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PAPER 2
PRIMARY 4



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SECTION A: VOCABULARY (10 X 1 mark)

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

1. Tom had a shock of his life when he realised that he had disturbed a _____ of angry bees.
(1) herd (2) flight
(3) flock (4) swarm ()

2. The _____ boy kicked the table aside and challenged the teacher to call his parents.
(1) diligent (2) defiant
(3) despised (4) disinterested ()

3. Mr Li's children have been properly _____. They are well-mannered.
(1) brought up (2) brought round
(3) brought back (4) brought forward ()

4. As Clement does not have the skills for the job, he has to do all the _____ in the office.
(1) dog's life (2) homel's nest
(3) lion's share (4) donkey's work ()

5. The new _____ hosted the variety show very well and the viewers were very pleased.
(1) actor (2) comedian
(3) compere (4) puppeteer ()

6. From the evidence gathered, the detectives _____ that the man was killed by more than one person.
 (1) deduced (2) convinced
 (3) observed (4) hypothesised ()
7. We should not _____ all the children to go for the overseas trip as they are still young.
 (1) con (2) compel
 (3) content (4) commit ()
8. The clumsy boy _____ along the narrow corridor, almost knocking the flower pots over.
 (1) aped (2) waddled
 (3) galloped (4) lumbered ()
9. The teacher reminded the pupils to return the _____ in its proper place before they leave the science laboratory.
 (1) tools (2) materials
 (3) supplies (4) apparatus ()
10. The row of old shophouses were _____ to make way for a new highway.
 (1) altered (2) collapsed
 (3) renovated (4) demolished ()

SECTION B: GRAMMAR (10 X 1 mark)

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

11. Jane _____ ten dollars in her wallet but it will be used up in no time.
 (1) had (2) is having
 (3) has (4) have ()
12. At the rate the children are going, they _____ be able to complete their project on time.
 (1) can (2) must
 (3) ought (4) should ()
13. Susan has not been eating well _____ she came down with food poisoning last week.
 (1) since (2) when
 (3) while (4) before ()
14. Both the children were wrong but _____ of them admitted their mistake.
 (1) each (2) either
 (3) some (4) neither ()

15. The doorbell rang loudly _____ I was watching television.
(1) but (2) while
(3) although (4) so (. .)
16. On learning Mother had to work late, my brother and I decided to prepare dinner all by _____
(1) herself (2) ourselves
(3) himself (4) themselves (. .)
17. "You/ have not done your best in the test. There is _____ room for improvement," the teacher advised.
(1) most (2) less
(3) much (4) least (. .)
18. The rich lady was _____ by the behaviour of the rude salesgirl that she walked out of the shop without buying anything.
(1) put off (2) put in
(3) put out (4) put down (. .)
19. "Mabel has gone to the doctor's, _____ she?" asked Mother.
(1) has (2) hasn't
(3) have (4) haven't (. .)
20. _____ Timothy was injured, he insisted on completing the entire race.
(1) As (2) Since
(3) Although (4) However (. .)

SECTION C: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The Bundle of Sticks

There once lived an unhappy, old businessman. He knew that he was growing older and weaker every day. He wanted to pass on the business to his three sons. The man knew that they would not agree with each other and not be able to manage the business. "How can I stop them from arguing?" he asked his wife worriedly. Although the man's wife was a clever woman, she had no answer to his question.

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But, the old man and his wife had a servant named Aesop, who had been listening quietly to their problem. "Perhaps you can tell your sons the story of 'The Bundle of Sticks,'" he said. The old couple listened intently as Aesop narrated the story. When he had finished, the old man looked pleased. That evening after dinner, he asked his sons to gather twenty sticks, all about the thickness of a man's finger. He then instructed them to tie the sticks together in a bundle. "My sons," said the old man. "Can any of you break this bundle of sticks?" The sons were taken aback by the strange request. Perhaps this was a test to see who would gain control of the business. Each son tried his hardest to break the bundle of sticks but the bundle did not break.

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The young men were even more surprised when the father took out three separate sticks from the bundle. He asked each son to break it and they did it easily. Their father then said, "You see how much harder it is to break the sticks when they are held together? My sons, if you stand by each other and help one another, you will be like this bundle. Your enemies cannot harm you. However, if you are divided among yourselves, you will be broken as easily as these three sticks."

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The three sons understood their father's meaning – "union is strength".

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

21. The old businessman was worried and concerned because _____.

- 1) he was dying
- 2) his sons could not work together
- 3) he could not manage his business
- 4) his sons did not want to help him in his business ()

22. The word "he" in line 9 refers to _____.

- 1) the father
- 2) the servant
- 3) the old businessman
- 4) one of the three sons ()

23. When the man asked his sons to break the bundle of sticks, they thought that _____.

- 1) it was a very silly request
- 2) it should be the servant's job to break the sticks
- 3) their father wanted to know how strong they were
- 4) it was a test to find out who could take over the business ()

24. The word _____ has the same meaning as the phrase "taken aback" in line 14.

- 1) worried
- 2) amused
- 3) surprised
- 4) disappointed ()

25. The _____ was/were the wisest character/s in the whole story.

- 1) servant
- 2) three sons
- 3) old businessman
- 4) businessman's wife ()

SECTION D: VOCABULARY CLOZE (10 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to L) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) available	(B) purchase	(C) popular	(D) customers
(E) fruits	(F) wrap	(G) kind	(H) pungent
(I) delicious	(J) varieties	(K) abundance	(L) people
(M) need	(N) favourite	(O) fragrant	(P) decorate

Mention bananas and the thought of long, bright yellow fruits will come into one's mind. These fruits are grown in great (26) _____ in our neighbouring countries like Malaysia and Thailand. The banana is one fruit which is (27) _____ throughout the year.

In Malaysia alone, over forty (28) _____ of bananas are grown in the country. The two most (29) _____ types grown in gardens and plantations are the "Rastali" and "Pisang Raja". This is because they (30) _____ little care and are easier to maintain. The banana plant is also a very useful plant. Its leaves can be used to (31) _____ cakes and rice. Many Indian restaurants also use banana leaves as plates to serve rice to their (32) _____.

Some of the other popular (33) _____ of Malaysia and Thailand are durians, rambutans and mangoes. Among these, the durian is the (34) _____ of many local people. However, most foreigners dislike the thorny fruit because of its (35) _____ smell.

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to I) in each blank.

Passage 1

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) with	(B) so	(C) while
(D) as	(E) of	(F) for
(G) in	(H) when	(I) up

The children were overjoyed (36) _____ they heard that the famous circus was coming to town. They pleaded (37) _____ their mother, Mrs Lee, to take them to the performance. (38) _____ Mrs Lee was an animal lover, she refused to buy the tickets at first. She thought it was cruel to force animals to perform tricks. She only gave (39) _____ to her children's request when she found out that no animals were involved in the circus performance. The show consisted mainly (40) _____ acrobatic and clown acts.

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to I) in each blank.

Passage 2

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) each	(B) many	(C) much
(D) others	(E) a few	(F) a little
(G) all	(H) more	(I) none

A famous author went to a school to give a talk. Although the talk was over, (41) _____ students stayed behind in the hall. Some of them had stayed behind to ask the author for autographs; (42) _____ were just waiting for their friends. By this time, a long queue had formed next to the author. (43) _____ person in the queue was holding a copy of his latest book. (44) _____ of the students in the hall were busy taking photographs of the author as a memento. It was not until (45) _____ later before the hall was finally cleared.

SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPG (10 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes.

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Fishing is probably the worlds most popular hobby. However, it is also

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an expensive pastime. Just imagine how many people have to spend on

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boats, fishing ediment, bait and fuel. Though it is costly people who love

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fishing believe their hobby are worth it. To them, fishing is a relaxing and fun

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activity, thus it lessens stress. People who are relaxed are generaly healthy

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and are much nicer to be with. One can also develop patient and

determination when fishing. Those who disagree with fishing say that it is

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damaging the envirement. Thoughtless fishing in rivers, lakes, streams and

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oceans has decreasing the number of some fishes thus endangering them.

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This could also lead to extinction of some spicees.

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SECTION G: SYNTHESIS (5 X 2 marks)

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

56. May loves baking cakes. May loves eating cakes.

and _____

57. It was a public holiday. Nathan decided to go cycling with his friends.

Since _____

58. John could choose to play tennis with the children. John could sing with the children.

or _____

59. Diana watched a sad movie and cried uncontrollably.

Watching _____

60. Lisa learnt Japanese. She wanted to communicate with her pen pal.

so that _____

SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE (7 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions 61 to 67.

Dan was a discourteous boy. He was completely self-centred and very spoilt. His parents had to give him everything that he wanted. Otherwise, he would kick and scream till he was red in the face. His parents felt embarrassed because of his poor behaviour.

One day, Dan was alone on the beach in a new, expensive swim suit and swim fins which he had demanded from his parents. They went indoors to rest. A while ago, Dan had kicked up a fuss when they told him it was too dangerous to go into the water alone in a foreign place. ~~Dangerous. He scowled. "You are an idiot!"~~ ~~the parents who try to stop me from having fun! I'm stopping me and I'll scream. His parents could not stop him.~~

"What are you doing?" a deep voice boomed from behind. Dan jumped. He had not noticed the stranger on the beach.

"Why?" he answered rudely. "I'm going diving of course."

"You had better not," the stranger advised. "There's a storm coming up."

"Nonsense! You should mind your own business. Nobody's going to change my mind!" Dan replied. He waded into the shallow water.

"If you go out, you'll be sorry," the stranger called after him.

Dan slipped into the water. He saw beautiful water plants and fish. He dived happily until the strong waves came and made it difficult to breathe. Why had he not listened to the advice? He panicked and began to scream. Just as Dan thought he was drowning, he felt a strong grip on his arm. The stranger pulled him over the side of the boat and growled, "Looks like I arrived just in time. I hope you've learned a lesson. You put us both in danger!" Dan sat quietly in a corner after thanking the man. He was grateful to be alive. ~~As the sun~~ ~~beamed back on shore, he slowly realised to mend his ways.~~

All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in complete sentences.

61. What **did** Dan do when his parents did not give him what he had wanted?

62. Which **word** in paragraph 1 **has** the same meaning as 'ashamed'?

63. Why **did** Dan insist on going to the beach against his parents' wishes?

64. **Where** Dan and his family on holiday? Which **two-word phrase** **tells** you so?

65. Dan "felt a strong grip on his arm" (line 21). Who **grasped** him?

66. Which **sentence** tells you that Dan would change for the better?

67. Who do you think the word "duo" in line 24 refer to?

End-of-Paper



ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

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|-------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. 4 | 31) E | 41) B |
| 2. 2 | 32) D | 42) D |
| 3. 1 | 33) E | 43) A |
| 4. 4 | 34) N | 44) E |
| 5. 3 | 35) H | 45) C |
| 6. 1 | 36) H | 46) world's |
| 7. 2 | 37) A | 47) much |
| 8. 4 | 38) D | 48) equipment |
| 9. 2 | 39) G | 49) , |
| 10. 4 | 40) E | 50) , |
| 11. 3 | | |
| 12. 4 | 51) health | |
| 13. 1 | 52) eat | |
| 14. 4 | 53) equipment | |
| 15. 1 | 54) decreased | |
| 16. 2 | 55) species | |
| 17. 3 | 56) May laves ... and eating cater. | |
| 18. 1 | | |
| 19. 2 | 57) ... is a public holiday. | |
| 20. 3 | Nathan decided to go cycling with | |
| 21. 2 | his friends. | |
| 22. 2 | | |
| 23. 4 | 58) John could choose to play tennis | |
| 24. 3 | or sing with the children. | |
| 25. 1 | | |
| 26. K | 59) Watching a sad movie, Diana cried | |
| 27. A | uncontrollably. | |
| 28. J | | |
| 29. C | 60) Lisa learnt Japanese so that she | |
| 30. M | could communicate with her pen pal. | |

61) Dan would kick and scream till he was red in the face.

62) The word is "embarrassed."

63) He thought his parents were trying to stop him from having fun.

64) Yes, they were. The two-word phrase is "foreign place."

65) The stranger gripped Dan.

66) The sentence is "As the duo headed back to shore, he silently resolved to mend his ways."

67) The word 'duo' refers to Dan and the stranger.