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PAPER 2

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## Booklet A

### Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 17 questions (Questions 1 to 17) and 5 pages
4. Answer all questions and shade your options on the OAS given.

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**Section A: Grammar (6 marks)**

For Questions 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (6 x 1 mark)

1) Gopal \_\_\_\_\_ very surprised when the teacher announced his name as the 'Star Pupil' of the class.

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

2) It is impolite to interrupt someone when he \_\_\_\_\_.

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

3) The children enjoyed themselves at Sentosa's Universal Studio yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_ they?

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| (1) could | (2) didn't  |     |
| (3) must  | (4) weren't | ( ) |

4) As the old widower was living alone, he had to do all the household chores by \_\_\_\_\_.

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|-------------|--------------|-----|
| (1) myself  | (2) herself  |     |
| (3) himself | (4) yourself | ( ) |

5) In periods of drought, there is \_\_\_\_\_ rice to harvest so the livelihood of farmers are affected.

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|----------|----------|-----|
| (1) any  | (2) few  |     |
| (3) some | (4) less | ( ) |

6) My sister is looking for \_\_\_\_\_ university in \_\_\_\_\_ United States to study in.

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|--------------|---------------|-----|
| (1) a...the  | (2) the...the |     |
| (3) an...the | (4) a...a     | ( ) |

**Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

For Questions 7 to 12, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS given. (6 x 1 mark)

7) "We should build the bridge at the \_\_\_\_\_ part of the river to save on construction costs," advised the engineer.

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| (1) thinnest  | (2) narrowest |     |
| (3) skinniest | (4) slimmest  | ( ) |

8) Many people live a \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle these days so it is important for them to get up and exercise two to three times a week in order to keep fit.

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|----------------|--------------------|-----|
| (1) exhaustive | (2) carefree       |     |
| (3) sedentary  | (4) differentiated | ( ) |

9) Despite not having the use of his two legs, Singaporean sportsman, Dr William Tan, has shown us that \_\_\_\_\_ is a key ingredient to his success in running marathons.

- (1) readiness                      (2) generosity  
(3) obedience                      (4) determination                      (     )

10) To \_\_\_\_\_ for the Mount Everest climb, the Singapore team had to put in many years of training and sacrifice.

- (1) prepare                      (2) work  
(3) campaign                      (4) rehearse                      (     )

11) The flood was a terrible \_\_\_\_\_ as it not only destroyed many people's homes but it also washed away all their crops.

- (1) waste                      (2) accident  
(3) destruction                      (4) catastrophe                      (     )

12) Rivers are natural streams of water and they provide convenient \_\_\_\_\_ to transport people and goods.

- (1) paths                      (2) rivulets  
(3) routes                      (4) waterways                      (     )

**Section C: Comprehension (MCQ)**

Read the following passage carefully. Then answer questions 13 to 17. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number in the OAS provided. (5 x 1 mark)

Two years ago, on 1 May 2008, I had a heart-stopping experience. I was twelve years old then. On that day, my father called me while I was in school. He said that my 15-year-old sister, Stella had met with an accident. She had been crossing the road when she was knocked down by a car. The car had sped off without stopping. My heart sank. I told my teacher about the emergency situation at home before leaving by the back gate for my flat which was a stone's throw away.

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When I got home, my father was already waiting for me. He was visibly upset. My mother, he said, had gone on ahead to the hospital with the ambulance. Together, we hailed a taxi and rushed to the hospital. The ride there seemed to last an eternity.

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On reaching the hospital, my parents and I rushed to the Accident and Emergency Department and asked for my sister. My mother was a frightening sight. Her hair was dishevelled and her face was tear-stained. She was standing next to Stella's bed. With her eyes closed, Stella looked peacefully asleep. Only the beeping of the heart monitor, to which she was hooked up to, could be heard. Several tubes were inserted into her arms. All of us were worried and we feared the worst.

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Then the doctor came in with the X-ray report. Stella, he said, was very fortunate. The huge padded haversack as well as her school project, a combination of which, probably prevented her from sustaining more serious injuries. Stella suffered a mild concussion, and had only a few bad bruises. That, the doctor said, was a miracle. As if on cue, my sister, stirred and groaned softly. Her eyes fluttered open and she smiled weakly. "I'm not dead yet, you know..." Stella went on to make a speedy recovery.

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13 What was the "heart-stopping" news that the writer received two years ago?

- (1) He was told that his sister had met with an accident
- (2) He was told that his sister had died suddenly in hospital
- (3) He was told that his sister was lying unconscious at home
- (4) He was told that his sister was hooked up to a heart monitor ( )

14 The sentence "The car had sped off without stopping" in *Line 4* tells us that it was \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) going very fast
- (2) driven by a young man
- (3) a hit-and-run accident
- (4) in a hurry to report the accident ( )

15 The writer lived close to the school. The phrase which tells you this is \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) 'seemed to last an eternity'
- (2) 'had decided to wait for me'
- (3) 'rushed out of the back gate'
- (4) 'just a stone's throw away' ( )

16 When the writer and his father saw Stella, they \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) thought they had arrived too late and she had died
- (2) were shocked by the beeping sound of her heart monitor
- (3) thought that she was in a serious condition and might die
- (4) were frightened by the way she looked as she lay asleep ( )

17 What does "that" in *Line 20* refer to ?

- (1) Stella telling a joke despite being injured
- (2) Stella escaping with non-life threatening injury
- (3) Stella carrying a haversack containing her project
- (4) Stella opening her eyes and smiling weakly at her family members ( )



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## Booklet B

Instructions to Pupils:

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	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	17	
Booklet B	31	
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	

Component	Qn Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	34 - 38	
Comprehension Open-ended	39 - 43	

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**Section A : Grammar (8 marks)**

For questions 18 to 21, 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 OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

USE EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY

(A) her	(B) your	(C) I
(D) them	(E) their	(F) me

"Good afternoon, children. I have two announcements to make so please pay close attention to what (18) \_\_\_\_\_ am going to say.

The first is about the 1.6 km run at Punggol Park this Saturday. Please ensure that (19) \_\_\_\_\_ parents know you have to assemble in the Indoor Basketball Court (IBC) in the morning. After the run, you will be dismissed from school. If you need your parents to fetch you, please go to the General office to give (20) \_\_\_\_\_ a call.

Next, we have a visitor, Mrs Mary Goh, in the school today so if she passes you along the corridor, don't forget to greet (21) \_\_\_\_\_ "

For questions 22 to 25, read the passage carefully, choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. Use EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

USE EACH OPTION ONCE ONLY

(A) along	(B) above	(C) in
(D) on	(E) against	(F) towards
(G) up		

My family and I enjoy jungle trekking during the weekend. First, we have to travel by bus or car (22) \_\_\_\_\_ a narrow path to reach the edge of the jungle. Upon arrival, we will unload our gear, have a sip of water before we don our hats and start walking leisurely. Before long, we find ourselves (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the cool shade of gigantic trees.

With the cool breeze brushing (24) \_\_\_\_\_ our faces and the melodious chirping of birds (25) \_\_\_\_\_ us, it is not surprising that we very quickly feel relaxed and close to nature. What a wonderful way to keep fit and recharge oneself for the busy week ahead.

**Section B: Vocabulary (8 marks)**

For questions 26 to 29, read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. (4 x 1 mark)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) appreciates	(B) entertains	(C) growth
(D) increase	(E) knowledge	(F) language
(G) understand		

Did you know that reading plays an important part in children's learning? As a child reads, he gains new (26) \_\_\_\_\_ about the world. This then contributes to the growth of his mind. He becomes more aware of the people and environment around him.

When a child masters new words, he is also able to (27) \_\_\_\_\_ the world better. He can make sense of what he sees and hears. Reading also improves a child's command of the (28) \_\_\_\_\_. He will be able to communicate better with people.

Reading not only educates, it also (29) \_\_\_\_\_ as children read for leisure too. They can be immediately transported into the imaginary and fantasy world of books.

Therefore, it is important that we cultivate a love for reading from a young age.

For questions 30 to 33, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (4 x 1 mark)

Betty glanced at her gold watch the moment she stepped out of her car. She noted that it was already one in the morning. It had been a wonderful party and she had (30) \_\_\_\_\_ forgotten about the time. She turned the key at her front door. It was not locked. An (31) \_\_\_\_\_ feeling came over her. Her heart started beating loudly. She opened the front door slowly and listened intently. She could hear the faint sound of footsteps! There was obviously someone in the house. She made her way into the house and decided to call the police for help. As it was pitch dark, she (32) \_\_\_\_\_ blindly for the phone. Finally when she found it, she discovered that it was out of order. Betty was feeling rather desperate by then and wanted to run out of the house immediately. Something in the air made her stop. Instead, she moved silently towards a bedroom door. She turned the doorknob and suddenly found herself face to face with the (33) \_\_\_\_\_. The lights came on within the next second. Betty breathed a sigh of relief. It was none other than her son. He had also just got home from an overseas trip.

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|-----|----------------|-----------------|-----|
| 30. | (1) exactly    | (2) wholly      |     |
|     | (3) mistakenly | (4) completely  | ( ) |
| 31. | (1) excited    | (2) unusual     |     |
|     | (3) uneasy     | (4) exasperated | ( ) |
| 32. | (1) dialled    | (2) groped      |     |
|     | (3) touched    | (4) fingered    | ( ) |
| 33. | (1) burglar    | (2) intruder    |     |
|     | (3) passer-by  | (4) stranger    | ( ) |

**Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)**

For questions 34 to 38, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

**YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO USE ONE WORD FOR EACH BLANK.**

It was one-thirty in the afternoon. Hayati waited as usual at the void deck for little Marty to return from school. This was part of her (34) \_\_\_\_\_ routine. Hayati worked for Marty's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lim. She was usually up at six to prepare breakfast. Her day would continue with other household chores.

It was normally a very long and (35) \_\_\_\_\_ day for Hayati. She not only cleaned the house and mopped the floor, but she also did the laundry. Sometimes, she did the marketing too. Hayati would take a quick shower and a short nap at about four before her evening duties began. Hayati would first prepare the (36) \_\_\_\_\_ for each of the dishes before cooking the evening meal. (37) \_\_\_\_\_ was at seven sharp. The Lims liked dinner to be on time.

Hayati was quite happy (38) \_\_\_\_\_ for the Lims. She dreamt of the day when she could save up enough to buy a small piece of land in Indonesia to start her own farm.

**Section E: Comprehension (OE)**

Read the following passage carefully. Then write the answers for questions 39 to 43 (5 x 2 marks)

What do you usually do on weekends? Do you usually laze around on the sofa and watch television all day, while snacking on potato chips or spend hours playing computer games? Stop being (a couch potato) and change your lifestyle! Learn how to play a game like badminton or tennis! How about taking up jogging or gardening? You'll be surprised at how fit and healthy you can become within weeks of starting an exercise programme. 5

If you do not like jogging or gardening, you can have a beach picnic or camp. There are many places in Singapore where you can go camping or simply have a picnic. One such place is East Coast Parkway. You have to apply for a camping permit by writing to the Singapore Sports Council if you intend to camp there, though. 10

At the beach, you can swim or play beach volleyball. However, if you prefer less vigorous activities, you may comb the beach for colourful seashells or even try building sandcastles. This latter activity can be a challenging workout for the muscles too. Combine this with a healthy lunch of fruit and salads and you are on the way to becoming healthier than you would be by not doing anything at all. 15

There are many other ways to keep healthy. If you are a nature-lover, you can always take a hike around MacRitchie Reservoir with family or friends. Look out for the inhabitants of the place such as monkeys, lizards butterflies, tree squirrels and so on. 20

All being said, the idea is to get up and about doing fun-filled activities that keep you fit. You will also be mentally refreshed and be able to cope better with your studies.

39) In the passage, what do you call somebody who usually lazes around watching television all day?

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40) Why does the writer want us to "Learn how to play a game like badminton or tennis!" instead of being physically inactive ?

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41) According to the passage, what must you do before arranging a camping trip at East Coast Parkway?

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42) What does 'this latter activity' (Line 16) refer to?

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43) According to the writer, why is it important to keep fit ?

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# **ANSWER SHEET**

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## **EXAM PAPER 2010**

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
C	B	D	A	A	C	E	B	E	G	F	B	4	3	2	2

34) daily      35) tiring      36) ingredients      37) it      38) working

39) I will call that person a couch potato.

40) The writer wants us to be fit and healthy.

41) I must apply for a camping permit.

42) It refers to building sand castles.

43) We will be mentally refreshed and be able to cope better with our studies.