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Section A

Vocabulary (8 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. "The Hare and the Tortoise", a well-known _____ by Aesop, teaches children good morals.

(1) myth
(2) fable
(3) legend
(4) fairytale ()

2. Linda was unwell so her teacher took her to the _____ to lie down for a rest.

(1) sickbay
(2) canteen
(3) storeroom
(4) classroom ()

3. Sunny loves to eat. His parents are worried for his health because he is _____.

(1) overgrown
(2) overweight
(3) overloaded
(4) overbearing ()

4. Jane failed her Science test. Her teacher _____ her to work hard and not to give up.

(1) forced
(2) begged
(3) ordered
(4) encouraged ()

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5. To find out more about a book, I should read the _____ which usually gives us more information about it.

- (1) title
- (2) subtitle
- (3) back cover
- (4) subheading

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6. A mosquito bit Susan on the leg. It was so _____ that she had to apply some cream on it.

- (1) itchy
- (2) burnt
- (3) broken
- (4) unhealthy

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7. Mr Singh made out a _____ for five hundred dollars as downpayment for his new car.

- (1) bill
- (2) note
- (3) receipt
- (4) cheque

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8. We should remain _____ in the event of a fire.

- (1) calm
- (2) afraid
- (3) excited
- (4) confused

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Section B

Grammar (6 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

9. That rag-and-bone man, who lives alone, _____ to our neighbourhood to collect old newspapers once a month.
- (1) come
(2) came
(3) comes
(4) coming ()
10. Glenda _____ in a school in Australia for a few years when her father was posted there.
- (1) study
(2) studies
(3) studied
(4) studying ()
11. Joel _____ his mobile phone under his table when the teacher was carrying out a spot check.
- (1) hid
(2) hide
(3) hides
(4) hiding ()
12. Aunt Jenny plans to _____ her friends in New Zealand this December.
- (1) visit
(2) visits
(3) visited
(4) visiting ()
13. Every morning, my sister and I _____ the school bus to school. We are in school by seven in the morning.
- (1) take
(2) took
(3) takes
(4) taking ()

14. Jane _____ for hours on the phone every time her cousin, Betty, calls her.

- (1) talk
- (2) talks
- (3) talked
- (4) talking

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Section C
Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)

A.

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| (A) brightened | (B) clouds | (C) darkened | (D) hurried |
| (E) insects | (F) smoke | (G) strolled | |

I was taking a stroll in the park. I stopped often to look for () (Q15) among the plants. Suddenly, the sky () (Q16). I looked up and saw dark () (Q17) moving quickly across the sky. I () (Q18) home as I felt the rain falling and it was getting heavier.

I was soaking wet when I reached home.

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B.

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) ankle (B) depressed (C) fun (D) house
(E) oral (F) wrist (G) written

Last summer, my brother, Michael, fell down while skating around our neighbourhood. He landed on his arm and broke his right () (Q19). He had to put on a cast for six weeks. At first, Michael thought it was () (Q20). As he was right-handed, he did not have to do any () (Q21) work. However, when the football season started, Michael became () (Q22). Cheering for the team was not the same as playing in the game.

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Section D
Grammar Cloze (8 marks)

A.

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

~~(A)~~ are making ~~(B)~~ had made ~~(C)~~ has made
~~(D)~~ were making ~~(E)~~ make ~~(F)~~ made ~~(G)~~ makes

Last week, a group of us went for a walk along the beach. We decided to () (Q23) a raft. First, we () (Q24) a rough sketch on the sand to decide how to build it. Next, while the girls were collecting branches, the boys () (Q25) paddles for the raft. Then we worked together and completed the raft. We were proud of ourselves as we () (Q26) a raft. Finally, it was time to test our raft in the water!

B.

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

~~(A)~~ her
~~(E)~~ she

~~(B)~~ I
~~(F)~~ them

~~(C)~~ it
~~(G)~~ they

~~(D)~~ me

My cat, Patches, had six kittens. _____ (Q27) were very cute!
_____ (Q28) put them into a box and covered _____ (Q29) with
an old blanket. Patches kept licking _____ (Q30) kittens. I smiled
happily as I looked at the happy family.

A. Read the letter carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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3 April 2006

Dear Ben,

How are you? How are your studies at the university? Are you still working part-time as a zookeeper? I hope you still have time to study since that's your reason for leaving home. Everything is fine at home. Susan is still working as a librarian. As for me, I have started working as a juggler in the city circus and I am enjoying every minute of it!

I have something exciting to share with you. Yesterday morning, while practising for the show in our backyard, I had a great urge to try something really difficult. I wanted the audience to see something that they would never forget! So I started juggling eight clubs instead of the usual six! I fumbled and dropped some clubs a few times but I kept practising. Soon, I was able to manage all eight of them!

Just before the show that evening, I was really nervous. I was not sure if I could even juggle two or four clubs as I was so frightened! Can you imagine how embarrassing it would be if I actually dropped the clubs in front of everyone?

Anyway, I decided to be daring and go for eight clubs and it worked! The audience clapped so loudly. I felt so happy. I was glad that I practised hard that afternoon. If only you had been here to see it!

Take care of yourself. Mama sends her love.

Love,

Matt

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

31. Ben worked in/on a _____.

- (1) zoo
- (2) circus
- (3) library
- (4) wheat farm

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32. Matt was in the _____ when he decided to try juggling eight clubs.

- (1) city
- (2) library
- (3) backyard
- (4) university

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33. Matt usually juggled _____ clubs during his performances.

- (1) six
- (2) two
- (3) eight
- (4) four

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34. Matt felt really _____ before his performance.

- (1) happy
- (2) excited
- (3) nervous
- (4) embarrassed

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35. The word, '_____', in the passage has the same meaning as 'held something with your hands in an awkward way'.

- (1) fumbled
- (2) clapped
- (3) dropped
- (4) practised

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The Miller, His Son, and Their Donkey

One day, a miller and his son set off to sell their donkey at a fair. Their donkey carried their luggage, and they walked beside him. Soon they met some women. "You're walking? How silly! You could ride!" one said. So the miller made his son ride the donkey.

Then they met some old men. One said, "See that lazy boy riding the donkey? His poor old father has to walk!" So the son got down and the miller rode the donkey.

Then they met some children. "Why, you mean old man!" one child shouted. "Your poor little boy has to run to keep up with you on your donkey!" So the miller told his son to ride, too.

When they were almost at the fair, they met a judge. He said, "Your poor old donkey has to carry you and your son? Why, you two could carry him more easily than he can carry you." So the miller and his son got down. They tied the donkey's feet together with a rope. They put a pole between his legs and turned him upside down. Then they carried their own donkey on the pole!

As they crossed a bridge, a crowd gathered to laugh at the silly sight. The laughter made the donkey angry. He broke free from the pole—and fell into the river. So the old miller and his son went home. By trying to please everybody, the miller had pleased nobody and he lost his donkey, too.

Write your answers in complete sentences.

36. Where were the miller and his son taking the donkey to?

37. Who told the miller that he was a 'mean old man'?

38. Who did the miller and his son meet just before they crossed the bridge?

39. What things did the miller and his son use to help them carry the donkey?

40. Why did the miller and his son go home?

End of Paper

Please check your work carefully.

Answer Sheets
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1) 2	2) 1	3) 2	4) 4	5) 3
6) 1	7) 4	8) 1	9) 3	10) 3
11) 1	12) 1	13) 1	14) 2	15) E
16) C	17) B	18) D	19) F	20) C
21) G	22) B	23) E	24) F	25) D
26) B	27) G	28) B	29) F	30) A
31) 1	32) 3	33) 1	34) 3	35) 1

- Q36. They were taking the donkey to a fair.
Q37. A child told the miller that he was a 'mean old man'.
Q38. They met a judge.
Q39. They used a rope and a pole.
Q40. They lost their donkey and had nothing to sell at the fair.