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**NAN CHIAU PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**PAPER 2**

**PRIMARY 4**

**BOOKLET A**

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**Section A: Graphic Stimulus Comprehension (4 x 1m)**

Study the following text and then answer Questions 1 to 4.



# Singapore Robotic Games 2009

20-22 January 2009  
Science Centre, Singapore  
The Annexe

## CALL FOR ENTRIES

You are invited to participate in the coming **Singapore Robotic Games 2009**.  
There are 16 exciting events to compete in.  
Don't miss out on the **ROBOT OLYMPICS** of Singapore!!!

## EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Legged Robot Marathon Race	Legged Robot Obstacle Race
Micromouse Competition (JC/ITE only)	Micromouse Competition
Micromouse Competition (Sec. Sch only)	RC Sumo Robot Competition
Pole Balancing Robot Competition	<b>Open Category</b>
Schools Robotic Competition	Autonomous Sumo Robot Competition
Robot Colony Competition	Intelligent Robot Contest
Wall Climbing Robot Race	Robot Soccer Competition
Underwater Robot Competition	Humanoid Robot Competition

For more information, visit our website at: <http://guppy.mpe.nus.edu.sg/srg/>

In addition, there will be a public lecture by a distinguished and internationally renowned speaker.

The main objectives of the Singapore Robotic Games are:

- to give the general public an understanding and appreciation of robotics
- to educate the general public on the things robots can do
- to encourage innovation among young engineers

Singapore Robotic Games 2009 is open to all, and international participation is encouraged.

For more information, please contact Marcelo H. Ang Jr., National University of Singapore, Tel (65) 6516-2555, Fax (65) 6779-1459

Adapted from <http://guppy.mpe.nus.edu.sg/srg/>

For each question from 1 to 4, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

1. How long will the Singapore Robotic Games be held?

- (1) One day
- (2) Two days
- (3) Three days
- (4) Four days

2. Which of the following statement is true?

- (1) There are 17 events to compete in~~x~~
- (2) Participants can register through the website given.
- (3) Interested participants can contact Marcelo H. Ang, Jr.~~x~~
- (4) Micromouse competition is only open to secondary pupils~~x~~

3. What else can I do besides participating in the competition while I am at Singapore Robotic Games?

- (1) Make a robot
- (2) Visit the website
- (3) Listen to a lecture
- (4) Do a research about robots

4. One of the main purposes of organising the Singapore Robotics Games is to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) invite only international participants
- (2) encourage visitors to Science Centre
- (3) instill and educate the public about the use of robots
- (4) select Singapore's best robot among all the competitions

**Section B: Grammar MCQ (5 x 1m)**

For each question from 5 to 9, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

5. Humpback whales \_\_\_\_\_ on microscopic living things called plankton as they do not have teeth.

- (1) feed
- (2) feeds
- (3) have fed
- (4) are feeding

6. The two packs of wolves \_\_\_\_\_ fiercely at each other last night.

- (1) growl
- (2) growls
- (3) are growling
- (4) were growling

7. The captain told his soldiers to be strong and not to give \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) in
- (2) up
- (3) for
- (4) with

8. You should not spend so \_\_\_\_\_ money on computer games. Instead you can donate it to charity.

- (1) more
- (2) most
- (3) many
- (4) much

9. The greedy monkeys devoured that \_\_\_\_\_ of bananas just now.

- (1) pack
- (2) comb
- (3) bundle
- (4) bouquet

**Section C: Punctuation (3 x 1m)**

For each question from questions 10 to 12, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

I was lying on the couch in my room in Patong Beach on the island of Phuket in Thailand. On my first visit, I fell in love with Thailand (10) developed enormous affection for the people and made a few friends there.

I remembered my Aunt Swee Lin's exact words when I left Singapore for Phuket. "Remember not to touch anyone on the head (11) she reminded me. I recalled that she said that it is rude to do so as the Thais believe the head is a very special part of the body.

"Goodbye, Aunt Swee Lin (12) I bade my aunt farewell excitedly and hoped that she would come and visit me soon.

Adapted from [http://www.westaf.org/blog/archives/2006/01/postcard\\_from\\_t\\_1.php](http://www.westaf.org/blog/archives/2006/01/postcard_from_t_1.php)

10. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
11. (1) [ ; ] comma and inverted commas  
(2) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(3) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas
12. (1) [ . ] full stop  
(2) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(3) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas

**Section D: Vocabulary (4 x 1m)**

For each question from 13 to 16, four options are given. Choose the correct answer and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

13. The \_\_\_\_\_ studied and gathered the fossils found and later conducted experiments and did research to verify their findings.
- (1) lecturer
  - (2) machinist
  - (3) veterinarian
  - (4) paleontologist
14. A \_\_\_\_\_ of birds headed south to stay away from the cold winter.
- (1) pack
  - (2) flock
  - (3) swarm
  - (4) school
15. The notorious teenager used a sharp penknife to let the air out from the bicycle's tyres.
- (1) inflate
  - (2) deflate
  - (3) contract
  - (4) condense
16. We will be going to Bangkok tomorrow. The tour guide gave us a/an \_\_\_\_\_ that states the exciting things we will see and do for the two days.
- (1) atlas
  - (2) itinerary
  - (3) passport
  - (4) pamphlet

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1m)**

For each of the question from 17 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

Charlie Bucket is a young boy from a poor family, he lives with his parents and both sets of elderly grandparents. From these four, especially Grandpa Joe, he hears stories about the candymaker Willy Wonka and the chocolate factory he **(17) built**. His Grandpa Joe knows so much about Wonka's factory and his chocolate because he was once an employee at the factory. As time passed, Wonka began to suspect that spies were stealing his recipes to give to **(18) rival** firms, so he fired all his workers and announced that he was going out of business forever. The factory has since

**(19) resumed** operations, but the gates are still locked and no one knows who works for Wonka now.

Wonka holds a worldwide contest, in which five Golden Tickets are **(20) hidden** under the wrappers of his candy bars; the prize for those who find them is a day tour of the factory. Charlie and four children win the contest and go on the tour, led by Wonka. As the group moves from room to room, one child after another falls victim to his/her particular weakness and is removed.

Adapted from "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl

17. (1) made  
(2) duplicated  
(3) constructed  
(4) manufactured
18. (1) acting  
(2) parting  
(3) competing  
(4) supporting
19. (1) rewind  
(2) reverse  
(3) restarted  
(4) repeated
20. (1) buried  
(2) veiled  
(3) secreted  
(4) concealed

**Section F: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1m)**

Read the following passage carefully and shade the questions 21 to 25 carefully. Choose the correct answer and shade the correct option in the OAS provided.

Like many 11-year-old, Marissa Daisy de Cruz loves music and singing. However, unlike most girls her age, she sings about child labour and poverty.

The Primary Five pupil from CHIJ Kellock Primary School composed an award-winning song about the hardships faced by other children. She sang her song 'Spare Some Time', when she attended the Open Little Eyes (OLE) Symposium, which was held every Saturday in the month of April.

Marissa sang to the audience, comprising both local and international students. Her lyrics moved the audience.

Yeo Tze Hern, 16, a student participant from Temasek Junior College said, "It was a very meaningful song that made me pause to think."

More than 170 students from 15 secondary schools, including some from Malaysia and Hong Kong, attended the symposium. The students said that the event aimed to heighten their awareness of current issues.

Before last month, Marissa did not read the newspapers and could not be bothered about what went on in the world.

However, all that has changed. She said, "I was appalled to learn about what other children my age are going through."

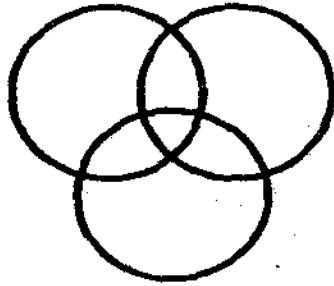
Mr Alexander Charles Louis, vice-president of the United Nations Association of Singapore said, "It's good to see these young people coming to understand these important issues at such a young age, and getting involved to make the lives of others better."

Adapted from The Straits Times – 11-year-old's song about poverty moves audience, March 18, 2009

21. What was so different about Marissa de Cruz as compared to other 11-year-old girls?
- (1) She goes to an international school.
  - (2) She likes to sing and listen to music.
  - (3) She does not like to read the newspapers.
  - (4) She sings about child labour and poverty.
22. How often did Marissa attend the Open Little Eyes (OLE) Symposium?
- (1) Fortnightly
  - (2) Once a week
  - (3) Three times a week
  - (4) Four times a week

23. Why do you think Marissa compose a song about hardships faced by other children?
- (1) Her hobby was to compose songs.
  - (2) She did not want to face any hardships.
  - (3) She had experienced hardships before.
  - (4) She was shocked at what other children her age are going through.
24. According to the article, what do you think is the purpose of the symposium?
- (1) It will make the lives of young people much better.
  - (2) It is to enable young people to understand the current issues.
  - (3) It is to make young people realise that they cannot take things for granted.
  - (4) It is to prevent young people from missing out on the current issues going on around them.
25. Marissa changed her attitude about the world around her from \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) the song she had composed
  - (2) the hardship other children went through
  - (3) the pain and suffering she had gone through
  - (4) the audience who complimented her on the song she sang

End of Booklet A



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**Section G: Grammar Cloze (4 x 1m)**

There are 6 blanks, numbered 26 to 29 in the passage below. From the list of words below, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write the letter (A to J) in the blank provided. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

(A) a	(D) at	(G) for
(B) from	(E) in	(H) until
(C) however	(F) since	(J) under

**Jimmy Goes to the City by Arthur Read**

Jimmy lived freely in the jungle. He was a happy ape (26) \_\_\_\_\_ some hunters caught him. He liked the jungle better than the city where they took him.

The city was louder. The city was meaner. Even the dirt (27) \_\_\_\_\_ the jungle was cleaner. So, Jimmy made a daring escape! The hunters were suddenly short of apes! He climbed the tallest building because (28) \_\_\_\_\_ there, he could see how far away the jungle was.

From the middle of the city, Jimmy jumped into a passing plane but the pilot did not wait (29) \_\_\_\_\_ him to explain.

Jimmy flew back to the jungle and told his ape friends in their lair that the city was all right for a visit but they could not make him live there.

Adapted from "Jimmy Goes to the City by Arthur Read"

**Section H: Editing – Spelling/Grammar (5 x 1m)**

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

Peter works so hard at reading, but it just never gets easier. He knows he is

(30)

smart but he has **problem** reading like the other children. Peter has a problem call

dyslexia. Dyslexia is a learning problem some children have. Dyslexia makes it difficult

for the children to read and spell. The problem is inside the brain, but it does not mean

(31)

the person is dumb. Many smart and **talented** people struggle with dyslexia,

With some help and a lot of hard work, a child who has dyslexia can learn to read

(32)

and spell. However, it is **tuffer** for children who have dyslexia. They may struggle to

remember the simple words which they have seen many times.

(33)

Dyslexia means that a person's brain have trouble processing letters and sounds.

That makes it tough to break words into separate speech sounds. Therefore, a

(34)

child who has dyslexia will read slowly and may makes a lot of mistakes.

**Section I: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1m)**

Choose the most suitable word from the box and write its letter in the blanks provided.

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

**Passage 1**

(A) sizes	(C) patterns	(E) vanished
(B) problems	(D) extinct	(F) largest

Fossils are the remains of creatures, which existed long ago. Fossils range from thousands of years to many millions of years in age. The earliest fossils of complex life date from around 600 million years ago. The dinosaurs became (35) \_\_\_\_\_ just 65 million years ago!

Not all former life was preserved as fossils, in fact, the vast majority simply (36) \_\_\_\_\_ without a trace. The most likely materials to survive fossilisation are the hard parts such as shells. In order for softer materials to survive, the conditions must be extremely favourable.

Fossils come in a variety of (37) \_\_\_\_\_, from very small traces to large skeletons. Fossils are clues to former life, they result from the activities or presence of creatures and plants. Most fossils consist of bones, the (38) \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to the dinosaurs which existed over millions of years. Since then, many species of dinosaurs have been identified since the discovery of the first dinosaur fossils in the nineteenth century.

Adapted from <http://www.discoveringfossils.co.uk/whatisafossil.htm>

## Passage 2

Look at the passage below and fill in the blanks with suitable words of your own.

# Invisible Ink with Lemon Juice

What you'll need:

- A lemon
- Water
- Spoon
- Bowl
- Cotton bud
- White paper
- Lamp or other light bulb

Instructions:

1. Cut the lemon into two.
2. (39) \_\_\_\_\_ some lemon juice into the bowl and add a few drops of water.
3. Mix the water and lemon juice with the spoon.
4. Dip the cotton bud into the mixture and write a message on the white paper.
5. Wait for the juice to dry so it becomes completely invisible.
6. When you are ready to read your secret message or show it to someone else, heat the paper by (40) \_\_\_\_\_ it close to a light bulb.

What's happening?

Lemon juice is an organic substance that turns brown when heated. Mixing the lemon juice in water makes it very hard to (41) \_\_\_\_\_ what you write on the paper.

No one will know it is there until it is heated and the secret message is

(42) \_\_\_\_\_. Other substances which work in the same way includes orange juice, honey, milk, onion juice, vinegar and wine. Invisible ink can also be made using chemical reactions.

**Section J: Synthesis/Transformation (4 x 2m)**

For each of the following items, rewrite the sentence(s) using the word(s) given. Your answer must be in one sentence and its meaning must be the same as the sentence(s) given.

43. Mr Lim has been feeling so lonely and depressed. His wife passed away a month ago.

Since \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

44. Susan has not done any revision for her examinations. Susan passed with flying colours.

\_\_\_\_\_ yet \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

45. The two bags of rice were too heavy. Mark had to use the trolley to push it home.

\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_  
that \_\_\_\_\_

46. Make sure you have a valid passport. You will need it to travel to Bangkok.

Before \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Section K: Comprehension Open Ended (5 x 2m)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 47 to 51 in the spaces provided

P1 Once upon a time in the province of Thailand, there lived a kind old farmer and his wife. One day, they met a blind old turtle whose shell was so dry that it almost seemed to crack. The kind couple helped carry the old turtle to a shady pond where they left him to go about his way. The next day, the two decided to go fishing. Wherever, the old man threw his net, he could only catch 5 that same blind old turtle. This happened all day long.

The old man was so angry that he finally called his wife saying, "Let's go back home and make the old creature into turtle soup!"

The old woman replied, "Its flesh must be tough and how will you chew it?" 10

After much debate, the old man and woman decided to keep him as a pet. One quiet dark night, the turtle crept into the old man's bed and said, "Old man, old man! Get out of bed and build a raft! The flood's coming!" At first, the old man would not listen as he had never experienced a flood before. However, the turtle persisted. Finally, he got out of bed. The neighbours heard the commotion and when they found out he was building a raft, they roared with laughter. Even the wife tried to stop him, for she did not want her husband to be the laughing stock of the village. 15

That night, a terrible storm brewed. The river swept in and the whole village was brought down but the old man, his wife and the old turtle were safe 20 on the raft. Soon, a bevy of forest animals joined the raft team. Each time a fierce animal climbed onto the raft, the old man would aim to kill it but he was stopped by the wise old turtle. Then, the old couple heard a young man splashing in the waters, shouting for help. The old turtle did not want the young man saved, but no matter how persistent it was, the old couple took pity on the 25 young man and pulled him onto the raft.

Many years passed. One day, the old couple had a visitor. It was the young man whom the two had saved from the floods. Boasting that he was a messenger from the King's palace, he asked for the whereabouts of the old turtle and dashed off to seek revenge. Furious that he could not find the old 30 turtle, he ran back towards the old couple's house and called the palace soldiers to capture them.

When the old couple was locked up, the animals in the forest planned to sneak into the prison to set them free.

Adapted from The Turtle Raft, a Thai Children 's story

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

47. Explain clearly why the old farmer and his wife threw the old turtle back into the sea several times.

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48. Which word from **paragraph 4** has the same meaning as 'noise'?

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49. From the phrase "...roared with laughter." (lines 16-17), do you think the neighbours felt it was a good idea to build a raft? Give **one reason** to support your answer.

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50. Why do you think the young man wanted to seek revenge on the old turtle?

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51. Where do you think the prison was located?

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# **ANSWER SHEET**

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30)called 31)talented 32)tougher 33)has 34)make 35)D

36)E 37)A 38)F 39)squeeze 40)putting 41)see 42)revealed

43)Since Mr Lim's wife passed away a month, he has been feeling so lonely and depressed.

44)Susan has not done any revision for her examinations yet she passed with flying colours.

45)The two bags of rice were so heavy that Mark had to use a trolley to push them home.

46)Before travelling to Bangkok, make sure you have a valid passport.

47)They wanted to catch fish not turtle.

48)The word is 'commotion'.

49)They did not know that there was a flood.

50)The old turtle did not want the young man saved.

51)The prison was located at the king's palace.