

Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. "Could you give me a quick _____ on how rockets work?" John asked the scientist.

- (1) explanation
- (2) attachment
- (3) agreement
- (4) recipe

2. It is _____ to wash our hands before meals to ensure good hygiene.

- (1) urgent
- (2) optional
- (3) relevant
- (4) important

3. The _____ gave the injured boy first-aid before carrying him onto a stretcher.

- (1) paramedic
- (2) engineer
- (3) tailor
- (4) pilot

4. Ronny has lost his spectacles. Without them, he is as blind as _____.

- (1) a fox
- (2) a bat
- (3) an owl
- (4) a mule

5. The police officers _____ the area carefully for any suspicious character.

- (1) noticed
- (2) browsed
- (3) scanned
- (4) discovered

6. "I _____ Mrs Tay at the supermarket this morning. We had a good conversation!" Mother told Jia Hui.

- (1) ran off
- (2) ran into
- (3) ran with
- (4) ran over

Part 2: Grammar (10 marks)

For each question from 7 to 16, 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.

7. "Simon _____ his homework now. Please call back later," Mother told my friend.

- (1) do
- (2) does
- (3) is doing
- (4) has done

8. Priya _____ the violin when she was a child.

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

9. "Please remember to lock the door _____ you leave for soccer practice," Grandfather reminded Alex.

- (1) after
- (2) while
- (3) before
- (4) during

10. _____ you need more information please approach the school librarian.

- (1) Must
- (2) Could
- (3) Would
- (4) Should

11. The principal entered the classroom as soon as she heard _____
rowdy pupils over there.
- (1) those
 - (2) these
 - (3) that
 - (4) this
12. Melvin had a terrible fall down the stairs _____ escaped with only
minor injuries.
- (1) so
 - (2) but
 - (3) although
 - (4) because
13. There is not _____ furniture left in the store.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
14. Jamie and Sam _____ soundly when their parents returned from
work.
- (1) were sleeping
 - (2) will sleep
 - (3) sleeps
 - (4) sleep
15. "This is the book you are looking for, _____?" Suzy asked Samuel.
- (1) is it
 - (2) isn't it
 - (3) was it
 - (4) wasn't it

16. Mrs Tan _____ an apple while watching television last night.

- (1) eat
- (2) eats
- (3) is eating
- (4) was eating

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Part 4: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the boxes and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| A | his | B | I | C | it |
| D | him | E | you | F | we |

My six-year-old son loved his sunflower. He watched and watered

(17) _____ faithfully, morning and night.

One day while he was in school, (18) _____

sunflower withered, so I threw it away. I told him when he got home, and he

was upset. Nothing I said could comfort him. After a while,

(19) _____ asked, "Why are (20) _____ crying

so much?"

Sobbing non-stop, he said, "I had wanted to give it to you for your

birthday present next week!"

Part 5: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

My pet dog's name is Bruno. He is from the breed of German

Shepherds. He gets excited when I (21) [come / comes] back from school.

Bruno (22) [spend / spends] most of his time with me and my father.

He is very gentle with us but (23) [get / gets] aggressive when he spots a stranger.

We (24) [provide / provides] him with healthy food. I love him so much.

B - 3

Sub-Total:

Part 6 : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. The words with spelling errors are in **bold** and the words with grammatical errors are underlined. Write the correct spelling or form of the word in each box.

The forgetful professor entered the biology class. "I have

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bhrought a live lizard here so that we can study its body parts. He took out a

(26) (27)

small package and unwrap it. However, what the students see was a ham

(28)

sandwitch. With disbelief, the professor uttered, "Very strange, I thought I

already had my lunch."

Part 7: Synthesis (4 marks)

For each question, 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).

29. Uncle Tom is old. Uncle Tom is healthy.

_____ but

30. John has injured his foot. John cannot play with his friends.

_____ as

Part 8 : Comprehension Passage 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 31 to 35.

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| <p>It was common to see buskers playing tunes along Temple Street in Chinatown. Some of them sing along with the music. However, Mr Lee could not sing as well as the other buskers. One patron commented, "Oh no! He sings out of tune and cannot remember the lyrics!"</p> | |
| <p>However, there was always a crowd around Mr Lee. <u>It</u> was bigger during lunch hours. People sat on the grass and ate their lunches while listening to him.</p> | 5 |
| <p>Mr Lee was a friendly man in his fifties. I went to listen to him sing yesterday. He was dressed in white shirt and jeans. He had a small boom box and a microphone. He sang a wide selection of songs from "Silent River" to "Zoom Zoom Row".</p> | 10 |
| <p>I asked him politely if he knew that he was singing out of tune. Mr Lee replied with a twinkle in his eye. He said that I must be referring to his twin brother.</p> | |
| <p>Perhaps it was his cheerful attitude that drew people to him. He laughed at himself and enjoyed what he was doing. Mr Lee put in a lot of hard work performing for his audience. He said, "I wanted people to appreciate my effort and feel happy listening to my music."</p> | 15 |
| <p>Adapted from 'Tone Deaf Busker Draws Crowd'</p> | |

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

31. Where did Mr Lee perform his act? [2m]

32. Why was Mr Lee not able to sing as well as the other buskers? [2m]

33. In paragraph 2, what does the word "It" refer to? [2m]

34. Which 2 words from the passage best describe Mr Lee's personality? [2m]

(i)

(ii)

35. What do you think Mr Lee wanted people to feel about his performance? [2m]

Part 9 : Comprehension Passage 2 (8 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 36 to 42.

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| <p>One day, after a scrumptious lunch at a fancy restaurant in Upper Bukit Timah Road, we passed by a pet shop and decided to go and have a look. I was thrilled as it was my first visit.</p> | |
| <p>I came across an adorable little Collie that would not stop licking and nibbling my fingers. I asked my mother if I could have her but she frowned and told me that a Collie, with its thick mane, would be unsuitable in Singapore's hot weather. But it was two against <u>one</u> and before we knew it, my father was at the counter paying for it. I was on cloud nine.</p> | 5 |
| <p>Back home, the work of raising a puppy began. First, I had to come up with a name for it and it turned out to be more difficult than I had expected. Finally, I decided on 'Snowy' because of her white mane. There was much to learn about having a puppy and it was no easy task. It took us weeks to house-train her. Initially, it was topsy-turvy and my mother was always in a foul mood when things went wrong.</p> | 10 |
| <p>Last week, I invited my best friend, Lisa, for a sleepover. "Such a lovely dog! She's putting her head on my lap and looking up longingly at me, trying to get me to play with her!" exclaimed Lisa.</p> | 15 |
| <p>Snowy is a gentle and affectionate dog. She makes visitors feel welcome. For years, Snowy has been my faithful companion. I have hardly fallen sick, I will think that it is because of the long walks I have with Snowy every evening at our nearby park.</p> | 20 |
| <p>I have no regrets having Snowy. She has made me more responsible and has kept me fit and strong!</p> | |
| <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Adapted from 'The Bard's Last Bite'</i></p> | |

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For Q36 - Q37, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 1 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

| | Statement | True | False |
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| Example | The writer passed by a pet shop after his lunch. | ✓ | |
| 36 | The writer had an enjoyable lunch. | | |
| 37 | The writer was excited because it was his first visit to a fancy restaurant. | | |

38. The writer's mother said a Collie is not a suitable pet in Singapore.

What are the 2 reasons?

[2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

39. Choose the most appropriate answer. Write its letter in the bracket provided.

The word 'one' in paragraph 2 refers to _____.

[1m]

- (a) Snowy
- (b) the writer
- (c) the father
- (d) the mother

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40. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what happened first, next and last in paragraph 2. [1m]

_____ The writer's father was at the counter.

_____ The writer was overjoyed.

_____ Snowy licked the writer's fingers.

41. Which word has the same meaning as 'disorderly'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Initially, it was topsy-turvy and my mother was always in a foul mood when things go wrong. (A) (B)

42. Tick ✓ your chosen answer. Only one tick is allowed.

The writer has learned to be _____ pet owner. [1m]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | an adorable |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a courageous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | a more responsible |

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ANSWER KEY

BOOKLET A

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| Q1 | 1 | Q2 | 4 | Q3 | 1 | Q4 | 2 | Q5 | 3 |
| Q6 | 2 | Q7 | 3 | Q8 | 3 | Q9 | 3 | Q10 | 4 |
| Q11 | 1 | Q12 | 2 | Q13 | 4 | Q14 | 1 | Q15 | 2 |
| Q16 | 4 | | | | | | | | |

BOOKLET B

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| Q17 | C |
| Q18 | A |
| Q19 | B |
| Q20 | E |
| Q21 | come |
| Q22 | spends |
| Q23 | gets |
| Q24 | provide |
| Q25 | brought |
| Q26 | unwrapped |
| Q27 | saw |
| Q28 | sandwich |
| Q29 | Uncle Tom is old but he is healthy. |
| Q30 | John cannot play with his friends as his injured his foot. |
| Q31 | Mr lee performed his act at Chinatown along temple street. |
| Q32 | It is because Mr Lee always sings out of tune and he is not able remember the lyrics. |
| Q33 | It refers to the crowd when Mr Lee is performing. |
| Q34 | i) Cheerful ii) Friendly |
| Q35 | HE wanted people to appreciate his effort and feel happy listening to his music. |
| Q36 | True |
| Q37 | False |

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| Q38 | i) Thick mane ii) Singapore's hot weather |
| Q39 | D |
| Q40 | 2, 3, 1 |
| Q41 | A |
| Q42 | The writer learned to be a more responsible pet owner. |