

6. The _____ fire took the lives of many people as it consumed the old but famous club in Bangkok.

- (1) mild
- (2) tame

- (3) raging
- (4) moderate

7. Even though John was feeling very hungry, he smiled and _____ waited for his father to return home for dinner.

- (1) angrily
- (2) bitterly

- (3) patiently
- (4) miserably

8. Jillian hung her head _____ after she was caught for shoplifting.

- (1) happily
- (2) jokingly

- (3) excitedly
- (4) shamefully

9. Sarah pushed herself to run faster and finally overtook the girl _____ her.

- (1) after
- (2) behind

- (3) between
- (4) in front of

10. Elaine was very sad because she _____ saw her father after he was posted overseas for work.

- (1) often
- (2) rarely

- (3) usually
- (4) regularly

11. Sophia is very excited because she is going to participate in the Teachers' Day Concert _____.

- (1) today
- (2) yesterday

- (3) last month
- (4) from now on

12. Rachel collected a pink wallet from the lost and found box. The wallet was _____.

- (1) ours
- (2) hers

- (3) mine
- (4) yours

Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

During the ancient Olympic Games, people travelled for great distances to go to the festival at Olympia. This was a religious festival for the ancient Greeks. At the festival, there were sports events in which the best athletes from all around Greece took part. At the beginning of the festival, all the athletes had to swear an oath. The oaths were taken in front of the organisers of the games and a large statue of Zeus, the king of the Greek gods. The athletes had to swear that they had been in training for ten months. 5

The festival lasted for five days. During the first day, there were events in which boys took part. 10

The second day began with horse and chariot races. Women were allowed to own teams of horses. Although women were not allowed to be present at the Olympic Games, they sometimes were the winners in these events! In the afternoon of the second day came the pentathlon, where Olympians competed in five separate events, the discus, the javelin, running, long jumping and wrestling. 15

As the Olympic Games were part of a religious festival, there was an important ceremony on the third day. Oxen were sacrificed at an altar and the remaining meat was then shared out amongst the crowd. Every one of the thousands of spectators was given some to eat. After that, there were running races. The short sprint is the oldest Olympic event. In fact, it was the only event at the first Olympic Games in the year 776 B.C. 20

On the fourth day, there were boxing, wrestling and an event called the pankration. This was a form of wrestling with hardly any rules. There was also a running race in which the runners wore soldiers' armour and carried shields. Many of the events at the ancient Olympics were about being successful soldiers. 25

On the fifth day, the events were all over and the prizes were given out. Like the modern Olympics, there were no money prizes. Instead, the winners were given a crown made from olive branches. These were special olive branches from the sacred olive tree near the temple of Zeus. 30

At the end of the fifth day the festival ended. There were celebrations and feasting!

Adapted from http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ancientgreece/classics/olympics/olympics_text.shtml

For each question from 20 to 24, 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)

20. In ancient Greece, people believed that the Olympic Games were not a _____.
- (1) training session
 - (2) religious festival
 - (3) famous sports event
 - (4) competition involving the best athletes
21. The athletes had to take an oath before the organisers of the games and a large statue of Zeus because the _____.
- (1) competition was held in front of a temple
 - (2) organisers wanted to check that none of them were women
 - (3) organisers wanted to see how good they were at their sport
 - (4) organisers believed that they would not lie about their training before their god
22. How did women manage to win medals even though they were not allowed to compete in the games?
- (1) They posed as men to join in the games.
 - (2) They were allowed to own teams of horses.
 - (3) They participated in the games during the first day.
 - (4) They insisted on being allowed to join in the games.
23. Which sport is the oldest game in the Olympics?
- (1) the pentathlon
 - (2) the pankration
 - (3) the short sprint
 - (4) horse and chariot racing
24. What is the pankration event about?
- (1) It was a horse and chariot race.
 - (2) It was a dangerous form of wrestling.
 - (3) It was a running race involving soldiers' armour and shields.
 - (4) It was a collection of five events – discus, javelin, running, long jumping and wrestling.

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Time: 1 hr 15 min

Parent's signature: _____

Component	Marks obtained	Possible marks
A		24
B		46
Total		70

Booklet B

For each of the questions 25 to 28, 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). (8 marks)

25. Irene likes her aunt. Irene's aunt is very caring and kind.

_____ because

26. Tina was very hungry. Tina did not have enough money to buy food.

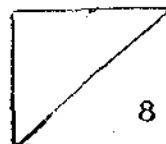
_____ but

27. My brother was sleeping. My brother fell off his bed.

While _____

28. You must finish your homework. You will not be allowed to go out and play.

_____ or else



Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Susan was feeling **gum**. She could not spend the afternoon with her

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good friend, Amy, as plan.

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Amy had a family **emefgensy**. Her grandmother, who was ~~very~~ ill, had

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took a turn for the worse. The whole family had rushed to the **hospitle**.

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Susan hoped nothing bad will happen to Amy's grandmother. She

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knew that Amy would be very sad and might not be able to **koncentrate** on

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her studies. Besides, their tests is approaching.

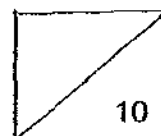
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37.

There was nothing Susan can do at the moment. She **dicided** to wait

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for Amy's call. Then, she would ask her if **evrythng** was all right.



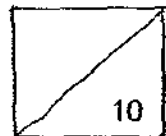
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(10 marks)

Jack ducked behind a tree. He was running out of (39)_____. He knew that the hunter was somewhere close (40)_____. He had accidentally frightened off a deer which the hunter had been (41)_____ and this had made the hunter very angry. The hunter had shouted loudly that (42)_____ he could not have the deer, he would have Jack instead. Upon hearing that, Jack had run (43)_____ into the dense forest.

He looked around him and (44)_____ that he was lost. He listened carefully for the hunter but he could not hear any footsteps. He peered (45)_____ behind the tree. He was all alone in the forest. He began to feel (46)_____. Night was falling and he was not sure of his way home.

Jack (47)_____ around aimlessly until he saw a light in the distance. Walking nearer, he saw a little cottage and heaved a sigh of (48)_____. He had found shelter for the night.



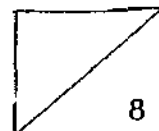
For passage 1 and 2, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets. (8 marks)

Passage 1

Yesterday, while I (49)_____ (visit) my friend Anne at her home, I learned how to play a new game. The game is called 'Cluedo' and it (50)_____ (involve) solving a mystery about a murder. I really (51)_____ (enjoy) playing board games and this is one of the best ever. I (52)_____ (hope) I get to go to Anne's house again soon.

Passage B

One day, Luke's father (53)_____ (decide) to take him fishing. Luke had never gone fishing before and he (54)_____ (be) very excited. The night before, they (55)_____ (prepare) a cooler box full of bait and went to bed early. The next morning, they woke up before the sun had even risen and (56)_____ (set) off for the jetty.



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GO TO THE NEXT PAGE.

Long ago, there was an emperor who had an only son. This brought both great joy and sadness to the emperor's heart ^{for the prince} ~~for the prince had been born in ill~~ _{his} health.

As the years passed, the prince's health did not improve and none of the ~~could doctors could~~

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One night, the aged emperor ~~rest down on his knees and~~ prayed at the ~~altar~~

"Oh Great Ones," he said, ~~I am getting older and will soon leave my people and join you to the heavens.~~ There is no one to look after them but my son, the prince. I pray you make him well and strong so he can be a fit ruler for my people. Tell me how his ~~illness~~ can be cured."

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The emperor put his head in his hands and waited for an answer. Soon, he ~~heard a voice coming from the fire that burned constantly in front of the~~ ~~altar~~

~~and the prince drank water from the magic lake at the end of the world,~~ the voice said, ~~and he will be well.~~

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At that moment, the fire sputtered and died. Among the cold ashes lay a golden flask.

The emperor proclaimed that whoever should fill the golden flask with the magic water would be greatly rewarded.

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Many brave men set out to search for the magic lake but none could find it. Days and weeks passed and still the flask remained empty.

Adapted from "The Search for the Magic Lake" by Genevieve Barlow

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

57. Why was the emperor sad?

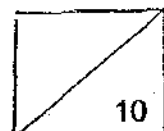
58. What did the old emperor do to seek a cure for his son's ill health?

59. Why was the emperor worried that he could not rule the kingdom for long?

60. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "illness"?

61. According to the voice, what did the prince need in order to recover?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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28) You must finish your homework or else you will not be allowed to go out and play.

29) Planned 30) emergency 31) taken 32) hospital 33) would

34) concentrate 35) were 36) could 37) decided 38) everything

39) breath 40) by 41) hunting 42) if 43) quickly 44) realised

45) from 46) scared 47) wandered 48) relief 49) was visiting

50) invades 51) enjoy 52) hope 53) decided 54) was 55) prepared

56) set

57) The emperor was sad because his son, the prince, had been in ill health.

As the years passed, the prince's health did not improve and none of the court doctors could find a cure.

58)One day, the emperor went down on his knees and prayed at the altar.

59)The emperor was worried because he was getting alder and would soon leave his people.

60)The word is "ailment".

61)According to the voice, the king had to let the prince drink water from the magic lake at the end of the world and he would be well.