

For Q1 - 16, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

1. Ben's father told him to pack his school bag by _____.
(1) myself
(2) herself
(3) himself
(4) yourself

2. While crossing the road just now, Richard _____ shocked when he saw a flash across the dark sky.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

3. The pupils _____ nervous as they waited for their turn to sing.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

4. "All performers, please get ready. The guest-of-honour _____ soon," announced the teacher.
(1) arrive
(2) arrived
(3) is arriving
(4) has arrived

5. Last week, Paul's family _____ a surprise birthday party for him.
(1) organises
(2) organised
(3) has organised
(4) was organising


6. As the children _____ in the field, it started to rain.
- (1) plays
 - (2) will play
 - (3) has played
 - (4) were playing
7. "_____ cows over there belong to Farmer Ong," said my uncle.
- (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) Those
 - (4) These
8. "I have too _____ work to do and no time to play," complained Sam.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
9. "Please be quiet. We _____ the auditorium now," Mr Tan reminded the pupils.
- (1) enter
 - (2) enters
 - (3) is entering
 - (4) are entering
10. The bus was very crowded with _____ passengers who were going home after work.
- (1) few
 - (2) some
 - (3) many
 - (4) much

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x1 mark)

11. Eric will be _____ to many countries as he is writing a book on different cultures.
- (1) drifting
 - (2) strolling
 - (3) skipping
 - (4) travelling
12. The buildings _____ due to the violent earthquake.
- (1) collided
 - (2) collected
 - (3) collapsed
 - (4) combined
13. Frank created a new world _____ when he came in first for the 200-metre race.
- (1) report
 - (2) recipe
 - (3) record
 - (4) reason
14. The class packed many food _____ to donate to the elderly.
- (1) trunks
 - (2) chests
 - (3) lockers
 - (4) hampers
15. Lucy's voice sounded _____ because she had a sore throat.
- (1) hard
 - (2) hurtful
 - (3) hollow
 - (4) hoarse
16. "I laughed till my sides hurt throughout the movie because it was _____," said Rachel.
- (1) scary
 - (2) boring
 - (3) hilarious
 - (4) touching

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (4 x 1 mark)
Study the poster carefully and then answer the questions that follow.



Kitchen Science Workshop

Organised by National Science Centre

Join us for a fun-filled day with your family and learn to prepare healthy meals using the right ingredients!



The popular workshop is here again! You will learn to cook amazing dishes using ingredients found at the Science Cookhouse. Limited to 30 families each session. Register now to avoid disappointment!

Date: 14 December 2019
Venue: Science Cookhouse
Session 1: 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
Session 2: 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Fee: \$100 per family*
*Each participating family should only consist of two adults and two children (aged 8 to 12).

Workshop Highlights:


- ✓ Cook three dishes and prepare a dessert.
- ✓ Recipes will be printed for you to take home.
- ✓ Each family will take home a framed photograph taken at the end of the workshop.



To register for the workshop, please visit our website at www.NSC.com.sg

For enquiries, please email Emily at emily@NSC.com.sg or call us at 6344 7988.

Supported by:
Cooking United



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For Q15-18, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate option and shade its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

17. Kitchen Science Workshop is organised by _____.
- (1) Cooking United
 - (2) Science Cookhouse
 - (3) National Science Centre
 - (4) National Science Council
18. The **main** purpose of the workshop is to give families a chance to _____.
- (1) take home a framed photograph each
 - (2) cook healthy meals using the right ingredients
 - (3) compete with one another in a cooking competition
 - (4) compete with one another in a Science competition
19. To register for Kitchen Science Workshop, Mr Tan should _____.
- (1) email Emily
 - (2) visit the website
 - (3) call the 63447988
 - (4) visit Science Cookhouse
20. According to the poster, which one of the following statements is **true** about Kitchen Science Workshop?
- (1) Each family will not need to prepare a dessert.
 - (2) A family of six can participate in this workshop.
 - (3) This is the first time the workshop is organised for families.
 - (4) There is an age limit for children to take part in this workshop.

~ End of Paper 2 (Booklet A) ~

Section D : Cloze 1: Pronouns (4 x 1 mark)

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 A WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) I | (B) we | (C) us |
| (D) me | (E) them | (F) she |

My neighbour, Madam Tan, is a kind lady. (21) _____ often invites me to her house for dinner. I like playing with her son, Peter. (22) _____ will help him with his homework while Madam Tan prepares dinner. After dinner, the three of (23) _____ will watch television together. Then my mother will come by to take (24) _____ home. I am grateful to have Madam Tan as my neighbour.

Section D: Cloze 2: Subject-Verb Agreement (4 x 1 mark)

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

The school is organising a nature walk at MacRitchie Reservoir this year.

My classmates and I (25) [is / are] excited as we have never been there before.

Everyone (26) [need / needs] to bring along a few important items. These

(27) [include/ includes] a pen, a water bottle and a mosquito repellent. All pupils

(28) [has / have] to report early that morning. We are certainly looking forward to the walk.

Section E: Sentence Combining (4 x 1 mark)

Combine each pair of sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

Example: Tom loves chocolates. Tom loves sweets.

Tom loves chocolates and sweets.

29. Don did not have an umbrella. It was raining heavily.

_____ **but**

30. This is the park. My uncle jogs here every morning.

_____ **where**

31. Ben said, "I will not make the same mistake again."

Ben said that _____

32. Lisa qualified for the swimming finals. Her timing was the best.

Since _____

Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Mr Tim, a farmer, had two puppies for sale. One afternoon, as he put up a few posters outside his farm, he felt a tug on his shirt. It was a young boy.

"Hi Mr Tim! My name is Jack. Can I take a look at the puppies?"

"Sure," said Mr Tim. He blew his whistle. "Here, Terry!" he called.

Jack's eyes danced with delight when he saw Terry, the puppy, running quickly towards the fence. Just then, Jack noticed a small puppy in the farm. In a cautious manner, the timid puppy began to limp towards the fence, doing its best to catch up with Terry.

"I want that one," Jack said, pointing to the puppy. Mr Tim gave Jack a surprised look and said, "That puppy's name is Spotty. It is very shy. I don't think you will want to adopt it. Spotty is not an active puppy and it is not likely to run and play with you like other puppies would."

Jack replied, "I will take care of Spotty." Jack picked Spotty up tenderly and to his surprise, Spotty licked him gleefully. Jack added, "I promise I will give Spotty a nice home and play with it daily. I'm sure I will be able to understand its needs well." Without hesitation, Jack decided to adopt Spotty.

Adapted from Stories about Empathy

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For Q33-34, decide who does the following activities. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Activities described in paragraph 1		Mr Tim	Jack
Example	Wanted to sell two puppies	✓	
33.	Pulled someone's shirt		
34.	Put up posters		

35. Which word has the same meaning as "shy"? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

In a cautious manner, the timid puppy began to limp towards the fence, doing its
 (A) (B)
 best to catch up with Terry.

For Q36-37, tick ✓ whether the statements describe Terry or Spotty. Refer to paragraph 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement	Terry	Spotty
Example	It could run fast.	✓
36.	Jack was delighted to see it.	
37.	It was not an active puppy.	

38. State what Spotty did to show that it liked Jack. [1m]

39. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Mr Tim told Jack that he might not _____ . [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	like Spotty
<input type="checkbox"/>	catch up with Spotty
<input type="checkbox"/>	run and play with Terry

40. Which word has the same meaning as “delightedly”? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Jack picked Spotty up <u>tenderly</u> and to his surprise, Spotty licked him <u>gleefully</u> . (A) (B)
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41. What were the two things that Jack promised to do for Spotty?

i. _____ [1m]

ii. _____ [1m]

Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

When I was young, my parents did not earn much. They had to save before they could afford to buy groceries, especially meat.

Every time Mr Lee, the butcher, came to our village, he would bring along a basketful of meat on his bicycle to his stall. Everyone would rush to buy whatever pieces of meat he had because once they were sold out, no one knew when they would be available again.

One day, Mrs Ming, our neighbour, told my mother that Mr Lee was coming to our village the following day. I woke up very early the next morning because my mother told me to buy some meat. My brother, Ah Seng, stationed himself at his usual spot to look out for Mr Lee's bicycle. Once Ah Seng saw Mr Lee, he alerted me. With my basket, I then ran quickly across the bridge, passed a temple, and through the field that led straight to his stall at the market. With Ah Seng's help, I was confident that I would reach the stall early. However, when I arrived, my heart sank. A long line of people had already formed. All I could do was to take my place at the back of the queue.

When Mr Lee started selling the meat, the queue cleared quickly. When it was almost my turn, to my dismay, all the meat was sold out. I picked up my empty basket and walked home. My heart was heavy. What should I tell my mother? She would be very disappointed.

As I was nearing home, I felt very worried. When Mrs Ming saw me with an empty basket, she stopped me and gave me some meat. I heaved a sigh of relief. I could not forget her act of kindness and generosity.

Adapted from The House On Silat Road

42. Which word tells you that the writer's parents had to put aside money to buy groceries? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

They had to save before they could afford to buy groceries, especially meat.
(A) (B)

43. The writer had to go past three different places before he reached Mr Lee's stall at the market. (3m)

What were the three places?

- i. _____ [1m]
 ii. _____ [1m]
 iii. _____ [1m]

For Q44-46, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	The writer's family was not well-to-do.	✓	
Q44.	Mr Lee cycled to the market to sell his meat.		
Q45.	Meat was always available at the market.		
Q46.	The writer was not able to join the queue.		

47. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The writer was confident that he would arrive at Mr Lee's stall early as
_____ . [1m]

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

he lived beside the market

he woke up very early that day

Ah Seng had alerted him about Mr Lee's arrival

48. What did the people do in order to buy meat from Mr Lee?

_____ [1m]

49. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

Based on paragraph 5, what kind of neighbour do you think **Mrs Ming** was?
[1m]

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

careful

worried

generous

~ End of Paper 2 (Booklet B) ~

Please check your work carefully.

ANSWER KEY

BOOKLET A

Q1	3	Q2	3	Q3	4	Q4	3	Q5	2
Q6	4	Q7	3	Q8	3	Q9	4	Q10	3
Q11	4	Q12	3	Q13	3	Q14	4	Q15	4
Q16	3	Q17	3	Q18	2	Q19	2	Q20	4

BOOKLET B

Q21	F	Q22	A	Q23	C	Q24	D	Q25	are
Q26	needs	Q27	include	Q28	have				

Q29	It was raining heavily but Don did not have an umbrella.
Q30	This is the park where my uncle jogs every morning.
Q31	Ben said that he would not make the same mistake again.
Q32	Since Lisa's timing was the best, she qualified for the swimming finals.
Q33	Jack <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Q34	Mr Tim <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Q35	<u>timid</u> (B)
Q36	Terry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Q37	Spotty <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Q38	Spotty licked Jack.
Q39	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> like Spotty
Q40	<u>gleefully</u> (B)
Q41	i. Give Spotty a nice home ii. Play with Spotty daily
Q42	<u>save</u> (A)
Q43	i. The bridge ii. A temple iii. A field
Q44	True <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Q45	False <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Q46	False <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Q47	✓ Ah Seng had alerted him about Mr Lee's arrival
Q48	They queued up
Q49	✓ generous