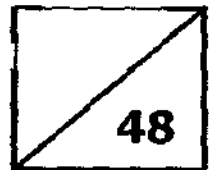




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Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	28	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension (MCQ)	5	
Comprehension (OE)	10	
Total	48	

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5. I have not visited my grandparents for weeks. I really should _____ by to see them.

- (1) drops (2) drop
(3) dropping (4) dropped ()

6. You should not feel so dejected. It could have been _____

- (1) bad (2) worst ()
(3) worse (4) badly

For questions 7 to 11, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to E) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (5 x 1 mark)

(A) sings	(B) sing	(C) sang	(D) sung
(E) singing	(F) were singing	(G) are singing	

Taufik loves singing. He (7) _____ whenever he is happy. Every day, he would (8) _____ in the bathroom at the top of his voice.

One day, he decided to take part in a (9) _____ competition organised by Mediacorp. In order to prepare for the competition, he (10) _____ for two hours daily.

On the day of the competition, he had a sore throat but he was determined to do his best. Taufik's hard work paid off as the song which he had (11) _____ brought in the most votes and he became the 'Singapore Idol'.

Singapore

For questions 12 to 14, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to E) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.** (3 x 1 mark)

~~(A)~~ through ~~(B)~~ at ~~(C)~~ into ~~(D)~~ over ~~(E)~~ along

It was Russell's first day at the new school. He was feeling anxious. His father cheered him up on the way there. A teacher who looked very friendly greeted them (12) _____ the school gate and then introduced herself as Russell's form teacher. She led him to his classroom.

(13) _____ the way, Russell passed many rooms which were painted with many colourful murals on the outside. He took a peek (14) _____ one of the windows and was amazed to see a room that was filled with many beautiful pieces of children's artwork. He looked forward to having a good time in the new school.

Section B: Vocabulary (14 marks)

For questions 15 to 20, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)

15. Denise _____ up and down the stairs like a peacock as she wanted to show off her latest gown.

(1) lumbered

(2) strutted

(3) waddled

(4) charged

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16. The hunters woke up in the middle of the night to find themselves surrounded by a _____ of hungry wolves .

(1) pack

(2) litter

(3) herd

(4) shoal

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17. Shane's story about his encounter with sea monsters was _____ so I did not believe him.

(1) elaborate

(2) arrant

(3) incredible

(4) illegitimate

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18. The secret that I have just shared with you must never be revealed. You must make sure you do not _____.

(1) keep it to yourself

(2) seal your lips

(3) breathe a word

(4) keep it under your hat

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19. The ballerina was as _____ as a swan when she danced across the stage. She received a standing ovation.

(1) clumsy

(2) agile

(3) flexible

(4) graceful

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20. The victim gave a vivid _____ of the robber to the police and as a result, they managed to hunt him down within two hours.

(1) description

(2) encounter

(3) demonstration

(4) conclusion

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For questions 21 to 28, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion. USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.
(8 X 1 mark)

(A) many	(B) weather	(C) control	(D) place
(E) people	(F) existed	(G) protect	(H) things
(J) cover	(K) health		

Mother Earth is in a bad shape. (21) _____ rainforests around the world have disappeared. (22) _____ are logging and clearing more and more land. Dry (23) _____ in some countries have also caused forest fires. These sometimes go out of (24) _____. As a result, many animals that live in those forests are destroyed and our (25) _____ is also affected by the haze produced.

Although rainforests (26) _____ only a small part of the Earth, more than half of the animal and plant species on our planet are found in them! Timber, charcoal, gums, rubber, oils, fruit, coffee, cocoa, spices and medicines are just some of the (27) _____ we use every day which come from the rainforest.

We need to do more to make sure that there are still rainforests in the future. One way is to set up nature reserves to (28) _____ them. Another is to recycle paper and other things whenever it is possible to do so. It should be everyone's duty to care for and about the environment.

Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

For questions 29 to 33, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

One day when Heidi the porcupine went out in search of her lunch, she met a one-eyed raccoon. She was going to walk straight by him 29) _____ the one-eyed raccoon said, "Won't you stop for a few moments and talk to me?"

Heidi's (30) _____ skipped a beat. "You want to talk to me?" she asked in amazement.

"Yes, please," said the one-eyed raccoon.

"Why?" asked Heidi.

"Because I have nobody (31) _____ in the whole wide world to talk to," said the sad-looking one-eyed raccoon. "Nobody."

(32) "_____ have I," cried Heidi. "There are no other porcupines around here and all the other animals say I am much too prickly to be their friend. I don't know (33) _____ they should say that, because underneath I'm not prickly at all."

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)
Read the following advertisement carefully.



SINGAPORE
ZOOLOGICAL
GARDENS
The Open Zoo



This week's attractions:
NOCTURNAL FRIENDS

• 3 baby koalas and 1 wombat from Australia
(for a limited period only)

ACTIVITIES GALORE!

1. ANIMAL SHOWS

Primate & Reptile Show:

10.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.

Elephant & Sea Lion Show:

11.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.

2. ANIMAL FEEDING

Learn interesting facts about animals and watch them being fed during feeding times throughout the day.

3. ANIMAL RIDES

Sit on an elephant or ride a pony for free!

4. CHILDREN'S WORLD

A unique experience for the young with a fun ride on a miniature train and special performance by farm animals.

SPECIALS!!!

**Breakfast or Tea with an
Orang Utan**

Breakfast: 9.00 a.m. daily

Tea: 4.00 p.m. daily

(except Sundays and Public Holidays)

OPERATING HOURS

Open daily: 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

ADMISSION FEES

Adults: \$10.00

Children (above the age of 6):
\$4.50

DISCOUNTS

20% discount for each group
of 10 people

LUCKY DRAW for those
who sign up to be Friends of
the Zoo!

For questions 34 to 38, choose the most suitable option and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (5 x 1 mark)

34. The Zoo is open to visitors _____.

(1) from 8.30a.m. to 6.00p.m. (2) from 11.30a.m. to 3.30p.m.

(3) from 10.30a.m. to 2.30p.m. (4) from 9.00a.m. to 4.00p.m. ()

35. A visitor to the Zoo can choose to have breakfast or tea with an orang utan.

_____.

(1) on Sundays only (2) from Mondays to Fridays only

(3) on weekdays only (4) from Mondays to Saturdays only ()

36. Which one of the following statements is true?

(1) Visitors who go to the zoo in a group of ten will enjoy a free breakfast.

(2) Visitors who go to the zoo in a group of ten will enjoy a 20% discount on the admission fees.

(3) Visitors who go to the zoo in a group of ten will enjoy a free animal show.

(4) Visitors who go to the zoo in a group of ten will enjoy a free train ride. ()

37. Visitors to the zoo are eligible for a lucky draw if they _____.

(1) feed the animals

(2) eat along with the animals

(3) bring along ten other people

(4) sign up to be Friends of the Zoo ()

38. Which of the following animals can visitors ride on in the Zoo?

(1) elephants and sea lions (2) koalas and wombats

(3) reptiles and primates (4) ponies and elephants ()

Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the following passage carefully. Write the answers for questions 39 to 43 in complete sentences. (5 x 2 marks)

Barry took little notice of the new school near his home at first. However, when he overheard his parents saying he would study there when it was completed, he decided to check out the place with Ray, his best friend.

"What's that?" Barry asked as he poked at a brick with his fingers. Suddenly it slipped partly out from the wall. One strong pull and it was in his hands. "They've forgotten to put the cement round this one," Barry said, laughing. "I told you it was no good," said Ray. "I bet you the whole structure will fall down in a few years."

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"It would be a perfect hiding place for messages," said Barry. "I agree. Let's leave a message for the school and the new Principal!" Ray said excitedly. "What shall we say?"

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"You thought the school might fall down one day so we could leave a warning about that. Since a lot of words will be spoken in this school, especially by the Principal, let's say that it will fall down after he has spoken a million words," Barry suggested. "Good idea," agreed Ray. "But we won't make the message easy to read. Let's put in code." He started writing the message in block capital letters: ENWH ETH INCIPALPR FO ISTH HOOLSC SHA ...

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When the whole message was finished, they looked at it with pride. Then Barry folded the paper and placed it into the hole where the brick had been. The brick was then pushed back in after it so that no one passing by could tell that it was loose.

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Adapted from Welcome to the Giants by Philip Curtis

39. What was being constructed near Barry's house?

40. How did the builders hold the bricks of a wall together?

41. Which sentence tells you that Ray was convinced that the building was poorly built?

42. Why did the boys decide to write the warning in code?

43. What does the word 'it' in line 20 refer to?

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Have you checked your work?



ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	1	1	2	2	3	A	B	E	C	D	B	E	A	2	1	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
3	4	1	A	E	B	C	K	J	H	G

29)when 30)heart 31)else 32)Neither 33)why

34)1 35)4 36)2 37)4 38)4

39)A new school was being constructed near Barry's house.

40)The workers put cement around the bricks to hold the bricks of the wall together.

41)The sentence is "I bet you the whole structure will fall down in few years".

42)They did not want to make the easy to read.

43)It refers to the piece of paper containing their message.