Andy's determination because he did not let his poor health _____ him from pursuing his passion.

- (1) deter
- (2) detach
- (3) exempt
- (4) withdraw

14 She looked at the dog _____, afraid it might jump and hurt her.

- (1) warily
- (2) earnestly
- (3) meticulously
- (4) unconsciously

15 The painting on the wall is not genuine. It is a/an _____ of the original.

- (1) replica
- (2) adoption
- (3) adaptation
- (4) restoration

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

An old neighbour, Mr Tan, had passed away a few months ago. Since then, the boys noticed that his wife, Mrs Tan, had begun feeding birds every day without fail at their void deck. The inquisitive boys wondered why and wanted to ask her about it. Finally, one day, they mustered the courage to go to her. Sensing their presence, Mrs Tan peered up at them and asked the boys, "Are you here to feed the birds as well?" Not expecting the questions, the boys involuntarily gasped in unison.

She then continued, "I am waiting for my husband. He promised he will be back soon."

The boys turned to look at each other in bewilderment. They could not understand why Mrs Tan did not know about Mr Tan's death, but they decided to keep mum about it.

- 16 (1) detected
(2) identified
(3) observed
(4) discovered
- 17 (1) curious
(2) intrusive
(3) distrustful
(4) flabbergasted
- 18 (1) took up
(2) called up
(3) picked up
(4) plucked up
- 19 (1) suddenly
(2) impulsively
(3) thoughtlessly
(4) unintentionally
- 20 (1) shock
(2) doubt
(3) confusion
(4) amazement

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

STEP UP LEADERSHIP CAMP

18 - 22 DECEMBER 2022

Jointly organised by Youth in Action Society and Adventure Sports Club

Calling all primary school student leaders!

Step up! Learn to lead with greater purpose and effectiveness!

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way.

John Maxwell

HIGH ELEMENT ACTIVITIES

Train your mental flexibility and physical endurance to push your limits!

*Organisers will not be liable for any injury incurred.



ESCAPE ROOM CHALLENGE

Take turns to lead a team as you solve problems to escape dangerous situations. It's a race against time!

**STEP UP
NOW!**

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Head a team to complete a mission within a time limit and a small budget.

SPEAK UP

Learn to address a group persuasively and confidently.

MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME

Be mentored by:

- community leaders
- heads of government agencies
- owners of local companies

Mentorship Programme is designed by



ACT NOW

Attach a recommendation letter from your form teacher or the teacher in charge of your CCA with your completed registration form at www.STEPUPCamp22.edu.sg by 1 June 2022.

Feedback on Step Up Learning Camp

WHAT PARENTS SAY

As an environmental ambassador, Rachel now speaks with confidence in front of a crowd. Even the teachers and her friends told her that her speeches had motivated them to take action for the environment.

Robert Wong, father of Rachel



Roy used to think that he only needed to be the best volleyball player as the volleyball captain. Now he knows he needs to be organised and self-motivated too.

Janet Lee, mother of Roy

WHAT TEACHERS SAY

Cheryl, our student leader, is now able to mediate between disagreeing members, advising them to put aside their differences and work as a team.

Miss Sally Chong, teacher in charge of Choir



The prefects agreed that the Mentorship Programme was especially beneficial. They were inspired by the business owners who had shared their experiences about working in the real world. The mentors also gave them individual feedback on their performances during the camp.

Mr Jireh Tan, teacher in charge of prefects

WHAT STUDENTS SAY



Step Up Leadership Camp 2021 was fun. We learnt about taking responsibility and developing our own leadership style. Now we know how important it is to lead by example.

Primary 4 Prefects

Need more information?

For enquiries, email Mr Chris Wan at wiseleaders@stepup.edu.sg

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

- 21 Why is the quote by John Maxwell included in the flyer?
- (1) To introduce the activities of the camp
 - (2) To remind students of their responsibilities
 - (3) To inspire student leaders to develop leadership skills
 - (4) To encourage teachers to send student leaders to the camp
- 22 In which of the following activities will camp participants get a chance to work as a team?
- (1) High Element Activities and Speak Up
 - (2) Mentorship Programme and Speak Up
 - (3) Leadership Experience and Escape Room Challenge
 - (4) Escape Room Challenge and Mentorship Programme
- 23 What is the main purpose of the activity 'Leadership Experience'?
- (1) to develop mental flexibility in student leaders
 - (2) to coach student leaders in oral presentation skills
 - (3) to provide opportunities for student leaders to lead a team
 - (4) to teach student leaders about budgeting and time management
- 24 Tom wants to sign up for the camp. He has to _____.
- (1) ask his form teacher to enrol him
 - (2) register his interest from 1 June 2022
 - (3) submit an online registration form only
 - (4) get a recommendation letter from his CCA teacher

- 25 Which of the following about the STEP UP LEADERSHIP CAMP is true?
- (1) The camp is held in December 2022.
 - (2) The camp is organised by Little Leaders.
 - (3) Students should visit www.STEPUPCamp22.edu.sg for more information.
 - (4) The organisers are responsible for injuries arising from any camp activities.
- 26 According to Mr Jireh Tan, how did the mentors in the Mentorship Programme help the camp student leaders?
- (1) taught them different leadership styles
 - (2) provided them with individual feedback
 - (3) gave them tips on taking on responsibilities
 - (4) gave them opportunities to work in the real world
- 27 In the section 'Parents Say', what change does Robert Wong observe in his daughter, Rachel?
- (1) She is a more convincing speaker.
 - (2) She is a more confident team player.
 - (3) She is better able to resolve conflicts.
 - (4) She cares more for the environment.
- 28 Which one of the following statements is an opinion?
- (1) Participants work in teams in some camp activities.
 - (2) Participants are involved in physical activities in the camp.
 - (3) Participants will become organised and self-motivated after the camp.
 - (4) Participants are taught the techniques of public speaking at the camp.

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

"Look! They are below!" Delia shouted to get the attention of Mike. The two young biologists had left the comfort of their home in America to resettle in the Kalahari Desert, Africa, to study lions. They recently got a small plane to help them with the tracking of the lions. In the trees below their plane was a pride of lions, feasting on a zebra's carcass.

"We have finally found them! It's a good opportunity to film them in proximity. Let's go back and get the recording equipment," exclaimed Delia. After days of searching without success, she was exhilarated to catch a glimpse of them.

With a compass, Mike marked the location of the lions on the area map before they flew back to their camp. There, they hurriedly loaded the equipment into the truck.

Mike said, "You'd better go first before we lose them. The plane needs some minor repairs. I will catch up with you later."

Delia then drove off alone to the marked location. An hour later, Mike flew in the same direction as her, searching for the white speck of their truck below. He finally spotted it. Knowing that she was headed in the right direction, he flew ahead to where they had seen the pride earlier. Unfortunately, they were gone. Hoping that they were not far off, he started encircling the area.

Meanwhile, Delia had reached the marked location. She got out of the truck. Scanning the surroundings, her shoulders drooped — the lions were nowhere in sight. "Will I ever get to film them up close?" she sighed. However, there was no time to waste. She proceeded to prepare for the plane's landing. Carefully, she selected a section of the ground. Armed with a spade, she smoothened the ground. When she had finished, she walked back towards the truck.

Then, she saw the lions. They were between her and the truck. As they began to walk slowly towards her, she stood frozen to the spot, her heart pounding. She could see the plane in the distance but had no way to signal to Mike that she needed help urgently. She began to back away. However, the lions continued to move closer to her. She forced herself to stand still but the lions kept pressing forward.

Just then, there was a rustle. Delia's eyes lit up at the sight of a uniformed man who had turned up. A park ranger! Swiftly, he grabbed the spade from her hand, raised it and bellowed at the lions, "STOP!" Abruptly, the lions stopped advancing and slowly sat down. What a surprise! Their heads and necks craned forward as they watched the humans. The ranger knew that for Delia to get to the truck, she had to get past the lions. He gestured to Delia and she nodded in understanding. Holding on to the spade tightly, the ranger took steps forward and Delia followed behind. Slowly, they began moving together past the lions. Both of their eyes never once left the lions.

<p>Similarly, the lions tracked them like a radar, their heads slowly turning in response to their every move.</p>	
<p>When they were far enough from the lions, Delia scampered towards the truck while the ranger headed into the wilderness. Once in the truck, Delia was panting from the exertion. She lay on the seat in a daze.</p>	40
<p>The sound of the plane grew louder before it glided in for landing. Delia was jolted to her senses. As Mike taxied next to the truck and turned off the engine, the lions watched it intently from where they were. "Great job! You've found the lions," he exclaimed cheerfully as he approached Delia.</p>	45
<p><i>Adapted from Cry of the Kalahari by Delia Owens</i></p>	



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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) a	(D) during	(G) much	(K) or	(N) which
(B) all	(E) for	(H) must	(L) some	(P) who
(C) between	(F) from	(J) only	(M) the	(Q) within

Superheroes come in all shapes and sizes. _____ even have tails! On 11
 (29)
 October 2021, the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) honoured Bear,
 _____ dog, with the "Animal of the Year" Award. Bear helped save more than 100
 (30)
 koalas from the devastating bushfires _____ swept across New South Wales
 (31)
 (NSW), Australia, _____ June 2019 to May 2020.
 (32)
 Bear's previous owners, _____ found his "boundless energy for play" too
 (33)
 much to handle, decided to give him up _____ adoption. They reached out to the
 (34)
 University of the Sunshine Coast's Detection Dogs for Conservation team to assess
 Bear's suitability to be a rescue dog. Within minutes into the assessment, the trainers
 knew he would make a perfect conservation dog. Not _____ did Bear
 (35)
 possess a keen sense of smell, he also had no interest in killing the animals he found.
 _____ he wanted to do was play!
 (36)
 Bear managed to sniff out over 100 stranded _____ injured koalas in the
 (37)
 scorched NSW forests _____ six months. Thanks to this brave canine, many
 (38)
 koalas were rescued in time.

Adapted from www.dogonews.com

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

My aunt was window shopping one day. She found herself staring in amazement

(39)

at a colourful yet fragile crystal that was on display. An honest-looking salesman

(40)

(41)

aproched her and began to convince her that the crystal would defernately cure her

(42)

of all ailments. She was doubting about the salesman's claim.

(43)

(44)

The salesman suseeded in selling her the idea that the crystal had magic

(45)

power. My aunt finally bought the crystal after much thought. She handed up the

(46)

money to the salesman and left with the crystal in her arms. Her mind was preocupide

with where she should place the crystal as she headed home.

(47)

Engrossed with the believe that she would experience health benefits, she

(48)

even stroke the crystal daily. While she found no difference in her current health,

(49)

she knew she had been deceived. Anger, she threw the crystal onto the floor and it

(50)

shedtered into pieces. That was the last time my aunt ever believed what

salespeople claim.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Crabs are members of the animal group called crustaceans. They have an external skeleton, a hard shell that _____ protection for the soft tissue underneath it. They _____ in a great range of sizes. Tiny pea crabs can be as small as a pea while the giant crab of Japan, on the other _____, can be more than thirty centimetres across and as tall as four metres.

Crabs usually live in water bodies and they breathe using gills. _____, most crabs can survive out of water for an extended _____, so long as their gills stay damp, as their gills have developed to act like lungs.

A crab has five pairs of legs. The front pair _____ known as pinching claws, mainly for defense and feeding purposes. Crabs use their claws to _____ onto their food or prey, tear it into _____ pieces before moving it into their tiny mouths. They also use them for fighting with other crabs and to fend _____ predators.

The remaining eight legs are used for moving from one place to _____. Crabs can actually move forward but prefer to move sideways. This is because they are slower moving forward _____. sideways.

Crabs have eyes on independently moving eye stalks to enable them to monitor their environment in _____ direction. This helps the crab to detect any _____ danger.
(62)
(63)

Crabs are omnivores that eat _____ plant and animal matter.
(64)
Most crabs are also scavengers, feeding on dead bodies of birds and other sea animals that had been _____ up on the shore.
(65)

All crabs begin their life cycle as an egg. After they hatch, they will go through a process called metamorphosis, during which they shed their outer coverings many times before they finally develop into their adult form.

Adapted from <https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/crab/353009>

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). (10 marks)

66. The Chinese dancers were graceful. They impressed the judges.

The Chinese dancers' _____

67. "Are we going to the sushi restaurant for dinner tonight?" Tom asked Father.

Tom asked Father _____

68. Ken did not want to take the test again.

Taking _____

69. The lock of the white drawer was being picked by burglars.

The burglars _____

70. Unless the rain comes soon, the haze will be prolonged.

_____ if

Read the passage on pages 9 and 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.
(20 marks)

71. Why did Delia and Mike leave America? (1m)

72. Which word from lines 6 - 11 tells us that Mike and Delia had been searching for the lions for a long time? (1m)

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

_____ The biologists returned to the camp.

_____ The lions' whereabouts was noted on the map.

_____ The equipment was packed into the truck.

74. Why did Delia have to hurry to the marked location? (2m)

75. Based on lines 12-24, fill in the blanks below to show the reasons for the characters' actions. (3m)

Mike had to stay
behind at the camp



to _____

Mike flew the plane
around the area



to _____

Delia smoothened the
ground with a spade



to _____

76. Explain why Delia's shoulders drooped (line 20). (2m)

77. With reference to lines 25-29, circle two words that best describe how Delia felt during her close encounter with the lions. (2m)

DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN TWO WORDS.

agitated / confused / desperate / fearful / hesitant / sickened

78. Based on lines 30-39, 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 man was a stranger to Delia.		
The ranger signalled Delia to hold on to the spade.		
The lions were unaware that Delia and the ranger had moved past them.		

79. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. (3m)

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
them (line 3)	Delia and Mike
it (line 16)	
surprise (line 33)	
the exertion (line 42)	

80. Based on the last paragraph, do you think Mike knows about Delia's close encounter with the lions? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (2m)

ANSWER SHEET

Booklet A Q1	3	Booklet A Q15	1
Booklet A Q2	4	Booklet A Q16	3
Booklet A Q3	4	Booklet A Q17	1
Booklet A Q4	3	Booklet A Q18	4
Booklet A Q5	4	Booklet A Q19	4
Booklet A Q6	3	Booklet A Q20	3
Booklet A Q7	2	Booklet A Q21	3
Booklet A Q8	4	Booklet A Q22	3
Booklet A Q9	4	Booklet A Q23	3
Booklet A Q10	4	Booklet A Q24	4
Booklet A Q11	4	Booklet A Q25	1
Booklet A Q12	2	Booklet A Q26	2
Booklet A Q13	1	Booklet A Q27	1
Booklet A Q14	1	Booklet A Q28	3

Booklet B Q29	L
Booklet B Q30	A
Booklet B Q31	N
Booklet B Q32	F
Booklet B Q33	P
Booklet B Q34	E
Booklet B Q35	J
Booklet B Q36	B
Booklet B Q37	K
Booklet B Q38	Q

Booklet B Q39	fragile
Booklet B Q40	approached
Booklet B Q41	definitely
Booklet B Q42	doubtful
Booklet B Q43	succeeded
Booklet B Q44	magical
Booklet B Q45	over
Booklet B Q46	preoccupied
Booklet B Q47	belief
Booklet B Q48	After
Booklet B Q49	Angrily
Booklet B Q50	shattered

Booklet B Q51	provides
Booklet B Q52	come
Booklet B Q53	hand
Booklet B Q54	However
Booklet B Q55	time
Booklet B Q56	are
Booklet B Q57	hold/grasp/grip
Booklet B Q58	smaller
Booklet B Q59	off
Booklet B Q60	another
Booklet B Q61	than
Booklet B Q62	any
Booklet B Q63	imminent
Booklet B Q64	both
Booklet B Q65	washed

Q66)	The Chinese dancers' grace impressed the judges.
Q67)	Tom asked Father if they were going to the sushi restaurant for dinner that night.
Q68)	Taking the test again was what Ken did not want.
Q69)	The burglars were picking the lock of the white drawer.
Q70)	The haze will be prolonged if the rain does not come soon.
Q71)	Delia and Mile were biologists that left America to resettle in the Kalahari Desert, Africa to study Lions.
Q72)	finally
Q73)	2, 1, 3
Q74)	Delia finally found a pride of lions and they were at time marked location when Delia was on the plane, she had to hurry back as she was worried that they move to another location, losing a chance to film the lions up close.
Q75)	<p>→ to repair the plane.</p> <p>→ to find the pack of lions.</p> <p>→ to prepare for the plane's landing.</p>
Q76)	Delia was disappointed that the lions were nowhere in sight.
Q77)	desperate / fearful
Q78)	<p>True --- Delia only recognised the man as a park ranger.</p> <p>False --- The ranger signalled Delia to follow behind him.</p> <p>False --- The lions tracked Delia and the ranger, their heads slowly turning in response to their every move.</p>
Q79)	<p>(line 16) --- white speck of Delia and Mike's truck</p> <p>(line 33) --- The lions stopped advancing and slowly sat down when the ranger bellowed them to stop.</p> <p>(line 42) --- escaping from the lions.</p>
Q80)	No, I do not think Mike knows. He exclaimed cheerfully and did not mention about the close encounter with the lions.

NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL PRELIM PAPER

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

(10 marks)

1. The students were reminded to abide _____ the school rules as outlined in the Student Handbook.
 - (1) in
 - (2) to
 - (3) by
 - (4) on

2. Not a single passenger _____ hurt when the bus skidded on the wet road.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

3. Bernadette looked _____ than happy when she was not selected for the basketball trials that she had trained hard for.
 - (1) few
 - (2) less
 - (3) little
 - (4) more

4. _____ you decide not to go on the school trip, you will get a refund.
 - (1) Can
 - (2) Shall
 - (3) Could
 - (4) Should

5. Tom's never on time, _____ he?
 - (1) is
 - (2) has
 - (3) isn't
 - (4) hasn't

6. Peter continued with the marathon _____ being tired.
- (1) until
 - (2) despite
 - (3) because
 - (4) although
7. Shanice _____ on the grass and gazed at the stars in awe.
- (1) lie
 - (2) lay
 - (3) laid
 - (4) lain
8. By the end of next month, Mr Tan _____ a trained instructor.
- (1) becomes
 - (2) is becoming
 - (3) has become
 - (4) will have become
9. "I practised hard for the competition, but so _____ all the other competitors," Dan said.
- (1) do
 - (2) did
 - (3) does
 - (4) done
10. Kelly suddenly spotted a suspicious person _____ in the school canteen.
- (1) loiters
 - (2) loitered
 - (3) loitering
 - (4) was loitering

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

(5 marks)

11. The teacher's _____ remarks brought a blush to Konan's cheeks and a smile to his face.

- (1) belittling
- (2) haughty
- (3) flattering
- (4) sentimental

12. A series of tornadoes left a _____ of destruction across the country.

- (1) trail
- (2) route
- (3) circuit
- (4) passage

13. Even though Fiona is an award-winning writer in Southeast Asia, she remains _____ outside the region.

- (1) unknown
- (2) unbearable
- (3) unbeatable
- (4) unforgettable

14. Having been in the same job for many years, Mrs Lee decided to _____ on her own and start a business.

- (1) strike up
- (2) strike off
- (3) strike out
- (4) strike down

15. Mrs Lim encouraged her daughter to read _____ by sharing with her a wide variety of books.

- (1) promptly
- (2) studiously
- (3) generously
- (4) extensively

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

(5 marks)

Can't wait to immerse yourself in a day of fun within a virtual world? When Sparkdyland is inaugurated in two months' time, you can! Armed with headsets and virtual goggles, visitors to this revolutionary theme park will experience a virtual world of rides and games.

The theme park's upcoming opening has generated much fanfare. Promising its visitors an experience that is unparalleled, public anticipation has intensified as the official opening day draws near. A huge crowd is expected to join in the festivities on its opening day. The success of this theme park will mark the start of a new era of entertainment.

16. (1) initiated
(2) triggered
(3) launched
(4) originated
17. (1) novel
(2) exotic
(3) futuristic
(4) conventional
18. (1) unusual
(2) unrivalled
(3) uncommon
(4) underestimated
19. (1) looms
(2) advances
(3) converges
(4) approaches
20. (1) formalities
(2) promotions
(3) celebrations
(4) observances

Study this article from a newsletter and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Green Park Grand Opening

A Harmony of Nature and the Arts at Green Park

By Jason Yao and Timothy Tan
 18 August 2022

After months of designing, planning and working with various partners, Green Park was finally opened to the public on 1 August 2022. Located in the south-western part of Singapore, Green Park comprises over 20 hectares of land, offering facilities and activities for both the young and old.

For the month of August, Green Park has collaborated with local artists and arts groups to offer a fun-filled month-long event that allows visitors to discover how nature blends with the arts. Visitors will be treated to an open-air concert, poetry appreciation and a photography exhibition and contest.

There is also an Edible Plants Garden for those with green fingers to dabble in. Trained guides will conduct hourly walks within the nature reserve, highlighting plants and small animals often hidden in plain sight. Visitors can look forward to the sights and sounds of the serene park.



"It was a refreshing breath of fresh air for both my mind and body! My family and I had a wonderful morning at the park and my children loved the Adventure Grove. I'd never known how nature and the arts could blend so well together and what I loved most was the poetry appreciation near the nature reserve. It was a unique experience to listen to poems via the app while enjoying the flora and fauna around me. I hope the park organiser will hold these activities annually."

~Mrs Tan, mother of four

How to get there:

By bus:

- 51, 100, 196 (alight at Hyber Road)
- 9, 28, 47 (alight at Compass Road)

A gentle reminder:

Leave nothing but footprints.
 Take nothing but photographs.

Dos and Don'ts:

- Be a responsible pet owner. Keep your pets leashed.
- Use of drones is allowed except in "No Fly" zones.
- Keep noise level low.
- Stay on designated trails.

Event Highlights

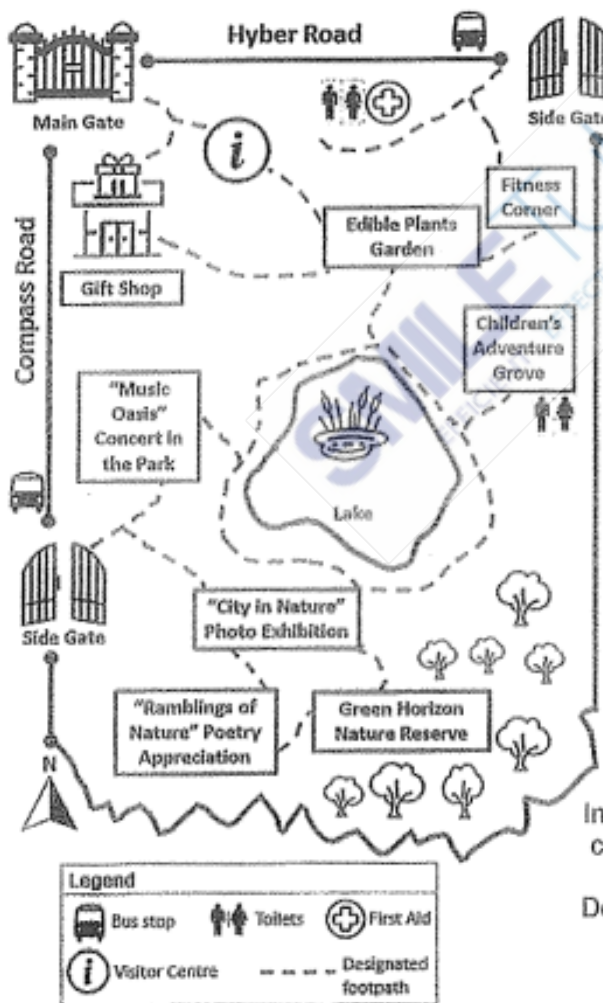


Children's Adventure Grove
A spacious playground where the young ones can climb, swing and slide to their hearts' content.



"City in Nature" Photo Exhibition and Contest
Feast your eyes on snapshots of nature taken from various perspectives. Marvel at pictures taken from dawn to dusk, and be amazed by how our city thrives within nature! Show off your photography skills too and stand a chance to win attractive prizes!

Map of Green Park



"Music Oasis"
Concert in the Park
Enjoy a wonderful evening as the talented musicians from the Singapore Orchestra present beautiful and uplifting tunes to end your day! Sing along to familiar tunes!



"Ramblings of Nature"
Poetry Appreciation
Inspired by the challenges faced by nature conservationists, Potter Bay, a local poet, has composed a selection of poems. Download a specially-designed mobile app for free to listen to a recording of the poems!

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

(8 marks)

21. Which of the following is true of "Green Park Grand Opening" event?

- (1) All participants must learn about gardening in the park.
- (2) The activities will be carried out every month for the public.
- (3) Visitors can enjoy the concert that is conducted in the morning.
- (4) Guided walks of the nature reserve are carried out on an hourly basis.

22. Jenny plans to visit the park. If she takes Bus 28, which is the most direct route to Green Park?

- (1) Alight at Hyber Road and enter via the Side Gate.
- (2) Alight at Hyber Road and enter via the Main Gate.
- (3) Alight at Compass Road and enter via the Side Gate.
- (4) Alight at Compass Road and enter via the Main Gate.

23. What is allowed throughout Green Park?

- (1) flying of drones
- (2) bringing pets along
- (3) shouting and yelling
- (4) walking away from designated trails

24. Which of the following can be said about the activity, "Ramblings of Nature"?

- (1) Every visitor will receive a free booklet of poems.
- (2) The poet was inspired by nature conservationists.
- (3) Visitors will need to download a mobile app for a small fee.
- (4) Visitors can listen to poems being recited by the poet in person.

25. Mr Tan is at Green Horizon Nature Reserve and facing the lake. Which of the following is true?

- (1) He can walk towards the lake to get to the photo exhibition.
- (2) The toilet nearest to him is at the Visitor Centre near the main gate.
- (3) The "Music Oasis" Concert in the Park is some distance away to his right.
- (4) He will find the Gift Shop nearer to him than the Children's Adventure Grove.

26. Based on the newsletter article, avid photographers can expect _____.

- (1) photographs taken only at night
- (2) a guided journey on Singapore's success
- (3) guaranteed prizes upon submission of photographs
- (4) photographs of nature taken from different viewpoints

27. A gentle reminder was included in the article. The writers added that to remind visitors _____.

- (1) to walk barefooted in the park
- (2) to leave their footprints in the park
- (3) not to take photographs in the park
- (4) not to remove anything from the park

28. What is the main purpose of the flyer?

- (1) to inform readers of the event highlights
- (2) to encourage readers to pay a visit to the park
- (3) to showcase Green Park's location and land mass
- (4) to promote the works of local artists and arts groups

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

He was not good enough. Not serious enough. Not hardworking enough. Not. Not. Not. Competing in races, compiling achievements, comparing results. Hwa could not understand how or why these things mattered so much to people around him. In school. At home. It was as if they needed invisible yardsticks to measure themselves against others, to know where they stood in order to stand up tall. "First place and nothing less", they say. Such suffocating expectations.

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And yet here he was, in a line with other windsurfers, all of them bobbing nervously on the waves behind an imaginary starting line. They were all fighting for the best position to start and tense as a result. It seemed so silly to Hwa, given the whole expanse of the sea. Hwa moved away. How Li-An had talked him into doing this, he did not know. As usual, she had managed to get her way by coaxing, scolding, mocking, daring him. Just as she had always done since they were little. Hwa had never been excited by races. He had not even bothered to wear the digital watch that everyone else seemed to be wearing to time the very second they start. Yet, Hwa's reaction was so natural and quick that at the very moment the starter's horn sounded, he was off. Hwa pulled hard at his sail to race just ahead of the group. As he picked up speed, gliding over the waves, he began to feel the familiar joy and freedom that windsurfing always gave him, despite his earlier doubts. What he loved was simply being out at sea. He could barely stop himself from yelling out in exhilaration.

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"Go Hwa!" The wind carried over a familiar voice. He looked around and spotted Li-An upwind of him – in a stationary speedboat – with someone at the helm. She waved at Hwa and he nodded his head in acknowledgement, even though he knew she was too far away to see him. Just as he turned away, however, out of the corner of his eye, he saw a swirl of smoke behind the speedboat, on the shore. Knowing that the smoke could tell him the direction the wind was blowing, he decided to study it for a moment out of habit. Just as he was getting a better sense of how to use the wind to his advantage, he saw it.

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Not just the smoke but a bright flare – like an explosion or a burst of flames. He sailed closer, going way off course and saw long tongues of flames licking at the sky from behind a construction site. The fire was definitely spreading. What if nobody was aware of this? What if nobody was working there now? It was after all a quiet Sunday afternoon. For a second he hesitated, then decisively swung his sail over and stepped deftly onto the other side of the board until the sail caught the wind from the other side. Hwa directed his surfboard at Li-An's speedboat, avoiding a few of the slower surfers who were lagging behind. "Fire!" Hwa shouted when he got within earshot of Li-An. She stared at him, clearly confused. "Wrong way!" she shouted back. "Fire! Fire!" Hwa yelled again, waving one hand towards land in the direction of the smoke. "Call 995!" She looked at where he was pointing, saw the smoke and understood his intent. Hwa waited long enough to see Li-An talking into her mobile phone urgently before turning his attention to the race.

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The others were far ahead of him now. A gust of fresh wind had sprung up – too good to be wasted – and Hwa swung about to meet it full on. Hwa laughed out loud in exhilaration at the rhythm of the wind and wave powering him forward. This was not about him and the other competitors; this was him playing with the wave and the wind, with the sea and the sail.

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As always, back on land after a sail, Hwa felt down. News reporters and photographers started to surround him. Good job, third place, he was being told – good enough for the bronze medal. Those words sounded strange, almost like a taunt. So finally he was seen as "good enough"? Whatever happened to the "nots"?

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"And in third place," the announcement blared from the speaker system, "even with having made the detour to raise the warning about the fire! A *tremendous* achievement by..." Hwa heard his name being announced, and then the sound of applause and cheering.

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Adapted from Journeys: Windsurfing

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. (10 marks)
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A) as	D) even	G) is	K) of	N) these
B) did	E) for	H) it	L) on	P) under
C) each	F) how	J) more	M) there	Q) was

Have you ever wondered what the Earth looked like 300 million years ago?
 _____ were swamps and marshes everywhere and it was warmer than it
 (29)
 _____ today. Ancient trees, ferns and plants grew everywhere. Very weird-
 (30)
 looking animals roamed the Earth, and fish that looked _____ stranger lived
 (31)
 deep in the oceans and seas.

When _____ prehistoric plants and animals died, their bodies
 (32)
 decomposed in the same way _____ organisms do today. The dead organisms
 (33)
 became buried _____ layers of mud, rock, sand and water. Gradually, these
 (34)
 layers built up and _____ began to exert a great amount of pressure
 (35)
 _____ the layers below it.
 (36)

As millions of years passed, the decomposed plants and animals formed different
 types of fossil fuels such as coal, oil and natural gas. The type of fossil fuels that formed
 depended on whether it was the remains _____ plants or animals or both, and
 (37)
 _____ long the organisms had been buried. It also depended on the
 (38)
 temperature and pressure conditions during the decay of the organisms.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Have you ever played multiplayer video games or even just watched

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someone else play? If you had, you would know how triling these games can be. In

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many ways, competitive video games are very similar with traditional sports such

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as basketball or soccer. Players train, practise, and develop their profeesiency in

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their chosen game in an effort to being the best. They develop new strategies and

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teknicks. However, instead of working on how to run faster or throw a ball most

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correctly, video game players focus more on trained their minds, reflexes, and

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finger dexterity to xcell on a virtual playing field. Finally, they face off against

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each other in inttennce head-to-head matches.

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Today, more and more people are taking video games seriousness as a new

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kind of competitive sport. Know as e-sports, these professional video game

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competitions are drawing masieve audiences. These competitions are also turning

the best players into worldwide celebrities.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

A map is a drawing of all or part of the Earth's surface. Its basic _____ (51) is to show where things are. Maps may show visible features, such as lakes, buildings and roads. They may also show things that cannot be _____, such as (52) boundaries and temperatures. Many maps show the location and shape of features on the Earth's surface. These often _____ of natural and man-made features (53) within the area represented. _____ maps show the boundaries of countries (54) and cities, or even the climate of different areas.

Maps are typically drawn on a flat surface. A map displayed on a spherical surface is called a globe. While globes can provide the _____ information as flat (55) maps, it is a more _____ representation. This is because a spherical globe (56) shows the Earth as it _____ like when observed from outer space. (57)

Unlike modern maps, _____ maps had drawings to show locations of (58) features like castles and mountains. To _____ that the drawings were clear, (59) they were painted on large canvases. Such maps were nice to look at and easy to understand. _____, as more details were included, they became cluttered. (60)

_____ time, maps were made simpler. Modern mapmakers (61) _____ drawings with symbols. Each symbol represents one particular thing. (62) Features such as cities, rivers and railroads are represented _____ different (63) symbols. For _____, double black lines with red between them can be a (64) symbol for a main road. _____ to maps with drawings, such maps contain (65) more details and are still easy to read. Given the variety of symbols, a legend is therefore included to describe their usage in maps.

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). (10 marks)

66. The man refused to cooperate with the police. It led to his arrest.

The man's _____

67. Melanie has given the homeless men some food.

_____ by Melanie.

68. The trainer gave the command. The dog ran towards the rubble.

No sooner _____

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Not _____

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72. Based on paragraph 2, explain clearly what seemed "so silly" to Hwa? [2m]

73. Based on paragraphs 2 and 5, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

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c) Hwa continued the race despite falling behind because he wanted to win.		

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75. Why did Hwa think that nobody might notice the fire? [2m]

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End of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

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3.	2	8.	4
4.	4	9.	2
5.	1	10.	3

Vocab (5m)	
11.	3
12.	1
13.	1
14.	3
15.	4

Vocab Cloze (5m)	
16.	3
17.	1
18.	2
19.	4
20.	3

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension

Visual Text (8m)			
21.	4	25.	1
22.	3	26.	4
23.	2	27.	4
24.	2	28.	2

BOOKLET B

Grammar Cloze (10m)			
29.	M (there)	34.	P (under)
30.	G (is)	35.	C (each)* * part of the layers
31.	D (even)	36.	L (on)
32.	N (these)	37.	K (of)
33.	A (as)	38.	F (how)

Editing (12m)			
39.	thrilling	45.	training
40.	to	46.	excel
41.	proficiency	47.	intense
42.	be (become — not accepted because different meaning from root word)	48.	seriously
43.	techniques	49.	Known
44.	more	50.	massive

Cloze Passage (15 marks)			
51.	function, use, purpose, role	59.	ensure
52.	seen	60.	However, Unfortunately
53.	consist	61.	Over, With
54.	Other, Some, Certain	62.	replaced, replace
55.	same	63.	by, using, with
56.	accurate, realistic	64.	example, instance
57.	looks, is	65.	Compared
58.	early, older		

Synthesis & Transformation (10 marks)

66.	The police arrested the man because he refused to cooperate with them. <u>The man's</u> refusal to cooperate with the police led to his arrest. (2m)
67.	Melanie has given the homeless men some food. The homeless men have been given some food <u>by Melanie</u> . (2m) Some food has been given to the homeless men <u>by Melanie</u> . (2m)
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	Hwa was always seen as not good enough/ told to get first place and nothing less, but when he came in third and not first, he was still being praised.		2m								

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS). (10 marks)

1. The elderly man asked if we _____ a puppy with a golden collar around the neighbourhood recently.
 - (1) see
 - (2) saw
 - (3) had seen
 - (4) have seen

2. Aunt Rae prefers tea to coffee, _____ she?
 - (1) do
 - (2) does
 - (3) don't
 - (4) doesn't

3. Neither of the twins _____ present at the awards ceremony last week.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

4. They have made _____ progress in the planning of their large-scale project.
 - (1) any
 - (2) few
 - (3) some
 - (4) many

5. The crowd _____ in cheers and applause as the fireworks light up the sky.
 - (1) erupts
 - (2) erupted
 - (3) had erupted
 - (4) was erupting

6. "_____ you speak up, we will never know how you feel about the idea!" the team leader told Jamien.

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

7. Yuji turned to look at his best friend _____ expression clearly showed his disappointment.

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

8. The witness recounted the incident _____ detail to the journalist.

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

9. Levi made the bullies _____ the principal the truth about the incident last Thursday.

- (1) tell
- (2) told
- (3) tells
- (4) telling

10. Colden is one of the boys who _____ in a Spelling Bee contest every year.

- (1) participate
- (2) participates
- (3) was participating
- (4) were participating

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).
(5 marks)

11. An annual prize-giving ceremony is held to _____ students who have been exemplary in their conduct.
- (1) remember
 - (2) appreciate
 - (3) acknowledge
 - (4) commemorate
12. The discipline master was being _____ when he let Greg off with a warning instead of punishing him.
- (1) gentle
 - (2) lenient
 - (3) generous
 - (4) permissive
13. Trevon snorted in _____ when his brother tossed his filthy socks onto his bed.
- (1) disgust
 - (2) disgrace
 - (3) discontent
 - (4) disappointment
14. Traffic had to be _____ due to a road blockage caused by a bus that had broken down.
- (1) divided
 - (2) diverted
 - (3) deviated
 - (4) diverged
15. Seeing that Bel has a keen interest in food, everyone agrees that she _____ her father who is the head chef of a famous restaurant.
- (1) takes on
 - (2) takes over
 - (3) takes after
 - (4) takes down

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

My first vacation in Thailand was not how I had imagined it to be. I doubled over in pain from a crippling cramp in my stomach that came from absolutely nowhere.
 (16)

The pain came in sweat-inducing waves and my dizziness worsened as I stared at the palm-fringed landscape that raced past the window of our tour bus. Then, everything became too difficult to bear and it became apparent that I would need to find a washroom.
 (17)
 (18)

Clambering my way to the bus driver, I presented him with a look of fear that seemed to transcend all communication barriers. He immediately understood. The moment the bus stopped, I rushed to the nearest washroom I could find.
 (19)
 (20)

Adapted from Heaven in a Hornet Hive: A Terrible Tale of the Thai Trotts by Ben Holbrook

16. (1) severe
 (2) menacing
 (3) detrimental
 (4) devastating
17. (1) picture
 (2) scenery
 (3) countryside
 (4) environment
18. (1) likely
 (2) obvious
 (3) possible
 (4) noticeable
19. (1) Flitting
 (2) Darting
 (3) Sprinting
 (4) Scrambling
20. (1) eclipse
 (2) exceed
 (3) outweigh
 (4) overcome

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

We are turning 8!

Rise & Bake Co. presents **Take a Break and Bake!**

Hey, kids! Ready to feast on yummy treats made by you this holiday? Our annual 'Take a Break and Bake!' is back to share our love for baking with little ones. For our 8th anniversary this year, you can even team up with Mum or Dad!

One-Day Workshops

I Can Do It!

It's your turn to shine in the kitchen! If you're 7 to 12 years old and enjoy baking, come join us! Pssst... We'll be in the kitchen without Mum or Dad making Chocolate Cookie Pizza and Cheesy Sausage Rolls!

- 20 slots
- \$25/child
- 3 Dec 2022
- 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

First 5 sign-ups will each receive a \$5 Rise & Bake voucher!

Whether it's your 1st or 20th time handling dough and flour, head down to our baking studio where our in-house bakers will guide you through the entire process!

NEW!

Dynamic Duo!

Do you and Mum or Dad make a great team? If you're 5 to 12 years old, team up with Mum or Dad and get ready to make your best Apple Crumble Cheesecake and Melty Chicken Pie!

- 15 slots
- \$45/parent-child pair
- 10 Dec 2022
- 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

First 5 sign-ups will enjoy a 30% discount at our café!

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Three-Day Workshop

Triple Bake!

Our 1-day workshops are not enough to feed your love for baking? How about 3 days? Work closely with three renowned bakers in our 3-day workshop!

- 8 to 12 years old
- 20 slots
- \$150/child for all 3 days
- 6 - 8 Dec 2022
- 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.



Lisa Maya
Winner of
Singapore Bake
Quest 2022



Sakura Kim
Head Pastry Chef
of a 6-star Hotel



Kyo Khan
Judge of
Bake Asia

Learn to bake

DAY 1 :

- Blueberry Scones
- Banana Chocolate Loaf

DAY 2 :

- Chicken Curry Puffs
- Cheesy Spinach Quiche

DAY 3 :

- Lemon Meringue Tart
- S'mores Fudge Brownies

• Registration and Preparation Details for All Workshops •

What to bring

- All baking tools, equipment and ingredients will be provided and prepared by us.
- Bring your own containers to pack your baked goods home.

How to register

Fill out an online form at riseandbake.sg/workshopregistration to register. For registration-related enquiries, email us at hello@riseandbake.sg.

For more info

Visit us at riseandbake.sg.

Reviews from our participants

My boy attended the 'Triple Bake!' workshop last year and learnt a lot. Everything was well-prepared and organised at Rise & Bake Co. Working with renowned chefs was also an amazing experience!

Mr Kento, father of Mikey, 9 years old

Olivera, 11 years old

I loved it! It was so fun! I want to do it again!

(Go on to the next page)

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS). (8 marks)

21. Some details of the one-day workshops are circled to _____.
- (1) make the flyer look more attractive
 - (2) make readers look at those details only
 - (3) show readers the most important part of the flyer
 - (4) draw readers' attention to the benefits of signing up early
22. From the phrase "Whether it's your 1st or 20th time handling dough and flour..." we can tell that the workshops are open to _____.
- (1) those who are regular customers
 - (2) both beginners and experts in baking
 - (3) everyone who struggles with dough and flour
 - (4) those who have many failed attempts at baking
23. Which of the following statements about the workshops is **true**?
- (1) This is the first 'Take a Break and Bake!' event.
 - (2) Children of ages 7 to 12 are eligible for all the workshops.
 - (3) Participants of the one-day workshops only bake two items.
 - (4) All equipment, including packing containers, will be provided.
24. Which of the following statements about the workshops is **incorrect**?
- (1) The workshops are held during the year-end school holiday.
 - (2) Participants will be under the guidance of renowned bakers only.
 - (3) Participants without baking experience are eligible for the workshops.
 - (4) First five sign-ups for the 'I Can Do It!' workshop will each receive a \$5 voucher.
25. What is the **similarity** between the one-day 'I Can Do It!' workshop and the Three-Day Workshop?
- (1) Both offer the same number of slots.
 - (2) They both take place in the morning.
 - (3) Freebies will be given to all participants when they sign up.
 - (4) Each young participant has to be accompanied by an adult.

26. Mrs Mattheo registered her child for the wrong workshop and wishes to cancel the registration but does not know how to do so. She should _____.
- (1) visit the baking studio to enquire in person
 - (2) email Rise & Bake Co. at hello@riseandbake.sg
 - (3) turn up for the workshop and ask the staff on duty
 - (4) visit the webpage riseandbake.sg/workshopregistration
27. What is the main purpose of including Mr Kento's review in the flyer?
- (1) to tell the children that the workshops are fun
 - (2) to attract parents to learn from renowned bakers
 - (3) to assure parents about the quality of the workshops
 - (4) to encourage children to sign up for the one-day workshops
28. What is the main aim of this flyer?
- (1) to promote baking as a hobby for families
 - (2) to inform readers that Rise & Bake Co. is turning 8
 - (3) to suggest a holiday activity for children and their parents
 - (4) to encourage children who have an interest in baking to sign up

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

Sam was wandering through Woolworth, a huge store in town. That was when he saw something. It was a hammer he needed. He had previously gathered at least fifty nails which workers from another store had carelessly discarded. To Sam, they were not to be wasted. Now, together with this tool, he believed he could build something, perhaps a bench, for his mother to rest on after a hard day's work.

Without much thought, Sam took the tool and slipped it into the pocket of his overalls. Just as he was about to step out of the store, a young man named Mike took him firmly by the arm and led him to the back of the store into a small office. Mr Cody, the manager of the store, was seated behind a desk. Mike, who had captured him, was excited and said, "Well, here's the third one I have caught this week!" He turned to Sam and spoke in a voice loud enough for Mr Cody to hear, "You think you can get away? Not on my watch!"

Mr Cody ordered Mike to leave the office as he would deal with the culprit himself. Being absorbed in his own work and annoyed at the thought of having to deal with yet another one caught red-handed, Mr Cody ignored Sam, who stood there for a while. After some time, Sam became impatient. He spoke, "I didn't mean to take the hammer. I just wanted to borrow it to build a bench for my mother. I haven't got any money."

Mr Cody finally looked at Sam. "Just because you haven't got any money doesn't mean it's right to take things without paying!" Mr Cody yelled. He pointed an accusing finger at Sam and hissed, "You are nothing but a thief!" Upon hearing those words, Sam's heart sank. The words cut him like a knife. Sam felt utterly humiliated but kept mum. Mr Cody made Sam promise never to steal from the store again and told him not to return until he had the money to pay for the tool.

Sam walked out of the office feeling defeated. When he recounted what had happened to his mother, she reprimanded him for stealing. "We may be poor, but we are certainly not thieves! I thought you were better than this," his mother said, sounding disappointed. Feeling guilty, Sam apologised and promised not to do it again. He realised that there were better ways to get what he wanted. Even though his mother offered to buy him a hammer, he declined it. That night, Sam was consumed by thoughts of how he could correct his mistake. He decided that he needed to right his wrong at the place where it all started.

The next evening, Sam's mother returned home from work and noticed Sam constructing a bench with a hammer. When asked by his mother, Sam explained, "I worked all day at Mr Cody's store. I earned the tool after an hour, but I continued working." Sam's mother nodded approvingly and smiled. That purged the guilt he felt for resorting to steal. A sense of satisfaction overwhelmed Sam as he had proven Mr Cody wrong. He was determined to do things the right way from then on.

Adapted from 'The Parsley Garden' by William Saroyan

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.
 (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A) a	D) and	G) from	K) on	N) the
B) against	E) away	H) its	L) since	P) their
C) although	F) but	J) much	M) that	Q) up

Edward, an Australian athlete, began to fall ill in Tasmania during the 1981 Summer Games. _____ he could not describe what was wrong, he knew
 (29)
 he lacked the energy and drive required to win. In the final hurdles race, he finished last with a time of 27.23 seconds, his slowest _____ his school days.
 (30)

His poor performance prevented him _____ advancing further in the
 (31)
 competition. _____ night, Edward's condition speedily worsened. He came
 (32)
 down with a high fever. His pillow was drenched in sweat from the fever, _____ there was an excruciating pain in his legs. He gritted his teeth, holding
 (33)
 _____ for dear life. With _____ difficulty, he pushed himself
 (34) (35)
 _____ from the bed to analyse the source of _____ dreadful pain.
 (36) (37)

Purplish blisters covered his limbs, oozing yellow fluid onto the soiled bedsheet. Swollen to three times _____ usual size, his feet and legs were unsightly. He
 (38)
 reached for the telephone to get help.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39)

went through challenging times. Her earnings were insafficient to

sustain her family. Her youngest son, John, was a sickly child, but she could not

(40)

(41)

afford the neccessary medical care for him. Her sister, which was childless,

adopted John.

(42)

(43)

It was a difikult decision for Mary, but she was left in little choice. She had to

(44)

seperate from her son for his own sake. Under the guardianship of her sister, John would

(45)

be able to resieve proper medical care and also complete his formal education. Although

(46)

(47)

Mary finds her burden a little lighter, she still could not made ends meet.

(48)

Her eldest son, Tim, took it in himself to help his mother support the family. He

(49)

took on two jobs to supplement the family's income. The jobs that Tim undertook is

(50)

demanding, but he was willing to perseveer for the sake of his younger siblings. He held

on to the firm belief that life would be better in the near future.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

The North Pole is found in the middle of the Arctic Ocean. It experiences two _____: summer and winter. During the short summers, when _____ (51) are warmer, the top of the soil thaws a little, but only to a _____ (52) of half a metre or so. Only a few kinds of grass and moss can grow _____ (53) in such conditions.

The winters are nine months long. In December, the sun never _____ (54) above the horizon and there are 24 hours of night every day. On the other hand, in June, the sun hardly sets, so there _____ (55) no night at all.

The North Pole is inhabited by natives known as the Inuits. Originally, the diet of the Inuits _____ (56) of only fish products. Subsequently, their diet expanded to _____ (57) meat obtained from killing other sea animals that are rich in protein _____ (58) as seals, whales, sea lions and walruses. Seals are _____ (59) of the more commonly hunted creatures. The Inuits will cut holes in the ice and wait for the seal to _____ (60) for air. They then kill the seal _____ (61) a harpoon, which is a long spear-like instrument.

_____ (62) hunting animals for food, Inuits also hunt them for other _____ (63). For example, they hunt walruses which have tusks like _____ (64) of the elephants. While not as valuable as the elephants', the walrus' tusks _____ (65) be made into essential tools and utensils. Polar bears are hunted for their fur and skin. These are made into clothing, boots and tents. It is amazing how the Inuits make the best of the North Pole as their home.

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). (10 marks)

66. "Did you buy the book yesterday?" Dad asked John.

Dad asked John _____

67. Thomas does not like to go for a walk. He likes to watch television.

_____ would rather _____

68. The match was postponed. It was raining heavily.

Owing to _____

69. The security guard raised the alarm at the sight of the flames and smoke.

Upon _____

70. The construction workers are mending the damaged roof.

The damaged _____

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

71. Which four-word phrase from paragraph 1 tells you that Sam valued the nails? [1m]

72. Based on paragraphs 2 and 3, circle two words that best describe Mike.
DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN TWO WORDS. [2m]

alert / bossy / cunning / enthusiastic / forgiving / reckless

73. Explain why Mr Cody did not deal with Sam immediately after he was caught red-handed by Mike. [2m]

74. What did the writer mean by "The words cut him like a knife."? (line 20) [2m]

75. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

something (line 2)	
it (line 27)	
mistake (line 28)	

76. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True/False	Reason
Sam believed he could make something useful with the tool he found.		
Sam was the first thief to be caught stealing from the store.		

77. Pick out two words from lines 23 to 35 which shows how Sam's mother's attitude towards him has changed. [2m]

When Sam recounted his first visit at the store

When Sam recounted his second visit at the store

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

_____ Sam went to work at the store.

_____ Sam was led into a small office.

_____ Sam slipped a tool into his pocket.

79. Based on the information from the passage, fill in the blanks in the following table. [3m]

How Sam felt	What caused Sam to feel this way	What Sam did next
impatient		Sam told Mr Cody he did not mean to take the hammer.
	Sam's mother reprimanded him for stealing.	Sam apologised and promised not to steal again.
troubled	He was consumed by thoughts of how he could correct his mistake.	

80. Explain clearly what the writer meant by "he had proven Mr Cody wrong". (line 34) [2m]

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Booklet B Q30	L
Booklet B Q31	G
Booklet B Q32	M
Booklet B Q33	D
Booklet B Q34	K
Booklet B Q35	J
Booklet B Q36	Q
Booklet B Q37	N
Booklet B Q38	P

Booklet B Q39	insufficient
Booklet B Q40	necessary
Booklet B Q41	who
Booklet B Q42	difficult
Booklet B Q43	with
Booklet B Q44	separate
Booklet B Q45	receive
Booklet B Q46	found
Booklet B Q47	make
Booklet B Q48	upon
Booklet B Q49	were
Booklet B Q50	persevere

Booklet B Q51	seasons
Booklet B Q52	surroundings
Booklet B Q53	depth
Booklet B Q54	rises
Booklet B Q55	is
Booklet B Q56	consisted
Booklet B Q57	raw
Booklet B Q58	such
Booklet B Q59	one
Booklet B Q60	emerge
Booklet B Q61	with
Booklet B Q62	Besides
Booklet B Q63	purposes
Booklet B Q64	those
Booklet B Q65	can

Booklet B Q66	Dad asked John if he had bought the book the previous day.
Booklet B Q67	Thomas would rather watch television than go for a walk.
Booklet B Q68	Owing to the heavy rain, the match was postponed.

Q69)	Upon seeing the flames and smoke, the security guard raised the alarm.				
Q70)	The damaged roof is being mended by the construction workers.				
Q71)	not to be wasted				
Q72)	alert / enthusiastic				
Q73)	Mr Cody was absorbed in his own work and annoyed at the thought of having to deal with Sam who was caught red – handed.				
Q74)	Sam felt utterly humiliated for being called a thief by the shop manager Mr Cody.				
Q75)	<table border="1"><tr><td>a hammer</td></tr><tr><td>Sam's mother offering to buy him a hammer.</td></tr><tr><td>Sam stealing the hammer from Mr Cody's shop.</td></tr></table>	a hammer	Sam's mother offering to buy him a hammer.	Sam stealing the hammer from Mr Cody's shop.	
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Sam stealing the hammer from Mr Cody's shop.					
Q76)	<table border="1"><tr><td>True</td><td>Sam thought that he could make a bench for his mother to rest on after work.</td></tr><tr><td>False</td><td>When Mike led Sam to a small office, he told Mr Cody that Sam was the third one caught red handed that week.</td></tr></table>	True	Sam thought that he could make a bench for his mother to rest on after work.	False	When Mike led Sam to a small office, he told Mr Cody that Sam was the third one caught red handed that week.
True	Sam thought that he could make a bench for his mother to rest on after work.				
False	When Mike led Sam to a small office, he told Mr Cody that Sam was the third one caught red handed that week.				
Q77)	disappointed approvingly				
Q78)	3 2 1				

Q79)	<div>_____</div>	Mr Cody was absorbed in his work and ignored Sam.	<div>_____</div>
	guilty	<div>_____</div>	<div>_____</div>
	<div>_____</div>	<div>_____</div>	He went to Mr Cody's store to work for the entire day.

Q80)	Sam had proven to Mr Cody that he was not a thief as he just wanted to borrow the hammer build a bench for her mother.
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NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL WA1 PAPER

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

(10 marks)

1. "This is good news. She'd be thrilled, _____ she?" Kate asked.

- (1) don't
- (2) won't
- (3) didn't
- (4) wouldn't

2. All the girls except Tiffany _____ for books in the library just now.

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

3. My brother and _____ went on a learning journey last week.

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

4. "Our CCA teacher _____ a notice on the board. Let's go and read it," Jane said to her friend.

- (1) is pinned
- (2) had pinned
- (3) has pinned
- (4) was pinned

5. In response _____ the high demand for their pastries, the shop had to extend its opening hours.

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

6. A passer-by helped the old man _____ his bag of groceries to his home.
- (1) carry
 - (2) carries
 - (3) carried
 - (4) carrying
7. If John had asked for help, he _____ completed his project.
- (1) had
 - (2) would
 - (3) will have
 - (4) would have
8. "To _____ were you talking to just now?" Mdm Tan questioned Joel when he got distracted in class.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
9. With _____ patience left, Mother yelled at her son for not clearing his messy room.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
10. _____ his hectic schedule during the examination period, Timothy could not find the time to help out at his parents' hawker stall.
- (1) Owing to
 - (2) In spite of
 - (3) Even though
 - (4) In addition to

For each question from 11 to 17, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

(7 marks)

11. Mrs Neo _____ her anxious granddaughter that she would wait for her at the gate after school.

- (1) notified
- (2) assured
- (3) guaranteed
- (4) encouraged

12. Adam promised not to _____ Helen's secret to anyone if she kept to her side of the bargain.

- (1) admit
- (2) impart
- (3) divulge
- (4) confess

13. Jill's interest in painting was _____ after she saw the famous paintings in the museum.

- (1) revoked
- (2) reverted
- (3) recouped
- (4) rekindled

14. She walked _____ across the stage despite feeling anxious.

- (1) steadily
- (2) clumsily
- (3) stealthily
- (4) awkwardly

15. Fires often _____ due to negligence or the improper use of electrical equipment.

- (1) break up
- (2) break off
- (3) break out
- (4) break with

16. The successful fundraising event was a huge _____ for the organisers.

- (1) attainment
- (2) acquirement
- (3) accomplishment
- (4) acknowledgement

17. The athlete was _____ from the semi-finals when he lost the match.

- (1) deleted
- (2) evicted
- (3) rejected
- (4) eliminated



For each question from 18 to 22, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

(5 marks)

Nearly 2,000 years ago, a deafening boom roared through Pompeii's crowded marketplace. That marked the start of a catastrophe. The ground (18) shook violently, toppling structures and throwing shoppers off balance. People screamed and pointed anxiously towards a massive volcano - Mount Vesuvius.

The volcano spewed smoke and toxic gas into the air, and soon (19) shrouded Pompeii in darkness. The smoke and toxic gas hung like a noose (20) around the people's necks while volcanic rocks destroyed buildings. Almost overnight, Pompeii vanished under a blanket of ash and rock.

(21) For many centuries, the city of Pompeii slept beneath its own ash, perfectly preserving the entire city. Today, modern archaeology has allowed scientists to gradually figure out what might have happened on that appalling (22) day. Since there is no absolute certainty of what transpired, the mystery of Pompeii is still being unravelled.


Adapted from *The Lost City of Pompeii* by Kristin Baird Rattini

18. (1) misery
 (2) mishap
 (3) disaster
 (4) accident
19. (1) threw
 (2) gushed
 (3) vomited
 (4) discharged
20. (1) painted
 (2) shielded
 (3) disguised
 (4) enveloped

21. (1) faded
 (2) perished
 (3) dissolved
 (4) disappeared


22. (1) bleak
 (2) horrifying
 (3) sorrowful
 (4) memorable

Study this poster carefully and then answer questions 23 to 30.



Atlantis Children Museum presents

PAPER WONDERLAND







Date: 1 June 2022

Time: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

An exciting place of discoveries

Come celebrate our anniversary with a line-up of engaging activities during the June holidays. Admission to the museum is free on this special day. Join us for exciting new activities*. There are lots to do at the museum!

*All materials are provided

Indoor	Outdoor
<p>Diorama Story 11 a.m.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Non-members: \$8 ACM members: \$4</p> <p>Storytellers behold! Build your personal diorama with figurines, boxes and craft materials. Participants can bring their favourite scenes to life.</p> </div>  </div>	<p>Boats of Hope 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Complete your evening by writing messages of hope on paper boats and releasing them into the lake. Collect the paper boats at our front desk. Limited stocks available.</p> </div>  </div>
<p>Maker's Studio 2 p.m. / 4 p.m.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Non-members: \$5 ACM members: \$2</p> <p>Show off your creativity by designing a moving robot using recycled materials like newspapers and cardboard boxes. Come interact with our local robotics champion!</p> </div>  </div>	<p>Cardboard Vehicles 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Get into teams of threes and build a cardboard go-kart. Compete on our specially designed race track. Attractive prizes to be won!</p> </div>  </div>

Browse online to find out more about the activities

Support the museum

We are a non-profit organization that uses play as a medium to serve children and families. Through play, children from different walks of life get to stretch their imagination, improve their motor skills, and develop empathy and social skills.

We have equipped the museum with engaging activities for people of all ages to enjoy. We are recognised by TripBuddy and voted by FamilyTimes magazine as one of the best children's museums in the world!

To help us continue our efforts, you can:

- sign up as a volunteer
- donate via PayNow



Sign up NOW!

For an annual fee of \$50, members will

- be invited for priority booking to events
- get 10% off museum store purchases
- get free Atlantis Children Museum newsletters
- get dining vouchers worth \$20

Email admin@acm.com.sg to register

Visitor Information

- Open daily 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Order tickets online via
www.acm.com.sg

Call our service hotline at
6235 5125 for special
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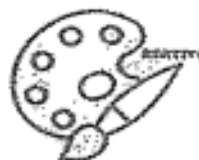


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For each question from 23 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

(8 marks)

23. According to the poster, what is not true about the event?

- (1) The theme of the event is Paper Wonderland.
- (2) Visitors will need to pay to enter the museum on 1 June 2022.
- (3) Visitors can go online to find out more about the event activities.
- (4) Paper boats can be collected at the front desk on a first-come-first served basis.

24. Emily loves making paper art in group settings and is only available in the morning. She should participate in _____.

- (1) Boats of Hope
- (2) Diorama Story
- (3) Maker's Studio
- (4) Cardboard Vehicles

25. What is the similarity between the indoor and outdoor-activities?

- (1) They involve paper or craft materials.
- (2) Participants need to pay for all the activities.
- (3) They enable participants to pick up art skills.
- (4) Participants have to bring their own materials to participate.

26. Why is Atlantis Children Museum popular among families with children?

- (1) The museum offers 10% off store purchases.
- (2) The museum offers free FamilyTimes magazines subscription.
- (3) The museum allows children to gain various skills through play.
- (4) The museum allows families to have priority bookings to events.

27. The word 'NOW' in the phrase 'Sign up NOW!' is capitalised to _____.

- (1) attract readers to sign up as members
- (2) draw readers' attention to the membership perks
- (3) encourage readers to consider joining as a member
- (4) persuade readers to take immediate action to sign up as a member

28. A teacher would like to take her class to the museum for a learning journey. To get the best admission rates, she should _____.
- (1) sign up to be a member
 - (2) email admin@acm.com.sg
 - (3) order tickets at the link www.acm.com.sg
 - (4) call the customer service hotline at 6235 5125
29. This event is organised by _____.
- (1) Creative Art
 - (2) Artist Council
 - (3) Lighting Technologies
 - (4) Atlantis Children Museum
30. What is the main purpose of this event?
- (1) to promote the museum's activities
 - (2) to get more people to sign up as members
 - (3) to garner support for donations to the museum
 - (4) to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the museum

Read this passage and answer questions 75 to 84.

(20 marks)

Mark and I collapsed on the ground in the pouring rain. Along with Tim, we had started the day on a trail at MacRitchie Reservoir but a rash decision led us to being lost in the forest.

"We should have never left the trail," Mark lamented. "It's all your fault for telling us that you know a secret spot to see the Sambar deer!" I yelled, blaming Mark for our situation. "Enough! Now is not the time for finger-pointing," Tim instructed with authority. "Let's try to find a shelter." Tim was our older brother and he always seemed to know what to do. We immediately got up and followed his lead. 5

Fatigue set in as we trekked through the forest. The sun was setting rapidly and we were losing light. Finally, after a further hour of trekking in the rain, we came across an old abandoned hut in the middle of the forest. Peering into the hut, we saw that it was in complete disarray. The table and chairs were in a state of disrepair and there were holes in the roof that left parts of the hut exposed to the rain. "This must have been abandoned for years," Tim concluded as he inspected the condition of the hut. Seeing the state we were in, Tim declared, "Let's rest here tonight before finding our way out of the forest tomorrow." Slumping to the ground in exhaustion, Mark and I agreed wholeheartedly. 10 15

The night in the forest was nothing short of frightful. We had no light and any sudden disturbance from the forest stirred us from our slumber. "Don't worry. It is just the wind," Tim assured Mark and me as we awoke from a loud rustling sound. 20

Just before dawn, we were suddenly jolted awake by a loud thumping sound from the door of the hut. "That is clearly not the wind!" Mark cried out fearfully. Even the usually composed Tim had a concerned look on his face. Soon, we could hear loud grunting outside the door. We were like caged animals with no way out. 25

"What should we do?" I cried in despair as tears rolled down my cheeks. "I don't want to stay here forever, but I don't want to get attacked by a wild animal too!" Grabbing hold of a broken chair, Tim motioned us to quieten down and made his way to the door. Steeling himself, he swung the door open and rushed out with the intention to scare the creature away. That was when he saw it. It was the majestic Sambar deer with its antlers branching out to the sky. "Come and take a look at this," Tim called out with amazement in his voice. Peering out of the hut, Mark and I saw the beautiful creature staring back at us. Instead of doing what we had expected, the deer galloped a short distance away before looking back at us and grunted. 30 35

Curious, we began to follow it. For the next ten minutes, it would stop every now and then to look at us. When it saw us closing in, it would move off again. "Seems like it really wants us to follow it," Tim said to the both of us as we followed the deer. Finally, we heard a **delightful noise**. It was the sound of roaring engines on a busy road! We were saved! What an unexpected turn of events! Our two-day trek had started in misery but ended with a **double blessing**. As we rushed towards the road, the deer looked back at us one last time and took a sharp turn before galloping off in the opposite direction. "Thank you!" we yelled as it grunted and galloped off into the dark forest. 40

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A) after	D) but	G) however	K) much	N) to
B) as	E) despite	H) is	L) out	P) was
C) before	F) for	J) many	M) then	Q) with

On 14 August 2021, the first-ever panda cub was born in Singapore. Born _____ the giant pandas, Kai Kai and Jia Jia, the panda cub was only conceived (31) _____ seven attempts. Five shortlisted names _____ the cub were (32) _____ (33) released for public voting online. In the end, _____ of the five names, the name (34) "Le Le" was selected.

It _____ notoriously difficult to breed pandas due to their short breeding (35) window each year _____ the best efforts of zoos around the world, not (36) _____ pandas are born in captivity. Breeding programmes of pandas in captivity (37) started in 1955 but it was only after eight years before the first baby panda was born in Beijing Zoo.

Since then, further studies have been done in order to improve the success rate of breeding programmes. Coupled _____ the conservation efforts of the pandas' (38) natural habitats, there has been a slow _____ steady increase in their (39) population. Today, there are more than 2000 pandas in the wild and in captivity. Even _____ more needs to be done. Every precious birth is treasured and celebrated (40) by people around the world _____

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Reunion dinner is undoubtedly one of the most important events in the Chinese calendar. Family members usually _____ together for this meal on the eve of Chinese New Year. One can feast on a meal that _____ various dishes of meat and vegetables. Many reunion dinners feature a communal hot pot.

The Chinese hot pot _____ a history of more than 1000 years. The dish is believed to have originated _____ the Mongolians and subsequently appeared in China during the early Qing Dynasty. Soon, it spread to many places in China, rapidly _____ popularity due to the warmth and comfort it _____ to people during the cold winter months.

_____ reason for its popularity is that hot pot is highly customisable. Instead of just one soup broth flavour, multiple flavours can exist in a single pot. This _____ to the preferences of different diners. People can put in _____ ingredients they like. One can also customise the sauces they use to _____ their food into! With such flexibility, it is no _____ that the hot pot is loved by many.

Having hot pot is _____ as a social event because the pot is placed in the _____ of the table and people will sit around it for their meal. This serves _____ a great opportunity for people to _____ up with their family and friends. This is why hot pot is served in many families during the reunion dinner on Chinese New Year Eve.

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For each of the questions 69 to 74, 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). (12 marks)

69. "How many people are you inviting for your party next week?" Mum asked Mary.

Mum asked Mary _____

70. The penguin was easily caught. It was unable to fly.

_____ due to

71. Frank lied about his grades. He admitted it.

Frank admitted to _____

72. The coach praised Joseph for winning an Olympics medal.

Joseph _____

73. if you practise consistently, you will be able to pass your piano exam.

_____ unless

74. Levi does not like fruits. He also does not like vegetables.

_____ neither _____

75. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 1 tells us that the writer and his brothers regretted their actions? [1m]

76. State two instructions that Tim gave to his brothers in Paragraph 2. [2m]

1. _____

2. _____

77. Which two of the following words best describe Tim in paragraph 2? Put a tick (✓) in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
 DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

wise

☐

brave

☐

patient

☐

resourceful

☐

adventurous

☐

dependable

☐

78. Why did Tim decide that they should rest in the hut before finding their way out the next day? [2m]

79. Explain clearly what the writer meant by "We were like caged animals with no way out." (line 25) [2m]

80. 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 writer and his brothers had left the trail to look for the abandoned hut.		
Tim blamed Mark for causing them to be lost.		
The writer and his brothers had a peaceful sleep in the hut		

81. Why did Tim think that the deer wanted them to follow it? [2m]

82. Look at the table below. What do the word(s) in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
this (line 15)	
what we had expected (line 33 - 34)	
delightful noise (line 39)	

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

_____ The boys got out of the rain.

_____ Mark suggested a spot to see the Sambar deer.

_____ Tim wanted to protect his brothers from a wild creature.

84. Explain clearly what the writer meant by "double blessing". (line 41) [2m]

End of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

BOOKLET A

Sections A to C: Grammar & Vocab

Grammar (10m)				Vocab (7m)		Vocab Cloze (5m)	
1.	4	6.	1	11.	2	18.	3
2.	4	7.	4	12.	3	19	4
3.	1	8.	3	13.	4	20	4
4.	3	9.	2	14.	1	21	4
5.	1	10.	1	15.	3	22.	2
				16.	3		
				17.	4		

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8m)	
23.	2
24.	4
25.	1
26.	3
27.	4
28.	4
29.	4
30.	4

BOOKLET B

Grammar Cloze (10m)			
31.	N (to)	36.	E (despite)
32.	A (after)	37.	J (many)
33.	F (for)	38.	Q (with)
34.	L (out)	39.	D (but)
35.	H (is)	40.	M (then)

Editing (13m)			
41.	knowledge	46.	harnessing
42.	spans	47.	is
43.	treatment	48.	are
44.	by	49.	Besides
45.	population	50.	import
		51.	in
		52.	utilise
		53.	and

Compre Cloze (15m)	
54.	come, gather
55.	includes, has
56.	boasts, has
57.	from
58.	gaining
59.	provided, offered, gave
60.	Another
61.	caters
62.	any, whatever, many
63.	dip
64.	wonder, surprise, coincidence
65.	seen, regarded, viewed
66.	middle, centre/ center
67.	as
68.	catch, meet

Synthesis & Transformation (12m)	
69.	Mother asked Mary how many people she was inviting for her party the following week.
70.	The penguin was easily caught due to its inability to fly.
71.	Frank admitted to lying about his grades. Frank admitted to the fact that he lied about his grades.
72.	Joseph was praised by the coach for winning an Olympic medal.
73.	You will not be able to pass your piano exam unless you practise consistently.
74.	Levi likes neither fruits nor vegetables.

Comprehension (20m)	
75.	rash decision
76.	1. He instructed his brothers to stop finger-pointing/ blaming one another/ arguing. 2. He instructed his brothers to find a shelter.
77.	wise, dependable
78.	It was getting dark and they were exhausted.

79.	The writer meant that they were trapped because the creature was at the door.		
80.		True/ False	Reason
	The writer and his brothers had left the trail to look for the abandoned hut.	False	They left the trail to find/look for the Sambar deer.
	Tim blamed Mark for causing them to be lost.	False	The writer blamed Mark for getting them lost.
	The writer and his brothers had a peaceful sleep in the hut.	False	They were awakened whenever they heard any sound from the forest. Or Any disturbances from the forest stirred them from their slumber.

81.	The deer would stop every now and then to look at them. When it saw them closing in, it would move off again.	
82.	Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
	this (line 15)	the hut
	what we had expected (line 33-34)	getting attacked (by the creature)
	delightful noise (line 39)	sound of roaring engines
83.	<u>2</u> The boys got out of the rain. <u>1</u> Mark suggested a spot to see the Sambar deer. <u>3</u> Tim wanted to protect his brothers from a wild creature.	
84.	The writer meant that they saw the deer that they were looking for and it led them to safety.	

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PRELIM PAPER

SECTION A

For each question from 1 to 10, 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. (10 marks)

1. When the spider landed on Clara's nose, it made her _____ her heart out.
(1) screaming
(2) screamed
(3) screams
(4) scream
2. "Look for me at the staff room _____ you need help," Mr Li told his students.
(1) should
(2) shall
(3) may
(4) will
3. "They'd remember to switch off the lights before leaving for their lunch appointment, _____?" Mother asked.
(1) didn't they
(2) haven't they
(3) couldn't they
(4) wouldn't they
4. The police will take decisive actions to subdue people who are a danger _____ the public.
(1) in
(2) to
(3) on
(4) by
5. "The furniture in all the rooms _____ to be moved to the corridor by noon," instructed the supervisor.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

6. Suresh and his cousins managed to board the last train when the concert ended just before midnight, _____ to their relief.
- (1) much
 - (2) most
 - (3) little
 - (4) less
7. The shoplifter was caught red-handed by the security guards and _____ away for further questioning.
- (1) have been taken
 - (2) was taking
 - (3) taken
 - (4) took
8. _____ the shortage of funds, the villagers' plan to build a school for the children fell through.
- (1) Since
 - (2) Despite
 - (3) Owing to
 - (4) Even though
9. "Never in my life _____ such an angelic voice! You definitely deserve a place in the final round of this competition," complimented one of the judges.
- (1) have I heard
 - (2) I have heard
 - (3) I had heard
 - (4) had I heard
10. "_____ Father is allergic to nuts, Daniel should not have offered him the peanut butter sandwich," remarked Denise.
- (1) Have known
 - (2) Knowing
 - (3) Knew
 - (4) Know

SECTION B

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Jessie started jotting down notes since she could not _____ all the information that her tutor was presenting to the class.
- (1) retain
 - (2) revive
 - (3) reconcile
 - (4) relinquish
12. The leader's top _____ was to find a safe place for the hikers to spend the night when they were lost in the forest.
- (1) priority
 - (2) urgency
 - (3) preference
 - (4) consequence
13. To attract more customers to the restaurant, the manager told his staff to display the publicity poster at a _____ place near the entrance.
- (1) quaint
 - (2) secluded
 - (3) recognisable
 - (4) conspicuous
14. That spoilt boy is so insistent that his mother _____ and buys him the toy on display.
- (1) gives in
 - (2) gives back
 - (3) gives away
 - (4) gives up on
15. Retired sniffer dogs used to be adopted by K9 officers only but the adoption scheme has now been _____ to the public.
- (1) enlisted
 - (2) enlarged
 - (3) extended
 - (4) exempted

Section C

For each question from 16 to 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. (5 marks)

My grandpa was lost and confused. His face locked in a (16) puzzled expression. He surveyed the surroundings like an explorer stepping on a new-found land but this was not a new-found land. He had lived in this home for years.

Sensing his (17) need for assistance, I went forward and guided him to his bed. As he settled beneath the blanket, he asked the same old question, "Who are you?"

At first, the loss of my grandpa's memory was easy to miss. He would (18) mix up our names. Then he began to forget what he had eaten (19) barely a minute after his meals. His forgetfulness gradually become hard to ignore. One day, he could not even recognise the door to our flat. By the time the doctors diagnosed dementia, my grandpa had difficulty identifying his grandchildren. Within a year, he had forgotten even his own children, including my father - his eldest son.

To jog his memory, we filled his room with (20) keepsakes from the past. My favourite was a photograph of him and me taken about ten years ago. That photograph brought back fond memories and it reminded me of my grandpa's unconditional love.

Adapted from 'Going Home' by Keith Tan

16. (1) dejected
(2) unsettled
(3) animated
(4) bewildered
17. (1) helplessness
(2) aimlessness
(3) listlessness
(4) loneliness
18. (1) merge
(2) jumble
(3) detach
(4) associate
19. (1) finally
(2) promptly
(3) ultimately
(4) eventually
20. (1) artefacts
(2) ornaments
(3) mementos
(4) knick-knacks

Section D

Study this flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28. (8 marks)

A Day Out at the City Farm



Come join us for a day of fun and learn about the importance of growing our own food. Buy some organic produce or bring back your own mini garden to start your urban farming journey!

Date: 23 October 2022 (Sunday)

Time: 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Venue: City Farm

Fruit and Vegetable Sale

Get your organic produce
from our garden!

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My Miniature Garden

10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Tickets: \$15 per person (payment at booth)

Learn to make an easy herb or vegetable garden in a recycled box. Bring it home and be excited as you watch your plants sprout. Cook a meal after harvesting them.



How To Make A Seed Ball

11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Free entry (first come, first served)



Each seed ball is made by wrapping seeds with compost and clay. They provide nutrients for seeds to germinate and act as a carrier to disperse the seeds. They also prevent the seeds from being eaten by birds and animals. Our seed balls are wrapped in craft paper and make great gifts for your family and friends.

Guided Tour 9 a.m. or 3 p.m.

Free registration (registration ends 5 minutes before tour starts)

Our friendly guide will share interesting facts about some common local plants and their uses. You will have an opportunity to touch, smell and taste some of the vegetables and fruits. Our guide will also highlight some farming methods that are environmentally friendly.

Excerpt from Nature Magazine, published on 5 May.

Have you ever wondered where your vegetables come from?

Singapore imports most of our produce from all over the world. This is because Singapore does not have enough land for farming. To ensure Singapore is able to produce its own food, the Government is encouraging urban farming.

In fact, in recent years, urban farming has become increasingly popular as people are more concerned about the source of their vegetables and fruits. They are worried about the amount of pesticides used. More people are growing edible plants in urban spaces, such as balconies and HDB corridors, without the use of pesticides.

Located at Kranji, City Farm is one of the more established urban farms in Singapore. On weekends, they offer farm tours and workshops for parents and children to get in touch with nature and learn about the importance of growing their own vegetables. They also help design and build edible gardens for residential and commercial uses so that more Singaporeans can enjoy their own fresh produce. In addition, they conduct school visits to educate students on urban farming.

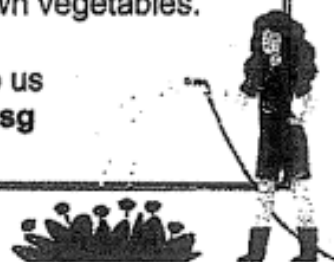
Student Ambassadors needed!

Do you have a passion for gardening? Volunteer with us and help promote urban farming to your schoolmates!

City Farm visits schools to give educational talks, teach students how to grow vegetables and build gardens together with them.

We will train student ambassadors to guide other students in the correct techniques for growing their own vegetables.

Interested students are to drop us
an email at joinus@cityfarm.sg



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. What is the main purpose of the event?

- (1) to publicise the sale of organic produce
- (2) to encourage people to grow their own food
- (3) to share interesting facts about edible plants in Singapore
- (4) to recruit Student Ambassadors to promote urban farming

22. The miniature garden workshop teaches participants to _____.

- (1) grow herbs and vegetables
- (2) harvest their organic produce
- (3) recycle boxes to keep their harvest
- (4) cook healthy meals using greens from their garden

23. In the section 'How To Make A Seed Ball', which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Birds and animals are needed to disperse the seed in the seed ball.
- (2) The craft paper provides nutrients for the seeds to grow well.
- (3) A mixture of compost and clay is used to wrap the seeds.
- (4) A seed ball contains only one seed.

24. Mila is interested in taking a guided tour around the farm. She _____.

- (1) should make payment at the booth
- (2) should register for the tour at 3 p.m.
- (3) will be able to taste some of the fruits
- (4) will get to try out new farming methods

25. According to the excerpt from Nature Magazine, why are Singaporeans becoming more interested in urban farming?

- (1) They are more aware that Singapore lacks land for farming.
- (2) The government requires the citizens to farm for their own food.
- (3) Supermarkets do not have to import produce from other countries.
- (4) They are concerned about the use of pesticides on the produce that are sold.

26. According to the flyer, City Farm builds 'edible gardens'. What does the term 'edible gardens' refer to?

- (1) Gardens that are free of pesticides.
- (2) Gardens that produce vegetables and fruits.
- (3) Gardens that owners looked after themselves.
- (4) Gardens that are built in urban spaces like balconies.

27. City Farm contributes to local farming efforts by _____.

- (1) growing vegetables at all HDB corridors
- (2) conducting daily farm tours and workshops
- (3) providing children with spaces for growing plants
- (4) going to schools to help them set up vegetable gardens

28. What does City Farm look for in its selection of Student Ambassadors?

- (1) a love for gardening
- (2) has experience in urban farming
- (3) able to speak well during educational talks
- (4) has a passion for educating other students

Section E

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. [10 marks]

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) after	(D) for	(G) however	(K) than	(N) which
(B) and	(E) from	(H) like	(L) to	(P) with
(C) between	(F) in	(J) on	(M) when	(Q) unlike

Malaria is a disease spread by mosquitoes. People usually get malaria _____ being
 bitten by an infected female Anopheles mosquito. Symptoms of malaria such as fever,
 chills and muscle aches begin appearing from seven days _____ four weeks later. Malaria
 is only found in hot and humid countries like Myanmar and Singapore. It is more difficult to
 fight malaria in Myanmar _____ in Singapore. The reason is that Myanmar is a larger
 country _____ far more forests, making it harder to control breeding places.

Myanmar is a less developed country. _____ Singapore, most of the people in
 Myanmar live in villages surrounded by forests _____ are good breeding places for
 mosquitoes. Hospitals and clinics are few and far _____. As treatment is not easily
 accessible, thousands die. In 2010, to save lives and reduce the spread of malaria, the
 government decided to rely _____ volunteers from the villagers. The training and medicine
 for health volunteers are paid _____ by foreign donors. After the training, these health
 volunteers return to their villages to test people for malaria and treat them. The villagers are
 more likely to come forward to be tested _____ they become more and more aware of the
 disease. The hard work of these volunteers is finally showing results. Now, Myanmar is on
 its way to being free of the disease by 2030.

Adapted from <https://digital.whatsup.sg/>

Section F

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. [12 marks]

(39)

Rahim and I know each other well. We are famillear with each other's hobbies,

(40)

quirky mannerisms and even our most ambaresing secrets. However, the most

(41)

important aspect of our friendship is helping each other become a good person.

(42)

As my best friend, Rahim is excellent for relieving my stress and making me laugh.

(43)

Unfortunately, his opptimestic attitude has a downside. He has a tendency to

(44) (45)

dismissing any serious situation. One fateful ockastion, however, changed that!

(46)

It was a week before our examinations. I was buried in a montainus heap

(47)

of work when Rahim was busy folding origami paper cranes. I pleaded with Rahim

(48)

to get down to some serious studies. Rahim grinned and announced that the

(49)

examinations would be a piece of cake. I shook my head in exasperesion.

All too soon, it was the examinations. Having worked hard, I breezed through

(50)

the papers. I caught see of Rahim later. He looked pale and was perspiring even

though it was a cool day. I had never seen Rahim look this anxious before!

Section G

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. [15 marks]

"The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah! The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah!" These _____ form the lyrics of a popular children's
(51)

_____. Many of us may have sung and clapped _____ to this
(52) (53)

catchy tune. Given that we are used to seeing ants marching in a single _____
(54)

in our living spaces, they hardly _____ a threat. Most of the ants we know are
(55)

not dangerous. However, there is a _____ of ant called the yellow crazy ant
(56)

that has invaded Christmas Island. It is _____ of the fiercest and strongest ant
(57)

species. Firstly, it is called a yellow crazy ant _____ of its colour. Secondly,
(58)

when disturbed, it moves in a helter-skelter manner as if it is _____!
(59)

Yellow crazy ants do not bite. _____, they spray a type of liquid to
(60)

_____ their prey so that they cannot move. Swarming in great numbers,
(61)

they can attack and kill much _____ animals like lizards, crabs and small
(62)

mammals. On Christmas Island, _____ ants threaten the population of the
(63)

native red crabs found on the rainforest floor. Since yellow crazy ants do _____
(64)

have natural predators, their invasion has _____ havoc on the island's
(65)

ecosystem. The government is spending millions of dollars to battle the ants and save
nature on Christmas Island.

Section H

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). [10 marks]

66. Freddy's form teacher had to send Freddy for counselling. He played truant frequently.

Due to his _____

67. "Is this the problem sum you were trying to solve?" Mrs. Chan asked Katie.

Mrs. Chan wanted to know _____

68. Ali was full of mischief. He admitted to playing a prank on the new teacher.

Being _____

69. Peter introduced me to the tour guide who is taking me around Bangkok.

_____ whom

70. The icing on the cupcake looks very delicious. It is almost impossible not to eat it.

To not eat such _____

Section I

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. [20 marks]

<p>A car stopped outside and Ian, my little brother, rushed to the window for his first glimpse of a grandmother he and I had only heard about. "She's here! She's here!" he shouted excitedly. Grandmother had finally arrived, leaving Hong Kong to come live with us in San Francisco.</p>	
<p>"I'm not helpless," she insisted when Dad hurried to help her out.</p>	5
<p>Ian was relieved. "She speaks English," he said.</p>	
<p>Grandmother was a small woman in a padded silk jacket and black slacks. Her hair was pulled back into a bun behind her head. On her very tiny feet she wore a pair of quilted cotton slippers shaped like boots, with furred tops that hid her ankles.</p>	
<p>"What's wrong with her feet?" I whispered to Mom.</p>	10
<p>"They've always been that way. And don't mention it, Stacy," she said. "She's sensitive about them."</p>	
<p>I was instantly curious. Mom's forehead furrowed as if she was not sure how to explain this painful custom. "There was a time back in China when people thought women's feet had to be shaped a certain way to look beautiful. When a girl was about five, her mother would gradually bend her toes under the sole of her foot and bind them with silk ribbons."</p>	15
<p>"There's nothing lovely about those feet." Just thinking about it made my own feet ache.</p>	
<p>As Grandmother reached the porch, Mom bowed formally. "I'm so glad you're here," she said.</p>	20
<p>Mother had coached us on a proper Chinese greeting for the last two months and watched anxiously as we executed our bows and greeted Grandmother. I thought Grandmother also deserved an American-style bear hug and took a step forward. However, when I tried to put my arms around her and kiss her, she stiffened in surprise. "Nice children don't drool on people," she snapped at me.</p>	25
<p>Switching her gaze to Ian, Grandmother's face brightened. "He has your eyes," she said to Mom, "and he's your pride and joy!"</p>	
<p>In the following weeks, Mom started laying down all sorts of new rules. I was disgruntled as I had already given up my room. Whenever Grandmother needed to rest, we could not run around or make noise. Then we could not watch our favourite television shows because Grandmother could not understand them. Worst of all, Ian got all of her attention and her candy and anything else she could bribe him with.</p>	30
<p>It was the fast straw one warm Sunday afternoon a month after she had arrived. I had just returned home from a long walk and I was looking forward to something cool and sweet, when I found her giving Ian an ice cream bar I had bought for myself.</p>	35

When I complained to Mom about how Grandmother was spoiling Ian, she only sighed. "He's a boy, Stacy. Back in China, boys are everything." I nearly flew off the handle at those words.

It was not until I saw Grandmother and Ian together the next day. Finally, it dawned on me why she treated him so much better. She was sitting on a kitchen chair with her head bent next to his. She had taught Ian enough Chinese so that they could hold short, simple conversations. With their faces so close, I could see how much alike they were. 40

Ian and I both have the same brown eyes, but his hair is black, while mine is brown, like Dad's. In fact, everything about Ian looks more Chinese. Except for the shape of my eyes, I look as Caucasian as Dad. And yet people sometimes stare at me as if I were a freak. I've always told myself it is because they are ignorant and never learned manners. It was really hard to have my own grandmother make me feel that way. 45

Ever since Grandmother had arrived, I had been practising my ballet privately in the room I now shared with Ian. I slipped one of the shoes onto my foot, but when I tried to tie the ribbons around my ankles, the ribbons came off in my hands. Grandmother was sitting in the big recliner in the living room. My first instinct was to avoid Grandmother but I squared my shoulders. Uneasily, I approached her. 50

"Paw-paw," I said, "can you help me?"

Grandmother gave a start when she turned around and saw the ribbons dangling from my hand. Then she looked down at my bare feet, which were callused from the three years of dally ballet lessons. When she looked back at the satin ribbons, it was with a hate and disgust that I had never seen before. 55

"Give those to me." She held out her hand.

I clutched the ribbons tightly against my stomach. 60

"They'll ruin your feet." She lunged toward me and tried to snatch them away.

Adapted from 'Ribbons' by Lawrence Yep

71. From the first paragraph, which two-word phrase tells us that Stacy and Ian are meeting their grandmother for the first time? [1m]

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72. Based on lines 5-12, fill in the blanks below to show what the children paid attention to on meeting their grandmother? [2m]

Ian ➞ realised that Grandmother _____

Stacy ➞ noticed that Grandmother _____

73. Which two of the following words best describe how Stacy's mother welcomed Grandmother? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

dutiful	<input type="checkbox"/>	timid	<input type="checkbox"/>
annoyed	<input type="checkbox"/>	forceful	<input type="checkbox"/>
respectful	<input type="checkbox"/>	excited	<input type="checkbox"/>

74. What were two rules Stacy's mother laid down for Stacy and Ian when Grandmother came to live with them? [2m]

Rule 1	
Rule 2	

75. Look at the table below. What do the phrases in the left column mean in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Words from the passage		What the phrase refers to
a)	this painful custom (line 14)	
b)	pride and joy (line 28)	
c)	the last straw (line 34)	

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

_____ Grandmother arrives in San Francisco.

_____ Stacy moves into Ian's bedroom.

_____ Ian learns to converse in Chinese.

77. Fill in the following table. [2m]

The situation	How Stacy felt	What Stacy did next
When Ian ate Stacy's ice cream (lines 34-39)		

78. "Finally, it dawned on me why she treated him so much better." (lines 40-41)

a) How had Stacy been feeling towards her grandmother? [1m]

b) From Stacy's point of view, why did Grandmother treat Ian better? [1m]

79. 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
a)	Grandmother was not comfortable with being hugged.		
b)	Mother tried to make Grandmother's stay comfortable.		
c)	Ian and Stacy look alike.		

80. Why did Grandmother look at the ribbons with 'hate and disgust' (line 58) and try to snatch them away from Stacy? [2m]

End of Paper

Answer Sheet

Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	1	4	2	1	1	3	3	1	2
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	1	4	1	1	4	1	2	2	3
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
2	1	3	3	4	2	4	1		

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
A	L	K	P	Q	N	C	J	D	N
Q39	familiar	Q43	Optimistic	Q47	While				
Q40	embarrassing	Q44	Dismiss	Q48	Studying				
Q41	Better	Q45	Occasion	Q49	Exasperation				
Q42	at	Q46	mountainous	Q50	slight				

Q51	works	Q56	type	Q61	paralyse
Q52	song	Q57	one	Q62	bigger
Q53	together / along	Q58	because	Q63	these
Q54	row	Q59	crazy	Q64	not
Q55	pose	Q60	However	Q65	wrecked
Q66	Due to his truancy, Freddy's form teacher had to send him for counselling.				
Q67	Mrs Chan wanted to know if that was the problem sum Katie has been trying to solve.				
Q68	Being mischievous, Ali admitted to playing a prank on the new teacher.				

Q69)	The tour guide whom Peter introduced me to is taking me around Bangkok.
Q70)	To not eat such delicious icing on the cupcake is almost impossible.
Q71)	First glimpse
Q72)	Speaks English ; had small feet
Q73)	Dutiful, respectful
Q74)	<p>Rule 1: They could not run around or make noise when Grandmother needed to rest.</p> <p>Rule 2: They could not watch their favourite television shows because Grandmother could not understand them.</p>
Q75)	<p>a) Bending her toes under the sole of her foot and binding them with silk ribbons.</p> <p>b) Ian</p> <p>c) Grandmother giving Ian her ice cream bar.</p>
Q76)	1,2,3
Q77)	Angry ; She complained to her mother about how Grandmother was spoiling Ian.
Q78)	<p>a) Stacy had been feeling very annoyed.</p> <p>b) Stacy thought that the Grandmother treated Ian better because he looks more Chinese.</p>
Q79)	<p>a) True ; When Stacy did that, she stuttered in surprise and snapped at her.</p> <p>b) True ; Mother started laying down all sorts of new rules.</p> <p>c) False ; While Ian and Stacy both have brown eyes, Ian's hair is black and Stacy's is brown. Overall, Ian looks more Chinese while Stacy looks more Caucasian.</p>
Q80)	The ribbons reminded her of how her feet were bound and she thought that Stacy wanted to bind her toes.

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Section A: Grammar (10 × 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 1 "Tess is nowhere to be seen. She has left her seat for some time, _____ she?" Mr Lim asked.
- (1) isn't
 - (2) didn't
 - (3) hasn't
 - (4) wasn't
- 2 Whether the students go to the tennis court or watch television programmes _____ on the weather.
- (1) depend
 - (2) depends
 - (3) depended
 - (4) depending
- 3 _____ hearing the good news, the girls screamed and jumped for joy.
- (1) At
 - (2) By
 - (3) Upon
 - (4) Since
- 4 All the equipment that _____ placed in the store room will be moved to the new location tomorrow
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 5 The sheep _____ on the pasture when Tammy, the sheep dog, herded them back to the farm
- (1) has grazed
 - (2) was grazing
 - (3) have grazed
 - (4) were grazing

6 The ice-cream stall lady is well-known _____ giving out extra toppings when you smile at her as you place your order.

- (1) on
- (2) for
- (3) from
- (4) about

7 Neither Tom nor his classmates _____ arrived yet. They will be disqualified from the race if they are not here in ten minutes.

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

8 Mary, _____ stuck in her room for some time now, is ecstatic to finally be able to meet her friends at the nearby mall.

- (1) is
- (2) was
- (3) had been
- (4) having been

9 Jane was _____ the impression that she had been chosen to represent the class for the impromptu speech competition.

- (1) in
- (2) with
- (3) over
- (4) under

10 Sam saw Mr Tan _____ at the pool this morning.

- (1) swim
- (2) swam
- (3) swum
- (4) swims

Section B: Vocabulary (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11 J.K. Rowling wrote the book, "The Cuckoo's Calling", under the _____ – Robert Galbraith – as she wanted it published under a different name.

- (1) label
- (2) handle
- (3) nickname
- (4) pseudonym

12 Please _____ your homework to your teacher now.

- (1) hand in
- (2) hand up
- (3) hand over
- (4) hand down

13 Although he has health problems, he still _____ and stays positive.

- (1) sees eye to eye
- (2) lets his hair down
- (3) keeps his chin up
- (4) has his head in the clouds

14 Using science as a tool, experts attempt to _____ rumours and popular myths in the television programme, *MythBusters*.

- (1) mock
- (2) expose
- (3) debunk
- (4) uncloak

15 Although you have scored full marks in your mathematics test, you cannot afford to be _____ about your final examination.

- (1) careful
- (2) cautious
- (3) compliant
- (4) complacent

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1 mark)

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

Samsui women were immigrants from China who worked in Singapore's construction industry in the 1930s. They were often depicted as industrious individuals who toiled day and night to build Singapore's infrastructure, such as Bukit Timah Road.

The red headdress that they wore became their trademark feature. The colour red was used because it was eye-catching and thus reduced the chances of workplace accidents. Work was physically demanding. The women would haul bricks and baskets of cement on shoulder poles.

Samsui women were very thrifty as they wanted to earn money to send back to their families in China. Their sparse meals usually consisted of rice, some beans and vegetables.

Adapted from https://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/infopedia/articles/SIP_795_2005-01-18.html

- 16 (1) lively
 (2) flexible
 (3) carefree
 (4) hardworking
- 17 (1) exceptional
 (2) surprising
 (3) symbolic
 (4) unusual
- 18 (1) striking
 (2) obscure
 (3) common
 (4) preferred
- 19 (1) rigid
 (2) severe
 (3) arduous
 (4) stringent
- 20 (1) rebate
 (2) refund
 (3) return
 (4) remit

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

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

A Day Out at Urban Farm

*Grow your own vegetables in a space-constrained urban home!
Sign up for our urban gardening workshops to kick-start your edible farming journey!*

WORKSHOPS

Stackable Veggie Garden

Date: Every Sunday
(except public holidays)
Time: 9 a.m. to 12 noon
Fees: \$20 per person



Learn to build a space-efficient vertical garden in your home. Modify recycled containers into a stackable gardening pod and bring home your own vegetable garden. Be excited as you wait to harvest a bumper crop!



*Farmers
market*

*Buy the freshest
organic fruit and
vegetables from
our garden!*

Grow a Seed Ball



Date: Every Sunday (except
public holidays)
Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m.
Fees: \$15 per person

Seed balls act as carriers to disperse seeds. They also provide nutrients for seeds to germinate while preventing them from being eaten by birds and animals. Each seed ball is made by wrapping seeds with compost and clay. Make a seed ball and gift it to your family and friends!

GUIDED TOUR

Have you ever wondered what an eco-friendly farm looks like?

Go on a guided tour of our eco-friendly garden conducted hourly from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, every Sunday. A professional horticulturist will share how fruit and vegetables can be grown organically without the use of harmful pesticides and growth hormones. Get to sample a variety of salad dishes and light refreshments prepared with organic produce from our eco-garden.

Tour fee: \$10 (fully redeemable for organic produce at our Farmers Market)

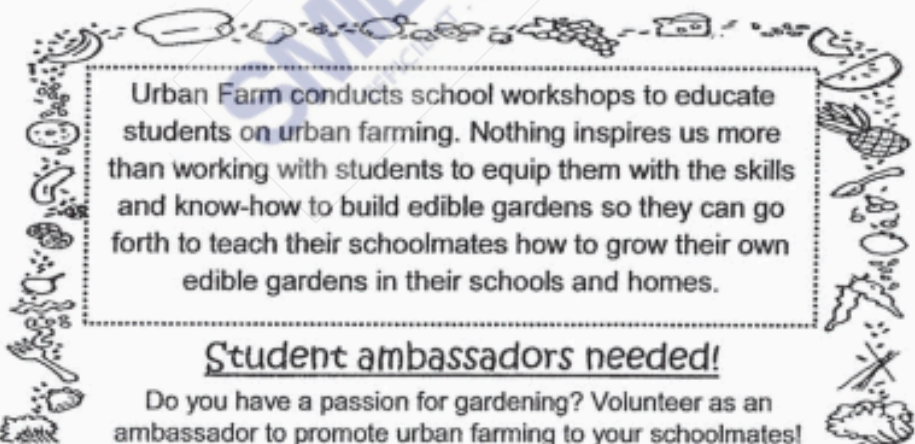
Excerpt from Nature Magazine published on 6 June 2022:

Why is urban edible gardening the Craze these days?



In Singapore, most of our produce is imported as we do not have enough land for traditional farming. However, in recent years, urban farming has become increasingly popular. Farming is seen all around the world as a practical skill that ensures our survival in times of crisis. Therefore, more edible gardens are sprouting in high-rise urban spaces, such as balconies and HDB corridors. Growing our own food is not just a trendy pastime. Instead, it is a way forward for those who are concerned about their food source and the amount of pesticides used in commercial farming. Thus, we are certainly seeing a revival of our growing traditions!

Located at Kranji, Urban Farm is one of the more established city farms in Singapore. On weekends, they offer farm tours and workshops for parents and children to get in touch with nature. Visitors can also learn about sustainable farming and the importance of growing their own vegetables. Furthermore, they also help design and build edible gardens so that more Singaporeans can enjoy their own local fresh produce.



Urban Farm conducts school workshops to educate students on urban farming. Nothing inspires us more than working with students to equip them with the skills and know-how to build edible gardens so they can go forth to teach their schoolmates how to grow their own edible gardens in their schools and homes.

Student ambassadors needed!

Do you have a passion for gardening? Volunteer as an ambassador to promote urban farming to your schoolmates!

Interested students can drop us an email at
joinus@urban_farm.com.sg



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21 What is the **main** purpose of the event "A Day Out at Urban Farm"?

- (1) to show people how to get in touch with nature
- (2) to promote the benefits of consuming organic food
- (3) to encourage people to grow edible plants for food ☒
- (4) to publicise the guided tours conducted by Urban Farm ☐

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22 The 'Stackable Veggie Garden' workshop teaches participants to _____.

- (1) recycle food waste for gardening
- (2) harvest and cook vegetables from their garden
- (3) grow herbs and vegetables on any small plot of land
- (4) build a vertical vegetable garden using recycled containers

23 In the section 'Grow a Seed Ball', which one of the following statements is **true**?

- (1) Each seed ball contains only one seed.
- (2) The seed balls are placed in a clay container to grow.
- (3) A mixture of compost and clay is used to wrap the seeds.
- (4) Birds and animals can easily feed on the seeds in the seed balls.

24 Bob wants to take the guided tour around the farm. He can expect to _____.

- (1) make no payments for the tour
- (2) get hands-on experience at growing organic vegetables
- (3) claim \$10 worth of organic produce from Farmers Market
- (4) learn to make a salad with organic vegetables from the eco-garden

25 According to the excerpt from Nature Magazine, which is **not** true of why Singaporeans are becoming more interested in urban farming?

- (1) It has become a trendy pastime.
- (2) It is a skill that allows them to make a living.
- (3) They need to depend on farming for their survival in future.
- (4) They are concerned about the amount of pesticides in commercial farming.

- 26 Why is the headline "Why is urban edible gardening the craze these days?" from Nature Magazine framed as a question? It is to _____.
- (1) seek answers from readers
 - (2) inspire curiosity and critical thinking
 - (3) create confusion in the reader's mind
 - (4) conceal the lack of true facts in the article
- 27 Urban Farm contributes to local farming efforts by _____.
- (1) conducting daily farm tours and workshops
 - (2) going to schools to help them build vegetable gardens
 - (3) building edible gardens at HDB corridors for the residents
 - (4) equipping children with the know-how to build edible gardens
- 28 What does Urban Farm look for in a student ambassador?
- (1) a love for gardening
 - (2) experience in edible farming
 - (3) the ability to train other students
 - (4) the capability to conduct educational talks

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

<p>Researchers have spent a lot of time studying people who think positively. The findings are not surprising. They show that optimistic people are more resistant to stress. Optimism can even help people live longer. The best thing about optimism is that you can learn it, even if you are pessimistic.</p>	
<p>Optimism goes beyond seeing the bright side of a situation or expecting good things. When something good happens, optimists believe that their abilities cause the situation to turn out well. They see their abilities as permanent parts of themselves. Their way of thinking is contrary to the pessimistic views.</p>	5
<p>When things do not go as expected, optimism lets us see disappointing events as temporary situations that we can get past. It motivates us to keep working towards our goals. Due to this, optimistic people feel more in control of their situations and have higher self-esteem.</p>	10
<p>Pessimism influences us to take disappointments personally. A pessimistic outlook exaggerates the negative aspects of a situation which overshadow anything positive. Pessimistic thinking makes it harder to cope when things do not go as hoped.</p>	15
<p>Optimists are prepared to face challenges in their lives with true confidence. They do not pretend that life is perfect as they choose to focus on what they can do to make things better in a bad situation.</p>	
<p>Here is an example: Joan and Megan both tried out for the basketball school team. Neither makes the final cut. Both feel disappointed, but they handle it differently.</p>	20
<p>Joan is a pessimist. When she saw the result, she thought, "I should not have done it. I worked on this but my hands are too small. I have the worst basketball skills among the participants. Otherwise, why must my coach keep telling me how to improve? He must be upset with my performance. I should have listened to my father when he told me not to try. I should quit the team."</p>	25
<p>Megan is an optimist. Looking at the same result, she inferred, "There was a lot of talent at the tryouts and only a few openings. That pushed me to practise hard and I played my best — it felt good! The coach gave me great feedback. I'm going to work on the things he suggested and watch all the games played by my school team this year. That way, I'll have a better chance next year."</p>	30
<p>Megan is focused on the specific situation. She does not see the situation as permanent. She plans her next move to make her goal happen. Joan, on the other hand, thinks that she was the worst one at the tryouts and the coach did not like her. She decided</p>	

<p>to face the fact that she cannot play basketball. Unlike Megan, Joan sees failures as permanent weaknesses of herself and she cannot do anything about it. She blames herself, but she also sees outside factors such as her coach working against her. Ultimately, she lets this one setback cast doubt on her athletic abilities.</p>	35
<p>Optimism is a thinking style that can be learned. Just keep telling yourself, "I can be more optimistic and I'm going to keep practising!"</p>	
<p><i>Adapted from "Optimism" by Mary L. Gavin</i></p>	

SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 × 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) although	(D) as	(G) in	(K) their	(N) was
(B) and	(E) at	(H) into	(L) to	(P) were
(C) are	(F) for	(J) is	(M) until	(Q) with

There is no doubt that young people today are driving action on climate change. School pupils have been known to be involved in international movements committed (29) _____ addressing environmental damage caused by climate change. They speak out in public (30) _____ hold the adults around them accountable.

(31) _____ more adults join the cause of these children, it seems the actions by these young people (32) _____ finally being recognised. However, questions about climate change still depend on adults for answers. Perhaps it is time to think about how young people can be meaningfully involved (33) _____ shaping the future of our planet.

Fortunately, there are already instances of children coming forward to make (34) _____ voices heard. Swedish activist Greta Thunberg captured the world's attention when she (35) _____ invited to address world leaders at the UN conference on climate change in December 2018, (36) _____ just 15 years of age. Since then, she has become well-known globally. Thunberg has brought the climate emergency (37) _____ everyone's view.

Thunberg is not the first young person to address the UN climate conference. There are others who are equally passionate. Kathy Jenil, a young aspiring poet, has called (38) _____ urgent action as rising sea levels threaten her home. Global climate injustice cannot be fully understood without listening to young people from around the world.

Adapted from Climate Change from The Conversation by Jo Adetunji

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.

Mr Sreenivasan is a famous tiger watcher who safeguards the tiger reserves in
(39)
India. Better know as "Tiger Sreeni", his remarkable skill in spotting tigers has earned
(40)
him numerus awards and accolades.
(41)
He is passionate about protect the forest and animals in his country. Even after
(42) (43)
sastaining a serious injury from an attack by an Indian bison, he remains ressolute to
return to work.
(44)
Once young, Mr Sreenivasan has been accompanying his father to the
(45)
Parambikulam forests, observing the wildlife from a dist.ant. Over the years, he has
(46)
acquired valuable knowle.dge of the landscape. Thus, it was only natural for him to follow
(47)
in his father's footsteps. Once, a wildlife photographer was saved from being trempled
(48)
by an elephant due to Mr Sreenivasan's keen observation and time warning.
(49)
While Mr Sreenivasan has photographed over 2000 tiger sighttings in the forests
(50)
of Kerala, he has seen much more tigers which were not documented. One such snapshot
was a rare picture of five tigers. These photographs led to the authorities declaring
Parambikulam as a tiger reserve in 2010.

Forest Watchman Helps Keep Tigers Safe by Sumi Thomas - What's Up Issue 169, April 2020

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

At the start of a new school year, a teacher stood up in front of her students, holding a \$100 note. She posed a question, "_____ would like this \$100 note?" All the students _____ (51) _____ their hands, to which the teacher said, "I'm going to give this \$100 to only _____ (52) _____ of you but before that, let me do this..." (53)

She _____ (54) _____ the note up into a ball. Then she asked, "Who _____ (55) _____ wants it now?" The hands stayed up.

"Well, what _____ (56) _____ I were to do this?" the teacher queried. She then dropped the note on the _____ (57) _____, stomped on it, and picked it up. "How about now?" she asked again. The hands _____ (58) _____ staying up.

The teacher explained, "Class, I hope you have all learned a valuable _____ (59) _____ Regardless of what I did to this money, you still wanted it because its value stayed the _____ (60) _____. Even with its creases and dirtiness, it remains \$100. Many times in our lives, we're put _____ (61) _____ unpleasant situations, dropped, bruised and ground into the dirt. These are caused by the _____ (62) _____ we make and the circumstances that come our _____ (63) _____. We may feel as though we are worthless. But _____ (64) _____ matter what, you'll never lose your value. You are priceless to those who love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, _____ (65) _____ by who we are." The students finally understood her message.

Adapted from <https://www.whatsdannyydoing.com/blog/short-inspirational-stories-with-a-moral>

Section H: Transformation / Synthesis (5 × 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 She left home at the eleventh hour. She managed to reach the airport in time.

Despite _____

- 67 The person who finishes the marathon first will be awarded a prize.

_____ to whoever

- 68 Liya is well-mannered. Teri is well-mannered too.

Both _____

- 69 Mr Yeo told us that we had to exercise the next day

" _____
_____ " Mr Yeo told us.

- 70 Nathan handed over his mobile phone reluctantly to the discipline master.

With _____

Section I: Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read the passage on pages 10 and 11 then answer questions 71 to 80.

71 From the first paragraph, what are the **two** benefits of being an optimist? [2m]

72 From lines 1-8, list **two** views optimists have when good things happen to them. [2m]

(i)

(ii)

73 Which sentence from the second paragraph tells us that the way the optimist and pessimist view challenges is completely different from each other? [1m]

74 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) They (line 2)	
b) It (line 10)	
c) it (line 20)	

75 How do pessimists view disappointments in life? [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. [2m]

	True/False	Reason
a) Optimists are realistic about the challenges they will face in life.		
b) Joan felt that the setback she had faced in the basketball try-out was only due to her own weakness.		

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How Megan plans to achieve success at the next try-out

(a)

(b)

[2m]

78 Based on the passage, which **two** of the following words best reflect the mindset of an optimist Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

hopeful

✓

fixed

cynical

growth

controlling

simplistic

- 79 Which two words from lines 21-25 show that Joan was negative about her performance during the basketball try-out? The words are found in two separate sentences. [2m]

- 80 Between Megan and Joan, who do you think will eventually make it to the basketball school team? Support your answer with one difference in the way the two girls view challenges from lines 31-39. [2m]

— END OF PAPER —

Answer Sheet

BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)

Q1	3	Q2	2	Q3	3	Q4	1	Q5	4
Q6	2	Q7	3	Q8	4	Q9	4	Q10	1
Q11	4	Q12	1	Q13	3	Q14	3	Q15	4
Q16	4	Q17	3	Q18	1	Q19	3	Q20	4
Q21	3	Q22	4	Q23	3	Q24	3	Q25	2
Q26	2	Q27	4	Q28	1				

BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q29	to	Q30	and	Q31	as	Q32	are	Q33	in
Q34	their	Q35	was	Q36	at	Q37	into	Q38	for

Q39	known	Q40	numerous	Q41	protecting	Q42	sustaining
Q43	resolute	Q44	Since	Q45	distance	Q46	knowledge
Q47	trampled	Q48	timely	Q49	signings	Q50	many

Q51	who	Q52	raised	Q53	one	Q54	crumpled	Q55	still
Q56	if	Q57	floor	Q58	kept	Q59	lesson	Q60	same
Q61	in	Q62	choices	Q63	way	Q64	no	Q65	but

Q66	Despite leaving home at the eleventh hour, she managed to reach the airport in time.
Q67	The prize will be awarded to whoever the person who finished the marathon first.
Q68	Both Liya and Teri are well-mannered.
Q69	"you must exercise tomorrow", Mr Yeo told us.
Q70	With reluctance, Nathan handed over his mobile phone to the discipline master.
Q71	Optimistic people are more resistant to stress and optimism can help people live longer.
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Q73	Their way of thinking is contrary to the pessimistic views.											
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Q80	I think that Megan will eventually make the school team. Megan is focused on the situation where she did not make the basketball team but does not see the situation as permanent. She plans her next move after the setback Megan had to make her goal happen unlike Joan who concludes that she cannot play basketball and lets that one setback cast double on her athletic abilities.
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RAFFLES GIRLS' PRIMARY SCHOOL SA1 PAPER

Section A: Grammar (10 × 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 1 The robber hid behind the big tree as he watched the old lady _____ the front door of her house.
- (1) open
 - (2) opens
 - (3) opened
 - (4) was opening
- 2 The injured man _____ on the pavement waiting for the ambulance to arrive.
- (1) lied
 - (2) lald
 - (3) lay
 - (4) lie
- 3 Please give me a week to ponder _____ your proposal.
- (1) in
 - (2) over
 - (3) about
 - (4) through
- 4 Vincent had left for his studies in England. I _____ in touch with him since then.
- (1) am not kept
 - (2) was not kept
 - (3) have not kept
 - (4) would not keep
- 5 The PE teacher, together with his pupils, _____ round the school compound every Wednesday.
- (1) jog
 - (2) jogs
 - (3) has jogged
 - (4) have jogged
- 6 Not only did she sweep the floor, but she also _____ it.
- (1) mopping
 - (2) mopped
 - (3) mops
 - (4) mop

- 7 Timothy seldom speaks German in Singapore, _____ he?
- (1) did
 - (2) does
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) doesn't
- 8 _____ did Isabel expect such warm applause from the audience for her first singing performance.
- (1) Few
 - (2) Little
 - (3) None
 - (4) Much
- 9 During a birthday celebration, Mr and Mrs Wong introduced a friend of _____ to my uncle.
- (1) their
 - (2) them
 - (3) theirs
 - (4) themselves
- 10 No sooner had Jane stepped into the classroom _____ the school bell sounded.
- (1) when
 - (2) then
 - (3) than
 - (4) that

Section B: Vocabulary (5 × 1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 11 There was a _____ of activity among the fans when the famous singer arrived unexpectedly.
- (1) fuss
 - (2) swirl
 - (3) flurry
 - (4) chain
- 12 My plan to go to Japan _____ due to the Covid-19 travel restrictions.
- (1) fell off
 - (2) fell back
 - (3) fell behind
 - (4) fell through
- 13 Mr Lim is a fishing enthusiast. He keeps his fishing gear in his car so that he can go fishing _____ after work.
- (1) at the drop of a hat
 - (2) behind the times
 - (3) around the clock
 - (4) in the long run
- 14 While listening to the long talk, Tristan struggled to _____ a yawn.
- (1) curb
 - (2) stifle
 - (3) block
 - (4) restrict
- 15 Moving all the children out safely will be of _____ concern in an emergency.
- (1) petty
 - (2) premier
 - (3) prominent
 - (4) paramount

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 × 1 mark)

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

Lindsay was running a fever of 41 degrees Celsius. Her mother was frantically sponging her with ice-cold water. (16)

Two hours later, her temperature failed to go down despite her mother's efforts. The pain Lindsay felt was so intense that she just could not stop wailing. Knowing the dangers of a high fever, Lindsay's mother rushed her to the hospital. (17) (18) (19)

Dr Kaur, who attended to Lindsay, was an established doctor specialised in immunology. Recently, many children were down with high fever, caused by a new virus which was rampant across the country. She knew she had to find a cure and soon. (20)

- 16 (1) uncontrollably
(2) desperately
(3) recklessly
(4) tirelessly

- 17 (1) wane
(2) recede
(3) subside
(4) descend

- 18 (1) deep
(2) potent
(3) extreme
(4) concentrated

- 19 (1) perils
(2) plagues
(3) prospects
(4) probabilities

- 20 (1) plentiful
(2) enlarging
(3) flourishing
(4) widespread

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

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

Cleaning out for **Good!**

Clearing out your pantry to make room for festive goodies?
Hold on before you throw!

Drop off any unopened, unused non-perishable food items you find in your pantry with at least four weeks of shelf life left at:

**150 Tan Kah Lee Ave #01-01
Singapore 888150
Weekdays from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm**

All food donations will allow our beneficiaries to have more complete meals this festive season!



Donate your food items and do your bit for charity! All donated food items help support needy families across Singapore.

Donate **only** these items:

- * Canned food especially tuna, curry chicken, vegetables (sweet corn and peas etc)
- * Packet & Powdered beverages (Milo, coffee etc)
- * Sauces & Spreads (peanut butter, jam etc)
- * Cookies and Biscuits
- * Oatmeal & Cereals
- * Instant Noodles
- * Vermicelli



For more information, call us at **6888-2345** or visit us at **www.foodshare.org**.
Help spread the joy this festive season!

"Only by giving are we able to receive more than we already have." – Jim Rohn



History

FoodShare is a non-profit organisation that feeds the needy through its food distribution programme. It was established in February 2010 after Anthony and Ida Bandara read a report in The Citizen Times about bakeries discarding their unsold bread. Roused to action, they then decided to channel surplus food from bakeries to those in need.

FoodShare started with 130 volunteers in 2010. At the end of 2021, our volunteers had multiplied to over 12,000, and together we reached 50,300 beneficiaries across Singapore.

Here's what our Bread Runner of 10 years, Martin Goh, has to say:



Share with us how you have deliberately made giving part of your daily life.

Every Sunday evening, my family and I go on our Bread Run route, where we collect unsold bread and buns at Jia Yi Bakery and deliver them to St. Luke's ElderCare Centre. We also help out at Narayana Social Service on a monthly basis as a family, where we pack food rations together for distribution to the needy.

Perhaps that's why your daughters have this ingrained desire to give. They always have a huge smile on their faces on your Bread Runs!

Yes, they are happy to go on the routes! FoodShare's concept of saving unsold bread that is in perfectly good condition and giving it out to those who need it makes a lot of sense to us.

My elder daughter organises community service activities like food packing and distribution with her own friends as well. She would also save up the money she earned from her own entrepreneurial efforts and buy food for the needy.

Can you share some of your thoughts about contributing to the community?

It's very natural that when you do something good for others, you feel good about it yourself. That itself is a reward. If you have time, give your time. If you have money, share it. If you're blessed with both, do both. The more you give, the more you receive.

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 21 On the first page of the flyer, why are the address, contact number and website in bold and look bigger than the other words?
- (1) to excite the readers
 - (2) to draw the readers' attention
 - (3) to highlight unimportant information
 - (4) to emphasise that the organisation is not a scam
- 22 The word 'Good' in the heading, "Cleaning out for Good!", means being able to _____.
- (1) buy festive goodies
 - (2) donate food to charity
 - (3) have a more complete meal
 - (4) spread the joy in the festive season
- 23 According to the flyer, which items are not supposed to be donated to FoodShare?
- (1) cereals and cookies
 - (2) sauces and spreads
 - (3) cut fruit and vegetables
 - (4) milk powder and tea bags
- 24 Nazra wants to donate some food items. She must check that the items are _____ before doing so.
- (1) festive goodies
 - (2) opened and unused
 - (3) fresh and perishable
 - (4) at least one month before expiry
- 25 One of the founders of FoodShare is _____.
- (1) Tan Kah Lee
 - (2) Ida Bandara
 - (3) Martin Goh
 - (4) Jim Rohn
- 26 Which organisation is a beneficiary of FoodShare?
- (1) St. Luke's ElderCare Centre
 - (2) Narayana Social Service
 - (3) The Citizen Times
 - (4) Jia Yi Bakery

- 27 Why did the flyer include an interview with one of its volunteers?
- (1) To reach more people in need
 - (2) To encourage more organisations to support Bread Runs
 - (3) To show how entrepreneurship can be nurtured in children
 - (4) To strengthen the message that only by giving do we receive more than we already have
- 28 What is the main purpose of the flyer?
- (1) to get more food donations
 - (2) to distribute more food to the needy
 - (3) to increase public awareness of FoodShare's founders
 - (4) to attract charity organisations to take part in FoodShare



BOOKLET B
Section I: Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

<p>Since primary one, I lived in the city with Aunt Jo, my mother's sister. Education was important so my parents sent me to the best school in the city; far away from our cattle farm. The farm kept them busy so they rarely visited me and I could only go back during the school holidays.</p>	1
<p>Moving away from my parents was especially hard for a seven-year-old. Though Aunt Jo loved me dearly, she was stern and did not know how to demonstrate her affections. She spoke in a cold, austere voice which made me miss my mother's sweet, bubbly voice and warm, tender hugs even more. Thus, I cried every night, leaving Aunt Jo at her wits' end.</p>	5
<p>One night, Aunt Jo seemed to have completely changed. She became very affectionate, snuggling next to me. She began singing lullabies in a high-pitched voice which made me cringe and shudder. I was baffled. A few nights later, I was passing by Aunt Jo's room and noticed it was ajar. Piqued by curiosity, I peeked in and saw Aunt Jo standing in front of the mirror with her eyes closed, hands clasped. Then she began taking deep breaths. Before she could open her eyes and turn round, I quickly tiptoed out of her range. Thankfully, after weeks of protesting, I got her to quit singing.</p>	10 15
<p>I linked her personality transformation to that particular ritual she had performed. Words she had trouble expressing before, she would have no problem saying, such as, "My dear Lindy, did you do your homework? Your Math teacher called saying your scores are slipping." When I was older, I realised that the ritual was like a mental switch that Aunt Jo needed to help her shed her austere nature.</p>	20
<p>Aunt Jo ran a second-generation yarn shop with Mrs Murano and had been working there since Grandmother's time. Mrs Murano was very much like Aunt Jo – quiet and reserved. Neither of them acted like saleswomen as I had never once seen them make small talk or even smile to customers. How the shop stayed in business for so long was the greatest wonder of our shopping district. Fortunately, both women were good at the craft and the shop offered stylish knitting patterns not found elsewhere. Customers could also look at yarn for ages and no one would bother them.</p>	25
<p>After helping out at the yarn shop, I noticed something weird about Aunt Jo. She always changed the items in the window display at the end of a season except for an orange sweater which she knitted in spring.</p>	30
<p>Even Mrs Murano said Aunt Jo did not seem to want to sell that orange sweater. She said whenever a customer enquired about it, Aunt Jo would clarify that the sweater was not for sale. She suspected Aunt Jo had someone special in mind for it.</p>	
<p>One fine day, I could not take it any longer and decided to probe her about this.</p>	

<p>"Well, orange works fine for autumn. It's a classic colour for all seasons," Aunt Jo replied nonchalantly, her blank expression showing no hint of what I suspected.</p> <p>I refused to accept that for an answer and waited, my eyebrows arched.</p> <p>After a pause, Aunt Jo confessed, "My son used to have something similar in his wardrobe. It was his favourite."</p> <p>I was dumbstruck. I had never seen Cousin Thomas in my life. Perhaps Aunt Jo was still holding onto hope that he might return someday from his overseas work.</p> <p><i>Adapted from "Mirror, Mirror" by Sachiko Kashiwaba. Translated by Avery Fischer Udagawa</i></p>	<p>35</p> <p>40</p>
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SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 × 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	(D) both	(G) is	(K) their	(N) was
(B) after	(E) from	(H) other	(L) them	(P) were
(C) are	(F) in	(J) over	(M) to	(Q) when

Two children recently went viral on social media for being extremely well-mannered. A video of the young boy and girl clad in school uniforms (29) _____ posted on Facebook page – Roads.sg last Sunday.

They were students walking (30) _____ a nearby primary school to a HDB block. Lugging backpacks and with drinks (31) _____ hand, the pair was about to make their way across a zebra crossing.

As a car approached, the boy raised the hand holding his drink (32) _____ alert oncoming motorists. The girl followed suit soon (33) _____. In the middle of the crossing, (34) _____ of them then unexpectedly bowed to the driver. Upon reaching the (35) _____ side of the road, the two of them bowed once more.

The video has since garnered (36) _____ 64,000 views, and many have praised the pair for (37) _____ courteous actions. Some added that the gesture, albeit a small one, would have warmed the heart of the driver witnessing it.

Others noted that bowing to thank motorists (38) _____ still a common practice in Japan today. Young children can often be seen bowing deeply from the waist after crossing the road.

Adapted from <https://mustsharenews.com/students-bow-sengkang/>

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.

Sportspersons are no strangers to loss, defeat and disappointment. In the course
(39)
of building their physical and mental strenght, skills and endurance to compete at the
(40) (41)
higher levels of their sports, every athlette would have experienced failure, loss and
defeat. No one wins all the time.

(42)
However, what enables them to be the cream of the crop is their persisted
(43)
through failure. It is their ability to focus, not on the disappointment, and on their goal.

(44)
When they focus on their target, the failure simply become a sign that they have
(45)
to keep training, and is not a final jydgement. You too, can train yourself in
(46)
perserverence.

(47)
First, adopt the competitor's perspective - Each and all failure is only a sign that
you are not there yet but you will be. Keep training.

(48)
Next, focus on what you want to acheive. If you do not succeed this time, aim for
(49)
the next opertunity. Always look forward to the next competition to test your abilities.

Lastly, the result you have when you give up is your final result. Therefore, if you
(50)
do not like the result, do not give up. Working harder, smarter or differently to get the
result you desire. You can do it!

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Whenever we see pictures of animals or gaze at them in a zoo, we are often astounded by their beauty. The tiger, _____ (51) its well-defined stripes, is a magnificent creature, while the leopard is equally attractive with its richly spotted _____ (52). This magnificence is not confined to large animals. Some of the smallest insects show intricate patterns of colour. Who has not thought _____ (53) the delicate wings of a butterfly and wondered _____ (54) nature has created such beauty?

As a _____ (55) of fact, nature usually has a reason for the beauty of any animal or insect. The butterfly's colouring is _____ (56) just for beautification. The vivid colours of some male butterflies _____ (57) as a warning to bigger creatures not to eat them. This also allows the males to _____ (58) female butterflies to mate with them. The tiger's stripes on the other _____ (59) keep it camouflaged as it stalks its prey. Similarly, the leopard's spotted coat _____ (60) it to stealthily approach and attack its intended _____ (61). The colourings help them to be efficient hunters. Failure to do so would mean _____ (62).

A further attribute that nature has implanted in many animals is instinct. Animals _____ (63) threat have a sixth sense that danger is nearby – their ears _____ (64) up and they "freeze" for a moment, hoping to _____ (65) detection. Then fear takes over, and flight automatically follows.

Section H: Transformation / Synthesis (5 × 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 Megan's puppies refuse to eat. She is worried.

_____ about her puppies'

- 67 The cabinet is very heavy. Jess cannot carry it.

_____ too _____

- 68 The school gymnasts trained hard for the competition. They did so enthusiastically.

It was with _____

- 69 Maya asked her mother, "Who took my diary?"

Maya asked her mother _____

- 70 Gillian does not like singing. Her cousins do not like singing too.

Neither _____ nor _____

Section I: Comprehension (Open-ended) 20 marks

Read the passage on pages 10 and 11 then answer questions 71 to 80.

71 Where did Lindy live before she started school? (1m)

72 Based on paragraph 2, fill in the following table to show the differences between how Lindy's mother and Aunt Jo spoke and interacted with Lindy. (2m)

	Aunt Jo	Lindy's mother
How the character spoke to Lindy		She spoke in a sweet and bubbly voice.
How the character showed affection to Lindy	She was stern and did not know how to demonstrate her affection.	

73 From paragraph 2, pick out a 4-word phrase that shows Aunt Jo was at a loss and did not know what to do when Lindy cried. (1m)

74 State two actions in Aunt Jo's "particular ritual" (line 16). (2m)

- (i) _____
- (ii) _____

75 Why was it necessary for Aunt Jo to go through the "particular ritual" (line 16)? (2m)

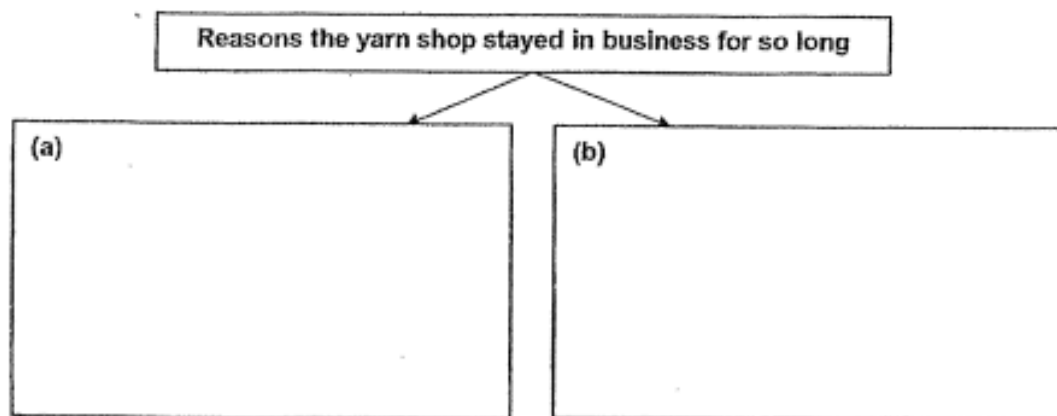
- 76 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. (3m)

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
them (line 3)	
them (line 23)	
them (line 27)	

- 77 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
Lindy's parents sent her to live with Aunt Jo to help out at the yarn shop.		
Lindy liked listening to Aunt Jo singing lullabies.		
Aunt Jo inherited the yarn shop from Lindy's grandmother.		

78



(2m)

79 What did Aunt Jo do to show that the orange sweater was important to her? (2m)

80 According to the author, what was Aunt Jo's real reason for not selling the orange sweater? (2m)

— END OF PAPER —



Answer Sheet

Booklet A Q1	1	Booklet A Q15	4
Booklet A Q2	3	Booklet A Q16	2
Booklet A Q3	2	Booklet A Q17	4
Booklet A Q4	3	Booklet A Q18	3
Booklet A Q5	2	Booklet A Q19	1
Booklet A Q6	2	Booklet A Q20	4
Booklet A Q7	2	Booklet A Q21	2
Booklet A Q8	2	Booklet A Q22	2
Booklet A Q9	3	Booklet A Q23	3
Booklet A Q10	3	Booklet A Q24	4
Booklet A Q11	3	Booklet A Q25	2
Booklet A Q12	4	Booklet A Q26	1
Booklet A Q13	1	Booklet A Q27	4
Booklet A Q14	2	Booklet A Q28	1

Booklet B Q29	N
Booklet B Q30	E
Booklet B Q31	F
Booklet B Q32	M
Booklet B Q33	B
Booklet B Q34	D
Booklet B Q35	H
Booklet B Q36	J
Booklet B Q37	K
Booklet B Q38	G

Booklet B Q39	strength
Booklet B Q40	highest
Booklet B Q41	athlete
Booklet B Q42	persistence
Booklet B Q43	but
Booklet B Q44	becomes
Booklet B Q45	judgment
Booklet B Q46	perseverance
Booklet B Q47	every
Booklet B Q48	achieve
Booklet B Q49	opportunity
Booklet B Q50	work

Booklet B Q51	with
Booklet B Q52	coat / fur
Booklet B Q53	of
Booklet B Q54	how / why
Booklet B Q55	matter
Booklet B Q56	not
Booklet B Q57	act / serve / work / appear / function
Booklet B Q58	attract
Booklet B Q59	hand
Booklet B Q60	enables / allows / helps
Booklet B Q61	prey
Booklet B Q62	death
Booklet B Q63	facing
Booklet B Q64	stick
Booklet B Q65	avoid

Q66)	Megan is worried about her puppies' refusal to eat.
Q67)	The cabinet is too heavy for Jess to carry.
Q68)	It was with enthusiasm that the school gymnasts trained hard for the competition.
Q69)	Maya asked her mother who had taken her diary.
Q70)	Neither Gillian nor her cousins like singing.
Q71)	Lindy and her parents' cattle farm
Q72)	Aunt Jo --- she spoke in a cold, austere voice. Lindy's mother --- she gave Lindy warm and tender hugs.
Q73)	at her wits' end
Q74)	i) Aunt Jo stood in front of the mirror, closed her eyes and clasped her hand, as if praying. ii) Aunt Jo took deep breaths.
Q75)	The ritual was a mental switch for her to become more affectionate to Lindy.
Q76)	(line 3) --- Lindy's parents (line 23) --- Mrs Murano and Aunt Jo (line 27) --- customers looking at yarn
Q77)	False --- Lindy's parents sent her to live with Aunt Jo as her parents wanted to send Lindy to the best school in the city. False --- Aunt Jo's high-pitched lullabies made Lindy cringe and shudder. True --- Aunt Jo ran a second-generation yarn shop and inherited the yarn shop from Lindy's grandmother.
Q78)	a) Both Aunt Jo and Mrs Murano were good at the craft and the shop offered stylish knitting patterns not found elsewhere. b) Customers could look at yarn for ages no one would bother them.
Q79)	The orange sweater was always placed in the window display and Aunt Jo did not change the orange sweater Aunt Jo also did not sell the orange sweater away too.

Q80)	The orange sweater reminded Aunt Jo of his son. His son's favourite sweater was similar to the orange sweater. Aunt Jo still help onto hope that his son would return someday.
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RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL PRELIM PAPER

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

- 1 Susan is anxious: _____ speaking to a large audience during the assembly.

(1) at
(2) of
(3) with
(4) about

- 2 The boys complained that it was difficult to study in the library as there was so _____ noise.

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

- 3 "_____ I have brought a gift to the party?" asked Thomas when he realised that everyone else had brought a gift.

(1) Will
(2) Must
(3) Would
(4) Should

- 4 If I _____ more conscientious in my work, I would not have made the same mistake twice.

(1) am
(2) was
(3) had been
(4) have been

- 5 "_____ it is perfectly normal to feel disappointed at losing the game, we must not be disheartened," encouraged the coach.

(1) While
(2) Unless
(3) Except
(4) However

- 6 "Henry seldom drives, _____?" Jane asked Paul.
- (1) does he
 - (2) doesn't he
 - (3) did he
 - (4) didn't he
- 7 Aunt Linda recalled how her mother would _____ her every night when she was studying for her PSLE.
- (1) accompany
 - (2) accompanies
 - (3) accompanied
 - (4) accompanying
- 8 "Could my teacher _____ his handphone behind?" Sally wondered when she saw the phone on the table.
- (1) left
 - (2) leave
 - (3) had left
 - (4) have left
- 9 We _____ our script that morning and were puzzled to see an empty folder.
- (1) will prepare
 - (2) had prepared
 - (3) would prepare
 - (4) have prepared
- 10 Mrs Teo started waving excitedly the moment she spotted her son _____ the gate.
- (1) approach
 - (2) approaches
 - (3) approached
 - (4) approaching

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

(5 marks)

- 11 When Alex saw the grizzly bear getting closer, he immediately _____ in fright.
- (1) backed up
 - (2) backed out
 - (3) backed down
 - (4) backed away
- 12 The animals in the shelter had been neglected and lived in _____ conditions, causing outbreak of diseases and numerous deaths in the last two weeks.
- (1) striking
 - (2) daunting
 - (3) appalling
 - (4) intriguing
- 13 That _____ competitive store has caused many of its competitors to be out of business by lowering prices significantly.
- (1) fiercely
 - (2) harshly
 - (3) severely
 - (4) maliciously
- 14 Sean beamed proudly when the police officers _____ him for his brave act of saving the injured victims in the car accident.
- (1) commanded
 - (2) commended
 - (3) congratulated
 - (4) complimented
- 15 Ken shouted angrily at the salesperson when his request for a refund was ignored. His parents were embarrassed by their son's _____.
- (1) insolence
 - (2) intolerance
 - (3) incompetence
 - (4) ineffectiveness

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. (5 marks)

A carpenter with years of experience in carpentry was ready to retire. Before he resigned, his employer asked him to build one more house for the company. The carpenter agreed half-heartedly. He did shoddy work and used substandard materials to build the last house of his career. When the carpenter completed the house, the employer came to inspect the home. He seemed surprised by the poor quality. Nonetheless, he handed the front-door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." This was a massive surprise to the carpenter and he looked somewhat abashed. If only he had known he was building his own house, he would have done it differently. Now he had to live in a home that was not built well.

Adapted from <https://alltimeshortstories.com/short-stories-about-life/>

- 16 (1) trial in
 (2) exploit of
 (3) occurrence in
 (4) encounter with

- 17 (1) demanded
 (2) requested
 (3) begged
 (4) urged

- 18 (1) scanty → small
 (2) fragile
 (3) inferior → not good
 (4) negligible

- 19 (1) explore
 (2) analyse
 (3) examine
 (4) investigate

- 20 (1) utterly
 (2) almost
 (3) slightly
 (4) particularly

Study this information from the website and then answer questions 21 to 28. (8 marks)

About Maple	Community Events	Community Groups	Useful Links	Contact Us
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It's Community Day again!

The event that Maple Estate residents are eagerly looking forward to is just around the corner! As usual, the Maple Residents' Committee has planned a programme that is designed to promote community spirit. Maple Estate has been celebrating Community Day every month for more than a year. By now, we hope all our residents understand the importance of forging strong bonds with our neighbours. If you have just moved to our lovely estate and have not had the opportunity to mingle with your neighbours, you can do so by joining us at Community Day!

November Highlight: Maple Estate Chefs

Calling all residents who are keen to practise your culinary skills and let your neighbours sample your cooking! You will be the stars of the upcoming event! Visit www.maplerc.sg for more information and to register for this activity. Kitchen equipment and basic ingredients will be provided. You will receive a \$50 shopping voucher that you can use to purchase other ingredients from Maple Mart the day before the event. Remember to register before 21 October! We are sure everyone will enjoy the delicious dishes!



6 November 2022

10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Maple Community Club

Flash your
Maple
Resident
Card
to gain entry!

"My wife and I moved to Maple Estate when we got married. For a few months, we spent all our free time after work doing up our residence. Even though we knew that our neighbours were friendly and would sometimes invite us for their gatherings, we were happily occupied with getting things ready. However, it wasn't long before we grew curious about the Community Day celebrations. After we started attending them regularly, we met many neighbours. The first time we invited some of them over, we played a bingo game that helped us to get to know one another better!"

~ Mr Wang, a Maple Estate resident since 2020

We asked Mr Wang to share the bingo game with us because we think it is a fun activity that you can do with your neighbours! The printable version is available in case you need more copies. Make sure everyone has a copy. You are encouraged to get to know your neighbours by having them find a phrase that describes them and sign in the box. Try to get only one signature per person. That way, everyone will get to know the most neighbours possible! The first one who gets 5 signatures in a row, be it horizontally, vertically or diagonally, wins! Good luck and have fun!

◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ **BINGO!** ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆

has climbed a mountain	likes animals	is a good cook	enjoys playing board games	is good at fixing things
enjoys watching cooking shows	has learnt a foreign language	enjoys playing games on the phone	plays a musical instrument	likes gardening
is good at drawing	enjoys travelling	moved to Maple Estate in 2022	enjoys baking	likes outdoor activities
sings well	likes children	enjoys watching comedies	has won an award	enjoys reading
reads the news daily	knows how to swim	exercises at least twice a week	dances well	enjoys eating at hawker centres

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21 Which of the following is true of Maple Estate's Community Day?

- (1) Activities are open to the general public. *
- (2) Attendees of the event will receive a \$50 shopping voucher. *
- (3) It has been celebrated more than twelve times since it started.
- (4) Only residents who just moved to the estate are encouraged to attend the event. *

22 According to the Maple website, residents can engage in the Community Day activities to _____.

- (1) interact with their neighbours
- (2) announce their move to Maple Estate
- (3) appreciate how lovely Maple Estate is
- (4) understand how important neighbours are

23 Those who want to take part in the Maple Estate Chefs activity must _____.

- (1) work as chefs
- (2) sign up on 21 October
- (3) use their own kitchen equipment
- (4) cook their dishes on 6 November

24 Why is an exclamation mark used in the heading, "It's Community Day again!"?

- (1) to convey excitement about the event
- (2) to emphasise that it is a day event only
- (3) to highlight that it is a community event
- (4) to highlight that it has been held before

25 In the article on the website, Mr and Mrs Wang did not socialise with their neighbours much at first because they _____.

- (1) spent all their time at work
- (2) were busy beautifying their home
- (3) were gathering information about their neighbours
- (4) had not been invited to their neighbours' gatherings

26 The Maple Estate Community Day is organised by _____.

- (1) Maple Estate Chefs
- (2) Maple Estate residents
- (3) Maple Community Club
- (4) Maple Resident's Committee

27 Mdm Siti just moved to the estate and wants to get to know her neighbours. She is encouraged to _____.

- (1) watch cooking shows
- (2) learn a foreign language
- (3) join the community day celebration monthly
- (4) register at www.maplerc.sg to play the Bingo game

28 How does the Bingo game allow residents to get to know their neighbours better?

- (1) Residents can find out who they can get along with.
- (2) It allows them to learn a new skill with their neighbours.
- (3) It encourages residents to connect with their neighbours.
- (4) Residents can give a printed copy of the game to their family members.

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

On my daughter Norah's fourth birthday, she asked if we could stop by the supermarket to buy cupcakes. How do you say no to a birthday girl? We headed towards the bakery and picked up some. After that, I stopped at a clearance shelf, distracted. My daughter, Norah, was excitedly waving at someone, "Hi, old person! It's my birthday today!"

The elderly man stopped and stared. He did not look approachable at all. Before I could shush her for calling him an old person or ask the earth to swallow me whole, the old man stopped and turned to her. If he was troubled by my child's words, he did not show it. His expression softened as he replied kindly, "Well, hello, little lady! How old are you today?"

They chatted for a few minutes, and he wished her a happy birthday. Then she made her request, "Sir, could you take a photograph with me?"

The old man took a step back, his eyes widening after hearing Norah's request. He steadied himself on his shopping trolley. "A photograph? With me?" he asked, placing his free hand on his chest. He could not hide the smile which was forming from the sides of his mouth.

"Yes, for my birthday!" Norah pleaded.

He nodded shyly.

I pulled out my phone, and they posed together. Norah placed her soft hand on top of his. He wordlessly stared at her with twinkling eyes as she kept his hand in hers and studied his skinny veins and weathered knuckles. She kissed the top of his hand and then placed it on her cheek. He beamed. I asked his name, and he told us to call him Dan.

We were blocking other shoppers, but the two did not care. Although this was their first meeting, there was magic happening in the supermarket that day, and we could all feel it. As if they had known each other for a long time, Norah and Dan started chatting away like long-lost friends.

After a while, we had to say goodbye. I thanked Dan for obliging Norah and spending part of his day with her. He teared up, turned to Norah, and said, "No, thank YOU. This has been the best day I've had in a long time. You've made me so happy." I would be lying if I said I wasn't a weepy mess after their encounter.

Later that evening, I posted the story of the encounter and the photograph on my Facebook page. That night, I received a message from a local reader who recognised Dan.

The reader wanted me to know that she was certain Dan was moved by Norah's actions that day. She shared that Dan's wife had passed away recently, and he had not slept well ever since. I later asked for Dan's telephone number and called him a few days later.

We visited Dan at his house. Having put on smart pants and shoes, Dan also had a haircut for the occasion. He looked ten years younger. He had set out a child's table, blank paper and crayons for Norah. He asked if she would draw some pictures for him to display on his refrigerator. She went right to work.

We ended up spending nearly three hours with Dan that day. He was patient and kind with Norah, who enjoyed herself thoroughly.

Norah asks about Dan every day. She wonders if he is lonely, and worries about him. We made a promise to see Dan every week, even if only for a quick hug, just to make sure he is alright. On a recent visit, he relayed that he had slept soundly every night since meeting Norah. "She has healed me," he said.

Adapted from <https://www.rdasia.com/true-stories-lifestyle/relationships/when-norah-met-mr-dan>

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) across	(D) from	(G) of	(K) over	(N) was
(B) at	(E) in	(H) off	(L) to	(P) were
(C) between	(F) like	(J) out	(M) too	(Q) with

This year's National Day Parade (NDP) was open to the public. Almost every seat at the Marina Bay floating platform was filled for the birthday bash on 9 August.

NDP 2022 was a big difference _____ the previous two years, which had been
 drastically reduced _____ size to adapt to the safe management measures. This
 year's celebrations were comparable _____ those pre-Covid-19, involving as
 many Singaporeans _____ the floating platform as possible.

Themed 'Stronger Together, Majulah!', NDP 2022 coincided _____ the 55th
 anniversary of National Service.

On 9 August, there _____ a combined land, air and sea Total Defence Display
 at the float. The organising committee had also brought back crowd favourites
 _____ the Red Lions conducting freefall jumps. During the grand finale,
 simultaneous firework displays were set _____ in the heartland areas.

The organising committee also gave this year's celebrations a heartland twist.
 _____ the weekend of 6 and 7 August, there were exhibitions, carnivals and other
 performances in five venues _____ the country, including displays of military and
 police vehicles. What a spectacular event!

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the box. (12 marks)

Do not be surprised if a robot is brewing your drink the next time you

(39)

order a cup of coffee. Powered by artificial intelligent, a robot barista named

(40)

Ella has been dishing up coffee at the Grab-and-Go kiosk at Raffles MRT

(41)

station. Contrary to common believe that the robot will serve you poor quality,

(42)

(43)

water coffee. Ella brews a descent cup with coffee beans from Italy.

(44)

Recently, at least three food and behvereige businesses have also made

(45)

use of robots to offer quality brews. Serve a far greater purpose than

(46)

attracting customers, these machines eased the industry's manpower

(47)

problems. Besides being effishent, they can be updated with the latest

(48)

teknology and customised to suit the needs of any restaurant or cafe.

(49)

In recent years, some restaurants have diployed robots to ferry food to

(50)

the table. Some have found the use of robots essenshial to their operations.

Looks like robots could be our future colleagues in the work place.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Mr Kok Wai Tong has always led an active lifestyle. In recent years, he has _____ up a new form of exercise called plogging. Mr Kok walks around his neighbourhood weekly, and along the _____, he picks up litter on the ground.

In Sweden, this practice is common. The _____ 'plogging' is a mash-up of the word 'jogging' and the Swedish words 'plocka upp', which _____ 'to pick up'. Plogging started in Sweden in 2016 and has spread across the world. _____ to the founder of plogging website, Erik Ahlstrom, about 20,000 people do it daily.

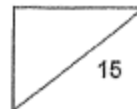
In Singapore, the practice has been gaining _____. More plogging events are being organised by running groups because plogging is _____ as a more relaxing activity than running as it does not _____ speed.

Mr Kok is one of the many people actively _____ in plogging. _____ a lot more litter around his neighbourhood during the Covid-19 pandemic, he decided to _____ two activities that he loved - picking up recyclable items while running.

Since last year, he has _____ plogging in his exercise regimen - a change of pace from his _____ high-intensity interval training. Plogging forces him to run more slowly than he usually does, as he has to stop to pick up rubbish. This relaxed pace is beneficial _____ long-distance runners as it improves aerobic fitness.

Mr Kok is happy that he gets to keep the environment _____ while exercising. He feels it is important to encourage more people to take responsibility for the environment because it affects our daily lives.

Adapted from <https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/plogging-more-keeping-fit-while-clearing-litter>



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). (10 marks)

66 Li Ming went to the dentist for his toothache. He felt better.

Having _____

67 Mr Lim was praising Jane for her bravery in the dangerous situation.

Jane _____

68 Norleena asked if the answers were accurate.

Norleena questioned the _____

69 "May I have a cup of water?" Su Mei asked the waiter.

Su Mei asked the waiter if _____

70 Raju thought of a good idea. He was able to solve the problem.

Raju's good idea _____

- 71 Why do you think the writer could not reject her daughter's request to get cupcakes at the supermarket? (1m)

- 72 How do you think the writer felt when she wanted the earth to swallow her whole? Why do you think she felt this way? (2m)

Writer's feelings:

Reason: _____

- 73 Based on the information from paragraphs 1 and 2, fill in the following table with one word each which described Dan's expression before and after Norah had called out to him. (2m)

Before Norah had called out to him	Dan looked _____
After Norah had called out to him	Dan looked _____

- 74 Which **two** of the following words best describe how Dan felt in lines 9 – 14? Put a tick in the box beside each of your answers. (2m)
DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

intimidated

☐

amazed

☐

surprised

☐

embarrassed

☐

delighted

☐

startled

☐

- 75** What was the 'magic' (line 21) that was happening in the supermarket that day? (2m)

- 76** Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. (2m)

Question	WORD(S) from the passage
a) Which word from paragraphs 3 to 5 suggests Norah really wanted to take a photograph with Dan?	
b) Which word from paragraph 7 tells us that Dan had aged in appearance?	

- 77** Look at the table below. What do the words/phrases in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. (3m)

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
Norah's request (line 11)	
it (line 18)	
work (line 36)	

- 76 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)

Statement	True/False	Reason
a) The writer did not think much of the interaction between Dan and Norah.		
b) Dan was looking forward to his meeting with Norah.		
c) The writer asked Dan for his telephone number.		

- 79 Why do you think the writer and Norah made a promise to visit Dan every week? (1m)

- 80 Using information from the passage, explain how Norah had 'healed' Dan. (2m)

Answer Sheet

Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	3	4	3	1	1	1	4	2	4
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	3	1	2	1	4	2	3	3	3
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	1	4	1	2	4	3	3		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
D	E	L	B	Q	N	F	H	K	A
Q39)	intelligence	Q43)	decent	Q47)	efficient				
Q40)	out	Q44)	beverage	Q48)	technology				
Q41)	belief	Q45)	serving	Q49)	deployed				
Q42)	watery	Q46)	ease	Q50)	essential				

Q51)	picked	Q56)	popularity	Q61)	combine
Q52)	way	Q57)	considered	Q62)	added
Q53)	word	Q58)	require	Q63)	usual
Q54)	means	Q59)	participating	Q64)	to
Q55)	According	Q60)	seeing	Q65)	clean
Q66)	Having gone to the dentist for his toothache, Li Ming felt better.				
Q67)	Jane was being praised by Mr Lim for her bravery in the dangerous situation.				
Q68)	Norleena questioned the accuracy of the answers.				
Q69)	Su Mei asked the waiter if she could have a cup of water.				

Q70)	Raju's good idea enabled him to solve the problem.										
Q71)	It was her daughter's birthday.										
Q72)	<p>Writer's feelings : Embarrassed</p> <p>Reason : Her daughter addressed a elderly man in a inappropriate way which was rude.</p>										
Q73)	<p>Unapproachable</p> <p>Kind</p>										
Q74)	surprised / delighted										
Q75)	Although it was the first time Norah and Dan met, they chatted as if they had know each other for a long time.										
Q76)	<p>Pleaded</p> <p>Weathered</p>										
Q77)	<p>Norah's wish to take a picture with Dan for her birthday.</p> <p>Dan's hand</p> <p>Drawing pictures for Dan to display on the refrigerator.</p>										
Q78)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>a)</td><td>False</td><td>The writer thought it was touching and weeped after their encounter.</td></tr> <tr> <td>b)</td><td>True</td><td>Dan put on smart pants and shoes and had a haircut to meet Norah.</td></tr> <tr> <td>c)</td><td>False</td><td>The writer got Dan 's number through a local reader who recognised Dan.</td></tr> </table>		a)	False	The writer thought it was touching and weeped after their encounter.	b)	True	Dan put on smart pants and shoes and had a haircut to meet Norah.	c)	False	The writer got Dan 's number through a local reader who recognised Dan.
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b)	True	Dan put on smart pants and shoes and had a haircut to meet Norah.									
c)	False	The writer got Dan 's number through a local reader who recognised Dan.									
Q79)	Norah worries about Dan and they wanted to check in on him to make sure that he is fine.										
Q80)	Dan had not slept well since his wife died, but he had slept soundly since meeting Norah.										

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

- 1 Rina blushed when she was praised. She was not accustomed _____ receiving compliments from her peers
- (1) in
 - (2) to
 - (3) by
 - (4) with
- 2 "_____ glass of warm milk would make you feel better. Would you like one?" asked Father.
- (1) A
 - (2) An
 - (3) Any
 - (4) The
- 3 _____ Alice _____ Sarah ate the noodles. They were already full as they had eaten earlier.
- (1) Either... or
 - (2) Both... and
 - (3) Neither...nor
 - (4) Whether... or
- 4 My parents will be taking my sister and _____ to the beach this weekend.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
- 5 The number of dengue cases _____ increasing. We must take steps to prevent mosquito breeding.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

- 6 Mrs Prasad gave her son so _____ ideas that he had a hard time choosing his favourite.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
- 7 "Ahmad can be the Class Monitor. He's been a role model for his peers, _____?" said the teacher.
- (1) isn't he
 - (2) can't he
 - (3) hasn't he
 - (4) wasn't he
- 8 "I remember _____ an advertisement about the newest mobile phone in town. I would love to check it out," Sally told her friend.
- (1) see
 - (2) saw
 - (3) seen
 - (4) seeing
- 9 Wei Chong thinks that he _____ still attend the basketball tryouts although he did not feel like going.
- (1) can
 - (2) shall
 - (3) could
 - (4) should
- 10 "_____ you have ordered the exact amount of food we needed? Now we have a lot of leftovers!" grumbled Mother.
- (1) Can't
 - (2) Won't
 - (3) Couldn't
 - (4) Wouldn't

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

11 Wearing a mask is _____ in preventing the spread of diseases.

- (1) urgent
- (2) critical
- (3) serious
- (4) immediate

12 The handicapped swimmer _____ her third gold medal at the Paralympics.

- (1) clasped
- (2) clinched
- (3) acquired
- (4) accomplished

13 There was a lot of noise coming from the library so Lisa went in to see what the _____ was about.

- (1) commotion
- (2) conference
- (3) consideration
- (4) commemoration

14 We had a class _____ based on the motion 'Students should be allowed to bring their pets to school' last week. I was in the opposition team.

- (1) debate
- (2) dispute
- (3) argument
- (4) controversy

15 Phone scam cases have been _____ decreasing over the past months as members of the public can now better detect them.

- (1) steadily
- (2) regularly
- (3) routinely
- (4) frequently

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. (5 marks)

It was two o'clock in the morning. As Lily could not go back to sleep, she got out of bed and walked leisurely to the kitchen. Whenever she had a hard time sleeping, eating dumplings would (16) always help. She decided to make some. After kneading the dough, she meticulously rolled it (17) into thin sheets. Lily created a filling by mixing ground chicken, garlic and soy sauce. She then (18) scooped some up and placed it at the centre of the dough sheet. She stir-fried the dumplings to a crisp. Savouring them, a smile crept across Lily's face. Eating dumplings reminded her of her (19) roots. She fondly recollected the good times in her old home in China where she used to live (20) with her family. Lily missed them dearly. Eating dumplings always helped her feel close to them.

Adapted from: 200wordsshortstory.org

- 16 (1) paced
(2) paraded
(3) marched
(4) sauntered
- 17 (1) strictly
(2) carefully
(3) cautiously
(4) accurately
- 18 (1) diced
(2) sliced
(3) minced
(4) crushed
- 19 (1) Tasting
(2) Enjoying
(3) Devouring
(4) Consuming
- 20 (1) recalled
(2) reviewed
(3) re-examined
(4) reconsidered

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

Study this newsletter of an enrichment centre, Happy Learning, and then answer questions 21 to 28.



Happy Learning Enrichment Centre



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An Update on the Happy Learning Programme


What the Students Have Covered This Term

Subject	Topic
Reading	Science Fiction
Writing	Writing a Good Description
Maths	Magic Maths Figures
Science	What plants need to grow
Social Studies	Our Founding Fathers
Health Education	A Balanced Diet

Students' Testimonials on the Activities





I loved reading the Science fiction books that my teacher introduced. What is most enthralling is that they help me to imagine what life would be like in outer space! Reading is now more enjoyable as I have found a genre of books that I really like!

Abdul Hakim, Primary 5 student

The writing class allowed me to express my creativity through writing descriptively. I also liked the Maths class where I learnt to solve challenging Maths problems in a fun way. However, the Social Studies class had the biggest impact on me. I learnt about the late Mr Lee Kuan Yew and Dr Toh Chin Chye. They inspire me to be a good citizen.

Jennifer Kwan, Primary 6 student





I found the Health Education lesson very informative! My teacher taught me the importance of having well-balanced meals. Now, I make the effort to fill half my plate with fruits and vegetables so that I can grow healthily!

Vithya Naidu, Primary 2 student

What the Students Can Look Forward to in the Month of July



Tuesday, 5th July
Gardening Day

We will plant flowers in the Learning Hub's new garden from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Students should bring old clothes, a hat, and sunscreen.

Friday, 15th July
Learning Journey to the Colonial Village

We will visit the Colonial Village, an air-conditioned premise. Students should bring a jacket, their water bottles, and snacks. The bus will leave at 2 p.m. and return by 5.30 p.m.

Monday, 18th July
Learning Journey to Aspire Institute

We will visit Aspire Institute from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. The principal and some teachers will give talks and take us around the school. As we will be walking to and from Aspire Institute, students should bring their umbrellas or raincoats in case of wet weather.



Friday, 29th July
Annual Fair

There will be food, music, games and prizes! Students may attend the fair anytime between noon and 6 p.m. at the Learning Hub's atrium.

Magic Maths Figure to Try at Home!

Magic Daisy

Here is a challenge for you. Figure out the numbers that make up a Magic Daisy. At the center of the daisy, write the number 6. Then, write one number from 1 through 11 in each circle. The numbers in each line should add up to 18. Send in your completed Magic Daisy to magicmaths@happylearning.com and stand a chance to win attractive prizes!



Magic Daisy

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

21 What have the students been doing in Science class?

- (1) reading Science fiction books
- (2) understanding the way plants grow
- (3) writing descriptions about Science experiments
- (4) learning about the requirements for plant growth

22 From Jennifer's testimonial, she enjoyed the lesson on _____
most out of all the activities she participated in.

- (1) A Balanced Diet
- (2) Magic Maths Figures
- (3) Our Founding Fathers
- (4) Writing a Good Description

23 What did Hakim find most captivating about the Science fiction books that he read?

- (1) He enjoyed learning about plants.
- (2) His teacher had introduced them to him.
- (3) The books helped him imagine life in outer space.
- (4) The books belonged to a genre of books he enjoyed reading.

24 Students should remember to bring some food on _____.

- (1) 5 July
- (2) 15 July
- (3) 18 July
- (4) 29 July

- 25 Which of the following is not true of the activities in July?
- (1) The students will get to play games.
 - (2) The activities will include a school visit.
 - (3) The students will be outdoors for all the activities.
 - (4) The activities will take place on weekday afternoons.
- 26 What is the purpose of including testimonials in the newsletter?
- (1) to praise the teachers at the centre
 - (2) to provide information about the July programme
 - (3) to build confidence in the readers about the programme
 - (4) to introduce students who participated in the programme
- 27 Bernard tried the completing the Magic Daisy and was successful. He did all the following except _____.
- (1) put the number 6 in the middle circle
 - (2) filled all the circles with the numbers 1 to 11
 - (3) made sure each circle contained only one number
 - (4) checked that the sum of the numbers in each line was 18
- 28 What is the main purpose of the article?
- (1) to feature students' testimonials of the programme
 - (2) to promote the programmes available at the centre
 - (3) to remind students about the items they need to bring
 - (4) to help students remember the things they have learnt

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

Michael loved playing basketball. Every Saturday, he played with his older brothers, Larry and Ronnie, but he was always defeated by the tallest boy on the court, Mark. Despite the defeats, Michael continued to play every week to overcome the challenge.

A few days after the last defeat, Michael was sitting in the kitchen, looking disappointed. Mama saw the look on his face and said, "You guys lost again today, huh?"

Michael nodded. He sat quietly for a minute, then asked, "Mama, how can I grow taller?" Now, Mama knew the answers to a lot of questions, but this was a tough one. She stumbled for a moment as she sprinkled salt on the chicken she was making for dinner. Then, she smiled, looked at Michael, and said, "Salt. Salt in your shoes. If you practise with salt in your shoes every day, you'll be taller before you know it!" she replied.

"Salt in my shoes?" Michael said quietly to himself, scrunching his eyebrows. At the same time, he noticed the rose bushes outside in Mama's garden. They had grown high along the fence, and roses of all colours were blooming on the vines. Michael's face lit up. If Mama knew how to make those rose bushes grow tall, then maybe she was right. That night, when Mama came into his room, Michael was asleep with a smile etched on his face. By his bed, Mama sprinkled salt into his shoes. Then, she prayed quietly over him as she did for all her children.

After that night, Michael wore his favourite game shoes with salt everywhere he went. He stopped going to the park with his brothers on Saturdays. Instead, he stayed home and practised every day like Mama had advised. He wanted to grow a few more inches before going back to the park to defeat Mark. He started recording his height daily. After two months of practising, Michael stood next to the growth chart on his wall again but alas, he had not grown an inch. Two more months of practising went by and still nothing. Not only had he not grown taller, he also missed playing basketball with Larry and Ronnie.

Mama came home that Saturday and found Michael looking gloomy. "What's wrong, son? Are you okay?"

He said, "It didn't work. I can't be a great player if I do not grow taller."

"But you are a great player, son. You already have everything it takes to be a winner, right in here," Mama tapped Michael on his chest. "Being taller may help you play better, but not as much as practice, determination, and doing one's best. Those are what make you a real winner."

Mama's words gave Michael a new found sense of motivation. He rushed to the game. With salt in his shoes, Michael showed off the fruit of his labour. He finally defeated Mark for the first time. After that day, Mama stopped putting salt in Michael's shoes, but what she taught him impacted him for the rest of his life. Michael never stopped doing what Mama had advised and that helped him become widely-acknowledged as the greatest basketball player of all time – Michael Jordan.

Adapted from "Salt in His Shoes" by Deloris Jordan

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) all	(D) be	(G) every	(K) in	(N) to
(B) as	(E) by	(H) for	(L) of	(P) with
(C) at	(F) during	(J) from	(M) these	(Q) which

The *Museum of Ice Cream* set up a shop in Dempsey last August. It is one of the initiatives by Singapore Tourism Board (STB) _____ seeks to enhance Singapore's attractiveness to prepare its hard-hit tourism sector _____ recovery.

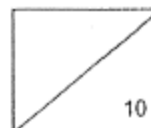
Mr Tan, chief executive of STB, said, "The opening of _____ innovative attractions adds vibrancy to our city, and builds the tourism industry's confidence _____ Singapore's continuing appeal as a top travel destination."

Visitors to the *Museum of Ice Cream* will _____ guided through 14 multi-sensory sections with interactive displays. _____ activities are dedicated to ice cream, which visitors will also get to try _____ their visit.

Another highlight is a sprinkle pool advertised as the museum's largest pool _____ date. The sprinkles, which come in a variety of colours and used _____ a topping for ice cream, is disinfected regularly.

A maximum capacity of 200 guests is allowed at any one time. Knowing that this could be a concern, STB's Mr Tan reassured the public that their safety is a priority. "The museum will abide _____ hygiene and safe distancing guidelines. We will keep visitors safe," he said.

Adapted from The Straits Times – Museum of Ice Cream to open in Dempsey in August



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

When I was young, ice ball was my favourite dessert. I could not resist
 (39) (40)
 the temtaysion to get one as a relieve from the sweltering mid-day heat. I

was lucky enough to have an ice-ball stall near my school which I visited
 (41)
ocasionaly.

(42) (43)
 Though not considered a newtritious snack, the ice ball was an immense
 (44)
 popular treat for children in the past. Each ice ball cost between five to ten
 (45)
 cents. It is made use shaved ice, moulded by hand into the shape of a ball
 (46) (47)
 and then drizzle with evaporated milk and various syrups in diferrent colours.

(48)
 Some sellers would add ingreediants like jellies or cooked red beans in the
 (49)
 center of the ball as an addytionel treat. Upon request, the seller could also
 cut the ball in half so it could be shared with a friend.

(50)
 The dessert eventually evolved from 'ice kacang', the colourful dessert
 we know today. It is now a favourite among many Singaporeans.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

When a bird loses its feathers and can no longer fly, vets in Singapore can use a special 'feather extension' technique to restore its wings and return it to the sky. This technique, invented centuries (51), refers to the joining of the remains of a damaged feather to a new feather.

The new feather is affixed by inserting a needle, which is (52) of bamboo, and securing it by (53) a strong glue. Feathers used in this procedure have to be from the (54) species as the bird being treated, and not just any bird.

Recently, this procedure was (55) out on an eagle at the hospital in Jurong Bird Park. The eagle was found with severe (56) to all the important flight feathers on its wings and tail, causing it to lose its (57) fly.

Upon closer (58) by the vets at the hospital, the bird was found to be in good health, (59) from its feathers that were burnt.

A spokesman for the park said, "To replace lost or damaged feathers, birds will naturally grow new feathers through the moulting cycle. It could, however, (60) up to twelve months for the eagle to fully regrow its feathers and be able to fly (61)." The long duration is an issue because keeping a wild bird in captivity comes with risks,

(62) as causing unnecessary stress to the bird, or the bird becoming too dependent on humans, thus unable to (63) for itself.

Therefore, to (64) up the process of releasing the bird into the wild, the veterinary team decided to fix both its wings and tail feathers. The eagle had more (65) fifty of its feathers on its wings and tail fixed successfully.

After adapting to its new feathers well, the eagle took off a day later.

<https://www.straitstimes.com/singapore/environment/feather-extensions-helps-native-raptor-fly-again>

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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). (10 marks)

66 Mother told me to make the room beautiful.

_____ the room.

67 The boy is crying to his mother. His toy is broken.

_____ whose

68 The boys have to deliver the box of books to the library.

The box of books _____

69 Anticipating that his father was reaching home, Ben stood at the front door.

Ben stood at the front door at the _____

70 "How did you find this book?" Beth asked Ali.

Beth wanted to know _____

Read the passage on page 9 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

71 Why did Michael want to grow taller? (1m)

72 From paragraph 1, how would you describe Micheal's attitude towards challenges? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. (2m)

Description:	
Evidence:	

73 What made Mama suggest putting salt into Michael's shoes? (1m)

74 Why did Michael believe Mama's suggestion that salt in his shoes would help him grow taller? (2m)

75

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

- _____ Michael became a well-known basketball player.
- _____ Michael defeated Mark for the first time.
- _____ Michael was convinced that Mama's advice would work .

- 76 Which two words correctly describe how Michael felt in lines 17 - 25? Put a tick in the box beside each of your answers. (2m)
 DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

angry	<input type="checkbox"/>	neglected	<input type="checkbox"/>
enthusiastic	<input type="checkbox"/>	abandoned	<input type="checkbox"/>
satisfied	<input type="checkbox"/>	disappointed	<input type="checkbox"/>

- 77 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. (3m)

Question	Word from the passage
a) Which word from the first paragraph tells us that Micheal and his brothers found defeating Mark a difficulty?	
b) Which word from the third paragraph tells us that Mama was unsure about answering Micheal's question?	
c) Which two-word phrase from the fourth paragraph tells us that Micheal was excited about Mama's method in helping him to grow taller?	

- 78 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. (3m)

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
one (line 7)	
It (line 26)	
labour (line 31)	

- 79 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)

Statement	True/False	Reason
Michael stopped playing basketball with his brothers because he was afraid of Mark.		
Micheal believed without hesitation Mama's claim that salt would help him grow tall.		
Micheal was anxious to check if he was growing taller.		

- 80 Explain clearly what helped Michael become a successful basketball player. (2m)

Answer Sheet

Booklet A Q1	2	Booklet A Q15	1
Booklet A Q2	1	Booklet A Q16	4
Booklet A Q3	3	Booklet A Q17	2
Booklet A Q4	2	Booklet A Q18	3
Booklet A Q5	1	Booklet A Q19	2
Booklet A Q6	3	Booklet A Q20	1
Booklet A Q7	3	Booklet A Q21	4
Booklet A Q8	4	Booklet A Q22	3
Booklet A Q9	4	Booklet A Q23	3
Booklet A Q10	3	Booklet A Q24	2
Booklet A Q11	2	Booklet A Q25	3
Booklet A Q12	2	Booklet A Q26	3
Booklet A Q13	1	Booklet A Q27	2
Booklet A Q14	1	Booklet A Q28	2

Booklet B Q29	Q
Booklet B Q30	H
Booklet B Q31	M
Booklet B Q32	K
Booklet B Q33	D
Booklet B Q34	A
Booklet B Q35	F
Booklet B Q36	N
Booklet B Q37	B
Booklet B Q38	E

Booklet B Q39	temptation
Booklet B Q40	relief
Booklet B Q41	occasionally
Booklet B Q42	nutritious
Booklet B Q43	immensely
Booklet B Q44	and
Booklet B Q45	using
Booklet B Q46	drizzled
Booklet B Q47	different
Booklet B Q48	ingredients
Booklet B Q49	additional
Booklet B Q50	into

Booklet B Q51	ago
Booklet B Q52	made
Booklet B Q53	using
Booklet B Q54	same
Booklet B Q55	carried
Booklet B Q56	damage
Booklet B Q57	ability
Booklet B Q58	examination
Booklet B Q59	apart
Booklet B Q60	take
Booklet B Q61	again
Booklet B Q62	such
Booklet B Q63	fend
Booklet B Q64	speed
Booklet B Q65	than
Booklet B Q66	Mother told me to beautify the room.

Q67)	The boy ,whose toy is broken, is crying to his mother.
Q68)	The box of books has to be delivered to the library by the boys.
Q69)	Ben stood at the front door at the anticipation of his father reaching home.
Q70)	Beth wanted to know how Ali had found that book.
Q71)	1) Michael wanted to defeat the tallest boy on the court by growing taller. 2) Michael wanted to win over basketball.
Q72)	Description : determined Evidence : Despite defeats, Michael continued to play every week to defeat Mark.
Q73)	She was sprinkling salt on the chicken she was making for dinner.
Q74)	Michael thought/ believed that if Mama knew how to make rose bushes grow then she could be right about putting salt in his shoes to help him to grow taller.
Q75)	3, 2, 1
Q76)	enthusiastic / disappointed
Q77)	a)challenge b)stumbled c)lit up
Q78)	(line 7) --- the question on how to grow taller. (line 26) --- putting salt in Michael's shoes to help him grow taller. (line 31) --- four months of practice.
Q79)	False --- He wanted to grow a few more inches before going back to the park to defeat Mark. False --- He scrunched his eyebrows when he heard Mama's claim. True – Michael recorded his height daily.
Q80)	Michael never stopper practising kept on practising, being determined, and doing his best. Michael heeded Mama's advice, and kept on practising, being determined, and doing his best.

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- 1 My father called the police immediately after having spotted a burglar _____ into our neighbour's house last night.
- (1) break
 - (2) broke
 - (3) has broken
 - (4) had broken
- 2 Father is taking my sister and _____ to watch the parade next week.
- (1) I
 - (2) me
 - (3) mine
 - (4) myself
- 3 Should the team leader _____ to postpone the meeting this afternoon, he will inform all the members beforehand.
- (1) decide
 - (2) decides
 - (3) decided
 - (4) has decided
- 4 The deer was grazing on the grassland when the cheetah pounced _____ it.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) over
 - (4) across
- 5 "Andy took his medicine after I had told him to do so, _____?" Mother asked.
- (1) didn't he
 - (2) hasn't he
 - (3) hadn't he
 - (4) wouldn't he

- 6 When the class monitor found the wallet, we did not know _____ it was.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
- 7 "Uncle Tom and I are good friends. We _____ each other since we were in kindergarten," my father told us.
- (1) know
 - (2) knew
 - (3) had known
 - (4) have known
- 8 There was so _____ traffic on the road that it caused Bala to be late for his work.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
- 9 Neither Jim nor his sisters _____ the party this evening. Only their parents have been invited.
- (1) is attending
 - (2) has attended
 - (3) are attending
 - (4) have attended
- 10 _____ his poor work attitude, the boy did not do well in his examinations.
- (1) Owing to
 - (2) In spite of
 - (3) Other than
 - (4) Regardless of

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 11 The Environment Club has put _____ a comprehensive plan to minimise the use of paper in the school.
- (1) out
 - (2) over
 - (3) forth
 - (4) along
- 12 The children walked barefooted _____ on the beach for fear of stepping onto any sharp object hidden in the sand.
- (1) swiftly
 - (2) gingerly
 - (3) casually
 - (4) nonchalantly
- 13 As there were not enough samples tested for the experiment, the results collected were _____.
- (1) invaluable
 - (2) incoherent
 - (3) inconclusive
 - (4) incomprehensible
- 14 The poachers who had _____ a national park in an attempt to shoot down an elephant have been arrested by the authorities.
- (1) wrecked
 - (2) penetrated
 - (3) trespassed
 - (4) demolished
- 15 Dina is usually efficient but often _____ whenever she is asked to clean up her room, much to her mother's annoyance.
- (1) calculates
 - (2) speculates
 - (3) contemplates
 - (4) procrastinates

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

(5 marks)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Owens decided to bring home a brood of chickens from a farm. They had in mind (16) for the scrawny three-day-old chicks to become (17) a flock that could provide their family with fresh eggs. Much to their surprise, what they did not preempt (18) was the bond that would form between these chicks and their nine-year-old daughter, Sophie.

Sophie fell in love with the baby chicks the moment they appeared before her eyes, huddling (19) in a cardboard box under a heat lamp in their living room. Sophie spent much of her time hugging them fondly (20). She was upset when her parents would not allow the chickens to sleep in her bed with her.

Adapted from "Sophie and her Chicks" by Emma Taubenfeld

- 16 (1) resolved
(2) intended
(3) proposed
(4) reasoned

- 17 (1) build up
(2) evolve into
(3) progress to
(4) develop into

- 18 (1) imagine
(2) precede
(3) anticipate
(4) prophesise

- 19 (1) nestling
(2) settling
(3) perching
(4) crouching

- 20 (1) willingly
(2) sincerely
(3) earnestly
(4) affectionately

Study the information from this poster and then answer questions 21 to 28.

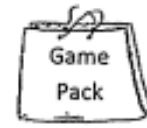





Seniors Go Hi-tech Programme by ElderCare



Let's go digital together!

This programme is specially designed to assist our seniors on their digital journey. Our Digital Buddies will teach the elderly various skills, like making video calls and cashless payments, so as to increase their independence and help them to lead a more entertaining and purposeful lifestyle. Whether it is learning from our Digital Buddies at designated venues or taking guided lessons at home, our seniors can learn to get connected using technology at their own pace while having fun!

Pick up new digital skills the fun and easy way through...		
Digital Hubs Mondays to Fridays 3pm-5pm	Learning Journeys * Weekends only 9am-10am & 3pm-4pm Limited slots	Online Learning Simply log onto www.seniorsgohitech.sg
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our Digital Buddies at selected community centres provide one-to-one guidance on how to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> set up email accounts. send text or voice messages on mobile phones. Each participant will receive a game pack comprising a chess set and a wireless mouse after the 2-hour session. <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Game Pack</p> </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For more information on the digital hubs, call the helpdesk at ElderCare at 6377 3838. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn to download and use the ScanGo application to pay for groceries on mobile phones. Approach any Digital Buddy to register for the learning journey. Max 20 participants to one Digital Buddy per trip. <p>* Transport to and from Fresh Mart supermarket will be provided. More information can be obtained upon registration.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access online learning resources at your convenience. Step-by-step guide on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> making video calls. <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ordering groceries and food through online delivery services like HookFood and FoodWheels. <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> using Facebook and Instagram

Are you inspired to get involved?

Here are some ways to get involved!



- **Be a Digital Buddy** to teach our seniors the various digital skills on their mobile devices. We offer training for volunteers and are actively seeking to improve the digital experience for the elderly.
To volunteer to be a Digital Buddy or to find out more before being one, please email to contact@eldercare.sg.



- **Cash Donations** - Your donations will help seniors from low-income families to purchase their mobile devices like mobile phones or tablets. Should you wish to make a cash donation, please mail the cheque to ElderCare's main office at 12 Digital Avenue, Singapore 333456.

- **Donations of Mobile Phones** - Do you have a used phone in working condition and is lying around at home? Why not donate it for a good cause?
Simply drop it at the reception counter at ElderCare main office.



You can check out other ElderCare projects to see how you can do your part to create a digitally-ready future for our elderly! To find out more about other support programmes organised by ElderCare for the seniors, you can visit www.eldercaresupport.org.

For more information on *Seniors Go HiTech Programme*, please visit ElderCare's homepage at www.eldercare.org

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 The *Seniors Go Hi-tech Programme* by ElderCare aims to _____.

- (1) raise funds for ElderCare
- (2) teach the elderly how to have fun
- (3) equip the elderly with technology skills
- (4) help the Digital Buddies to be independent

22 With the use of the ScanGo application, the elderly can _____.

- (1) register for their learning journeys
- (2) order food to be delivered to their homes
- (3) pay less for transport to and from the supermarket
- (4) purchase their groceries at the supermarkets on their mobile phones

23 Game packs are given to the elderly who have _____.

- (1) gone on a learning journey
- (2) called the helpdesk at ElderCare
- (3) attended a session at a digital hub
- (4) accessed online learning resources

24 Those elderly who are interested to go on the learning journeys will have to _____.

- (1) form a group of 20
- (2) set up an email account
- (3) register with a Digital Buddy
- (4) visit the website www.seniorsgohitech.sg

25 Anyone who wants to volunteer as a Digital Buddy must first _____.

- (1) email contact@eldercare.sg
- (2) donate their mobile devices to ElderCare
- (3) learn more about other support programmes
- (4) teach the elderly the various technology skills

- 26 Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Digital Hubs are located at all community centres.✓
 - (2) All cash donations can be dropped at ElderCare main office.
 - (3) ElderCare plans the activities for *Seniors Go Hi-tech Programme*.
 - (4) The online learning resources only teach the elderly how to make video calls.✗
- 27 In the information provided for Online Learning, why is the colon (:) used in "These resources include step-by-step guide on:"?
- (1) To provide information on the log in procedure
 - (2) To simplify the information on the step-by-step guide
 - (3) To list the information on the online learning resources
 - (4) To emphasise the information about the learning resources
- 28 Mr Rama, an elderly, has a child living overseas. He wishes to learn how to make video calls. How can he do so?
- (1) Sign up for a learning journey
 - (2) Visit a digital hub on a weekend
 - (3) Log onto www.seniorsgohitech.sg
 - (4) Receive training as a digital buddy

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

I was sure a few people shook their heads in disbelief when they heard that I was going on stage to receive an award. Maybe they thought I did not deserve the endless praises after seeing my drawings hung all over the school. However, there I was, sitting backstage; waiting to collect an honourable award.

Since I was three, I had been taking part in art competitions and consistently emerged a winner. However, recently, I would feel extremely upset when this was **no longer true**. It hurt to know that I might not be as good as I thought. I wanted to quit before I started to hate drawing. Therefore, I was hesitant to enter any competition but Mrs Tan, my teacher, encouraged me to give it another try before I graduated from primary school. She said I was talented. She did not want me to lose an opportunity just because of some setbacks. With reluctance, I submitted my name to her. Unfortunately, two weeks before the deadline, I stared at the blank paper for hours.

Then, I recalled all the things I had unleashed on myself whenever I lost an art competition. "Well, what did you expect? You are not talented!" my inner thoughts seemed to smirk. "Do you seriously think you have what it takes to be an artist?" My rebellion towards these unsympathetic thoughts poured out onto that drawing. Satisfaction overwhelmed me when I finished. However, the whole process had been tiring as I fought every snide remark which kept forming in my mind. I almost did not want to submit my drawing to Mrs Tan but since she believed in me, I thought I owed it to her."

Mrs Tan told me it was one of the best drawings I had ever done. She was confident that the judges would love it. I brushed her praises off. I thought she was just trying to comfort me. Just as Mrs Tan had predicted, I did win the top award. Initially, it felt like a great load had been lifted off my chest. It meant that my talent was recognised! Yet, almost as soon as the happiness rushed over me, self-doubt swept me into a sea of troubled thoughts.

I had not thought that this drawing had been outstanding. I had been rejected numerous times for entries I was proud of. I had stashed these pieces away in the storeroom in dismay. Hence, what made this **particular** piece stand out? I did not believe in myself and attributed it to my sheer luck this time round.

A backstage crew member tapped my shoulder and this brought me back to the present. He whispered, "You're next! Get ready to receive your award soon!"

I walked over to a mirror to neaten up and saw my reflection. "So, you finally did well," my reflection seemed to say to me, without a hint of emotion.

"Yes!" I replied defiantly to myself, "I worked really hard on the drawing and it was a challenge. The judges felt I was good and I finally won so why am I still so angry with myself? This is not fair!" Hot tears streamed down my cheeks. Slowly, I calmed down and gathered my emotions. It all became clear to me that every time I failed, I wanted to give up. I detested this. Perhaps I had thought that if I were hard on myself, I would somehow get back on my feet to prove myself wrong.

That day, I realised that I was my worst critic. It dawned on me that I should not give up each time I failed. I had constantly doubted myself and this stopped me from even trying. I winked at my reflection and got ready to go on stage. Perfection needs practice and **each setback takes one a step closer**. I would never again think that the number of awards I attained defined my true talent.

Adapted from "Cass was right" by Rose Parkstone

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(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) although	(D) by	(G) his	(K) our	(N) their
(B) as	(E) few	(H) in	(L) some	(P) thereafter
(C) but	(F) has	(J) is	(M) that	(Q) to

"Majulah Singapura" or "Onward Singapore" is a musical expression of Singapore's identity as a nation. It was composed by Zubir Said in 1958 (29) _____ a theme song for all official functions.

In 1959, the Deputy Prime Minister expressed an interest (30) _____ Zubir's composition but requested the composer to make (31) _____ changes. He told Zubir that a National Anthem must be brief, and to the point (32) _____ people could remember easily. He also wanted the anthem to be in Malay as it (33) _____ the native language of the region.

On 3 December 1959, it was performed by the Singapore Symphony Orchestra to commemorate the opening of the newly renovated Victoria Theatre. (34) _____, when Singapore attained self-government, it was chosen as the island's anthem.

Reflecting on (35) _____ composition, Zubir said, "The difficulty is not just about composing the music score (36) _____ the coming up with the lyrics also takes time. I have to put in all the words in very simple language that is understandable for all the races in Singapore."

He was so inspired (37) _____ the words "Majulah Singapura" near the foyer of the Victoria Theatre and wanted to capture the mood and heighten the feelings of Singaporeans for (38) _____ country. He believes that one should be loyal and proud of the place one calls home.

Adapted from <http://mystory.sg/content>

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Much of Europe shivered under the lash of a snowstorm before Christmas on
Friday. This snowstorm closed many airports, caused kayous on the roads and gave school children an early start to their holidays.

(39)
(40)
In France, the early snow disrupt transport and forced the closure of the
(41)
Eiffel Tower by the autoritees. The French capital and much of the country woke up to
(42)
finding a seven-centime blanket of snow which caused flights to be delayed
(43) (44)
for up till three hours. The eyekonic Eiffel Tower was closed to visitors and
(45) (46)
train and bus services are delayed in many areas as daytime tempreche dropped to
below zero for the first time in the year.

(47)
In England, two airports were closed overnight before heavy snow fell over
(48)
south and east England, with many incoming flights being dyeverted to other
destinations. One of the airports reopened its runways when they were cleared but
(49)
others remained closed. Heathrow, the world's busy international air hub, remained
open.

(50)
Police warned people to stay off the roads unless absolutely neccesery.

Weather Forecasters predicted further snow showers in the coming week.

Adapted from http://www.relax.com.sg/relax/news/294804/Eiffel_Tower

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

All porcupines boast a coat of needle-like quills. Hence, they are often regarded as the world's prickliest rodent although _____. Latin name means "quill pig." These quills give predators a sharp reminder that this animal is no _____ meal. In fact, some quills, like those of Africa's crested porcupine, are nearly 30-cm _____.

_____ is usually mixed with sharp quills. When a porcupine is attacked, these quills will stand up as a _____ mechanism. The quills also have sharp tips and overlapping scales or barbs that make them difficult to _____ once they are stuck in another animal's body. To _____ the quills they lose, porcupines quickly grow new ones. _____ to popular belief, porcupines cannot shoot the quills at their predators. These quills can easily fall off when touched.

The porcupines found in North and South America are good climbers and spend much of their _____ in trees. Some even have strong tails to _____ them in climbing. The North American porcupine is the only species _____ lives in the U.S. and Canada, and is the largest of all porcupines. A single animal may have 30,000 or more quills. North American porcupines _____ their large front teeth to satisfy a healthy appetite for wood. They eat natural bark and stems, and have been known to invade campgrounds and chew _____ canoe paddles.

Female porcupines give birth to _____ one and four young, depending on the species. Babies have soft quills at birth which can _____ within a few days so that they can fend for themselves. Most young porcupines are ready to live on their own at about two months of age.

Adapted from <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/group/porcupines/>

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). (10 marks)

66. If you look hard, you will see a hidden image in the painting.

_____ unless

67. "Why did you solve the problem sum this way?" Peter asked May.

Peter was curious to know _____

68. Tom was not decisive. He could not make up his mind.

_____ because of his

69. My baby sister can do what she likes but I will not be angry.

No matter _____

70. John made a mess in the kitchen. He admitted to it.

John admitted to _____

Read the passage on page 12 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks).

71. From the first paragraph, pick out a two-word phrase that tells us that the narrator gained a lot of compliments for her drawings. [1m]

72. What does "no longer true" (line 6) tell you about the narrator and the outcome of drawing competitions she had taken part in? [2m]

73. Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from lines 7 to 11. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
Which two words suggest that the narrator was not keen to participate in any more drawing competitions this year?	a). _____ b). _____

74. From paragraph 2, state what the narrator did to suggest that she had much difficulty before she started drawing. [1m]

75. From lines 16 to 25, state whether each statement in the table below is True or False, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	<u>True / False</u>	<u>Reason</u>
a) The narrator enjoyed drawing her art piece for this competition.		
b) The narrator had no choice but to submit the drawing for the competition.		
c) The narrator believed in the praises that Mrs Tan made about her drawing.		

76. (a) Circle one word that best describes how the narrator first felt when she learnt that she had won the competition in lines 22 to 25.
DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN ONE WORD. [1m]

complacent / distraught / relieved / confused

- (b) What was the reason for this feeling? [1m]

Based on the information from lines 26 to 39, fill in the blanks in the following table.
[3m]

How the narrator felt	Why the narrator felt this way	What the narrator did as a result
	The narrator did not win the competitions for the drawings she was proud of.	The narrator kept the drawings in the storeroom.
doubtful		The narrator convinced herself that she was merely lucky to have won the award.
angry	The narrator thought it was unfair because she had worked hard on her drawing.	the writer cried.

78. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. **[3m]**

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
a) it (line 9)	
b) this particular piece (line 28)	
c) this (line 38)	

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

_____ The narrator winked at herself in the mirror.

_____ The narrator was told she would be the next to go on stage.

_____ The narrator looked into the mirror to tidy herself.

80. "... each setback takes one a step closer." (line 43)

In your own words, what do you think the narrator meant from the above statement?
[2m]

End of Booklet B

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Answer Sheet

Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	2	1	2	1	4	4	3	3	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	3	3	4	2	4	3	1	4
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	4	3	3	1	3	3	3		

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
B	H	L	M	J	P	G	C	D	K
Q39)	chaos	Q43)	to	Q47)	after				
Q40)	disrupted	Q44)	iconic	Q48)	diverted				
Q41)	authorities	Q45)	were	Q49)	busiest				
Q42)	find	Q46)	temperature	Q50)	necessary				

Q51)	in	Q56)	remove	Q61)	which
Q52)	ordinary	Q57)	replace	Q62)	use
Q53)	long	Q58)	Much	Q63)	on
Q54)	it	Q59)	time	Q64)	between
Q55)	reactive	Q60)	help	Q65)	grow
Q66)	You will not see the hidden image in the painting unless you look hard.				
Q67)	Peter was curious to know why you had solved the problem that way.				
Q68)	Tom could not make up his mind because of his indecisiveness.				
Q69)	No matter what my baby sister likes to do, I will not be angry.				

Q70)	John admitted to making a mess in the kitchen.
Q71)	Endless praises
Q72)	The narrator recently no longer consistently emerged a winner in whatever drawing competitions she had taken part in and felt extremely sad about it.
Q73)	Hesitant , reluctance
Q74)	She stared at the blank paper for hours two weeks before the deadline of the art competition.
Q75)	<p>a) True → The narrator's satisfaction overwhelmed her when art piece for this competition was finished.</p> <p>b) False → The narrator submitted the drawing for the competition because the teacher Mrs Tan believed in her and she thought she owed it to her.</p> <p>c) False → The narrator brushed Mrs Tan's praises off when she made praises about her drawing.</p>
Q76)	<p>a) relieved</p> <p>b) The whole process in drawing the art piece was tiring as he fought every snide remark which formed in his mind, so he felt relieved after she learnt that she had won the competition.</p>
Q77)	<p>i) Rejected</p> <p>ii) She did not believe in herself</p> <p>iii) The writer cried.</p>
Q78)	<p>a) It → the drawing competition</p> <p>b) This particular piece → the art piece which she won the top award</p> <p>c) This → the feeling of giving up each time she failed</p>
Q79)	3,1,2
Q80)	Each time when her art piece was rejected and she did not win in the art competition, she was one step closer to success as she never gave up and finally won the honourable award.

ROSYTH SCHOOL SA1 PAPER

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

1. The speaker _____ non-stop for the past ten minutes.
 - (1) talks
 - (2) will talk
 - (3) is talking
 - (4) has been talking

2. Kelvin as well as his cousins _____ swimming every Sunday before lunch.
 - (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) is enjoying
 - (4) are enjoying

3. The motorist continued driving along the flooded street _____ his vehicle was partially submerged.
 - (1) despite
 - (2) although
 - (3) however
 - (4) therefore

4. If the police _____ in time, the robbers would not have escaped with the loot.
 - (1) arrive
 - (2) arrived
 - (3) had arrived
 - (4) would arrive

5. The dentist asked, "You brush your teeth regularly, _____ you?"
 - (1) do
 - (2) don't
 - (3) have
 - (4) haven't

6. The lady _____ Kelly met at the market was her piano teacher.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
7. The commentator said, "The players only had _____ to blame for the defeat."
- (1) yourself
 - (2) ourselves
 - (3) yourselves
 - (4) themselves
8. The boy had _____ choice but to admit to his father that he had been playing instead of studying.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) some
 - (4) much
9. The deliveryman got lost as he was not familiar _____ the neighbourhood.
- (1) to
 - (2) at
 - (3) in
 - (4) with
10. Mrs Lee told her son, "You may buy a new watch _____ you want to."
- (1) if
 - (2) had
 - (3) might
 - (4) unless

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Kim decided to _____ her grandmother as they had not met up for ages.
- (1) call in
 - (2) call on
 - (3) call off
 - (4) call over
12. Animals become endangered when humans _____ into their habitat.
- (1) enrol
 - (2) enlist
 - (3) engage
 - (4) encroach
13. The _____ conditions made it difficult for the climbers to reach the summit of the mountain.
- (1) destructive
 - (2) exhilarating
 - (3) treacherous
 - (4) conservative
14. Mr Bala was pleased that his students had _____ when one of them answered that the extreme weather conditions was due to climate change.
- (1) thrown in the towel
 - (2) burnt the midnight oil
 - (3) hit the nail on the head
 - (4) let the cat out of the bag
15. My mother's passion for knitting was _____ after she attended a knitting class organised by the community centre.
- (1) revised
 - (2) revisited
 - (3) rekindled
 - (4) recollected

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

(5 marks)

Residents in Tampines can now cycle with greater ease and safety. Cycling paths have been built to link homes, schools and parks. Many residents have
(16)
already started using the new paths to travel to amenities like MRT stations from
(17)
their homes. Safety markings and speed-regulating strips have been installed along
(18)
the paths to encourage cyclists to slow down.

Five pedestrian crossings along the cycling routes have been widened to ensure safety for cyclists and pedestrians. Improvement works were also carried out to create more space for the paths behind several bus stops. To help people
(19)
find their way around the estate, signboards that highlight key amenities, like the
(20)
library and community club, have been placed at a few traffic junctions. A resident said, "I am pleased with how smooth and pleasant the ride is."

Adapted from The Straits Times, 'New cycling paths in Tampines link residents to key amenities and green spaces'

16. (1) join
(2) unite
(3) attach
(4) connect

17. (1) shift
(2) transfer
(3) relocate
(4) commute

18. (1) built
(2) fixed
(3) made
(4) completed

19. (1) find
(2) make
(3) invent
(4) supply

20. (1) reveal
(2) feature
(3) express
(4) demonstrate

Study this poster and then answer questions 21 to 28.

NATIONAL GARDENS FOREST EXTENSION

Singapore's National Gardens is a place unlike any other. It might be largely a man-made garden but the abundance of plant specimens makes every visit memorable. The new Forest Extension has enlarged the area of the National Gardens, offering something for all visitors, young and old.

Attractions:

- Art Gallery
- Forest Discovery Centre
- Hiking Trail
- Living Library of Trees
- Nature Playground



HOW TO GET THERE

- **BY MRT:** Nearest station (About 25-minute walk) : National Gardens MRT Station
- **By Bus:** Bus 78, 89, 122
- **By Car:** Parking lots available at the main entrance



ATTRACTIONS OPENING HOURS

- **Art Gallery:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed every last Thursday of the month
- **Forest Discovery Centre:** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Closed every last Monday of the month
- **Hiking trail:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Living library of trees:** 5 a.m. to 12 a.m.
- **Nature playground:** 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.



- To find out more about the National Gardens, you may visit our website at www.ngardens.gov.sg
- If you wish to apply to use the Gardens' premises for group activities, please download the application form found on the website. Applications must be submitted at least 14 days before the proposed date of use.
- If you have a suggestion or feedback, you may submit it to us online at www.ngardens.gov.sg/feedback
We will respond within 7 working days.



To help you plan your visit to the Forest Extension, here are five things you can do there.

Art Gallery

The gallery is located in an old house which has been conserved and transformed into the art gallery. It has over 1500 paintings and illustrations. Learn about the discovery of new plants. You can also learn to create illustrations of plants by sketching and making collages. Bring your own colouring tools as there are limited ones provided.



Forest Discovery Centre

The gallery is housed in one of the oldest bungalows in Singapore. It showcases Singapore's forest ecosystems and highlights the importance of conserving them. Visitors can learn about forest habitats and forest restoration efforts. There is also an exhibition explaining how both this building and the art gallery were conserved and refurbished for their present use.



Hiking Trail

This hiking trail brings you through the unique forest habitats found on the tropical hills of Southeast Asia. Standing 40 metres above sea level on the trail, you will be greeted by a scenic view of the entire forested nature. You will not be drenched in sweat as the distance of the hike is only 350 metres in total.

Living Library of Trees

Over 2000 specimens of forest trees, including rare and endangered trees are found here. You can take a nature stroll without worrying about the heat from the sun because of its giant trees which grow up to 80 metres with umbrellas of leaves that shade you from the sun.

Nature Playground

This playground is designed as a reminder of the old kampung days. Climb on the giant jackfruit structure, hop on seed pods and have fun on a wooden swingset. Regardless of age, this innovative playground is bound to unleash the explorer in you.

Gardens Shop

An excellent place to buy souvenirs for family and friends after a visit. A variety of gifts with floral designs are sold here. The shop has a treasure trove for book lovers covering a wide range of materials on gardening and horticulture. It is a great place to buy picture books and educational kits to spark off a young child's interest in nature and gardening. You can even buy sets of postcards that feature the above attractions as souvenirs.



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. The **main** purpose of the poster is to _____.
- (1) provide information on how to get to National Gardens
 - (2) provide information about the new attractions at National Gardens
 - (3) encourage people to use the National Gardens for outdoor activities
 - (4) encourage people to learn about conservation efforts at National Gardens
22. According to the poster, why would visitors find every visit to the Forest Extension memorable?
- (1) Visitors can participate in group activities.
 - (2) A wide variety of plants can be found there.
 - (3) The man-made attractions are unlike others.
 - (4) The total area of National Gardens has increased.
23. Mr Tan wants to organise a learning journey for his students to the Forest Extension. He should _____.
- (1) visit its website to find out the email address to write to
 - (2) download the online application form 14 days before the visit
 - (3) submit his online feedback to www.ngardens.gov.sg/feedback
 - (4) submit the online application form no later than 14 days before the visit
24. Which one of the following statements is **true** about the Forest Extension?
- (1) All attractions at the Forest Extension are made by man.
 - (2) Visitors can only take public transport to the Forest Extension.
 - (3) All attractions at the Forest Extension are closed once a month.
 - (4) The Forest Extension has a mix of indoor and outdoor attractions.

25. Visitors who want a better view of the surrounding area should proceed to _____.
- (1) Hiking Trail
 - (2) Nature Playground
 - (3) Living Library of Trees
 - (4) Forest Discovery Centre
26. What do Forest Discovery Centre and Art Gallery have in common?
- (1) They provide activities for children to participate in.
 - (2) Both are located in old buildings which have been conserved.
 - (3) The exhibits at both attractions explain how forests are restored.
 - (4) Both buildings were originally built many years ago to display exhibits.
27. The Living Library of Trees is unique compared to the other attractions as _____.
- (1) only rare and endangered trees are grown there
 - (2) visitors are sheltered by umbrellas that are put there
 - (3) its tall trees provide shade for those who take a stroll there
 - (4) books on nature and gardening are placed there to be borrowed
28. According to the poster, which of the following is sold at the Gardens Shop?
- (1) Gifts with designs of flowers.
 - (2) Colouring tools and paintings.
 - (3) Only educational kits for young children.
 - (4) Postcards on gardening and horticulture.

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

The dark sky was filled with angry swirling clouds, reflecting Greg's mood as he sat on the steps outside his house. His father's voice came to him again with his brows knitted over his deep-brown eyes. He had been lecturing Greg endlessly about his poor results in Math whilst clutching a cane, before saying Greg would not be able to attend basketball trainings anymore. It would affect his chances of joining the Scorpions. It was not often the Scorpions recruited new players. This was **a chance of a lifetime** for Greg. He had asked his father the previous week, and his father had said it depended on his next Math test results. Greg was overwhelmed with uncertainty of how he would fare in the next Math test. However, his teacher had ended the **suspense** early when she called to say Greg would probably fail Math if he did not spend more time studying.

Soon, large drops of rain splashed onto his jeans. He stood up to get back into the house but thought of the lecture that probably awaited him and decided to make a dash across the street. Down the street, there was an old building that had been abandoned for some months. Greg saw that the door was slightly ajar. He pushed it gingerly and entered. Inside it was dark, except for the dim light that filtered through the dirty windows from the street lamps. Then, Greg heard a scraping sound. His stomach tightened as he held himself still and listened intently. He was sure he had heard something breathing in the darkness! As he turned, a flash of lightning lit up the room, frightening him with its sudden brilliance. He went to the door and was about to leave when he heard a voice behind him.

"I'm Ben. Who're you?" Ben peered forward and Greg could see his toothless grin clearly. His wrinkled face was surrounded by white hair. His shorts hung loosely and his shoes were old. Greg noticed that there were rags tied around his right leg. Greg relaxed as he had seen the man before, picking through the trash in the alley and pulling clothes out of a cardboard box.

"Hey! I'm Greg. Greg Ridley!" Greg exhaled in relief as they crouched down in the darkness. In the dimly-lit room, Ben carefully untied the strings that held the rags. When he removed the rags, Greg saw a piece of plastic taped to his leg. The old man carefully took off the plastic and unfolded it. He revealed a harmonica with dented sides. "Jesse, my son, got killed in the war. Broke my heart, it truly did. They sent back what he had with him over there, and it was this old mouth fiddle. He had carried around with him and that told me it meant something to him. That was my treasure, and when I gave it to him, he treated it just like that, a treasure." Ben's voice rose as he clasped the wind instrument tightly in his fist and started to put his treasure back into the plastic.

Ben got up after tying his rags in place and looked out the window. "You get out of here and get yourself home. Your father is waiting for you. I'll be watching from the window, so you'll be all right." Ben went down the stairs behind Greg. When they reached the front door, the old man looked out first and told Greg to go home.

Greg asked, "You sure you'll be alright? Take care of that treasure of yours." Ben replied, "That I'll do." The wrinkles around his eyes suggested a smile.

The rain had stopped. Greg did not even want to think about how late it was. "Ben would be all right with his memories and his treasure," Greg thought. He pressed the doorbell, as he thought of the lecture he knew his father would give him and smiled. **That night had warmed his heart.** He resolved to see his father in a new light.

Adapted from 'The Treasure of Ben' by Walter Dean Myers

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) also	(D) by	(G) have	(K) like	(N) to
(B) as	(E) can	(H) how	(L) some	(P) whatever
(C) anything	(F) could	(J) its	(M) the	(Q) while

Last year, a government survey showed that as much as 40 per cent of items thrown into recycling bins could not be recycled because they were either soiled or non-recyclable.

_____ the public was keen to recycle, many were unsure about how to do so, as they did
 (29) not know what _____ be recycled. Nearly half of the respondents _____ the survey
 (30) did not know that tissue paper cannot be recycled. _____ people currently have the
 (31) perception that _____ goes into the blue recycling bins will be sorted. They end up throwing
 (32) items into the bin like their old shoes or mattresses in _____ hope that they will be recycled.
 (33)

The Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment has said that at the rate we are producing trash, our only landfill on Pulau Semakau will be filled by around 2035. We need to boost recycling rates _____ raising awareness of what can and cannot be recycled.
 (34)

This can be done by increasing public education, such as through regular advertisements on television, similar to those that cover issues _____ Covid-19 and dengue, which remind
 (35) people to practise social distancing and clear stagnant water. Community centres could
 (36) _____ either provide a guidebook on what could be recycled or make available a website
 (37) that allows people to search for what they can or cannot recycle. Public education is key to generating broader awareness of the importance of recycling and _____ to recycle right.
 (38) Failure to act now could spell doom for future generations.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39)

An Arctic Fox is an incredibly hardy animal. It lives in barows, and in a blizzard, it

may tunnel in the snow to create shelter.

(40)

(41)

Measure a little less than a metre in length and weighing between 3kg to 10kg, an

(42)

Arctic Fox can survive frigid Arctic tempretures as low as -50°C in the treeless lands

(43)

where it makes his home. It has furry soles, short ears, and a short muzzle which are

(44)

(45)

important adeptaetions to the chilly climate. The Arctic fox also had thick white coats

(46)

(47)

that act as very effect insulator and camouflage. The natural hues allow an animal to

blend into the snow. When summer arrives, the fox's coat changes as well, adopting a

(48)

brown or grey apearence that provides cover among the rocks and plants in the grassland.

These colourings help the fox to hunt for its prey more efficiently. However, in winter,

(49)

prey can be a scaresity on the ground. At such times, the Arctic Fox becomes a

(50)

skaevenger and follows the region's predator, a polar bear, to eat the leftover scraps

from its kills. Unfortunately, it is sometimes preyed upon by polar bears.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

As human population grows, so does the demand for wildlife. People in many countries are used _____ a lifestyle which leads to higher demand for wildlife. Many also expect a ready _____ of seafood, leather goods and medicinal ingredients. At the same time, poverty has driven some people to see trading of _____ as a profitable way of making money.

As such, illegal wildlife trade has led to the _____ of many animals for their body parts, such as ivory of the elephants and tigers for _____ skins and bones. Rhino horns, elephant ivory and tiger products continue to command high prices among many poachers. The recent myth that the rhino horn can _____ cancer has led to massive poaching in South Africa.

Corruption and light sentences allow poachers to keep killing wildlife with _____ regard for consequences. These poachers, often the poor locals, are usually the only ones _____, leaving the real masterminds safe and with the ability to strike yet _____.

Stamping out wildlife crime is a priority for many governments because it is the greatest _____ to the future of many of the world's most threatened or endangered species. The impact of wildlife trade is frequently made worse by habitat loss or _____ through deforestation.

However, _____ all wildlife trade is illegal. There are many animals which are caught or plants which are _____ from the wild. These are either sold legally as pets _____ food. Wildlife trade will only escalate into a crisis when an increasing proportion is illegal, threatening the _____ of many species in the wild. One way to tackle illegal wildlife trade is to persuade consumers to make informed choices.

Adapted from Worldwildlife.org, 'Illegal Wildlife Trade'

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).

(10 marks)

66. The old lady did not notice the puddle of water so she slipped and fell.

Not _____

67. Ali must finish his homework before he goes out to play.

Unless _____

68. "Must you imitate whatever I do?" Jimmy asked his sister.

Jimmy asked his sister _____

69. John as well as his sisters does not like fish and chips.

Neither _____

70. Bala was frustrated. He stomped into his room and pounded his fist on the table.

Out of _____

Read the passage on page 12 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

71. Which three-word phrase in the **first paragraph** is likened to Greg's feeling after he was scolded by his father? [1m]

72. Fill in the blanks with the information from the first paragraph.

Why Greg's father lectured him: _____

Greg's punishment: _____

73. a) What does 'a chance of a lifetime' (line 6) refer to for Greg? [1m]

b) Why was it 'a chance of a lifetime'? [1m]

74. List the **two actions** which Greg had seen Ben doing before. [2m]

a) _____

b) _____

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

_____ Greg saw the harmonica in a plastic.

_____ Ben gave Jesse a harmonica.

_____ Jesse went to war.

76. Find words from paragraphs 2 to 4 which have similar meanings to the word(s) below. Write only one word in each box. [2m]

Words to replace	Answer
• cautiously	
• squatted	

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]

<u>Statement</u>	<u>True / False</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Greg went back into his house to seek shelter when it started to rain.		
Greg was frightened when he saw Ben.		
Ben took care of his harmonica.		

78. Fill in the table with the information from the passage. [2m]

<u>Comparison</u>	<u>Greg's father</u>	<u>Ben</u>
How each of them first appeared to Greg.	a) _____	friendly
What each held in his hand tightly.	Cane	b) _____

79. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. The first one has been done for you. [3m]

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suspense (line 9)	Greg's uncertainty of his (Math) results/outcome of his results
His (line 2)	
it (line 29)	
That (line 39)	

80. Explain clearly in your own words, what the writer means by the sentence 'That night had warmed his heart.' (lines 42-43) Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

END OF PAPER

Answer Sheet

BOOKLET A (PAPER 2)

Q1	4	Q2	2	Q3	2	Q4	3	Q5	2
Q6	3	Q7	4	Q8	2	Q9	4	Q10	1
Q11	2	Q12	4	Q13	3	Q14	3	Q15	3
Q16	4	Q17	4	Q18	2	Q19	2	Q20	2
Q21	2	Q22	2	Q23	4	Q24	4	Q25	1
Q26	2	Q27	3	Q28	1				

BOOKLET B (PAPER 2)

Q29	Q	Q30	F	Q31	N	Q32	L	Q33	P
Q34	M	Q35	D	Q36	K	Q37	A	Q38	H

Q39	burrows	Q40	Measuring	Q41	and	Q42	temperatures
Q43	its	Q44	adaptations	Q45	has	Q46	effective
Q47	a	Q48	appearance	Q49	scarcity	Q50	scavenger

Q51	to	Q52	supply	Q53	wildhife	Q54	killing	Q55	their
Q56	cure	Q57	no	Q58	captured	Q59	again	Q60	threat
Q61	destruction	Q62	not	Q63	taken	Q64	or	Q65	lives

Q66	Not noticing the puddle of water, the old lady slipped and fell.
Q67	Unless All finishes his homework, he cannot go out to play.
Q68	Jimmy asked his sister if she had to imitate whatever he did.
Q69	Neither John nor his sister like fish and chips.
Q70	Out of frustration, Bala stomped into his room and pounded his fist on the table.
Q71	angry swirling clouds
Q72	(a) Poor results in math. (b) He would not be able to go basketball trainings.
Q73	(a) It refers to joining the scorpions. (b) It was not often scorpions recruited new players.
Q74	(a) Picking out trash. (b) Pulling clothes out of a cardbox.

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

- 1 The instructor was impressed with the little girl who managed to complete all the challenging tasks _____ one.
- (1) for
 - (2) but
 - (3) and
 - (4) though
- 2 "Remember to take good care of _____," Mother told the siblings.
- (1) myself
 - (2) yourself
 - (3) yourselves
 - (4) themselves
- 3 "Usha's volunteered to clean the classroom when nobody else would, _____?" asked Ms Li.
- (1) isn't she
 - (2) didn't she
 - (3) hasn't she
 - (4) wouldn't she
- 4 Jenny thanked the policeman who helped her _____ her wallet.
- (1) retrieve
 - (2) retrieves
 - (3) retrieved
 - (4) retrieving
- 5 "If I tell you, will you promise to keep this _____ us?" Kent asked Suresh anxiously.
- (1) within
 - (2) inside
 - (3) around
 - (4) between

- 6 Looking back, Mei Hui realised that her parents _____ quietly supporting her throughout her life and regretted not treating them better when they were around.
- (1) were
 - (2) would be
 - (3) had been
 - (4) have been
- 7 The volunteers were touched by how happy the villagers were despite how _____ they had.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
- 8 "The commitment of all members _____ necessary for the routine in our upcoming performance to be executed smoothly," the captain shared.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 9 The kind lady was dedicated to _____ others, not stopping even when her health declined.
- (1) help
 - (2) helping
 - (3) be helping
 - (4) having helped
- 10 The Olympic medallist was disqualified after the test revealed that he was competing _____ the influence of drugs.
- (1) in
 - (2) on
 - (3) with
 - (4) under

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11 "While we cannot say for sure, the duration for the completion of such projects is _____ two months," said the supervisor.

- (1) exactly
- (2) generally
- (3) constantly
- (4) specifically

12 The doctor told me not to run as it could _____ my knee injury.

- (1) recover
- (2) alleviate
- (3) aggravate
- (4) deteriorate

13 The leader's refreshing _____ in speaking about difficult problems and acknowledging her weakness won her the trust of the people.

- (1) wit
- (2) candour
- (3) fortitude
- (4) compassion

14 Although the team had disagreements at first, the members discussed things through and managed to reach an _____ settlement.

- (1) affable
- (2) amicable
- (3) answerable
- (4) approachable

15 My teacher always advised us not to _____ till tomorrow what we can do today.

- (1) put up
- (2) put off
- (3) put across
- (4) put through

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Singapore's youth want their future living environment to be more inclusive and green, with more wheelchair-friendly public transport and nature parks. They also expressed their desire for Singapore to stay resilient by keeping up to date with technological advancements and to retain its heritage. (16)


These findings were part of the Urban Redevelopment Authority's long-term plan review. Participants shared that for the creation of a sustainable and high-quality home that can fulfil the evolving needs of all Singaporeans, the careful deliberation of how land is used would be required. (17)

Minister of State for Culture, Community and Youth Alvin Tan said that it is an exciting prospect that some of the plans could come to fruition over the next 50 years and he welcomed the continued contribution of ideas to the review by youth. (18)


Adapted from The Straits Times, 'Young people want a more inclusive, sustainable S'pore, URA and youth council review shows', 2022

- 16 (1) afloat
(2) astute
(3) abreast
(4) ambivalent
- 17 (1) attain
(2) obtain
(3) contain
(4) maintain
- 18 (1) turning
(2) moving
(3) changing
(4) increasing
- 19 (1) condition
(2) combination
(3) contradiction
(4) consideration
- 20 (1) reality
(2) finality
(3) possibility
(4) opportunity

Study this article from a newsletter, What's On, and then answer questions 21 to 28.



Nights Out Festival 2022



1 to 30 November


The annual event is back with an exciting line-up of activities for you to engage in with your family and friends!
 Participation in outdoor activities is free.
 Entry tickets must be purchased for the concert halls and museum.

Buskers

Talented magicians, puppeteers, acrobats and musicians will provide hours of entertainment every night! More than ten food and drink stalls will be set up. Come hungry and check out what they have in store for you!

Art Maze

You would not want to miss this interactive display put together by ten visually impaired individuals. To find your way through the maze, you can only use your sense of hearing and smell. The experience gives you a taste of the world as experienced by the visually impaired. This activity is open to participants 13 and above.



Giant Sandpit and Drone Light Shows

Over the past few months, an outdoor pool was turned into a giant sandpit! During the festival, the sandpit will be lit up after dark so that children between 6 and 13 can play in it. They will also get to watch drone light shows put on by the students of Apex Polytechnic every hour, with the first show starting from 8 p.m. daily.

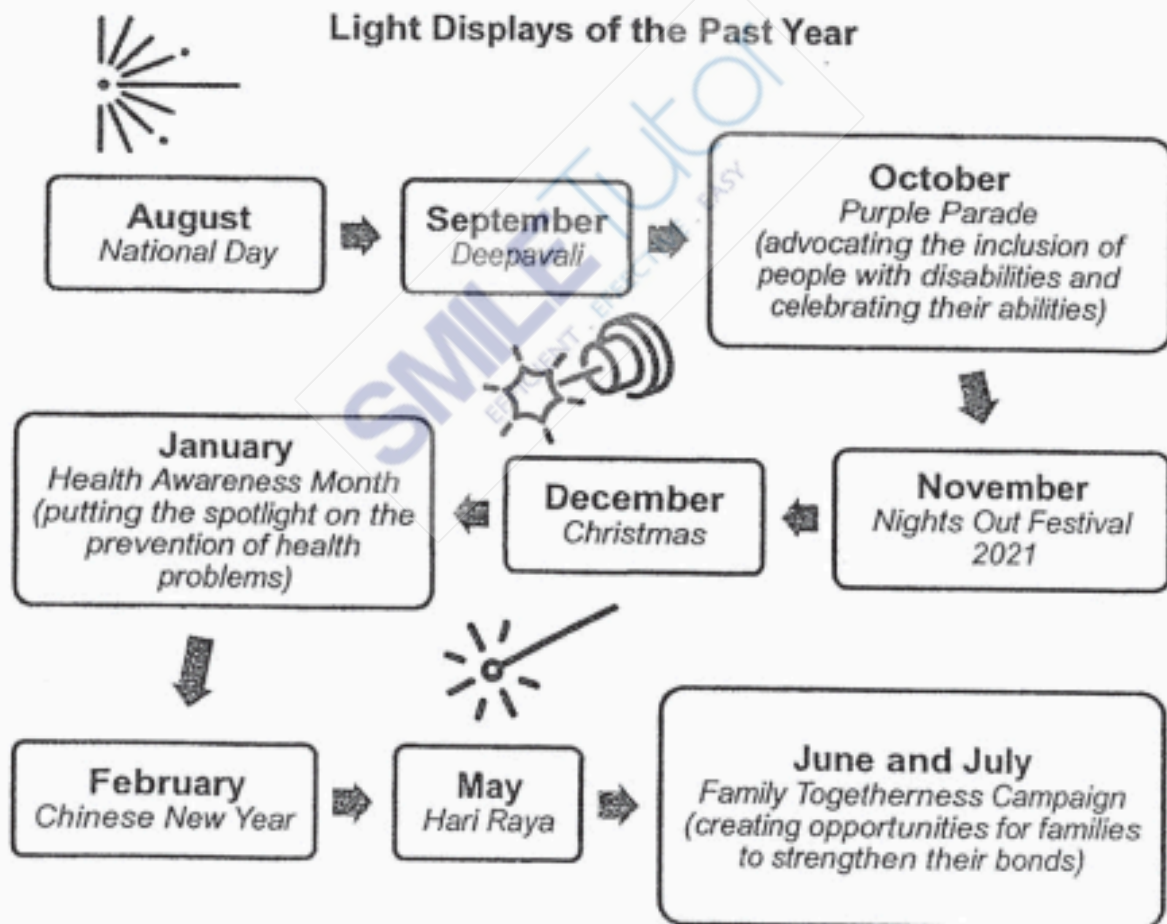
Concerts

Popular local singers Amir, Jaz Kwa and Priya will be performing live. As only 60 tickets are available for each concert, visit www.nof.sg early to purchase them online before they sell out!

Feature: Light Displays at the Visual Arts Museum

The façade of the Visual Arts Museum was beautifully illuminated most nights from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. over the past year. The light-ups started on 1 August 2021 in celebration of our nation's birthday. Since then, interesting light displays – with colours and designs that convey different meanings – have been used to mark some local festivals and significant events.

During the Nights Out Festival 2022, the museum will mount a stunning light display that promises to mesmerise its spectators. Opening hours are also extended daily to 11.30 p.m. for those who wish to enjoy the experience of exploring the museum after dark. Visitors will be able to sign up for guided tours, craft activities and indoor games. For more information and to register, visit the museum's website at www.vam.sg before 1 November.



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21 Mdm Rita plans to go to the festival with her 12-year-old child without getting tickets beforehand. Which activity can they do together?

- (1) play with sand
- (2) do craft activities
- (3) try out an interactive display
- (4) watch performances by the buskers.

22 Participants will have difficulty finding their way through the Art Maze if they _____.

- (1) miss hidden signs
- (2) hear many sounds
- (3) dislike some tastes
- (4) have a blocked nose

23 Mr Chua is attending a concert at Sapphire Hall right after work. If he takes a train, which is the most direct way for him to grab a bite before the concert starts?

- (1) get off at Gems Station and stop by City Park
- (2) get off at Gems Station and stop by Silver Lawn
- (3) get off at Poolside Station and stop by City Park
- (4) get off at Poolside Station and stop by Silver Lawn

24 In "Since then, interesting light displays – with colours and designs that convey different meanings – have been used to mark local festivals and significant events" from the feature page, dashes are used to _____.

- (1) indicate that the information is interesting
- (2) describe how the information can be used
- (3) show that the information is about the light displays
- (4) explain why information about the light displays is given

- 25 Which of the following was true of the museum's light displays?
- (1) They were changed every month.
 - (2) They could be viewed until 11.30 p.m..
 - (3) They became part of every festive occasion.
 - (4) They took place almost every night in certain months.
- 26 Ali wants to be taken on a guided tour of the museum during the festival. He must do all the following **except** _____.
- (1) engage in outdoor activities
 - (2) go to the museum's website.
 - (3) get a ticket for museum entry
 - (4) register by the end of October
- 27 Mdm Tan is wheelchair-bound and was touched by the museum's light display expressing support for people like her. When did she view it?
- (1) October 2021
 - (2) November 2021
 - (3) January 2022
 - (4) February 2022
- 28 What is the **main** purpose of the article?
- (1) to attract visitors to a festival
 - (2) to educate readers about light displays
 - (3) to give visitors directions to various venues
 - (4) to inform readers of what they can do at a museum

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

(20 marks)

Kelvin sighed as he trudged home. "Kelvin, you are the head of the Young Business Society. As a leader, you should show some initiative." Mrs Koh's words kept replaying in his head. With his teacher's words weighing on his mind, he decided that the right thing to do was to step down from his role. Wanting to take his mind off the matter, he made a detour to buy himself some snacks at the nearby provision shop.

"Please come into my café. Just come in and take a look." Kelvin turned his head in the direction of the voice and saw a café owner urging a young couple to visit his shop. Slowing down, Kelvin glanced at the little café. He was shocked to see that it was cluttered with carelessly stacked boxes. Hanging on the front door was a self-made, nondescript poster that read: 'Welcome to Sunny Café'. Upon seeing the state that the café was in, Kelvin thought its days were numbered. The young couple stopped outside the café and peered into it. Shocked by its interior, they shook their heads and promptly walked away despite the desperate pleas from the owner. Kelvin thought that the manner in which the owner approached the potential customers would probably drive them away. Feeling dejected, the owner buried his face in his hands. Kelvin headed home, shrugging off what he had just seen.

The next day, Kelvin passed by the café again. The owner was pacing forlornly outside the café and there was not a single customer in sight. It tugged at his heartstrings. Kelvin felt compelled to throw the owner a lifeline. Having made a decision, he fished out his phone from his backpack and called the other four members of the Young Business Society. He told them of his intention to help the owner. To his surprise, all the members readily agreed to his proposal.

That same day, Kelvin approached the owner and extended his help. The rest of the members arrived at the café shortly with their art materials in tow. "Hello! I'm Arjun. Thanks so much for wanting to help!" Uncle Arjun chirped as he welcomed his guests. Kelvin patiently listened to Uncle Arjun as he shared the difficulties that he was facing.

Kelvin told Uncle Arjun to rest at home and let his team do their magic. After Uncle Arjun had left, everyone sprang into action and started cleaning up the café. Kelvin stood at a corner and thought about how he could make the café more aesthetically pleasing. He decided to replace the poster with a big canvas.

Initially, Kelvin wanted to paint the same words on the canvas, but one of the members accidentally spilt her coffee all over it. "Oh dear, what do we do now?" Yi Ting cried as she stared at the mess she had caused. Kelvin pondered for a while. Scanning his surroundings, he knew what he could do. Without the slightest hesitation, he grabbed the art materials and started painting the same words on the wall. Being one with artistic flair, Kelvin finished the painting in no time. "You truly live up to your nickname, Mr Problem Solver," Yi Ting giggled as she stared at the mural in awe.

Looking at the mural, Kelvin felt something was missing. Struck by a sudden brainwave, he called Uncle Arjun and asked for his daughter's mobile number. Uncle Arjun was puzzled but he did not probe any further. Kelvin swiftly called Uncle Arjun's daughter, Prema, and asked if she was able to drop by the café. Thankfully, she was in the vicinity. The moment Prema stepped into the café, Kelvin passed her a paintbrush and told her to add some finishing touches to the mural. Kelvin broke into a smile as Prema added three tiny hearts on the mural. With some simple refinements made that afternoon, the café was transformed. Feeling proud of himself, Kelvin called Mrs Koh and told her what the team had done for Uncle Arjun.

When Uncle Arjun returned to the café that evening, he gasped in surprise. "Wow! Who painted this beautiful mural? I feel happier just by looking at it. Where is my poster? I am very fond of it as my daughter and I had drawn it together. It is precious to me," Uncle Arjun said as he looked around his café.

"Here it is," Kelvin replied, handing Uncle Arjun the neatly rolled poster.

The same young couple who had previously scurried away walked past the café once again. This time round, they curiously stopped outside and exclaimed how welcoming the café looked. "I guess we could try out this café," the young lady told her husband and he nodded his head.

Mrs Koh visited the café unannounced before it closed for the day. Kelvin showed her the improvements that the team had done. "Well done, Kelvin! I see you as a true leader now," Mrs Koh said, giving Kelvin an encouraging pat on his shoulder.

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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.
 (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) across	(D) but	(G) for	(K) in	(N) that
(B) are	(E) by	(H) from	(L) inside	(P) what
(C) as	(F) even	(J) how	(M) most	(Q) with

Can humans avoid slaughtering animals yet continue enjoying meat such as chicken?

Have you ever come _____ the words, 'cultivated meat'? What is cultivated meat? Cultivated
 (29)

meat is genuine animal meat that is produced _____ cultivating animal cells directly. This
 (30)

form of meat production eliminates the need for farms that raise and rear animals _____ food.
 (31)

These meats do not come from animal slaughterhouses, _____ from laboratories.
 (32)

Scientists would extract the best cells _____ the healthiest chickens and cows. They examine
 (33)

the cells and choose the ones that are _____ likely to produce the healthiest and best meat.
 (34)

The cultivated meats are given the same nutrients _____ a live chicken or cow. To "grow" the
 (35)

meat, scientists divide and grow the cells by giving the cells the right environment to thrive. The
 cells are placed in a huge container where they are provided _____ the energy and warmth that
 (36)

are needed for the meat to be cultivated. Inside it, the cells are immersed _____ a nutrient
 (37)

called growth medium, which is similar to _____ an animal would eat – amino acids, fats and
 (38)
 minerals.

Cultivated meat is considered as healthier because it contains no antibiotics and growth
 hormones.

<https://gifs.org/science/the-science-of-cultivated-meat/>

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

Dear Diary,

Today is the third day of my stay in science camp. My mother signed me up for this
(39)
camp because she wanted me to learn science facts in a fun manner. I learnt how elektric
(40)
cars work and I was able to sit in one! The lessons taught there are very different from the
(41)
kuriculuum in school.

(42)
My cousin, Swee Lee, was supposed to join me, but unfortunately she catch hand, foot
(43)
and mouth disease from her siblings. It be contagious, so she has to stay away from others.
(44)
She is diserpointed.

(45)
Back to the camp, the food here is suprizingly scrumptious. They served my favourite
(46)
dishes such as sweet and sour fish for dinner. I wanted to ask to a second helping but I was
(47) (48)
too embbarased. After dinner, we had to pitch our own tents. It was a challenge feat. I am
(49)
writing this entry under the clear sky that is dotted in shiny stars. I wish that the
(50)
accommodation were better. Though I am not homesick, I am feeling a bit melankolik as I am
yearning for my air-conditioned room. I need to sleep soon. Good night!

Love,
Jenny

-Teacher-created-

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Have you seen ants crawling on the pavements? Ants can be found almost _____ except in places such as the Antarctica where it is simply too cold for them to survive. This is really ironic when you consider _____ name, ants.

Ants look tiny and harmless. _____, contrary to popular belief, ants can be harmful. Ants are capable of transmitting diseases. They are also known to _____ food with bacteria such as E. coli and Salmonella, and people may fall ill consuming such food.

In general, the typical homeowner does not usually think too much about the possibility of disease _____ by ants. Thus, we should be wary that ants ultimately have one objective: to _____ for food and moisture; these elements secure the survival of the colony. However, this behaviour may take them to some of the less hygienic sections of their habitats.

For instance, some ants prefer to infest the bathrooms and kitchens in our homes, so _____ about the possibility of ants picking _____ bacteria from the garbage can or the toilet floor and then transferring those bacteria to food utensils and food preparation areas as they forage around the house. We may face a serious problem when ants are allowed to _____ amok. In Singapore, many homeowners are concerned when an ant colony in the house gets _____ of control.

The most distinguishing _____ of ant behaviour is sociability. Ants do not act individually. Their actions are coordinated and they behave according to the needs of the colony in roles dictated by the occupational group, such as worker or soldier, into _____ they are born.

The nests of ants vary in structure and material. The number of ants living in one nest vary from a few _____ more than a million. The nests may be built _____ paper, twigs, sand, gravel, or other materials. Some ants dig chambers and passages in the ground.

Living with this pest is _____ and parcel of life as ants are very hard to eradicate. Perhaps we can tackle the problem by keeping our house clean.

Adapted from <https://www.orkin.com/pests/ants/do-ants-carry-disease>

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). (10 marks)

- 66 The dancers will be dancing tonight at the concert. Their performances often leave us in awe.

_____ whose

- 67 Mother read the interesting novel in one day.

The interesting novel _____

- 68 Mohan asked Tom why he had written the note the previous day.

Mohan asked Tom, " _____

_____?"

- 69 The victim had to describe the robber to the police.

The victim had to give _____

- 70 Treating people badly cannot be justified.

There is no : _____

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

- 71 Based on the first paragraph, what did Kelvin do to show that he wanted to give up? [1m]

- 72 Fill in the table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word from paragraph one tells us that Kelvin did not take his normal route home?	
b) Which three-word phrase ^{phrase} from paragraph 2 tells us that the couple was eager to leave the place?	

- 73 Circle one word that best describes how the shop owner urged the young couple to visit his café in lines 11-12. [1m]

concerned / irritating / firm / fierce

- 74 "Kelvin felt compelled to throw the owner a lifeline." (lines 15-16)

- (a) What led Kelvin to feel this way? [1m]

- (b) What did Kelvin do to show that he was feeling this way? [1m]

- 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
Kelvin thought that the café might close down.		
The members of the Young Business Society were reluctant to help Uncle Arjun.		
Kelvin was pleased with his painting when he first completed it.		

- 76 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
the mess (line 27)	
some finishing touches (line 36)	

- 77 Explain clearly how Kelvin showed that he was deserving of his nickname in lines 26 to 31. [2m]

- 78 Based on lines 26 to 41, fill in the following table to show the differences between the poster and the mural. [4m]

	Poster	Mural
Who drew it	a)	b)
What Uncle Arjun thought of it	c)	d)

- 79 "I guess we could try out this café," the young lady told her husband and he nodded his head. (lines 44-45) How is this different from the way the young couple viewed the café previously? [1m]

- 80 What was Mrs Koh's idea of "a true leader" (line 47)? How did Kelvin show that he was "a true leader" in lines 19-22? [2m]

Answer Sheet

(BOOKLET A)

Q1	2	Q2	3	Q3	3	Q4	1	Q5	4
Q6	3	Q7	2	Q8	1	Q9	2	Q10	4
Q11	2	Q12	3	Q13	2	Q14	2	Q15	2
Q16	3	Q17	4	Q18	3	Q19	4	Q20	3
Q21	4	Q22	4	Q23	4	Q24	3	Q25	4
Q26	1	Q27	1	Q28	1				

(BOOKLET B)

Q29	A	Q30	E	Q31	G	Q32	D	Q33	H
Q34	M	Q35	C	Q36	Q	Q37	K	Q38	P

Q3 9	electric	Q4 0	here	Q4 1	curriculum	Q4 2	caught	Q4 3	is
Q4 4	disappointed	Q4 5	surprisingly	Q4 6	for	Q4 7	embarrassed	Q4 8	challenging
Q4 9	with	Q5 0	melancholic						

Q51	everywhere	Q52	their	Q53	However	Q54	contaminate	Q55	spreading
Q56	look	Q57	think	Q58	up	Q59	run	Q60	out
Q61	feature	Q62	which	Q63	to	Q64	from	Q65	part

Q66	The dancers whose performers ^{performances} often leave us in awe will be dancing tonight at the concert.
Q67	The interesting novel was read by Mother in one day.
Q68	Mohan asked Tom, "Why did you write the note yesterday?"
Q69	The victim had to give a description of the robber to the police.
Q70	There is no justification for treating people badly.

Q71	Kelvin wanted to step down from his role as the head of the Young Business Society as his teacher's word weighed on his mind.
Q72	a) detour b) promptly walked away
Q73	**irritating**
Q74	a) Being the owner pacing forlornly outside the café and that not a single customer was in sight. b) Kelvin called his group members and told them his intention to help the owner.
Q75	True Kelvin thought that the café's days were numbered.

	False The members of the Young Business Society readily agreed to help Uncle Arjun with Kelvin.
	False Kelvin felt that something was missing when he first completed it.
Q76	The coffee Yi Tin spilt on the canvas. Three tiny hearts on the mural.
Q77	The canvas could no longer be used by Kelvin as a result of the spilt coffee. So he solved the problem by painting the same words on the wall.
Q78	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Uncle Arjun and Prema b) Kelvin and Prema c) He felt that it was precious d) He found it beautiful
Q79	Previously, they were shocked by the interior, shook their heads and promptly left but now, they were willing to try out the café.
Q80	Mrs Koh's idea of "a true leader" is someone who showed initiative. Kelvin approached Uncle Arjun and extended his help.

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PRELIM PAPER

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

2 "She's never on time for her appointments, _____?" said Lynn impatiently.

- (1) is she
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- (3) was she
- (4) does she

3 Due to our busy schedule, neither Sally nor I _____ the latest musical performance.

- (1) watches
- (2) has watched
- (3) have watched
- (4) having watched

4 Had I _____ that it was her birthday today, I would have bought her a present.

- (1) know
- (2) knew
- (3) known
- (4) been knowing

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- 6 _____ her sister who passed her driving test at the first attempt, Siti had to retake hers three times before passing it.
- (1) Despite
 - (2) Although
 - (3) Apart from
 - (4) In contrast to
- 7 The family of four _____ thrilled when they were called to receive their lucky draw prize on stage.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 8 The little boy objected to _____ in an open sea as he was worried about the big waves.
- (1) swim
 - (2) swimming
 - (3) be swimming
 - (4) having swum
- 9 The prefect closed the door _____ her to have a private conversation with the principal.
- (1) on
 - (2) with
 - (3) behind
 - (4) around
- 10 Having helped her mother _____ the vegetables, Sarah set the table for dinner.
- (1) wash
 - (2) washes
 - (3) washed
 - (4) washing

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

- 11 The pupils are encouraged to _____ the meaning of unfamiliar words in the dictionary.
- (1) look up
 - (2) look into
 - (3) look down
 - (4) look through
- 12 When Heidi's uncle offered her a trip to Europe, she _____ the opportunity immediately lest he change his mind.
- (1) locked
 - (2) seized
 - (3) sought
 - (4) spotted
- 13 The movie _____ the main character as a child genius who was able to read at a very early age.
- (1) defines
 - (2) depicts
 - (3) describes
 - (4) demonstrates
- 14 Not wanting to be known, Mrs Tan gave _____ tip-off to the police, leading to the arrest of the culprit.
- (1) an unseen
 - (2) a disguised
 - (3) a concealed
 - (4) an anonymous
- 15 The doctors and nurses worked tirelessly to help the hundreds of _____ in the recent train crash.
- (1) patients
 - (2) fatalities
 - (3) casualties
 - (4) assailants

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

(5 marks)

The sport of climbing has seen a surge in interest in recent years. Climbing has also become a popular fixture among co-curricular activities in many schools in Singapore.

(16)

When people think of climbers with their lean frames and toned forearms, many have the idea that climbing demands a great deal of power and strength. While those attributes matter,

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climbing is first and foremost a skill sport – one that requires creative problem solving and an acute

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sense of balance. A myriad of techniques are also needed to ascend a climb in the most efficient manner possible.

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When climbers reach the top, the sense of achievement they experience leads to a deep feeling

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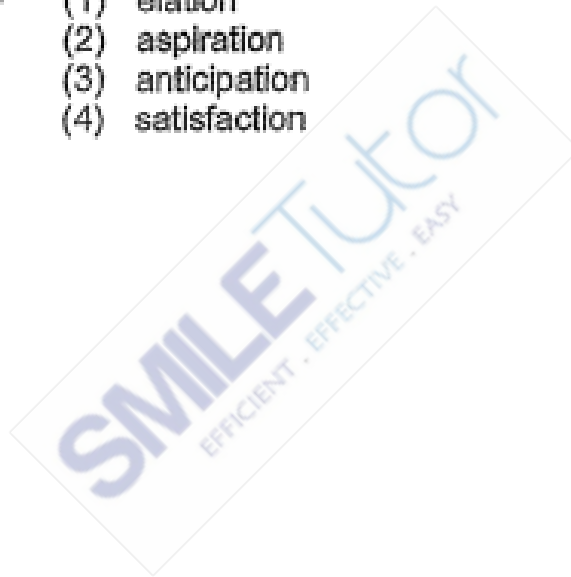
of euphoria. For those who are looking for an alternative to traditional competitive sports, climbing might just be it.

Adapted from various sources

- 16 (1) famous
(2) selected
(3) favoured
(4) respected

- 17 (1) assume
(2) suggest
(3) promote
(4) publicise

- 18 (1) initially
(2) usually
(3) primarily
(4) perpetually
- 19 (1) list
(2) surplus
(3) selection
(4) multitude
- 20 (1) elation
(2) aspiration
(3) anticipation
(4) satisfaction



Study this advertisement and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Brought
to
you by
K9
Wellness
Clinic



Canine Massage Therapy (CMT)

Helping dogs' mental and physical needs

In the same way massages help humans relieve a sore back, a stiff shoulder or a busy brain, kneading the dogs' muscles and joints can help them loosen up and relax. In veterinary medicine, dog massage therapy is used as a complementary therapy to help health issues such as stiff joints and muscles, pain, blood circulation and certain injuries. It is also extremely beneficial in senior dogs suffering from aging conditions and dogs that suffer from stress-related anxiety.

Comments from some 'paw-parents'

"After surgery, Cody's right leg was weaker than usual. As he was always stooping in an awkward posture, he was always urinating and defecating onto his own front foot. CMT not only helped Cody regain strength in his affected leg, but it also made his recovery journey less painful. Cody's been sleeping soundly every night ever since we started him on CMT."

~ Susan, paw-parent of an 11-year-old bulldog

"Mocha lost interest in her favourite ball game and became very clingy. I brought her to a vet, but I did not see much improvement. I was really worried and CMT sprung to mind. The vet's medications and CMT worked well together, speeding up Mocha's recovery."

~ Harry, paw-parent of a 6-year-old golden retriever

Benefits of Canine Massage Therapy

Although the outcomes of CMT can vary, depending on the dog's existing health issues, there are usually added benefits a 'paw-rent' can expect.

Physical Benefits

- ✓ Better posture
- ✓ Reduced stiffness
- ✓ Relief from pain
- ✓ Increased joint mobility



Mental Benefits

- ✓ Promote production of a feel-good body chemical
- ✓ Promote production of a body chemical that keep the dogs from becoming depressed

CMT is not quite as simple as giving your dog a shoulder rub. On the contrary, in CMT, intense pressure is applied on specific body muscles. It is important to have your dog seen by a professional.

Upcoming Promotion at K9 Wellness Clinic

About the Veterinarian

Dr Amara Tan is a trained CMT therapist who has been working with canines for various conditions for over 12 years. An animal advocate, she also recently started volunteering at local animal rescue shelters. She has personally witnessed the physiological importance of the therapy. It brings comfort to the shelter dogs and helps them stay calm in an environment that can sometimes be stressful. She also tries to make herself available for house visits for clients who have no transport.



In the month of September, Dr Tan's clinic will be giving a 30% discount for CMT treatment. New customers are entitled to a complimentary goody bag.

Address:

513 Valley Road, #01- 49

Opening hours:

9am – 12pm, 2pm – 6pm daily

Consultation Fee: \$80 per canine

Tel: 6782 6433

Goody Bag* includes

- ✓ A canine spa set: skin preparation lotion, massage emulsion and dog shampoo
- ✓ Dog treats - suitable for all dogs
- ✓ An oral gel - keeps your canine's teeth and gums healthy

*subject to availability

For appointment booking, please call the clinic. Alternatively, you may visit www.k9wellnessclinic.com. Customers without appointments will be turned away.

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

- 21 Why is 'CMT' written entirely in capital letters?
- (1) It is in brackets.
 - (2) It is part of a name.
 - (3) It is to show that it is important.
 - (4) It is formed from the first letters of other words.
- 22 This article is targeted at _____.
- (1) pet lovers
 - (2) dog owners
 - (3) veterinarians
 - (4) those who love massages
- 23 Harry started Mocha on Canine Massage Therapy treatment because he wanted _____.
- (1) to help Mocha recover faster
 - (2) to follow the vet's recommendation
 - (3) Mocha to sleep soundly every night
 - (4) to check if the vet's medications would work well with it
- 24 Why is "Benefits of Canine Massage Therapy" (page 9) an appropriate sub-heading for that section?
- (1) CMT is an intense massage treatment.
 - (2) Every dog's existing health issues vary.
 - (3) Dogs can benefit from having a better posture.
 - (4) Dog owners can expect their dogs to reap overall health benefits.
- 25 Which of following statements about Doctor Amara Tan is true?
- (1) She helps dog owners call for transport.
 - (2) She provides home-based veterinary services.
 - (3) She provides counselling services for shelter dogs.
 - (4) She has worked with the animal shelters for over a decade.

- 26 Mr Kwan owns two dogs. He will be able to enjoy the discount for Canine Massage Therapy treatment at K9 Wellness Clinic if he _____.
- (1) is a registered customer
 - (2) visits the clinic whenever he is free
 - (3) visits their website for more information
 - (4) brings his dogs for the treatment in September
- 27 Which of the following words on page 9 tells us that the goody bag is free?
- (1) entitled
 - (2) discount
 - (3) availability
 - (4) complimentary
- 28 What is the main purpose of the advertisement?
- (1) to share information on Doctor Amara Tan
 - (2) to promote the clinic's Canine Massage Therapy services
 - (3) to advise dog owners on how to help their sick dogs get better
 - (4) to educate dog owners on the purpose of Canine Massage Therapy

End of Booklet A

Read this passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

I stared at the page in disbelief. My eyes almost popped out. Scrawled under my name were the words "Sarah - The Mop". I realised it was a reference to my wildly curly hair! My heartbeat raced, and my face and ears burnt red hot. I wanted to run and hide from the destructive words in the "Slam" book.

I could not imagine anything worse than being twelve and having to live in a new country. Trying to make new friends in a new school, and reading about such hurtful words were simply too much for me to bear.

I had watched during mathematics class as the black book was circulated from desk to desk. Each time the teacher turned towards the whiteboard, the book was swiftly passed from one person to the next. When it landed on my desk, I opened it and I saw **them**. The vicious comments stabbed my heart. Flipping through the pages, I found out that the perpetrators were the boys in the class. How unkind of them!

Why would the boys write these horrid things? I had only been in the school for a month. I did not even know them. My fragile confidence was shattered. I had tried to make new friends, but it had not been easy. They had all known each other for years.

I turned the pages only to see the names of other girls.

"Amanda - Owl eyebrows, Big rhino lips"

"Courtney - Witch's pointed nose, Blind as a bat"

I was just getting to know Courtney. She lived around the corner from me, and we walked to school on some mornings.

I watched with dread as the vicious book was circulated in the days that followed. Somehow, I knew that this had to be stopped, but how? Determining right from wrong was usually not all that difficult but the scary part was doing it. I had to dig deep to muster my courage. I was not all that brave.

I did not dare to tell the teachers or rant and rave at the boys. Finally, I did the only thing I could do - I refused to participate.

"No, I won't read it," I stammered nervously. Earlier on, the boys mocked anyone who refused to participate. However, I had to fight back even if it meant that I had to be the lone warrior. It took all the courage I had, at a time when I needed friends.

I was encouraged when I noticed other girls saying no, including Amanda and Courtney. Three other girls even ripped out pages which had their names on them. When all the girls refused to participate in it, the boys soon lost interest. Without an audience, the book faded away into oblivion. The old saying, "If you remove the reward, you stop the behaviour" proved true. We eliminated the reward.

I also learnt to understand and welcome differences in people. I admired Amanda's full lips and dark eyebrows. These were I later found out, beautiful features desired by many models and celebrities. Courtney's poor vision did not reduce her incredible wit and intelligence. She made me laugh without fail, and it was never boring to be in her presence. Eventually, we became best friends.

As for me, "The Mop" stayed with me as a nickname. I looked at my tangle of naturally curly hair that wanted to go its own way and eventually came to love it. It was not going to be tamed, and neither was I.

Adapted from 'The Slam Book' by Barbara J. Ragsdale

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.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) along	(D) even	(G) it	(K) their	(N) under
(B) an	(E) how	(H) our	(L) therefore	(P) up
(C) being	(F) instead	(J) that	(M) they	(Q) with

It is a common misconception that in order to be happy, you have to be wealthy. Money is needed to pay for our basic necessities but in modern day society, _____ can be easy to assume that the more money we have, the happier we will be.

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Indeed, money can buy you _____ abundance of material goods. _____ able to indulge ourselves in things we want such as the new iPhone, can make us feel very good. It is this feeling of pleasure which can lead to a false belief that money _____ buys happiness. With more money, we may end _____ buying more things than what we need. Those things, however, do not necessarily bring lasting joy and happiness _____ with them.

(30)

(31)

(32)

(33)

(34)

_____ of buying things, we should be creating new and exciting experiences that we can remember for a lifetime. We should spend time _____ the people we love and cherish those moments we experience with them. It is often hard to remember _____ lucky we are and be thankful for all the positive things happening in _____ lives. With gratitude in our heart, we can lead a happier life.

(35)

(36)

(37)

(38)

Adapted from <https://www.positivepsych.edu.sg>

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

(12 marks)

The origins of Dragon Boat Festival can be traced to ancient China. The festival

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evolved from the practice of revering the river dragon. It was also a mark of respect to the

(40)

poet Qu Yuan, the honourable man in ancient China.

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Legend has it that the river dragon controlled the rain and people warshipped the creature

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during the summer months. Qu Yuan, who lived during the period, was so upsetting over the fall of

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his country to the Qin army that he threw himself into the Mi Luo River in dispear. Some versions

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(45)

of the legend suggesting that fishermen at the scene attempted to appease his spirit by throwing

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rice stuffed in bamboo stems into the river to prevent the fish to eating his body. Others say that

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the rice oferings were snatched by a river dragon and the rice had to be bundled in leaves instead

and tied with five different coloured silk threads. The triangular rice dumplings thus became

(48)

antwined with the festivities. Yet another version tells of farmers rowing out in dragon boats in their

(49)

attempied to save Qu Yuan. Since then, dragon boat races have been held yearly to remember

him.

(50)

Today, the Dragon Boat Festival including boat races and eating of rice dumplings. It is a

proud heritage of the Chinese culture.

Adapted from The Straits Times

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Have you ever thought of donating to help people in need? Sharing what we _____ helps others live happier lives. Many people also give back because they are _____ (51) grateful for what was given to them.

There are many ways to give. Charities are organisations _____ (52) recruit volunteers to raise money and donate time to support worthy causes. For example, the Red Cross collects donations and enlists volunteers for disaster relief. It brings food and medicine _____ (53) victims of floods, fires, and earthquakes.

There are many charities seeking donations. Choosing the _____ (54) one is important. You want to be sure that the charity is supporting a cause you believe _____ (55) You also want to make sure that your money is used to support the cause and not for _____ (56) else.

Apart from donating money, you can also volunteer your time. When doing so, you get to mingle and talk to people who _____ (57) in desperate need of help. You can also volunteer your talents. Let's say you are good at _____ (58) sports, reading or baking. What charities could use these talents? If you are a good reader, you can tutor children who need help in reading. If you are a good baker, you can help to _____ (59) the hungry. If you are good in sports, you can coach sports teams. This is how volunteering can _____ (60) a difference in people's lives.

In 2006, Rick Reilly, a sports writer, wrote an article urging readers to donate at least \$10 to _____ (61) for a mosquito net for African children. Malaria is a disease _____ (62) by mosquitoes. Mosquito nets are an important tool in _____ (63) children from mosquito bites while they sleep. Reilly's efforts helped create the "Nothing But Nets" organisation. The term "Nothing but net" is used when the basketball goes through a hoop without touching the rim in matches. Reilly used this term as a play _____ (64) words in his article. Reilly used his talent as a writer to show people the need _____ (65) action.

Take action to support a charity you like today!

Adapted from 'Giving Back' by Minden Cecilia

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). (10 marks)

66 The boy asked his mother, "Can you help me?"

The boy asked his mother _____.

67 Tommy found the loss of the package worrisome.

_____ about the loss of the package.

68 John had not driven the tractor before and he crashed into a lamp post.

Not _____,
_____, John crashed into a lamp post.

69 The cook was unable to find the ingredients. He decided to change the menu.

_____ due to his
_____.

70 The detective finally solved the case as he was resourceful.

With _____
_____.

Read the passage on page 12 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

71 What made the author's face and ears burn red hot in paragraph 1? [1m]

72 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word / words from the first paragraph. [3m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word tells us that the handwriting was <u>illegible</u> ?	
b) Which four-word phrase tells us that the author was very surprised?	
c) Which word tells us that the author's heartbeat was unusually strong and fast?	

73 Look at the table below. What does the word in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
them (line 10)	
audience (line 32)	
c) behaviour (line 34)	

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

_____ The author started her new life in a new country.

_____ The author found out that she was being called names.

_____ During mathematics lesson, the author saw the book being passed around.

- 75 Refer to lines 13 - 15. Name two challenges the author faced in making new friends. [2m]

- 76 The boys made fun of Amanda's and Courtney's facial features. Fill in each blank with one word. [2m]

The boys made fun of	Amanda's _____ and _____
	Courtney's _____ and _____

- 77 Refer to lines 21 - 24. What did the author feel should be done about the "vicious book"? [1m]

- 78 Refer to lines 30-34.

a) Tick to show if the author was successful in influencing the other girls. [1m]

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

b) State one way to show how she was successful or unsuccessful. [1m]

- 79 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
a) The author and Courtney lived in the same neighbourhood.		
b) Initially, the author was not brave enough to stop the "Slam" book from circulating.		
c) The boys only mocked at newcomers who did not participate in reading and writing in the book.		

- 80 How did the author's attitude towards the nickname "The Mop" change by the end of the story? [2m]

END OF PAPER

Answer Sheet

Booklet A

Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	1	3	3	2	4	4	2	3	1
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	2	2	4	3	3	1	3	4	4
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	2	1	4	2	4	4	2		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
G	B	C	L	P	A	F	Q	E	H
Q39)	evolved	Q43)	despair	Q47)	offerings				
Q40)	an	Q44)	suggest	Q48)	entwined				
Q41)	worshipped	Q45)	spirit	Q49)	attempt / attempts				
Q42)	upset	Q46)	from	Q50)	includes				

Q51)	have / own	Q56)	anything / something	Q61)	pay
Q52)	which	Q57)	are	Q62)	carried
Q53)	to / for	Q58)	doing / playing	Q63)	protecting
Q54)	right / correct	Q59)	feed	Q64)	with / on
Q55)	in	Q60)	make	Q65)	for
Q66)	The boy asked his mother if she could help him.				
Q67)	Tommy was worried about the loss of the package.				
Q68)	Not having driven the tractor before, John crashed into a lamp post.				

Q69)	The cook decided to change the menu due to his inability to find the ingredients.									
Q70)	With his resourcefulness, the detective finally solved the case.									
Q71)	She saw “The Mop” written under her name in the “Slam” book.									
Q72)	a) scrawled b) eyes almost popped out c) raced									
Q73)	(line 10) – Vicious comments written by the boys in the author’s class about the girl’s in the author’s class. (line 32) – The girl’s in the author’s class looking at the “Slam” book. (line 34) – The boys writing vicious comments in the book.									
Q74)	1 3 2									
Q75)	She had only been in school for a month and was new to the school.									
Q76)	Amanda’s - lips and eyebrows Courtney’s - nose and eyes.									
Q77)	The author felt that the “vicious book” should not be circulated to others.									
Q78)	a) Yes b) Other girls did not participate in reading / circulating the book.									
Q79)	<table><tr><td>a)</td><td>True</td><td>Courtney lived around the corner from the author.</td></tr><tr><td>b)</td><td>True</td><td>She did not dare to tell the teachers.</td></tr><tr><td>c)</td><td>False</td><td>Boys mocked anyone who did not participate.</td></tr></table>	a)	True	Courtney lived around the corner from the author.	b)	True	She did not dare to tell the teachers.	c)	False	Boys mocked anyone who did not participate.
a)	True	Courtney lived around the corner from the author.								
b)	True	She did not dare to tell the teachers.								
c)	False	Boys mocked anyone who did not participate.								
Q80)	Initially, the author was embarrassed about her curly hair but eventually she came to accepted.									

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY) SA1 PAPER

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

(10 marks)

- 1 A number of volunteers _____ coming to the hospice this weekend to cheer the elderly up.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 2 She would buy the latest handphone if she _____ enough money.
- (1) has
 - (2) had
 - (3) have
 - (4) is having
- 3 Looking through the old photo albums, Mother indulged _____ memories of the good old times.
- (1) in
 - (2) of
 - (3) on
 - (4) with
- 4 Having _____ the national anthem, the pupils will now say the national pledge.
- (1) sing
 - (2) sang
 - (3) sung
 - (4) been singing
- 5 After receiving _____ support from her classmates, Sharin was chosen to be the class monitress.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much

- 6 Many consumers decided to cut down on their spending _____ an increase in food prices.
- (1) owing to
 - (2) in spite of
 - (3) apart from
 - (4) resulting in
- 7 The lady _____ you asked for directions earlier was my aunt.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
- 8 "Fay's wallet is missing. The thief is _____ us as no one else has entered or left the classroom since this morning," declared Mrs Tan.
- (1) in
 - (2) within
 - (3) around
 - (4) among
- 9 Due to the bad weather, everyone was in favour _____ having the camping trip postponed.
- (1) of
 - (2) to
 - (3) on
 - (4) for
- 10 Samuel, not _____ to be late for school, dashed across the road without looking out for traffic.
- (1) want
 - (2) wants
 - (3) wanted
 - (4) wanting

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

- 11 The pupil missed the deadline to _____ an important assignment and was scolded by the teacher.
- (1) hand in
 - (2) hand out
 - (3) hand over
 - (4) hand around
- 12 It is _____ to submit a medical certificate if we are sick on an examination day or we will be given a zero mark for the paper.
- (1) right
 - (2) optional
 - (3) preferable
 - (4) mandatory
- 13 After much _____, the long awaited movie turned out to be a disappointment when it was shown at the cinema.
- (1) inspiration
 - (2) recollection
 - (3) reminiscing
 - (4) anticipation
- 14 After learning about the old lady's plight, we decided to _____ in to pay for her medical fee.
- (1) dig
 - (2) cave
 - (3) pitch
 - (4) throw
- 15 James has a _____ eating habit that attracts attention whenever he eats.
- (1) faulty
 - (2) quirky
 - (3) haywire
 - (4) nonchalant

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

(5 marks)

The birth of giant panda cub *Le Le* in August 2021 brought much cheer and joy to all Singaporeans. It was the result of years of hard work and dedication from the animal care teams of the Singapore Zoo. It was also a significant breakthrough of Mandai Wildlife Reserve's breeding programme.

Altogether, births at the zoo were spread across 160 species. 44 of them are listed as threatened by animal conservation authorities. The giant panda is presently classified as vulnerable. They are notoriously difficult to breed in captivity. Thus, the breeding of the giant panda outside of China is quite rare.

Under an arrangement made between the Singapore and China governments, the baby panda will return to China when it turns two. Meanwhile, *Le Le* charms its curious visitors with its unbearable cuteness.

Adapted from various sources from The Straits Times

- 16 (1) effort
 (2) product
 (3) essence
 (4) achievement

- 17 (1) step
 (2) process
 (3) importance
 (4) development

- 18 (1) fragile
 (2) extinct
 (3) intimidated
 (4) endangered

- 19 (1) arguably
 (2) normally
 (3) infamously
 (4) mischievously

- 20 (1) exchange
 (2) occurrence
 (3) agreement
 (4) impression

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

**5th Anniversary Celebration!
Exciting Activities and Crazy
Sales* await!**

Bears and Bears Wonderland

The event of the year that you have been waiting for is here! Bears and Bears Wonderland's 5th anniversary is finally here. Come and join in the celebration! Every child and those young at heart who are charmed by bears are invited.

Venue: Suncity Megamall

Date: 20 – 23 June 2022

Opening hours: 11am to 9pm

**Discounts on selected items only*

Every child deserves a bear

Show how much you care for the children at Sunshine Children's Home by buying a bear from us and donating it to the children. You get to write them a well-wishing card too!

The exclusive 5th anniversary bear, designed by our founder Mr Barry Bear, is made from sustainable and recyclable materials. Each bear comes with a personalised certificate. It is a perfect gift to pamper yourself or someone special in your heart! It is sure to steal the heart of its beholder. At only \$5 per piece, it is also an absolute steal!



5th Anniversary Bears

Highlights

WORKSHOP

Build Your Own Bear Workshop

Can't find the perfect bear for yourself or as a gift? Sign up for our inaugural Build-Your-Own Bear Workshop and customise one for yourself! You get to name your own bear too.

Date: 21 – 23 June 2022

Time: 10am – 12pm daily

Course Fee: \$200 per participant

Age group: 6 years old and above

Class size: 8 participants

You will be guided by our friendly and patient instructor. An easy set of step-by-step instructions and assistance will be provided whenever you need it. With the small class size, you can be assured you will get all the help you need to build a truly amazing bear!

Fee includes

- ✓ A bear model of your choice
- ✓ Standard cotton filling
- ✓ A sewing kit
- ✓ A set of T-shirt and shorts or a dress for your bear
- ✓ Instructor's fee

Limited vacancies only. First-come, first-served registration.

Sign up now to avoid disappointment at www.byobworkshop.com for an unforgettable experience!



DRAMA

Kids up to 8 years old are invited to watch a live drama re-enacting the ever well-loved story, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Admission to the performance is complimentary. Popcorns are available at \$2 per packet. Entries are limited to 50 children per session.

Date	20 – 22 June 2022
Time	2.30pm and 3.30pm



SPECIAL PRIVILEGES FOR VIP MEMBERS ONLY

PRE-CELEBRATION PRIVATE SALES

Date	15 – 19 June 2022
Time	After 3pm

- All VIP members are entitled to an additional 10% discount.
- Free gifts for purchases made above \$100 in a single receipt.

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

- 21 Why are the phrases '5th Anniversary Celebration! Exciting Activities and Crazy Sales await!' at the top of the advertisement in bold on page 8?
- (1) It is to capture the attention of readers.
 - (2) It is to make the brochure more presentable.
 - (3) It is to organise the presentation of information.
 - (4) Each of the phrases is followed by an exclamation mark.
- 22 This event is targeted at _____.
- (1) bear lovers
 - (2) all shoppers
 - (3) only children
 - (4) those who love drama
- 23 Which of the following is not a privilege of VIP members?
- (1) private sales
 - (2) additional discount
 - (3) free gifts with purchase
 - (4) purchase of the anniversary bears
- 24 Jessica wants to attend the Build Your Own Bear Workshop. She cannot choose the _____.
- (1) bear model
 - (2) type of filling
 - (3) name of her bear
 - (4) clothing for her bear
- 25 The event is only open to public from _____ June 2022.
- (1) 15 to 19
 - (2) 20 to 22
 - (3) 20 to 23
 - (4) 21 to 23

- 26 Anyone who wants to make a contribution to Sunshine Children's Home during the event should _____.
- (1) be a VIP member
 - (2) buy a bear from the shop
 - (3) register to watch the drama
 - (4) participate in Build Your Own Bear Workshop
- 27 Which of the following words on page 8 tells us that the anniversary bear can only be purchased from Bears and Bears Wonderland?
- (1) perfect
 - (2) special
 - (3) exclusive
 - (4) personalised
- 28 Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) Every participant will get a packet of popcorn.
 - (2) Each shopper can only buy one anniversary bear.
 - (3) The Build Your Own Bear Workshop will be launched at the anniversary event.
 - (4) VIP members can receive free gifts if they spend any amount in a single receipt.

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

I loved visiting Grandma. Despite her old age, she was always up and about. She would cook us mouth-watering meals. It was hard to resist the aroma and flavour of her dishes. She always insisted that we eat all the food on our plates. "No leftovers! That's the rule of this house," she declared.

As a family, we only visited Grandma during special occasions. She had no other children except my mother. On the first day of the Lunar New Year, I would pay Grandma my respects and, without fail, receive from her a generous red packet filled with crisp, new dollar notes. After that, we would savour Grandma's sumptuous lunch.

I remember there was always plenty of food at Grandma's birthday. Lots of neighbours and friends would celebrate this joyous occasion with her. She was truly a social butterfly!

One day, Mum told me that Grandma was coming to live with us. Not quite expecting that, my eyes widened. Recalling Grandma's delectable dishes, I blurted, "Is she going to cook for us every day?"

"Well, she may cook for us sometimes. Grandma is getting on in age and has decided to give up her apartment. It's not easy living on her own. For some years now, your father and I have asked her to live with us. We are glad she finally agreed to it," Mum replied.

I was glad too. My little brother Ben was crying a lot in the night. Perhaps Grandma could help Mum look after him at night. He was only two years old and I did not fancy being his nursemaid.

One night, I heard Dad telling Mum, "I think your mother will bring joy when she stays with us."

The day Grandma came to live with us, Mum and Dad fussed over her. She seemed to enjoy the attention. Grandma moved into Ben's room because my little brother needed her care more than I did. At last, Mum and Dad could have some peace.

From the day she arrived, Grandma and I got along well. That was not surprising. She was with Mum when I was born, and stayed a month at our home to take care of the both of us. Though I only saw her during special occasions, Mum and Dad visited her often. It was clear that they loved her and cared for her. From time to time, I overheard them talking fondly about her. I would stand quietly outside the room, listening surreptitiously and wondering what they were going to say.

Grandma got me ready for school each morning. This was a great help for Mum and Dad since they both had to go to work in the morning. There was also no more rush to get Ben up early so that Mum could drop him at the childcare centre. After breakfast, Grandma would walk him there.

Some weekends, Grandma would plan a family outing to the Botanic Gardens. We enjoyed spending time together, playing on the grass and having picnics. It was so much fun!

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure. Their special love sets them apart. Through her love and care, Grandma has helped to keep our family close. To this day, our time with Grandma has remained one of our fondest memories.

Adapted from 'The Jade Bangle' by David W. F. Wong

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.

(10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) and	(D) for	(G) on	(K) than	(N) when
(B) because	(E) in	(H) over	(L) that	(P) which
(C) even	(F) much	(J) such	(M) their	(Q) while

Whale sharks are the world's largest fish. They spend much of _____ time swimming slowly, swallowing large quantities of tiny creatures _____ as krill. Now, new research has shown that these giants have more complex hunting habits _____ previously thought.

In Western Australia's Ningaloo Reef, whale sharks were observed to hunt as a team with other predators including tuna, other sharks, and _____ diving seabirds. In a recent video clip shared on the Internet, at least three whale sharks were seen swooping _____ on a school of baitfish, a behaviour rarely caught _____ camera. _____ krill makes up the bulk of whale sharks' diets, scientists have long known _____ small fish like anchovies and sardines do appear on the menu. Discovering specifically when and why these animals opt _____ larger prey, however, is a difficult task. Whale sharks can be really challenging to study _____ they are so mobile. Not only can they swim across entire oceans, but they are also known to dive thousands of feet beneath the surface.

Adapted from nationalgeographic.com

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

(12 marks)

International Women's Day is a day that honours women and promotes women's rights. It is
(39)
observed every year in 8 March. Each year, United Nations, an international organisation,
(40) (41)
declared a theme related to a specific women's concern — for example, improve education or
(42)
ending violents against women. All around the world, talks, performances, and other activities are
(43)
arranged to raise awareness about women's equality and to campain for equal rights.
(44)
The first International Women's Day taking place in 1911. More than one million people
(45)
attended rallies to mark the day. Subseekuently, International Women's Day was celebrated in
(46)
many more nations and on difrent dates. In 1921, the date of International Women's Day was
(47)
official changed to 8 March.
(48)
Some countries — such as Cuba, China and Uganda — had made International Women's
Day a public holiday. In South Africa, the people celebrate their own version named National
(49)
Women's Day as a public holiday every year. It comemerates a protest march of about 20,000
South African women who were protesting unfair laws.
(50)
Today, International Women's Day is an important occasion for promoting women's issues
and rights. This is especially so in developing countries.

Adapted from britannica.com

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Have you ever delayed doing something important? We are all guilty of procrastinating at some point in time of our lives. Many people do not consider themselves procrastinators. As much _____ they would like to deny it, procrastinators put _____ doing important tasks habitually.

(51) (52)

Procrastinators actively look _____ distractions, especially ones that do not require much commitment. The most common distractor activities that students engage in _____ napping, eating, drinking, watching television and surfing the Internet.

(53) (54)

Procrastinators often search for reasons to procrastinate. They often _____ themselves that they still have a lot of time to _____ the task. They tend to underestimate the amount of time it will take to finish the job. They may also believe that they can only work when they are _____ the mood to do so.

(55) (56) (57)

Contrary to popular belief, procrastination is not about being lazy. Neither is it about _____ poor time management. When we are procrastinating, something is _____ us back from getting the work done. We should ask ourselves _____ we are avoiding the task.

(58) (59) (60)

Is the task unpleasant? Do we lack the confidence? Could it _____ that we are anxious? _____ we find ourselves delaying a task, we should identify our reasons for doing so.

(61) (62)

We can try the following ways to overcome procrastination. Create to-do lists and set priorities so we can do the important things _____. Break complex tasks into smaller, more manageable steps. Reduce distractions to create a conducive learning _____. For example, we can _____ our phones away or turn off the television. We can reward ourselves for completing even small tasks. Doing all these can increase our motivation to do work and reduce guilt.

Adapted from 'How to stop procrastinating' from healthhub.sg

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). (10 marks)

- 66 Rina enjoys playing football. She also enjoys singing and reading.

Besides playing football, _____

- 67 "I will meet you at the canteen after school today," Mary told her brother.

Mary told her brother _____

- 68 When it was given its freedom, the bird flew into the air.

When the bird was set _____

- 69 It was not until I reached the office that it started raining.

Not until _____

- 70 He is a hypocrite to accuse me of lying since he is known for being dishonest.

It is _____ to accuse me of lying since he is known for being dishonest.

Read the passage on page 12 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

- 71 From the first paragraph, pick out a four-word phrase that tells us Grandma was constantly active. [1m]

- 72 From the third paragraph, explain clearly how Grandma was a sociable person who enjoyed the company of other people. [2m]

- 73 Look at the table below. What do the word(s) in the left column refer(s) to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
your mother (line 20)	
That (line 25)	
there (line 34)	

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

- _____ Grandma finally agreed to stay with the writer's family.
- _____ The writer and her brother went to the Botanic Gardens with Grandma.
- _____ Grandma took care of the writer and her mother for a month.

- 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
a) Grandma had only one child.		
b) Grandma agreed immediately when Mum and Dad asked her to live with them.		
c) The writer visited Grandma often before she moved in with the family.		

- 76 a) Give a word to show how the writer felt when she first heard that Grandma was coming to live with them. [1m]

- b) How do we know that? [1m]

- 77 Refer to paragraph 6. Why was the writer glad that Grandma was coming to live with them? [1m]

- 78 Based on information from lines 22 to 34, state the corresponding cause / effect in the table below. [3m]

Cause	Effect
Mum and Dad loved and cared for Grandma.	a)
b)	Grandma enjoyed the attention on the day she moved in.
Grandma would walk Ben to the childcare centre after breakfast.	c)

- 79 Which two words from lines 25 – 30 show that the writer did not want her parents to know she was listening to their conversation? [2m]

and

- 80 "Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure." (line 38) By showering the family with love and care, how had Grandma made a difference? Give one example of how Grandma did that. Support your answer with evidence from lines 35-40. [2m]

END OF PAPER

Answer Sheet

Booklet A Q1	2	Booklet A Q15	2
Booklet A Q2	2	Booklet A Q16	2
Booklet A Q3	1	Booklet A Q17	4
Booklet A Q4	3	Booklet A Q18	4
Booklet A Q5	4	Booklet A Q19	3
Booklet A Q6	1	Booklet A Q20	3
Booklet A Q7	3	Booklet A Q21	1
Booklet A Q8	4	Booklet A Q22	1
Booklet A Q9	1	Booklet A Q23	4
Booklet A Q10	4	Booklet A Q24	2
Booklet A Q11	1	Booklet A Q25	3
Booklet A Q12	4	Booklet A Q26	2
Booklet A Q13	4	Booklet A Q26	3
Booklet A Q14	3	Booklet A Q28	3

Booklet B Q29	M	Booklet B Q39	on
Booklet B Q30	J	Booklet B Q40	declares
Booklet B Q31	K	Booklet B Q41	improving
Booklet B Q32	C	Booklet B Q42	violence
Booklet B Q33	E	Booklet B Q43	campaign
Booklet B Q34	G	Booklet B Q44	took
Booklet B Q35	Q	Booklet B Q45	subsequently
Booklet B Q36	L	Booklet B Q46	different
Booklet B Q37	D	Booklet B Q47	officially
Booklet B Q38	B	Booklet B Q48	have
		Booklet B Q49	commemorates
		Booklet B Q50	issues

Booklet B Q51	as
Booklet B Q52	off
Booklet B Q53	for
Booklet B Q54	are
Booklet B Q55	tell
Booklet B Q56	finish
Booklet B Q57	in
Booklet B Q58	having
Booklet B Q59	holding
Booklet B Q60	why
Booklet B Q61	be
Booklet B Q62	When / should
Booklet B Q63	first
Booklet B Q64	environment
Booklet B Q65	put

66) Besides playing football, Rina enjoys singing and reading.

67) Mary told her brother that she would meet him at the canteen after school that day.

68) When the bird was set free, it flew into the air.

69) Not until I had reached the office did it start raining / did it start to rain.

70) It is hypocritical of him to accuse me of lying since he is known for being dishonest.

71) always up and about

72) Lots of neighbours and friends would celebrate Grandma's birthday with her, and there was always plenty of food at her birthday.

73) (line 20) --- The writer's Grandmother.

(line 25) --- The writer's Grandma and the writer getting a long well when Grandma came to live with the writer's family.

(line 34) --- Ben's childcare centre

74) 2, 3, 1

75) a) True – Grandma had no other children except the writer's mother.

b) False – Grandma only finally agreed to live with the writer's family after some years.

c) False – The writer's only visited Grandma during special occasions.

76) a) Surprised

b) The writer's eyes widened.

77) The writer's brother, Ben, was only two years old and cried a lot in the night, so the writer thought Grandma could help the writer's mother look after Ben at night and the writer would not need to be his nursemaid.

78) a) Mum and dad visited grandma after.

b) Mum and Dad fussed over Grandma on the day she moved in.

c) There was no more rush to get Ben up early so that Mum could drop him at the childcare centre.

79) quietly and surreptitiously

80) Grandma helped to keep the family close. She would plan a family outing to the Botanic Gardens on some weekends and the family enjoyed spending time together, playing on the grass and having picnics.

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (10 marks)

- 1 "He's hardly the person for the job, _____?" said the manager, shaking his head.
- (1) is he
 - (2) can he
 - (3) isn't he
 - (4) can't he
- 2 During his stay on the farm, all he did was _____ the farmers plough the field.
- (1) watch
 - (2) watches
 - (3) watched
 - (4) watching
- 3 Catherine's knowledge of computers _____ so extensive that everybody wants her to be in their project group.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
- 4 The studious boy persevered despite being told that he was making _____ progress in his work.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) some
 - (4) several
- 5 I am teaching at Everit Enrichment Centre, _____ is just a stone's throw away from your school.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) where

- 6 I did not know how long the poor old man _____ there and decided to offer him a sandwich.
- (1) sat
 - (2) had sat
 - (3) was sitting
 - (4) had been sitting
- 7 "The flight _____ in half an hour. We had better hurry!" my mother reminded us.
- (1) leaves
 - (2) has left
 - (3) was leaving
 - (4) would leave
- 8 The contestant was disqualified for not adhering _____ the rules and regulations.
- (1) to
 - (2) by
 - (3) for
 - (4) over
- 9 "Pick what you like. It doesn't have to be something _____ by us," my parents assured me.
- (1) chose
 - (2) choose
 - (3) chosen
 - (4) chooses
- 10 _____ the holiday was a short one, we enjoyed ourselves tremendously.
- (1) While
 - (2) Unless
 - (3) Whereas
 - (4) In spite of

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

- 11 The pain on my ankle gradually _____. Soon, I would be able to walk without the aid of a walking stick.
- (1) wore on
 - (2) wore off
 - (3) wore out
 - (4) wore away
- 12 After you have a clear idea of the play, we can start thinking about the cast _____.
- (1) accordingly
 - (2) expectantly
 - (3) presumably
 - (4) simultaneously
- 13 The young actor _____ the question by talking about something that was absolutely unrelated.
- (1) alerted
 - (2) evaded
 - (3) averted
 - (4) escaped
- 14 She is always giving orders and expecting others to obey. No one likes her because of her _____ manner.
- (1) hasty
 - (2) reckless
 - (3) impulsive
 - (4) imperious
- 15 Tim decided to _____ and face his fear of water by jumping out of the boat and into the sea.
- (1) bite the bullet
 - (2) make a comeback
 - (3) survive the test of time
 - (4) set the wheels in motion

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

Dr Tan strolled into the hospital ward. As he approached the boy who was sitting on his bed, the doctor noticed that the patient seemed to show an unusually placid temperament. "Looks like this young man can do with a psychiatric evaluation," he mused. A middle-aged lady was seated next to the bed, but she was totally engrossed in her knitting. Without further delay, Dr Tan walked over and introduced himself. The boy, however, looked right through the doctor and all of a sudden, broke into a piercing scream. "I can't see! I can't see!" Never in his life had he ever witnessed such a dramatic outburst of hysterical blindness. "How long has this been going on?" he asked the lady, unable to comprehend the boy's peculiar behaviour.

"Oh," she said nonchalantly. "Ever since you stepped in front of the television."

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|----|---|
| 16 | (1) calm
(2) dazed
(3) fatigued
(4) nervous |
| 17 | (1) discovery
(2) diagnosis
(3) judgement
(4) investigation |
| 18 | (1) Impatiently
(2) Instinctively
(3) Concurrently
(4) Instantaneously |
| 19 | (1) an unusual outbreak
(2) an unexpected surge
(3) an exaggerated flare-up
(4) an uncontrollable eruption |
| 20 | (1) readily
(2) casually
(3) randomly
(4) confidently |

Study the following flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Gifts SG

National Month of Giving
1 to 31 October 2022

*Sign up as a
volunteer or
donate
generously
today!*

Gifts SG is a campaign organised by the Singapore Charity Foundation. It aims to encourage everyone to help the needy. You can use your time and talents to bless someone!



Twilight Dreams Home

Are you able to dance, play chess, do simple yoga or do you enjoy talking to people? Twilight Dreams needs volunteers for their "Make Seniors Happy" programme on Saturdays. Sign up at www.tdsh.com.sg now. Volunteer for an activity (2 hours or longer) from 1 to 31 October. Volunteers below 12 years of age have to be accompanied by an adult.



Precious Paws Animal Shelter

If you have a soft spot for abandoned animals, give your time to these precious ones. Register your interest at www.preciouspaws.com.sg

Volunteers must commit at least 3 hours each day on 4 Saturdays or Sundays. Students under 15 years of age are to be accompanied by an adult. No prior experience working with animals is required.



Hercules Physiotherapy Centre

This centre helps the elderly maintain or regain their mobility. Bigger and better facilities are needed to give them the best treatment they deserve.

Volunteer on any Sunday from 1 to 31 October, from 8 to 11 a.m. Volunteers will collect donations at various locations for the centre. Register your interest at www.hpc.org.sg



Sunshine Hospital

We are raising funds for underprivileged children with special needs. Funds collected will be used for their medical and therapy treatments. Help us reach our target of \$500,000!

We are also looking for volunteers (16 and above) to spend 2 to 4 hours on Sunday afternoons to read or play games with the children. More information regarding donations and volunteer schedules are available at www.sunshinehp.com.sg

**Excerpt from the Gifts SG newsletter,
July Issue.**



I look forward to the weekends when young people from nearby schools visit us. They sing and dance for us or perform magic tricks. They also teach us how to use our mobile phones and the Internet. I enjoy it most when they tell me about their lives, ask me about mine and help me forget my loneliness.

Aunty Marie, a resident of Twilight Dreams Home



Many abandoned or stray animals are taken to our shelter every day. Some of them need therapy to get well. The staff at the shelter are trained to conduct therapy. We appreciate volunteers who help us clean and maintain the rooms and animal cages so that we can focus on conducting therapy sessions.

Miss Cecil Lee, founder of Precious Paws Animal Shelter



My parents could not afford treatment for me. Thanks to the "Fight Cancer Fund" set up by the Sunshine Hospital in 2019, I was able to receive the medical help I needed to fight this terrible disease. I owe my life to the generosity of many donors in Singapore. Please continue to donate generously to hospitals. You are helping to save lives.

Miss Dawn Chua, a volunteer at Sunshine Hospital



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

- 21 What is the main purpose of the flyer on page 6?
- (1) To raise funds for underprivileged children
 - (2) To look for students who can take care of animals
 - (3) To encourage people to volunteer or make donations
 - (4) To heighten the awareness of the needs of the elderly
- 22 How is Twilight Dreams Home similar to Hercules Physiotherapy Centre?
- (1) They take care of the elderly.
 - (2) They look for helpers who can dance.
 - (3) They receive donations from the public.
 - (4) They recruit volunteers for Sunday programmes.
- 23 Mindy is eleven years old. She wants to volunteer on a Saturday for two hours with her mother. They can volunteer at _____.
- (1) Sunshine Hospital
 - (2) Twilight Dreams Home
 - (3) Precious Paws Animal Shelter
 - (4) Hercules Physiotherapy Centre
- 24 Fourteen-year-old Raja can volunteer up to three hours on a single Sunday on his own. He can _____.
- (1) read to children in the hospital
 - (2) clean cages at the animal shelter
 - (3) collect donations for the physiotherapy centre
 - (4) play chess with the elderly at the senior home

- 25 The brackets use on page 6 serve to _____.
- (1) explain new information further
 - (2) add more details to the information
 - (3) organise the information more neatly
 - (4) allow readers to retrieve important information
- 26 Which of the following is what Aunty Marie likes most when young volunteers visit her?
- (1) the magic tricks they do
 - (2) conversations she has with them
 - (3) their song and dance performances
 - (4) being taught to use the mobile phone
- 27 The three testimonials provided by Aunty Marie, Miss Cecil Lee and Miss Dawn Chua tell us _____.
- (1) the types of activities they enjoy doing
 - (2) why people sign up to help the elderly
 - (3) who they like to spend their weekends with
 - (4) how volunteers or donations have helped them
- 28 According to Miss Cecil Lee, some of the animals that are taken to the animal shelter _____.
- (1) require daily cleaning
 - (2) are unwell and need therapy
 - (3) need the staff at the shelter to train them
 - (4) are given therapy sessions by volunteers

- End of Booklet A -

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in **Booklet B**.

Before seven o'clock one Saturday morning, a large crowd had already gathered at the stadium. David sat at the starting line, his gloved hands gripping his wheelchair. With his heart thumping, the boy wondered if he would be able to complete the race. His classmates were all there to support him. From afar, he could see them holding up big banners which screamed: WE ARE WITH YOU! ALL THE WAY, DAVID! 5
Heartened, he smiled and waved back. He was not going to let them down.

Born with a severe condition that left him paralysed from the waist down, many doctors doubted he would live more than a few days. However, he defied all odds and spent the first six years of his life without a wheelchair and medical care in an orphanage. "If I want to be what other children aspire to be, I have to get there myself," 10
David recalled. At six, he was adopted and following that, many things happened. Thanks to his adoptive parents, he underwent several surgeries to improve his condition. As a result, he was able to attend school and even took up sports to help strengthen his bones and muscles. Then, he fell in love with wheelchair racing. Unfortunately, he did not have a lot of coordination or strength but he had a will to keep 15
going. Once, without warning, his condition took a turn for the worse and it almost derailed his pursuit of his passion.

One day, David's teachers encouraged him to compete alongside his non-wheelchair schoolmates. Unsure and yet grateful for the opportunity, he thought he should give it a shot. By the time the race was about to begin, the sun had risen. David 20
was glad that he was well prepared. Adjusting the cap on his head and his gloves, David was all ready to **protect** himself from the heat and the vigorous strokes to his wheelchair. Some of his fingers had pieces of plasters to protect the blisters which had developed during his rigorous training. David's eyes followed the starter who was waving a red flag. As soon as the gun was fired, David was off. The entire stadium 25
erupted into thunderous cheers.

David pushed forward with all his might, his hands gripping the wheels the whole time for the long-distance race. His wheelchair rolled steadily out of the stadium, passing the shophouses. David fell behind despite doing everything he could to keep up with the other competitors. With each passing hour, David was breathing harder. 30
Every single stroke made his arms and shoulders ache badly. Still, he focussed fiercely.

Overhead, the sun continued to blaze in the cloudless sky. David was exhausted and parched. His head felt as if it were on fire as the sun continued to burn through his cap. **That** was depleting his energy. He was beginning to feel weak and weary. 35
As he pushed on, the heated metal of his wheels burned into his hands. Nonetheless, he never thought of stopping. He leaned on one thing that he could control – his attitude. The fireball was his foe, like all the **obstacles** that stood in his way – his pain, his disability and his fears of failure. But he was determined to overcome every single one of them. 40

"Go, David, go!" the crowd chanted again. David propelled forward. He felt as if he were flying at an unstoppable velocity. The sunshine-yellow tape was looming nearer and nearer. Then, he was zipping past the ribbon. The entire stadium electrified with victorious screams.

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) after	(D) could	(G) however	(K) might	(N) us
(B) anywhere	(E) everywhere	(H) its	(L) must	(P) will
(C) around	(F) from	(J) it's	(M) subsequently	(Q) you

Imagine this – you are sinking your teeth into a delectable cheeseburger, complete with buttery buns, tangy pickles and a succulent beef patty. As you let the textures and flavours dance _____ on your taste buds, the chef comes up to _____ and introduces the burger: it is the restaurant's first ever meat-free, laboratory-grown burger. You cannot believe your ears. How _____ burgers be grown in a laboratory?

In 2013, scientists extracted cells _____ a cow and artificially developed muscle tissue. _____, they made the rest of the burger with other preservatives. _____ cultivating billions of cells, the first laboratory-grown burger was created. Despite _____ less-than-stellar taste reviews, the creation was certainly a huge step forward in the efforts of food production. Why would anyone go to such lengths to produce food? One _____ wonder. The reason is that our current system of food production is simply not sustainable.

With the global population expected to grow _____ between two and nine billion by 2050, our existing arrangement will not suffice. Massive acres of land are needed to grow crops and farm animals. Reducing the world's cattle herds _____ significantly reduce carbon emission of methane, a greenhouse gas, that contributes to global warming. These concerns are pressing enough to demand an alternative solution to food production.

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

(39)

Welcome to secondary school life! I know it is quite unnerveing the first

(40)

time you step into school as the envirroment here is very different from the

the previous one you have experienced.

(41)

You must be overwhelm by the number of subjects you need to take. But

(42)

I am sure that you will learn to adapt and asimillate into our school culture in no

(43)

time. Despite the school hours are longer, we still have to make time for

(44)

excercise and play. School life is more than just about homework and exams,

(45)

(46)

isn't it? As adoulescents, we may get bored more easy than adults do. Hence,

activities like sports, games and the arts help to build character. While

(47)

(48)

participate in sports tone our muscles, they also teach us resillance. This is how

(49)

we develop into better people and become an inspiration towards others. At the

(50)

same time, we also get to make new friends! Believing me, life in secondary school

is more bearable when you have friends to appreciate and support you.

I wish you all the best in your secondary school life!

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Arch back and stand tall. Blend in with the surroundings. Run. _____ (51)
are just some of the ways that animals protect _____ in the wild. Some of these (52)
means of protection are well known. _____ are more subtle or downright (53)
bizarre. For example, some species of ants will self-explode to protect their
_____. This protective action kills the ants but it can _____ the (54) (55)
colony from danger. The Texas horned lizard will squirt blood from its eyes at a predator to
keep _____ safe. A sea cucumber expels its protective organs from its anus (56)
to protect itself and in some cases, the sea cucumber's intestines can be
_____ to predators, thus effectively killing them. These defence mechanisms (57)
may seem wild but they are crucial in _____ the survival of animals and their (58)
own kind. For animals to live _____ enough to reproduce and continue their (59)
species, they often need ingenious strategies.

There are many different _____ in which animals protect themselves (60)
from predators. However, no one defence mechanism is always effective as predators
occasionally find new ways to defeat it. Hence, many animals use _____ than (61)
one defence mechanism at a _____. For example, the hognose snake has (62)
camouflaged colours that help it _____ detection by predators but if an owl or (63)
some other predator finds it, the hognose snake will inflate its neck to trick the predator so
as to appear _____ than it is. If this does not work, the hognose snake will (64)
_____ dead. Every species has its own bag of survival tricks. (65)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

- 66 The basketball players demonstrated an abundance of fighting spirit, They won the tough match.

By _____

- 67 Mr Bala had donated a large sum of money to charities. He was featured in the newspaper.

_____ since

- 68 We could finish all the household chores because the children helped us.

Had it not been _____

- 69 "Let us know by tomorrow when you're ready to start the training," my parents told me.

My parents told me _____

- 70 All the students enjoy the Teachers' Day concert immensely.

Each and every one _____

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

- 71 Pick out a word from the first paragraph which tells us that David appreciated his classmates' support. [1m]

- 72 Referring to paragraph two, explain why David's survival was a miracle. [2m]

- 73 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True/ False	Reason
The entire race took place at the stadium.		
David agreed to take part in the race because he was certain that he would win.		

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

_____ David fell gravely ill unexpectedly.

_____ David was adopted.

_____ David took up sports in order to become fitter.

- 75 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to? Write your answers in the column on the right. [2m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
passion (line 17)	
That (line 35)	

- 76 What had David done to **protect** (line 22) himself? [3m]

- 77 Which **two** of the following words **best** describe how David felt in lines 36 – 40? Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers. [2m]

<input type="checkbox"/> dejected	<input type="checkbox"/> delighted	<input type="checkbox"/> persistent
<input type="checkbox"/> grouchy	<input type="checkbox"/> helpless	<input type="checkbox"/> tenacious

- 78 Which sentence in paragraph four tells you that David was lagging behind the other competitors? [2m]

- 79 Fill in the following table. [3m]

	What was one thing they did to give David their support?
David's adoptive parents	
David's classmates	
David's teachers	

- 80 What did the writer compare David's **obstacles** (line 38) to? From lines 33 – 40, give a **reason** to support your answer. [2m]

End of Paper

Answer Sheet

Booklet A

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	1	1	2	2	4	1	1	3	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	1	2	4	1	1	2	4	3	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
3	1	2	3	2	2	4	2		

Booklet B

Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
C	Q	D	F	M	A	H	K	B	P
Q39)	Unnerving	Q43)	Although	Q47)	participating				
Q40)	Environment	Q44)	Exercise	Q48)	Resilience				
Q41)	Overwhelmed	Q45)	Adolescents	Q49)	To				
Q42)	assimilate	Q46)	easily	Q50)	believe				

Q51)	These	Q56)	Itself	Q61)	More
Q52)	Themselves	Q57)	poisonous	Q62)	Time
Q53)	Some	Q58)	Ensuring	Q63)	Avoid
Q54)	Colony	Q59)	long	Q64)	Bigger
Q55)	Protect	Q60)	Ways/means	Q65)	play
Q66)	By demonstrating an abundance of fighting spirit, the basketball players won the tough match.				
Q67)	Mr Bala was featured in the newspaper since he had donated a large sum of money to charities.				

Q68)	Had it not been for the children helping us, we could not have finished all the household chores.
Q69)	My parents told me to let them know by the next day when I would be ready to start the training.
Q70)	Each and every one enjoys the Teachers' Day concert immensely.
Q71)	heartened
Q72)	He survived beyond the few days when many doctors doubted he would.
Q73)	False -> David went out of the stadium and past the shop houses during the race. False -> David was grateful to have the opportunity to take part in the race but he was uncertain whether he would win the race.
Q74)	3,1,2
Q75)	Passion -> wheelchair racing That -> the sun burning through David's cap
Q76)	He wore a cap and gloves and some of his fingers had plasters on them to protect the blisters that he had developed during training.
Q77)	Persistent, tenacious
Q78)	David fell behind despite doing everything he could to keep up with the other competitors.
Q79)	1) The "paid" for his surgeries to improve his condition. 2) They supported him at the stadium during the race. 3) They encouraged him to sign up for the race.
Q80)	He compared his obstacles to the fireball. Like the heat from the sun, the obstacles were what he had to overcome in order to win the race.

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1. Your mother mistook Uncle Lee's grocery bag for _____ as their bags looked identical.
 - (1) his
 - (2) hers
 - (3) ours
 - (4) mine

2. Aminah _____ the principal complimented is none other than my cousin..
 - (1) whom
 - (2) whose
 - (3) whoever
 - (4) whichever

3. Nowadays, Zackery, as well as his friends, _____ going to the movies.
 - (1) enjoy
 - (2) enjoys
 - (3) enjoyed
 - (4) enjoying

4. "You'll be attending the party, _____?" Mrs Lim asked her son.
 - (1) will you
 - (2) won't you
 - (3) would you
 - (4) wouldn't you

5. Siti and her siblings can only converse in English. Neither of them _____ Malay before.
 - (1) speak
 - (2) speaks
 - (3) has spoken
 - (4) have spoken

6. Ben was lucky that he had suffered a minor cut after his bad fall. It could have been
- (1) worst
 - (2) worse
 - (3) worsen
 - (4) worsening
7. _____ effect from next week, we have to be fully vaccinated before entering the shopping centre.
- (1) By
 - (2) On
 - (3) With
 - (4) Until
8. The clowns made the audience _____ by throwing balloons at one another.
- (1) laugh
 - (2) laughs
 - (3) laughed
 - (4) laughing
9. Apart from Farhan, all the participants _____ every day after school for the upcoming match.
- (1) trains
 - (2) is training
 - (3) has been training
 - (4) have been training
10. The little boy _____ knocked down if the driver had not applied his brakes on time.
- (1) will be
 - (2) would be
 - (3) will have been
 - (4) would have been

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

11. Peter kept the game fun and made everyone laugh just to break the _____.
- (1) worry
 - (2) stress
 - (3) tension
 - (4) suspense
12. The players remained _____ in their support for their team even when they were criticised by the media.
- (1) crucial
 - (2) stubborn
 - (3) steadfast
 - (4) engrossed
13. _____ by the setbacks in life, my aunt continued to work hard and soon became a successful businesswoman.
- (1) Hindered
 - (2) Undeterred
 - (3) Discouraged
 - (4) Overwhelmed
14. It is advisable that we _____ our computer files on a weekly basis.
- (1) back up
 - (2) back off
 - (3) back away
 - (4) back down
15. "Watching the intense competition amongst the runners is making me _____," said Betty.
- (1) a cold shoulder
 - (2) a bag of nerves
 - (3) a pain in the neck
 - (4) a mountain out of a molehill

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

There once was a penniless boy who spent his days going from door to door selling newspapers to pay his way through school. One morning, as he was doing that, he felt nauseous and (16) faint. The poor lad was ravenous. Passers-by (17) turned down his pleas for food. Then, a kind lady offered him a glass of warm milk. The boy promised to repay the lady one day but she simply smiled and wished him well. One day, the lady fell (18) critically ill. She went from doctor to doctor, but none was able to (19) shed light on what was wrong. Accepting her sickness with (20) fortitude, she travelled to town in search of medical treatment. As fate would have it, she met the same boy who had become a successful doctor. The kind lady was cured of her illness and the hospital bill paid – with a glass of milk.

Adapted from: kidsworldfun.com/a-glass-of-milk.php

16. (1) dizzy
(2) nervy
(3) irritated
(4) lethargic
17. (1) defied
(2) rejected
(3) objected
(4) disregarded
18. (1) gravely
(2) abruptly
(3) unknowingly
(4) mysteriously
19. (1) reveal
(2) fathom
(3) disclose
(4) interpret
20. (1) fear
(2) anxiety
(3) courage
(4) optimism

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

Step Up Leadership Camp

18 - 23 December 2022

*"Do not follow where the path may lead.
Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."
Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Calling all primary school students!
Step up! Learn to lead with greater purpose and effectiveness!

Ask your form teacher or the teacher-in-charge of your CCA for a letter of recommendation. Then, register at www.STEPUPCamp22.edu.sg by 1 June 2022.

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Train mental and physical flexibility and endurance at 10 metres above the ground. Push your limits!



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Be mentored by:

- community leaders
- owners of local companies
- heads of government agencies

**Step up
now!**

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Learn to address a group persuasively and confidently.

PARENTS SAY

Rachel used to worry about speaking in front of a crowd. After attending this camp in 2021, teachers and friends tell her that her speeches inspire them to action.

Robert, father of Rachel, Fernville Primary School



Roy has changed for the better since he attended the camp last year. In the past, he would need me to organise his weekly plan including what to study and when to go for his extra classes. Now, he does everything independently. He tells me that a leader needs to be organised and self-motivated in all areas of his life, not just in his CCA.

Janet, mother of Roy, Clover Primary School

TEACHERS SAY



There was a significant change in Cheryl, the student leader of our choir, after attending this leadership training camp. When there was a dispute among the junior members of the choir, she persuaded them to put aside their differences and work as a team.

*Miss Chong, teacher-in-charge
Rivertown Primary School Choir*

Our prefects said that the mentorship programme helped them the most. They were inspired by the business owners who shared their experiences about working in the real world. The mentors also gave them individual feedback on their performance during the camp last year.

*Mr Jireh Tan, teacher-in-charge
Prime Garden Primary School Prefectorial Board*

A STUDENT SAYS

Step Up Leadership Camp 2021 was fun and I learnt about taking responsibility and developing my own leadership style. Now I know how important it is to lead by example.

*John, Primary 5 student leader
Petal Primary School*



For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

21. To sign up for this camp, interested applicants need to _____.
(1) possess strong leadership qualities
(2) ask their form teachers to register for them
(3) be chosen by the teacher-in-charge of CCA
(4) get their form teachers to support their application
22. The camp is **most** suitable for those who _____.
(1) have no plans yet
(2) can lead effectively
(3) want to work closely with their teachers
(4) want to maximise their leadership potential
23. Camp participants will get a chance to work as a team in _____.
(1) High Element Activities and Speak Up
(2) Mentorship Programme and Speak Up
(3) Leadership Experience and Escape Room Challenge
(4) Escape Room Challenge and Mentorship Programme
24. The **main** aim of the activity 'Escape Room Challenge' is to allow participants to _____.
(1) escape a dangerous situation
(2) improve their physical flexibility
(3) execute their leadership qualities
(4) resolve a problem in the shortest possible time
25. In the section 'Parents Say', which one of the following statements is **true**?
(1) Participants were requested to attend extra classes.
(2) Participants inspired their friends to sign up for the camp.
(3) Participants learnt that only CCA leaders have to be self-motivated.
(4) Participants spoke more confidently and effectively after attending the camp.

26. Miss Chong, the teacher in charge of Rivertown Primary School Choir, praised Cheryl for _____.
- (1) alerting her to a dispute
 - (2) settling a disagreement
 - (3) attending the training camp
 - (4) putting aside her differences
27. According to Mr Jireh Tan, the mentors in the Mentorship Programme helped the camp participants by _____.
- (1) teaching different leadership styles
 - (2) working with them in the real world
 - (3) giving them helpful comments about their performance
 - (4) teaching them how to become successful entrepreneurs
28. Many exclamation marks are used on page 6 because the organiser wants to _____.
- (1) shock the readers
 - (2) add excitement to the poster
 - (3) draw the readers' attention to all the camp details
 - (4) remind readers the importance of being a good leader

Refer to the passage below when you answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

I was running late for school that morning. To make matters worse, Mr Hamel had said that he would test us on participles which I had not studied. I knew I was in for a scolding. He and his grammar lesson – so annoying! For a moment, I thought of spending the day outdoors. The soothing breeze and the birds chirping cheerily on the trees were too tempting to resist but thankfully, I had the strength to conquer it.

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When I passed the school hall, there was a crowd of students in front of the noticeboard. What could **the matter** be now? Usually, when school began, there was a great bustle but that day, it was all so still – my classmates were already in their seats. Why was Mr Hamel pacing up and down? You could imagine how I blushed and how frightened I was on entering the classroom.

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"Go to your place quickly, Leon. We're about to begin without you."

As I took my seat, I got a little fright. Our teacher had donned his formal shirt and tailored pants, all well pressed, something he never wore except on special school occasions. The whole class seemed so strange and solemn. While I was wondering about it all, Mr Hamel sighed and said gravely, "As I was saying, this is the last lesson I shall give you. The order has just come today for the closure of our school." So that was what they had put up at the hall! My eyes widened and my hands flew to my mouth. "Due to a drastic drop in the student enrolment in the recent years, schools with very low enrolment like ours will be closed soon as the authority cannot fund them anymore," he added in a sombre tone.

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My last English lesson with Mr Hamel? Worse still, possibly my last English lesson too! Why, I hardly knew how to write! My books, that seemed such a burden a while ago, so heavy to carry, were now hard to give up! I believed it would be the same with Mr Hamel. The idea that I would never see him again made me forget all about how strict and austere he had been. It was in honour of this last lesson with us that he had put on his **Sunday best**. While these thoughts were making my head swim, I jumped when I heard my name being called. "Leon, your turn to recite the participles. Loud and clear." I got mixed up on the first few and stood there uncomfortably, self-conscious and wishing the earth would swallow me up.

25

"You must be as upset as I am about the closure, Leon. We must not procrastinate. Every day, we keep repeating to ourselves – I'll learn tomorrow. I'll learn tomorrow. But, you must **cherish** what you have. Then, you'll have no regrets."

30

With an audible sigh, Mr Hamel opened his grammar book and continued with the lesson. I was amazed to see how well I understood and enjoyed it. To think that I had never listened so carefully! How well I remembered that last lesson! All too soon, the bell rang. Time flew like an arrow when you were enjoying the moment. Why had I not realised what a great teacher Mr Hamel was? I never saw him look so respectable. He turned to the board and wrote neatly and as large as he could "Learn well while you still can. Goodbye!"

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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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) and	(D) it's	(G) shall	(K) that	(N) us
(B) but	(E) much	(H) should	(L) therefore	(P) whose
(C) it	(F) nonetheless	(J) similar	(M) under	(Q) with

Did you know that crows can be trained to pick up discarded trash? Park rangers in a theme park in France are doing just _____. Rooks, members of the crow family of birds, are particularly intelligent. _____, six rooks have been put to work at the park. "The goal is not just to pick litter, _____ also to show that nature itself can teach _____ to take care of the environment," said Nicolas, the park ranger.

The crows are encouraged to spruce up the park through the use of a cabinet with double doors, _____ like a magician's prop. Eventually, the crows come to associate tidying up _____ food because the park ranger will pull a board to reveal a snack below when they deposit a piece of trash in a slot. Placed _____ close supervision, the trash-happy rooks work four days a week. Nicolas, _____ responsibility is to keep a close watch, ensures that visitors do not toss rubbish onto the ground just to watch the birds work.

"_____ an educational programme – another way of showing people that they _____ not litter everywhere," Nicolas said. "We don't educate the crows. We educate the human beings."

Adapted from LIVESCIENCE.COM

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (12 marks)

In France, a beef stew had been reportedly simmering for three
(39)
hundred years! There was also another one that begins in the 1400s. Back then,
(40) (41)
the French believed that the longer the broth was stewed, the rich it would
(42)
taste. Today, it is not uncommon to find humongruss pots at a number of
(43) (44)
restaurants in Bangkok brim with beef and herbs, stewing continuously by many
(45)
hours each day just to produce heavenly aroumetic flavours. Loyal customers
(46) (47)
and tourists alike does not mind the trouble of beating Bangkok's nutorious
(48)
traffic congestion just so that they can frequently these shophouses in order
(49)
to savour the unique taste of this ancient cullinari heritage. Thanks to the
(50)
unconventional cooking method, patrons simply find the cuisine irresisteble

No wonder a number of such restaurants are now found in many parts of
Bangkok.

Adapted from CNA.COM

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Encouragement gives us the courage and faith to do something. As a result, 12 September each year marks the National Day of Encouragement. This is an _____ day for many people because it is dedicated to uplifting people _____ us and making a positive impact. This special day came _____ when some secondary school students while attending a leadership meeting were asked to come up with a _____ to a problem – the lack of encouragement as one of the main obstacles that youth face today. Recognising the urgent _____ for confidence to pursue what individuals wish, they proposed the matter be _____ into immediately.

Encouragement is free. It never _____ us anything to say a few words to inspire a loved one, a friend or even a stranger to make a _____ in their lives. Encouragement can comfort and _____ someone up when he or she is feeling down. When we fail, the right words urge us to _____ trying and not to give up easily. Thus, providing motivation and positive affirmation. Without a _____, a bit of encouragement may create a spark that can make people feel supported, appreciated and also _____ one's morale. Sometimes, the act of acknowledging a job well done _____ someone's day. This improves relationships at work, too. Acts of encouragement _____ so little effort – a bit of time, the right words, and noticing one's accomplishments. So, look around you and bring a _____ to someone's face with your words of encouragement. It is a practice worth having.

Adapted from Nationalltoday.com

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). (10 marks)

66. Marine Street used to be renowned for a variety of medicinal products and food stalls.

At one time, _____

67. Only Tara and Ben have not registered for the camp.

Everyone, except for Tara and Ben, _____

68. Lily did not write her speech well. She fumbled for words in between.

Having not _____

69. Farid asked me, "Why did you hang your painting here?"

Farid wanted to know _____

70. Su Leng decided to work harder to gain admission to the school of her choice.

Su Leng made the _____

Read the passage on page 10 of Booklet A and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

71. What was the **main** reason for the writer's reluctance to go to school that day? [1m]

72. In paragraph 2, explain clearly why the writer felt that that day was not like a typical school day as soon as he stepped into his classroom. [2m]

73. Fill in the table below by identifying the correct word from **paragraph 4** with the same meaning as the word in the left column. [2m]

(a) command	
(b) substantial	

74. Which sentence shows how the writer felt immediately upon hearing the bad news? [2m]

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

_____ Mr Hamel conducted his lesson for the last time.

_____ Mr Hamel received news about the school closure.

_____ Mr Hamel told the class to revise the participles.

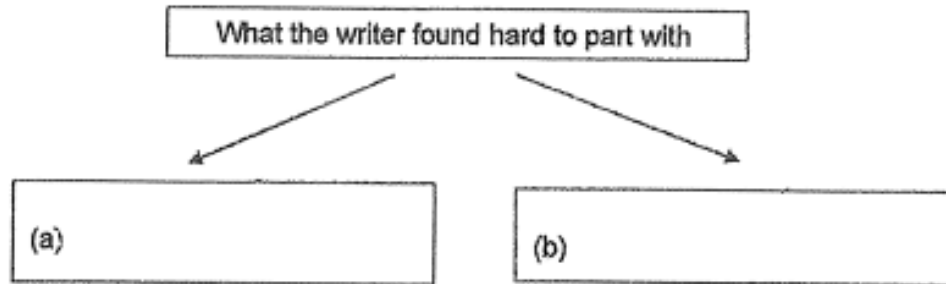
76. Look at the table below. What do the word(s) in the left column refer to? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
it (line 5)	
the matter (line 7)	
his Sunday best (line 26)	

77. 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 was waiting in anticipation for his teacher to call on him to answer his question.		
Some students knew about the school closure before the writer.		
Mr Hamel conducted the last lesson hastily.		

78. Fill in the boxes below with the correct information from the story. [2m]



79. Which two words from the first and last paragraph signal a change in how Leon viewed his teacher? [2m]

Before Leon attended the last lesson.

After Leon attended the last lesson.

80. What did the writer not "cherish" (line 32) and how did he make amends for it? [2m]

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Booklet A Q5	3
Booklet A Q6	2
Booklet A Q7	3
Booklet A Q8	1
Booklet A Q9	4
Booklet A Q10	4
Booklet A Q11	3
Booklet A Q12	3
Booklet A Q13	2
Booklet A Q14	1

Booklet A Q15	2
Booklet A Q16	1
Booklet A Q17	2
Booklet A Q18	1
Booklet A Q19	2
Booklet A Q20	3
Booklet A Q21	4
Booklet A Q22	4
Booklet A Q23	3
Booklet A Q24	3
Booklet A Q25	4
Booklet A Q26	2
Booklet A Q27	3
Booklet A Q28	2

Booklet B Q29	K
Booklet B Q30	L
Booklet B Q31	B
Booklet B Q32	N
Booklet B Q33	E
Booklet B Q34	Q
Booklet B Q35	M
Booklet B Q36	P
Booklet B Q37	D
Booklet B Q38	H

Booklet B Q39	began
Booklet B Q40	believed
Booklet B Q41	richer
Booklet B Q42	humongous
Booklet B Q43	brimming
Booklet B Q44	for
Booklet B Q45	aromatic
Booklet B Q46	do
Booklet B Q47	notorious
Booklet B Q48	frequent
Booklet B Q49	culinary
Booklet B Q50	irresistible

Booklet B Q51	important
Booklet B Q52	around
Booklet B Q53	about
Booklet B Q54	solution
Booklet B Q55	need
Booklet B Q56	looked
Booklet B Q57	costs
Booklet B Q58	difference
Booklet B Q59	cheer
Booklet B Q60	keep
Booklet B Q61	doubt
Booklet B Q62	boost
Booklet B Q63	make
Booklet B Q64	need
Booklet B Q65	smile

Q66)	At one time, Marine Street was renowned for a variety of medicinal products and food stalls.
Q67)	Everyone, except for Tara and Ben, has registered for the camp.
Q68)	Having not written her speech well, Lily fumbled for words in between.
Q69)	Farid wanted to know why I had hung my painting there.
Q70)	Su Leng made the decision to work harder to gain admission to the school of her choice.
Q71)	He had not studied his participles and was going to be scolded by Mr Hamel.
Q72)	When the writer entered the classroom, his classmates were in their seats and Mr Hamel was pacing up and down.
Q73)	a)order b)drastic
Q74)	My eyes widened and my hands flew to my mouth.
Q75)	3 , 2, 1
Q76)	(line 5) --- the thought of spending the day outdoors. (line 7) --- the closure of the school. (line 26) --- Mr Hamel's well pressed formal shirt and tailored pants.
Q77)	Fales --- The writer was in his own thoughts when his teacher called on him to answer his question. True --- There were some students crowding around the noticeboard with the order of the school closure pinned on the board. False --- He conducted the lesson so well that the writer understood about the school closure announcement.
Q78)	a)his books b)his school books
Q79)	Annoying Respectable
Q80)	He did not cherish Mr Hamel's teaching and having a school to go to. He paid very good attention through out Mr Hamel's last lesson.

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1. Neither William nor his friends _____ the answer to the question, so the teacher had to explain it to them once more.
- (1) know
 - (2) knew
 - (3) knows
 - (4) known
2. After paying for the expensive holiday, the Tan family did not _____ have money left.
- (1) most
 - (2) more
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
3. "_____ sushi before?" Mr Tan asked his guest, as he brought out a plate of Japanese rice roll.
- (1) Trying
 - (2) Tried
 - (3) Tries
 - (4) Try
4. "He's already gone to the shopping mall, _____?" asked Jamie.
- (1) has he
 - (2) does he
 - (3) hasn't he
 - (4) doesn't he
5. Before she could turn on the stove, she saw a ball _____ into the kitchen.
- (1) flew
 - (2) flies
 - (3) flying
 - (4) had flown

6. _____ the pain in his leg, the soldier was unable to make it back to his camp.
- (1) Since
 - (2) Despite
 - (3) Owing to
 - (4) Regardless of
7. The book is divided _____ three parts, with each part written by a different author
- (1) among
 - (2) into
 - (3) by
 - (4) in
8. In recent years, one out of three students _____ able to attain distinctions in the final examinations.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
9. If it does not rain, the race cars _____ the finish line within two hours.
- (1) will cross
 - (2) would cross
 - (3) will have crossed
 - (4) would have crossed
10. The tenant is a mysterious man _____ is hardly seen by his neighbours
- (1) whose
 - (2) whom
 - (3) which
 - (4) who

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.
(5 marks)

11. An avid cyclist, Wilbur _____ the hobby of photography when he cycled through scenic routes and wanted to capture the beauty of what he saw.
- (1) got on
 - (2) got into
 - (3) got over
 - (4) got through
12. Having a _____ nature, Sally was soon surrounded by her new-found friends at the party.
- (1) hospitable
 - (2) gregarious
 - (3) introverted
 - (4) harmonious
13. "You are too _____ while observing the criminals. You should wear clothes that blend in with the crowd!" the inspector reprimanded the inexperienced police officer.
- (1) confused
 - (2) convincing
 - (3) complicated
 - (4) conspicuous
14. Some spiders _____ their prey by injecting venom, so the prey is unable to escape and can be carried away easily.
- (1) abuse
 - (2) destroy
 - (3) damage
 - (4) immobilise
15. Screaming at the top of their voices, the fans were _____ when the famous singer appeared on stage.
- (1) devoted
 - (2) vigorous
 - (3) hysterical
 - (4) committed

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The jeweller lifted the diamond ring closer to the lamp. It (16) glittered in the light. "Absolutely beautiful!" he gushed. "How did you (17) come by this priceless item?"

The heavily scarred man did not meet his gaze. He muttered something (18) under his breath. Immediately, the jeweller became suspicious. "I'm afraid I cannot give you the money until I know where you got this from. It is against the law to buy stolen goods!"

The man (19) looked angrily at the jeweller. He looked very menacing as he reached into his pocket. For a moment, the jeweller (20) feared that he would be attacked. However, the man pulled out documents to prove that he did legally own the diamond ring.

16. (1) flashed
(2) blinked
(3) dazzled
(4) sparkled
17. (1) obtain
(2) possess
(3) discover
(4) encounter
18. (1) secretly
(2) sneakily
(3) inaudibly
(4) unconsciously
19. (1) stared
(2) glared
(3) gazed
(4) peered
20. (1) scared
(2) worried
(3) alarmed
(4) suspected

Study this flyer and then answer questions 21 to 28

ADVENTURELAND

The first ever mega amusement park for thrill seekers

GRAND OPENING

26 May 2022 (Thursday)

A welcome gift will be given to the first 100 park visitors.
All visitors to the park on the opening day will receive a \$10 dining voucher!

Open daily from 10 am to 8 pm

Spanning an area of ten football fields and featuring twenty exciting activities to get your adrenaline pumping, Adventureland is located on the outskirts of the city. Adventureland provides an opportunity for you to escape the hustle and bustle of the city.

KEY ATTRACTION

Go-Kart Circuit

Did you know that many F1 drivers started their careers from go-karting before going on to the F1 circuit?



Challenge yourself and your buddies as you race on the longest go-kart circuit in the region! Boasting a length of 900 metres and 20 corners, the circuit guarantees many heart-stopping moments. What are you waiting for? Go for it!

All participants must:

- produce a valid driving or motorcycle license
- be of a minimum height of 1.4 metres
- wear covered shoes
- put on hair nets and helmets (provided free)



More fun-filled activities

Cycling Tours

Take in the beautiful scenery as you go on a one-hour ride through winding trails. The tours around Adventureland are designed to be physically demanding as you manoeuvre your bicycle over different terrains. You will challenge yourself on a hill-climb and get wet by riding over a ditch. Not to be missed by cycling enthusiasts!



Indoor Bouncy Castle

Come and be wowed by the region's largest indoor bouncy castle playground! Navigate your way through the maze and be prepared to conquer the obstacles.

Requirement:

- Anti-slip socks must be worn (available for sale at the park)



Enchanted Forest

Are you game for some hair-raising moments? Immerse yourself in a magical land filled with mystical beings. Beware the fearsome dragon and cunning goblins! Can you escape from their clutches?

Are you game for the adventure?



Get your tickets now!

Get our Family Bundle for two adults and two children (below the age of 12)

Tickets can be purchased at our ticket booths or on our website

- refer to the table below.



	Ticket Booth	Ticket Booth	Online Purchase
Adult	\$80		\$60
Child	\$50		\$40
Family Bundle	Not available		\$180

For each question from 21 to 28, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(8 marks)

21. In the heading, "The first ever mega amusement park for thrill seekers", the word 'mega' suggests that _____.
- (1) the park is huge in size
 - (2) many activities are available in the park
 - (3) there are many participants in each activity
 - (4) it has the largest bouncy castle maze in the region
22. Refer to the section, "Go-Kart Circuit". Why is an exclamation mark used in the statement "Go for it!"?
- (1) to encourage readers to buy tickets
 - (2) to enthuse readers about the F1 race
 - (3) to emphasise that the activities are fun
 - (4) to convey excitement about the activity
23. Which of the following **does not** explain why the cycling tour is physically demanding?
- (1) It is meant for cycling enthusiasts.
 - (2) It requires participants to ride up steep hills.
 - (3) It requires participants to ride across a ditch.
 - (4) It involves manoeuvring the bicycle over different terrains.
24. Which of the following statements is **not** true about the indoor bouncy castle?
- (1) It is the only bouncy castle in the region.
 - (2) Visitors can be shielded from bad weather.
 - (3) The surfaces of the indoor bouncy castle can be slippery.
 - (4) Visitors have to overcome obstacles in order to get out of the bouncy castle.
25. Nurul, who is 1.3 metres tall is visiting Adventureland. Nurul will not be able to participate in which activity?
- (1) Cycling
 - (2) Go-kart
 - (3) Bouncy castle
 - (4) Haunted house

26. A table is included in the section "Get your tickets now!" for the following reason:
- (1) to attract people to buy the tickets online
 - (2) to present the information about adult tickets clearly
 - (3) to help people make a decision on the family bundle
 - (4) to make comparisons on the two ways to purchase the tickets
27. The Tan family, consisting of two adults and two kindergarten-going children, intend to visit Adventure during the weekend. They will definitely be eligible for _____.
- (1) dining vouchers
 - (2) the welcome gift
 - (3) free anti-slip socks
 - (4) the bundle promotion
28. What is the **main** purpose of the flyer?
- (1) to attract people to the Go-Kart circuit
 - (2) to encourage people to do daredevil activities
 - (3) to advertise the opening of the Adventureland
 - (4) to give information about the opening hours of Adventureland

Refer this passage to answer questions 71 to 80 in Booklet B.

I came down to the void deck every night regularly to feed the stray cats. There were at least eight cats in my neighbourhood. Upon seeing me and hearing the creaking of my trolley wheels, they all quickly drew close to me. I recognised each one of them and even gave them names. I knew the ginger one made the highest pitched meow; the black and white one, patterned like a cow, liked to rub against my ankles and the one with the stumpy tail was the most aggressive when he was hungry. 5

There are advantage of feeding the cats there late at night. Firstly, there were fewer people staring at me. Moreover, the air was cooler and the cats were less jumpy. I used to feed them early in the evening after I had had my dinner. By then, many residents would be returning to their homes. Sometimes they would stare at what I was doing but they never really bothered me. 10

Last month, however, my routine was disrupted. One of the neighbours, an elderly man, came to talk to me. I was squatting down, scooping rice onto a plate as the cats studied me impatiently.

"Excuse me, you have to stop what you are doing," the old man said.

"Stop what?" I looked up, puzzled. 15

"Feeding the cats. There have been complaints from the neighbours. They say the cats make a mess, and cause a lot of noise."

"I'm not responsible for their meowing. If I don't feed them, they will starve."

The man cleared his throat and continued, "By feeding them, you are making them stay around here." 20

"But feeding cats is not illegal," I implored.

"But littering is an offence," the man looked at me. "You have not been clearing up properly. Look, there's uneaten food everywhere. It attracts pest. You have to stop this inconsiderate act. Or else I have to report you for..."

Upon hearing that, I gave a horrendous cry, like the sound of chalk on blackboard. A few passers-by crowded around us to see the commotion. I must have been really loud because my sister soon appeared at the void deck. She said to the elderly man apologetically, "So sorry. She's my younger sister. She likes cats very much. We will clean up the mess now and ensure that we do not litter in future." 25

Accepting the apology, the man responded calmly, "I love animals too, but I am concerned about the pests and other problems that come with feeding stray animals." When he finished saying his piece, he walked off. 30

From that encounter, the elderly man did not strike me as an animal lover. Yet in a strange turn of events, the same elderly man came to say hello when I was feeding the cats the next day. Unexpectedly, he even bent down and stroked Ginger and Stumpy. He told me he really liked cats too and grew up playing with them at a neighbour's house many years ago. Ever since that day, the elderly man and I became closer. We bonded over cats, talking about anything from food to television programmes. We now meet regularly to take walks at the park. As I reflected on the incident, I finally understood that my actions could have unintended consequences and learnt to be more considerate. 40

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. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) after	(D) can	(G) in	(K) so	(N) up
(B) although	(E) even	(H) it's	(L) their	(P) whereas
(C) any	(F) every	(J) its	(M) to	(Q) who

Kiwis are small birds that cannot fly and are found naturally only in New Zealand. They are the national symbol of New Zealand, (29)_____ their image appears on the country's money, postage stamps, and road signs. Most New Zealanders, however, have never seen kiwis (30)_____ the wild as they are shy creatures which are active mostly at night.

Approximately the size of a chicken, the kiwi lays eggs which are huge for (31)_____ size. In fact, the kiwi's egg is one of the largest in proportion to the body size of (32)_____ species of birds in the world. Therefore, females (33)_____ lay only one or two eggs at a time.

Kiwis are not your typical bird. Unlike most birds, kiwis have heavy bones. Their powerful legs make (34)_____ a third of their body weight and allow them to run as fast as a human. Kiwis also have keen senses of smell and touch, (35)_____ most other birds rely on sight as (36)_____ primary sense. They are the only birds in the world (37)_____ have nostrils at the end of their beaks, enabling them to sniff out food in leaf litter and (38)_____ beneath the soil. These features resemble those of mammals which is why kiwis are sometimes called 'honorary mammals'!

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

During the *Circuit Breaker*, I had to attend online lessons. It was a new
(39)
experience for me as I had never komunikated with my teachers in a virtual classroom
(40)
before. It could be chairlenging to stay focused on the lessons. Some of my classmates
(41) (42)
were diztrackted as they were doing other things besides listen to the teacher during
(43)
Zoom lessons. They were probably playing games or watching television at lesson time,
and thus failed to respond when the teacher asked them questions. In the end, they
(44) (45)
also struggling to complete their online assignments. Luckily, I was thorough engaged
in the lessons as my teacher was very lively.

In the afternoons, I occupied myself by learning new skills. Mum taught me
(46) (47)
how to cook as she said cooking is a value skill. In the beginning, I was patreefyed to
(48)
handle the stove. However, I soon overcame my fear. I even cooked a plate of derlishus
(49)
fried rice using the recipe that Mum shared with me. Now, I enjoy cooking newtrisious
(50) &
meals for my family. Time pass quickly and before long, it was time to go back to school.

The *Circuit Breaker* was not all that bad after all.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

"Bonsai" is a Japanese word meaning "tree in tray". This word is used to refer to a small tree or plant grown in a pot. Many bonsais closely (51) _____ the larger ones outdoors in shape except that they are significantly smaller, and are thus (52) _____ as indoor plants. Due to their miniature sizes, they are becoming more (53) _____ with many home gardeners who live in smaller apartments nowadays.

In recent years, the growing number of bonsai enthusiasts has led to the (54) _____ in the number of bonsai competitions and exhibitions. Gardeners who participate in such events proudly (55) _____ their prized plants for others to see. What makes a bonsai stand out from the rest, worthy of an (56) _____? Well, it must have small leaves and be carefully cultivated to grow to its desired shape. (57) _____ carefully trimming the branches with scissors, gardeners can ensure that the plant is nurtured into a miniature tree which hopefully will emerge as the champion.

Well-cultivated bonsais are (58) _____ as works of art. In 2019, nine bonsai plants were stolen from a garden in Japan, one of (59) _____ being a fragile 400-year-old plant thought to be worth \$200,000! The owners of the bonsais were so (60) _____ over their prized bonsais that they even gave instructions for the care of the stolen plants to the newspaper reporter who interviewed them. They hoped that the thieves would read the instructions published in the newspapers, and not only avoid damaging the plants (61) _____ also learn to take good care of them. In the (62) _____ of these bonsai enthusiasts, these unique plants are irreplaceable.

Caring for bonsais can get children (63) _____ in nature from a young age. This is because children are carefully monitoring the development of their plants. Children also learn to be patient as bonsais (64) _____ a long time to grow. Bonsai enthusiasts are meticulous when it comes to their little plants, carefully studying every tiny part of the plant. Thus, they often develop an attention to (65) _____. These are good reasons to start growing your own bonsai!

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). (10 marks)

66. John was reckless. He got into an accident.

_____ because of

67. I was surprised that the young boy won the chess competition.

Much to _____

68. Joe is going to the market. He has to buy some groceries for dinner.

_____ in order to

69. The boy sat down to eat his lunch. He sanitised his hands first.

_____ before

70. "When do you want to watch the new action movie?" Ahmad asked his sister.

Ahmad asked his sister as to _____

Read the passage on page 9 and answer questions 71 to 80.

71. In paragraph 1, how did the cats know it was feeding time? [2m]

72. From paragraph 2, give two reasons why the writer fed the cats late at night [2m]

(a) _____

(b) _____

73. From lines 1-13, pick out two words that tell us that the writer had the habit of feeding the cats. Each word is found in a separate sentence. [2m]

74. Based on lines 1-13, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [2m]

	True/False	Reason
The writer treated the cats well.		
The cats were eager to eat the food that the writer had brought.		

75. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word from the passage	What the word refers to
there (line 7)	
complaints (line 16)	
It (line 23)	

76. Explain fully why the writer gave "a horrendous cry" (line 25). [2m]

77. What did the writer's sister promise the elderly man that they would do? [2m]

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

___ The writer's sister appeared at the void deck.

___ The elderly man stroked the cats as he spoke to the writer.

___ A few passers-by crowded around the writer and the elderly man.

79. Based on the last paragraph, how did the writer feel when the elderly man returned the next day and what did he do to make the writer feel this way? [2m]

80. What two pieces of information did the writer give to suggest that she and the elderly man became friends eventually? [2m]

(a)

(b)



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Booklet A Q10	4
Booklet A Q11	2
Booklet A Q12	2
Booklet A Q13	4
Booklet A Q14	4

Booklet A Q15	3
Booklet A Q16	4
Booklet A Q17	1
Booklet A Q18	3
Booklet A Q19	2
Booklet A Q20	2
Booklet A Q21	1
Booklet A Q22	4
Booklet A Q23	1
Booklet A Q24	1
Booklet A Q25	2
Booklet A Q26	4
Booklet A Q27	4
Booklet A Q28	3

Booklet B Q29	K
Booklet B Q30	G
Booklet B Q31	J
Booklet B Q32	C
Booklet B Q33	D
Booklet B Q34	N
Booklet B Q35	P
Booklet B Q36	L
Booklet B Q37	M
Booklet B Q38	E

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Booklet B Q39	communicated
Booklet B Q40	challenging
Booklet B Q41	distracted
Booklet B Q42	listening
Booklet B Q43	during
Booklet B Q44	struggled
Booklet B Q45	thoroughly
Booklet B Q46	valuable
Booklet B Q47	petrified
Booklet B Q48	delicious
Booklet B Q49	nutritious
Booklet B Q50	passed

Booklet B Q51	Resemble / mirror
Booklet B Q52	Idea / better
Booklet B Q53	popular
Booklet B Q54	increase
Booklet B Q55	present
Booklet B Q56	award
Booklet B Q57	by
Booklet B Q58	considered
Booklet B Q59	which
Booklet B Q60	concerned
Booklet B Q61	but
Booklet B Q62	minds
Booklet B Q63	interested
Booklet B Q64	take
Booklet B Q64	Detail / details

Q66)	John got into an accident because of his recklessness.
Q67)	Much to my surprise, the young boy won the chess competition.
Q68)	Joe is going to the market in order to buy some groceries for dinner.
Q69)	The boy sanitised his hands before he sat down to eat his lunch.
Q70)	Ahmad asked his sister as to when she wanted to watch the new action movie.
Q71)	The writer came down to the void deck every night to feed the stray cats and the cats recognised the writer and the sound of the writer's trolley wheels.
Q72)	(a) There were fewer people staring at the writer. (b) The air was cooler and the cats were less jumpy
Q73)	regularly routine
Q74)	True --- The writer fed the cats every night. True --- The cats studied the writer impatiently as she scooped the rice.
Q75)	Line 7 --- At the void deck. Line 16 --- The neighbours complaining that the cats. Line 23 --- The uneaten food everywhere.
Q76)	As he was going to report her for not cleaning up the place properly and leaving uneaten food everywhere. That made the writer very sad.
Q77)	The writer's sister promised the elderly man that they would clean up the mess they and ensure that they do not litter in the future.
Q78)	2, 3, 1
Q79)	The writer felt shocked. The elderly man came to say hello when the writer was feeding the cats and even bent down and stroked the cats, instead of asking her to stop feeding the cats.
Q80)	(a) They bonded over cats, talking about anything from food to television programmes. (b) The writer and the elderly man meet regularly to take walks at the park.

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