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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name and register number in the space provided.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions carefully.

**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. The garden below my condominium is a good place to go for a \_\_\_\_\_ any time of the day.  
(1) stroll (2) trek ( )  
(3) journey (4) hike ( )
  
2. Mr Lim became \_\_\_\_\_ when he could not get his car engine started.  
(1) helpless (2) dissatisfied ( )  
(3) frustrated (4) uninterested ( )
  
3. There is a strong \_\_\_\_\_ of roast chicken coming from the kitchen. It is time we set the table for dinner.  
(1) scent (2) odour ( )  
(3) aroma (4) fragrance ( )
  
4. Sally is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person as she often thinks of others.  
(1) diligent (2) loyal ( )  
(3) responsible (4) considerate ( )
  
5. After a tiring day, Samy feels \_\_\_\_\_ after taking a shower.  
(1) reborn (2) restored ( )  
(3) refreshed (4) renewed ( )
  
6. It is no use trying to persuade Kenny to give up his hobby. He is as stubborn as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) cat (2) dog ( )  
(3) wolf (4) mule ( )
  
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ is studying the stars through the giant telescope.  
(1) geographer (2) surveyor ( )  
(3) meteorologist (4) astronomer ( )

8. The kidnapper \_\_\_\_\_ a knife at his hostage when he was surrounded by the police and could not escape.  
 (1) displayed (2) flaunted  
 (3) threatened (4) brandished ( )
9. After a thorough check-up at the hospital, the doctor \_\_\_\_\_ that my mother had cancer.  
 (1) announced (2) diagnosed  
 (3) proclaimed (4) conveyed ( )
10. The government has \_\_\_\_\_ all the old buildings in that street to make way for a new condominium.  
 (1) collapsed (2) modernised  
 (3) reconstructed (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. A crowd of spectators \_\_\_\_\_ the soccer match at the stadium at this moment.  
 (1) watch (2) is watching  
 (3) watches (4) are watching ( )
12. Sheila and her mates \_\_\_\_\_ a lot of fun at the camp. They hoped to have another camp soon.  
 (1) had (2) have  
 (3) has (4) is having ( )
13. At the rate the children are going, they \_\_\_\_\_ put in more effort if they want to do well in their examinations.  
 (1) can (2) will  
 (3) ought (4) must ( )
14. We have been practising badminton \_\_\_\_\_ two o'clock this afternoon. We are too tired to continue.  
 (1) at (2) until  
 (3) since (4) before ( )

15. I found \_\_\_\_\_ coins in the purse than in the bag. They were only enough to buy a drink.  
(1) few (2) little  
(3) less (4) fewer ( )
16. I can hear some noise at the door. I think someone \_\_\_\_\_ to open it.  
(1) tried (2) tries  
(3) has tried (4) is trying ( )
17. The aeroplane \_\_\_\_\_ early this morning.  
(1) touched on (2) touched off  
(3) touched down (4) touched over ( )
18. Mrs Ong told the students to hand \_\_\_\_\_ their homework.  
(1) in (2) up  
(3) on (4) by ( )
19. When we reached the shopping centre, we were \_\_\_\_\_ as it was closing soon.  
(1) turned down (2) turned off  
(3) turned away (4) turned around ( )
20. \_\_\_\_\_ John was a prefect, he needed to be punished for breaking the rules.  
(1) Since (2) Despite  
(3) Although (4) However ( )

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**SECTION C: COMPREHENSION** (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Eleven-year old Christopher Marshall is like any other boy of his age. He loves french fries and Coca-Cola. He goes to bed at night hugging his favourite toy, a teddy bear named Charles Lindbear. However, there is something unusual about him. He holds a pilot's license with two world-flying records.

In 1987, Christopher became the youngest pilot ever to fly across the United States. In 1988, he was the youngest pilot ever to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. For this flight across the ocean, he was accompanied by a retired navy fighter pilot, Randy Cunningham, and his teddy bear. Randy had flown across the Atlantic several times. He was on board with Christopher to provide emergency help if needed. It was Christopher who piloted the plane. 5  
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Christopher had taken off from Montreal Airport in Canada, flew across the ocean and stopped in Greenland, Iceland and Scotland before landing in France. His anxious mother greeted him with a kiss and a new teddy bear.

In making the flight, Christopher flew almost the same route taken by Charles Lindberg, who in 1927 became the first man to fly solo across the Atlantic ocean. Charles Lindberg was one of Christopher's aviation heroes. It was no wonder that his teddy bear, who always wore a pilot's suit, helmet and goggles was named Charles Lindbear. 15

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

21. Christopher is different from other boys because he \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) enjoys hugging his favourite bear
  - 2) loves eating french fries and Coca-Cola
  - 3) does not look like any other boys of his age
  - 4) holds a pilot's license with two world-flying records
- ( )

22. The word " \_\_\_\_\_ " has the same meaning as the word "unusual" in line 3.

- 1) unique
- 2) strange
- 3) unaccepted
- 4) inconsistent

( )

23. Randy was chosen to fly with Christopher because \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Christopher was afraid to be alone
- 2) Christopher needed him to pilot the plane
- 3) he had flown across the Atlantic several times
- 4) he wanted to show Christopher how good he was in flying

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24. What does the word "retired" in line 7 mean? It means \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) experienced
- 2) unemployed
- 3) tired after work
- 4) no longer working

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25. Christopher's teddy bear was named Charles Lindbear probably because \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) he liked the sound of the name
- 2) he wanted Charles Lindberg to be with him
- 3) he admired his aviation hero, Charles Lindberg
- 4) he wanted to hug Charles Lindberg during the night

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**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 P) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) smooth	(E) crouches	(I) privilege	(M) lovingly
(B) shuffles	(F) disturbed	(J) grumble	(N) pleasure
(C) curiosity	(G) scarce	(K) wrinkled	(O) meagre
(D) anonymous	(H) greedily	(L) mutters	(P) spotted

Beng Soh is an eighty-year-old widow. Being a mere 1.3 metres tall with brown (26) \_\_\_\_\_ skin and shrunkened limbs, she is the neighbourhood's (27) \_\_\_\_\_, the subject of gossip at void decks. Every evening, she (28) \_\_\_\_\_ on her doorstep, watching the world go by as she breathes noisily through her mouth.

Beng Soh spends her mornings (29) \_\_\_\_\_ tending her potted plants. After taking her (30) \_\_\_\_\_ meal of porridge in the afternoons, she (31) \_\_\_\_\_ down the street to the shop to buy a packet of preserved plums. Then carefully taking a plum from the packet, she sucks it (32) \_\_\_\_\_. This is her greatest (33) \_\_\_\_\_ of the day.

During festive seasons, (34) \_\_\_\_\_ donors who know her state of poverty will leave packets of food at her doorway. A few neighbours will drop by for a chat. She is grateful and (35) \_\_\_\_\_ a word of thanks to her visitors.



**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) and	(D) for	(G) when
(B) as	(E) in	(H) which
(C) but	(F) that	(I) whom

One of my wishes is to visit the 'Lion City' known (36) \_\_\_\_\_ Singapore

It is a city (37) \_\_\_\_\_ I have always wanted to go for a tour.

A city so small in size (38) \_\_\_\_\_ so huge in terms of achievement.

I always dream (39) \_\_\_\_\_ someday I will visit this spectacular city.

Though I do not know (40) \_\_\_\_\_ I will get this golden opportunity.

*Adapted from poem written by Raja Basu*

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) all	(D) many	(G) much
(B) lots	(E) more	(H) none
(C) little	(F) most	(I) some

We may (41) \_\_\_\_\_ like to keep animals as pets but keeping a pet involves a lot (42) \_\_\_\_\_ work than you think. There are (43) \_\_\_\_\_ responsibilities besides spending some time playing with your pet. We need to take good care of their health by not feeding it with too (44) \_\_\_\_\_ food. We also need to ensure your pet has (45) \_\_\_\_\_ of clean, fresh water. Are you willing to commit yourself to care and love your pet?

**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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Some animals use camouflage. It is a form of deception to ensure protetion

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from its predators. It is difficult to spot a chameleon as it camouflages itself by

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blending its colour with the tree trunks and leaves on a forest. Sometimes, it

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lies so still in a tree trunk that no one realise that it is there. This also makes it

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condusive for the chameleon to catch its prey. Beyond colours, skin patterns

are often helpful in camouflage as well. The wavy lines of a zebra blend in with

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the wavy lines of the tall grass around them. It does not matter that the

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zebras' stripes are black and white and the lines of the grass are yellow,

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brown or green because the zebra's main predator, the lion, is colour-blind.

If a zebra is standing still in matching surroundings, a lion may overlook it

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complete.

**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. Mark enjoys playing badminton. Mark enjoys playing table tennis.

\_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_

57. Siti often participates in art competitions. Siti draws well.

Since \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

58. Mrs Chen could choose to go shopping. Mrs Chen could choose to watch television with her children.

\_\_\_\_\_

or \_\_\_\_\_

59. Mrs Pang waited for her turn at the hairdresser. She read a magazine.

While \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

60. Mike has not cut his hair. He has been warned.

\_\_\_\_\_ yet

\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION H: COMPREHENSION OE (7 x 2 marks)**

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

When my mother entered the kitchen, she was astounded. Biscuit jars were opened and bread crumbs were everywhere on the floor. The wastepaper basket was overturned with paper littered all over the floor. Who had caused the mess? The prints belonged to some animals which were smaller than our dog. How did the creature get into the house?

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My sister and I had added a door at the back of the house, so that our dog could walk in and out of the house as it wished. Though having the door saved mother the trouble of letting it out, she sometimes wondered if it was really a good idea. At times, our dog would bring things like dead mice into the kitchen and would leave their carcasses on the kitchen floor for my mother to clean.

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That evening, when all of us were home, my mother related to us at dinner what had happened in the day. She had decided that she would stay up late that night to find out who the intruder was. When all of us retired to our rooms, she sat alone in her bed with a big stick by her side. Suddenly, just when my mother was about to doze off, she heard noises in the kitchen. She tiptoed to the kitchen and to her horror, stared into a pair of large black eyes. She switched on the lights and was shocked to find out that the eyes actually belonged to a raccoon with long, thick and grey fur. The animal had knocked over the wastepaper basket and spilled the water in our dog's bowl. "Children! Wake up!" shouted my mother as she shook the stick in her hands.

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The animal held onto the piece of bread in its paws and scurried out of the house through the additional door. By the time my sister and I appeared in the kitchen, it was gone.

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

61. Which word in paragraph 1 is the same meaning as "greatly surprised"?

62. How do you think the strange animal entered the kitchen?

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63. What does the word "carcasses" in line 10 refer to?

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64. Why do you think the author's mother sat in her bed with a big stick by her side?  
(line 14)?

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65. Which sentence tells you that the author's mother was the only one waiting for the intruder?

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66. Who created the paw prints in the kitchen?

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67. What do you think the animal was doing when the author's mother stepped into the kitchen?

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# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45
E	B	H	C	F	G	A	E	D	G	B

- 46) protection      47) their      48) in      49) realizes
- 50) conducive      51) patterns      52) it      53) zebra's
- 54),      55) completely
- 56) Mark enjoys playing badminton and table tennis.
- 57) Since Siti draws well she often participates.
- 58) Mrs Chen could choose to go shopping or watch television with her children.
- 59) While Mrs Pang waited for her turn at the hairdresser, she read a magazine.
- 60) Mike has been warned, yet he has not cut his hair.

61)The word is "astounded."

62)It entered the kitchen through the door specially built for the dog.

63)It refers to the dead mice.

64)I think the author's mother sat in her bed with a big stick by her side so that when the intruder come she could hit it.

65)When all of us retired to our rooms, she sat alone in her bed with a big stick by her side.

66)The raccoon created the paw prints in the kitchen.

67)I think it was eating the bread.

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