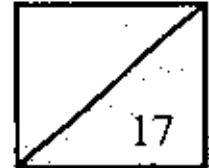




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Booklet A

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)
4. Shade the correct answer in the OAS provided.
5. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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Section A: Grammar (6 marks)

For items 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number in the OAS provided. (6 x 1 mark)

- 1) Everyone in class _____ that Sir Edmund Hillary's determination drove him to become the first man to climb to the top of Mt Everest in 1953.
- (1) agree (2) agrees
(3) is agreeing (4) are agreeing ()
- 2) The stranger _____ told me that I was going in the wrong direction.
- (1) himself (2) myself
(3) ourselves (4) themselves ()
- 3) "I don't have _____ money to lend you," Patrick told Bob.
- (1) any (2) many
(3) some (4) little ()
- 4) "Look at those monkeys! They _____ the bananas that the tourists threw," exclaimed Ming Li excitedly.
- (1) peel (2) is peeling
(3) peeled (4) are peeling ()
- 5) Grandfather gave my brother and _____ a huge ang pow for Chinese New Year.
- (1) I (2) her
(3) me (4) mine ()
- 6) Mrs Tan seems rather upset, _____ she?
- (1) do (2) don't
(3) does (4) doesn't ()

Section B: Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question 7 to 12, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct number in the OAS provided. (6 x 1 mark)

- 7) Amelia Earhart's _____ finally paid off when she became the first woman to fly across the Atlantic in 1932.
- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| (1) resistance | (2) persistence |
| (3) inspiration | (4) adventure () |
- 8) The soldiers fought on courageously in the face of _____ as they were loyal to their country.
- | | |
|------------|-----------------|
| (1) terror | (2) triumph |
| (3) danger | (4) trouble () |
- 9) Despite the many _____ of rock-climbing, Jane refuses to try the sport because of her fear of heights.
- | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| (1) benefits | (2) offers |
| (3) advantages | (4) disadvantages () |
- 10) The recent _____ was organised by the Singapore Sports Council to promote a healthy lifestyle among Singaporeans.
- | | |
|--------------|------------------|
| (1) schedule | (2) endeavour |
| (3) routine | (4) campaign () |
- 11) The contestant gives the judges a/an _____ look, hoping the judges in the Singapore Idol will give him another chance.
- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| (1) upset | (2) pathetic |
| (3) painful | (4) sly () |

12) Lance Armstrong pushed himself to win the Tour de France as he wanted to _____ his friend who was killed in a terrible accident.

(1) respect

(2) glorify

(3) honour

(4) overcome

()

Section C: Comprehension (MCQ)

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

As Sam continued his way inland aimlessly, he heard rifle shots ringing in the air. "Are the Japanese after me?" he whispered to himself.

He picked up speed and soon he found himself in a rubber plantation. He decided to hide in the plantation until the coast was clear. He hid amongst some bushes and stayed there until night fell.

When it was dark, Sam came out of his hiding place and tried to get out of the plantation. Suddenly he heard gunshots and dogs barking. He became very scared. "Please don't let them catch me," he prayed silently.

It was soon midnight but in the darkness Sam had lost his way. After an unsuccessful attempt to find his way out, he decided to spend the night lying under some thick bushes. He spent an uneasy night because of his fear. Besides, the ground was damp and the night air was chilly.

The next morning, Sam awoke to the loud sound of a motor. He realised that he was near a mill. He saw a river ahead and chose to follow it upstream hoping that it would lead him to his camp.

When he finally reached the camp, he collapsed in exhaustion. His camp-mates had to carry him to the medical centre to receive immediate medical attention. He was lucky to be alive.

- 13) Sam was escaping from _____.
(1) dogs
(2) gunshots
(3) the Japanese
(4) the darkness ()
- 14) In Line 4, "the coast was clear" means _____.
(1) it was safe
(2) it was daylight
(3) the sea was clear
(4) the river was clean ()
- 15) Sam waited until it was night before leaving the plantation because he _____.
(1) had enough rest
(2) could move faster in the dark
(3) he heard gunshots and dogs barking
(4) thought it was dark and he would not be seen easily ()
- 16) Sam did not sleep well that night because _____.
(1) he was lost in the plantation
(2) he was afraid of being caught
(3) he did not find a safe place to sleep
(4) he had an uncomfortable place to sleep ()
- 17) A suitable title for this passage is "_____".
(1) A hiking trip
(2) Lost in the jungle
(3) Escape from the enemy
(4) An adventure in the forest ()

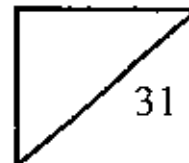
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Booklet B

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5. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
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8. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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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)

(A) hardly	(B) briefly	(C) frequently
(D) immediately	(E) usually	(F) occasionally
(G) daily		

Dear Aunty Sue,

I am sorry I have not written for weeks. I have been busy with my CCA as my teacher has selected me to represent the school in the District Karate Competition. I (18) _____ have my CCA on Tuesdays but due to the coming competition, I have to go more (19) _____. The instructor is very firm and does not allow us to take long breaks but (20) _____ he will give us a treat and buy drinks for us. I enjoy the training but nowadays, I (21) _____ have enough time to complete my homework although I try my best. Fortunately, my form-teacher is very understanding and allows me to hand in my homework late. I've got to go for my training now. Write to you another day.

Love,
Lynn

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)

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|------------|-----------|----------|
| (A) beside | (B) out | (C) away |
| (D) on | (E) along | (F) over |
| (G) up | | |

Cindy and Ron always spent their summer vacation at Atlantis Beach Club. One day, they were taking a stroll (22) _____ the beach when they saw something in the sand. They were curious and walked nearer to see what it was. They saw a rusty key lying in the sand. They picked it up and brushed (23) _____ the grains of sand. They turned the key (24) _____ and found a few faint symbols and words inscribed on it. The children could hardly make (25) _____ the words as the key was badly scratched and rusty. Could this key unlock the mysterious treasure chest which old Mrs Smith was telling them about?

Section B: Vocabulary (8 marks)

For questions 26 to 33, read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to Q) in each blank. The letter 'P' and O has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (8 x 1 mark)

(A) including	(B) from	(C) persistent	(D) past
(E) against	(F) determined	(G) experience	(H) results
(I) perform	(K) present	(L) developing	(M) member
(N) infect	(P) although	(Q) history	

Jonas Salk was born in New York City. His parents did not have an education but they were (26) _____ to see their children succeed by encouraging them to study hard. Jonas Salk was the oldest of three sons and the first (27) _____ of his family to go to college. He entered the City College of New York planning to study law, but soon became interested in medical science.

In 1947, he began to work on a vaccine that would guard (28) _____ the three types of polio virus. The vaccine would "kill" the virus so that it no longer had the power to (29) _____ or spread to others. At the same time, the "killed" virus could make antibodies in the blood.

(30) _____ the vaccine took eight long years of hard work. Dr Salk tried the vaccine on monkeys first. It worked. Then he tried it on 1000 children, (31) _____ his own. Again it worked. In 1954, the big test came. 40 000 children were given the vaccine. In 1955, the (32) _____ of the test were made known. Of the unvaccinated group, 750 had gotten polio and 15 persons died. In the vaccinated group, there were only 1/3 cases and no deaths. Soon polio would become a disease of the (33) _____.

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.

You have probably heard or read quite a lot about "healthy eating": don't eat too much of this and eat a bit more of that. But there are really (34) _____ important rules for healthy eating.

(35) _____, eat a good variety of different sorts of food. The best way to be sure you eat a good variety is to (36) _____ from each of the three main food groups: carbohydrates, protein groups and fruits and vegetables.

The second rule to remember is the (37) _____ of food that you eat. Don't eat too much of certain foods, for example, try not to eat too much sugar, fat or salt. Follow these rules and you will have a healthy and (38) _____ diet.

Eating well does not mean that we will be fit. We must also have enough sleep and regular exercises in order to keep fit.

Section E: Comprehension (OE)

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

Every good climber wants to climb Mount Everest which is 8 848 metres above sea level and the highest mountain in the world. It stands between Nepal and Tibet, in the Himalayas. It is in fact quite a "young" mountain, only about two million years old. The Tibetans call it *Chomolungma*, "The Mother of the World."

By 2004, more than 2 000 people have climbed to the top of Mount Everest. You cannot climb the mountain without special permission from the government of Nepal. You can only climb it in May or October every year and you must have a booking for your expedition. At the moment, there are no more bookings available for the next ten years!

Mountain climbers who have climbed Mount Everest used tents, oxygen bottles and other climbing equipment. Many have left their old equipment behind. According to some estimates, more than 50 tons of non-biodegradable trash was abandoned on the mountain between the 1950s and the mid-1990s. Littering is now a serious problem high up on the mountain.

The government of Nepal has taken steps toward protecting Mount Everest. Thanks to a 1992 law, if climbers leave any non-biodegradable trash such as plastic containers on the mountain, they lose a \$4,000 pre-expedition deposit. Expedition teams must bring down the same amount of gear and supplies that they took up.

Although more people are climbing Mount Everest, modern equipment and professional expertise cannot eliminate the challenge or the difficulties. Climbing Mount Everest remains, to this day, a formidable challenge as climbers continue to push the limits of human endurance.

39) Where is Mount Everest found?

40) What do you need to get from the Nepalese government before you can climb Mount Everest?

41) Which sentence in the passage tells you that climbing Mount Everest is very popular now and in the future?

42) Why do you think the Nepalese government requires all expedition teams to put up a \$4 000 pre-expedition deposit?

43) Which word in the last paragraph has the same meaning as "remove completely"?

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Have you checked your work?



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1. 2 34) two
2. 1 35) First
3. 1 36) choose
4. 4 37) amount
5. 3 38) balanced
6. 4 39) Mount Everest is found between Nepal
7. 2 and Tibet, which is in Himalayas.
8. 3
9. 1 40) You must get special permission from
10. 4 the Nepalese government before you can
11. 2 climb Mount Everest.
12. 3
13. 3 41) The sentence is "At the mount, there are
14. 1 no more booking available for he next
15. 4 ten years.
16. 2
17. 3 42) All expedition teams must not leave
18. E behind only litter or they would lose
19. C their \$4000 deposit.
20. F
21. A 43) The word is "eliminate."
22. E
23. C
24. F
25. B
26. F
27. M
28. E
29. N
30. L
31. A
32. H
33. D

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