

Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

For each question from 1 to 8, 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 My sister and I bought the ingredients from the market and prepared dinner _____.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

- 2 While carrying out the science experiment yesterday, Mrs Lee's right hand _____ scalded by some boiling water.

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

- 3 The police _____ the case right now. Let's hope that they will catch the culprit soon," said Father.

- (1) investigate
- (2) investigated
- (3) is investigating
- (4) are investigating

- 4 Mother _____ three pairs of shoes last week as they were on sale.

- (1) buys
- (2) bought
- (3) has bought
- (4) was buying

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- 5 While Ali and Halim _____ home from school, they witnessed a serious car accident.

(1) walk
(2) are walking
(3) have walked
(4) were walking

- 6 _____ toddlers playing over there are screaming at the top of their lungs.

(1) This
(2) That
(3) These
(4) Those

- 7 We have to hurry. There is not _____ time left.

(1) less
(2) little
(3) many
(4) much

- 8 _____ of the girls is going for the concert as they have an examination tomorrow.*

(1) Any
(2) None
(3) Some
(4) Every

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from 9 to 14, 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.

9. The spectators were awed by the _____ display of fireworks at the National Day Parade.

(1) alarming
(2) mystical
(3) miraculous
(4) spectacular

10. Siti tried to _____ where she had left her car keys.

(1) review
(2) register
(3) recollect
(4) recognise

11. At the sound of the horn, the athletes _____ eagerly towards the finishing line.

(1) fled
(2) ambled
(3) trudged
(4) sprinted

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12 Every day, thousands of _____ take the train to work.

- (1) motorists
- (2) customers
- (3) commuters
- (4) pedestrians

13 Junita lay on her mat and _____ at the stars till she fell asleep.

- (1) gazed
- (2) glinted
- (3) glanced
- (4) glimpsed

14 Ailing is working _____ to complete her project in time so that she can submit it to her teacher the next day.

- (1) warily
- (2) excitedly
- (3) carelessly
- (4) frantically

END OF BOOKLET A

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) it	(B) us	(C) her
(D) we	(E) them	(F) they

Ben and his sister, Laura, were at the beach.

_____ were having a sandcastle building competition.
(15)

Ben told Laura that his sandcastle would be bigger and taller than

_____ sandcastle. Laura worked hard on building a
(16)

beautiful sandcastle. She had even added seashells on

(17)

All of a sudden, it started to rain and both of

_____ ran quickly for shelter. All their hard work had
(18)

been ruined.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

George is a Chinese chef at a hotel. Together with his colleagues,

he [prepare / prepares] delicious meals for his patrons. There [is / are]
(19) (20)

many ingredients that they [has / have] to get ready every morning.
(21)

Although his working hours are long and he has to stand all day,

George always [wear / wears] a smile. He puts in his best effort to ensure
(22)

that his patrons enjoy eating at his hotel.

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions 23 and 24, rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

- 23 The doctor said, "I am going to send you for a blood test now."

The doctor said that _____

- 24 Sandy and Charlene are dancers. Sandy and Charlene enjoy performing.

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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (6 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Gold can be found in many parts of the world. For nearly a century, South Africa was the main producer of gold. _____, countries like China, (25)
Australia and Russia have recently overtaken South Africa.

One of the popular _____ of obtaining gold found in rivers is (26)
by panning. In panning, a sieve-like instrument is used to _____ (27)
small gold deposits from gravel and water. Panning for gold is done by holding a
special pan and swirling gravel and water together. Gold, _____ (28)
is heavy, will sink to the _____ of the pan while gravel and water (29)
will be swished out of it.

Geologists examine physical and chemical characteristics of surface rocks to
determine if any gold is present _____ the ground beneath. Mining (30)
will be worthwhile if there is enough gold that exists under the surface.

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Section H: Comprehension (Selected Response) (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was a Saturday and Mindy was getting ready for her birthday party. Every year, Mindy and her mother would make a cinnamon cake fresh on the day of her birthday party, and Mindy thought this year would be no different. She waited excitedly for her mother in the kitchen.

Mindy's mother came into the kitchen and took her apron from a hook on the wall. Instead of putting it on, she put it on Mindy. Surprised, Mindy stood still as her mother tied her apron strings. 5

"Mindy, I think you're old enough to mix the batter by yourself this year. I'm sure you can do it."

"But Mum.... Yes...., I think I can do it," Mindy said hesitatingly. 10

"That's right. Now go ahead and start. Call me when you're done. I'm going to blow up the balloons." With that, Mindy was left alone in the kitchen.

Carefully, Mindy measured out the ingredients and poured them into a big bowl. Then, she cautiously mixed the batter until it was perfectly smooth. Next, she poured the batter into a pan. She then called her mother into the kitchen. 15

Her mother turned on the oven, set the temperature, and put the cake pan into the oven. Mindy had actually done it!

Adapted from *Sugar and Spice*, Ed.com

For Q31-32, tick ✓ whether the statements describe Mindy or her mother. An example has been done for you. [2m]

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	Statement	Mindy	Mindy's mother
Example	She took her apron from a hook on the wall.		✓
31	She waited eagerly in the kitchen.		
32	She went to blow up the balloons.		

33 Which word has the same meaning as 'completely'?

Circle either (A) or (B).

[1m]

Then, she cautiously mixed the batter until it was perfectly smooth.
(A) (B)

34 What were the two things Mindy did before mixing the batter?

[2m]

- i) _____
- ii) _____

35 Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Mindy was _____ when her mother asked her to mix the batter by herself. [1m]

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<input type="checkbox"/>	unsure
<input type="checkbox"/>	confident

For Q36-38, read each statement and tick (✓) either "True" or "False".
An example has been done for you.

[3m]

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	Statement	True	False
Example	Mindy was excited about her birthday party.	✓	
36	It was a weekend when Mindy got ready for her birthday party.		
37	Mindy was expecting her mother to put the apron on her.		
38	Mindy put the cake pan into the oven.		

- 39 What reason did Mindy's mother give when she said Mindy could mix the batter by herself?

[1m]

Section I: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

Denise passed by and waved to her neighbour, Mr Lee, as he loaded his car with two big suitcases. "He must be going on a long trip. I wonder what gift he'll bring back this time," Denise pondered and smiled widely, as he waved back. She thought no more of it until two days later, when she noticed that Mr Lee's back door was open. "Thieves!" thought Denise as she jumped in shock, but then she saw Mr Lee emerge from the back door. "It's peculiar that he packed so much for such a short trip," Denise mumbled to herself. 5

Denise waved to Mr Lee, but he did not wave back, which certainly seemed out of the ordinary. Mr Lee had always been cordial. Not waving back seemed almost unneighbourly. 10

The next day, Denise saw Mr Lee get into his car. "Didn't Mr Lee's old car used to be a dull red?" she asked herself. "This one is bright red."

The neighbour she knew was the real Mr Lee, this one seemed false. Mr Lee strolled in a leisurely manner. This Mr Lee had a hurried gait. Mr Lee watered his garden in the morning, but this Mr Lee watered the garden in the evening. Denise was puzzled by Mr Lee's strange behaviour 15
stop thinking about it. Something seemed wrong, Mr Lee was just not himself.

Two weeks later, Mr Lee rang the doorbell. He wore a friendly smile and held out a wrapped parcel and said, "This is a gift from my wonderful trip to Africa." Denise knew at once that this was the real Mr Lee. 20

"Did you meet my twin brother?" Mr Lee asked. "He took care of my house while I was away."

Adapted from *The Other Mr Franklin*

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- 40 Write one word from paragraph 4 that has the same meaning as the word "peculiar" in paragraph 1. [1m]

For Q41 write your answer in a complete sentence.

- 41 Why did Denise think that Mr Lee was going on a long trip? [2m]

- 42 These were Denise's observations about Mr Lee. Put them in the correct sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

_____ Denise saw Mr Lee getting into a bright red car.

_____ Denise saw Mr Lee leaving for a trip.

_____ Denise saw Mr Lee coming out from the back door of his house.

For Q43, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

- 43 The Mr Lee whom Denise knew _____. [1m]

- (1) bought a new car
- (2) walked in a hurried manner
- (3) watered his garden in the morning
- (4) did not wave back when Denise waved to him

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For **Q44**, state whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer. Write your answers in complete sentences. [2m]

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	Sentence	True / False	Reason
44			
i)	Mr Lee had a twin brother.		
ii)	Mr Lee went away for only two days.		

For **Q45-46**, write your answers in complete sentences.

45 What does the word 'it' in line 17 refer to? [1m]

46 How did Denise know that the man who rang the doorbell was the real Mr Lee? [2m]

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ANSWER KEY

BOOKLET A

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

BOOKLET B

Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22
F	C	A	E	prepares	are	have	wears

Q23	The doctor said that he was going to send me for a blood test then.
Q24	Sandy and Charlene, who enjoy performing, are dancers.

Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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BOOKLET C

Q31	✓ Mindy
Q32	✓ Mindy's mother
Q33	(B)
Q34	(i) Mindy measured out the ingredients.
	(ii) Mindy poured them into a big bowl.
Q35	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unsure
Q36	True
Q37	False
Q38	False
Q39	Mindy's mother said she thought Mindy was old enough to mix the batter that year.
Q40	Strange

Q41	She saw him loading his car with two big suitcases.	
Q42	3 Denise saw Mr Lee getting into a broght red car. 1 Denise saw Mr Lee leaving for a trip. 2 Denise saw Mr Lee coming out from the back door of his house.	
Q43	(3)	
Q44	(i)	True Mr Lee asked Denise if she had seen his twin brother.
	(ii)	False Mr Lee returned after two weeks.
Q45	It refers to Mr Lee's strange behavior.	
Q46	Denise knew Mr Lee was the real Mr Lee as he wore a friendly smile and handed her a parcel as he always brought parcel wrapped for Denise.	