



NANYANG PRIMARY SCHOOL
YR 2004 FIRST CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT
PRIMARY 6EM1/6EM2

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2: BOOKLET A

TOTAL TIME FOR BOOKLETS A & B: 2 hours

Name: _____ () Pr 6 ()

There are a total of 80 questions – 30 MCQ and 50 open-ended questions in the booklet.

Instructions:

DO NOT TURN OVER THIS PAGE UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

SECTION A: GRAPHIC STIMULUS (5 x 2m = 10m)

Study the graphic below and answer questions 1 to 5.

SATS provides airport ground handling services to over 45 scheduled airlines operating through Singapore Changi Airport. We invite applications for the following position:

CONTRACT AVIATION SCREENING AGENT

REQUIREMENTS:

You should possess one of the following:

- 1 GCE 'O' level in English/Maths, or
- 1 SPM/SAP credit in English, or
- 3 GCE 'N' level credits including a Grade 3 & above for English/Maths.

BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- Annual wage supplement of one month's salary
- Free medical and dental treatment
- Gratuity upon completion of contract
- Medical incentive payment

WALK-IN INTERVIEWS

30 January 04
Registration Time : 10am to 6pm

31 January 04
Registration Time : 1pm to 6pm

TAMPINES NORTH COMMUNITY CLUB
2 Tampines Street 41
Singapore S29204

Male citizens & SPRs with GCE 'O'/'N' level/SPM/SAP are welcome to apply.

Please bring along with you 5 recent passport size photographs plus the original & 1 photocopies of your GCE 'O'/'N' level/SPM/SAP certificate and NS Certificate of Conduct.

Male applicants must have completed or be exempted from their NS.

Those who have applied before need not re-apply.

PEOPLE OF THE STORIES

SATS
Serving on the ground

Choose the correct answer and shade the appropriate oval 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the optical answer sheet (OAS).

1. This job is only applicable to _____.

- (1) Singaporeans
- (2) Malaysians
- (3) ^{Singapore} Permanent Residents (SPR) ^{Singapore}
- (4) Singaporeans, Malaysians and Permanent Residents

2. When is the closing date and time of registration?

- (1) 10 am, 30 January
- (2) 6 pm, 30 January
- (3) 1 pm, 31 January
- (4) 6 pm, 31 January

3. Where will the interview be conducted?

- (1) SATS
- (2) Singapore Changi Airport
- (3) People Developer Singapore
- (4) Tampines North Community Club

4. What must an applicant bring for the interview?

- (1) 5 passport size photographs
- (2) Original certificates
- (3) 3 photocopies of certificates
- (4) All of the above

5. Which one of the following is not a benefit of the job?

- (1) Transport allowance
- (2) Annual Wage Supplement
- (3) Free medical and dental treatment
- (4) Gratuity upon completion of contract

13. Nobody _____ at the scene when the fire broke out.

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

14. As Jason was walking down the stairs, he tripped and _____.

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| (1) fall | (2) fell |
| (3) falls | (4) fallen |

15. _____ it was drizzling, it did not dampen the spirits of the people who were at Chinatown to soak in the festive mood.

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| (1) Because | (2) Although |
| (3) Unless | (4) Since |

SECTION C: VOCABULARY (10 x 1m = 10m)

Choose the correct answer and shade the appropriate oval 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the optical answer sheet (OAS).

16. Your handwriting is _____, I can barely read what you have written.

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| (1) illegal | (2) illegible |
| (3) illegitimate | (4) inedible |

17. The mouse _____ upon seeing the big fat cat.

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| (1) leaped | (2) bounced |
| (3) scampered | (4) strutted |

18. Jasmine was like _____ as she waited for the contest results to be announced.

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| (1) a heavy-eyed dog | (2) a bee in the bonnet |
| (3) a cat on hot bricks | (4) a bear with a sore head |

19. As the bus _____ into the ditch, the driver managed to jump to safety.

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| (1) crunched | (2) crashed |
| (3) exploded | (4) sputtered |

20. Due to _____ response, the concert will be extended for another week.

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| (1) overpowering | (2) overbearing |
| (3) overcoming | (4) overwhelming |

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s). Shade its oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

21. Miss Ang is a person who knows many languages.

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| (1) author | (2) linguist |
| (3) professor | (4) teacher |

22. The police arrived in the nick of time to rescue the kidnapped boy.

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| (1) too late | (2) punctually |
| (3) just before it was too late | (4) with time set against him |

23. The traffic was held up by road works.

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| (1) delayed | (2) quickened |
| (3) lengthened | (4) stopped |

24. The old man is too feeble to walk after the major surgery.

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| (1) tired | (2) lethargic |
| (3) weak | (4) frightened |

25. Melissa was chided by her teacher for not handing in her work on time.

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| (1) caned | (2) scolded |
| (3) praised | (4) complimented |

SECTION D: COMPREHENSION MCQ (5 x 2m = 10m)

Read the passage carefully, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval on the OAS.

"You're crazy, Mike! Old Annie's a witch - everyone knows that!"

"Rubbish, Ian! My parents say she's just an old lady who lives alone."

"I'm telling you she's a witch." Ian shook his head, with his eyes opened wide and round behind his thick lenses. He dropped his voice to a whisper.

"And she killed her husband - she served him poisoned cookies and milk - that was how he died. Homemade choc-chip cookies. And you want to go there by yourself? You're a nutcase!"

But nothing could shake Mike.

"I promised her that I was going to weed her garden for her - and she's going to pay me ten dollars. And when I have that ten dollars, I'll have saved enough for a new CD-ROM drive for my computer. And if you're very lucky, I might let you play with it sometimes."

"Yeah, if you're alive, you mean..." Ian replied.

Weeding the garden was a lot harder than Mike thought it would be. It was hot, for a start, and the garden had not been looked after for a very long time. The sweat was soon pouring off his face as he struggled to pull out the weeds nearly as tall as he was.

By the time the last weed had been pulled, and he had raked the garden bed and cleaned up, he was exhausted. As he put the garden tools in the shed, Mrs. Roberts - that was Annie's name - came out of the door and stood on the porch, shading her eyes.

She really *did* look like a witch, Mike had to admit, with her long black dress and boots, and black blouse. But she seemed perfectly normal, even friendly, and she was very pleased with Mike's work.

"Come inside, young man," she said. "I'll just get my purse and pay you. You've done a very good job."

It was gloomy in the house, but Mike was not going to let his imagination run away with him.

"There's a surprise for you on the table," Mrs. Roberts called from the next room. "Help yourself."

A minute or two later, she came back into the room. Her eyes lit up and she smiled when she saw what Mike was doing.

"I hope you like those," she said. "I made them myself. Choc-chip cookies are a favourite of mine."

Adapted from *Tales for a Dark Night*.

26. Annie Roberts _____

- (1) felt lonely
- (2) was a witch
- (3) was a widow
- (4) killed her husband

27. Ian thought that Mike was crazy because Mike _____

- (1) agreed to weed someone's garden
- (2) did not believe Old Annie was a witch
- (3) was going to Old Annie's house alone
- (4) insisted on earning some money to buy a new CD-ROM drive

28. Mike went inside Mrs. Roberts' house _____

- (1) for afternoon tea
- (2) to receive payment for his work
- (3) to show he was not afraid of her
- (4) because she had praised him for doing a good job

29. Mrs. Roberts' face brightened when she saw Mike _____

- (1) eating her cookies
- (2) entering her gloomy house
- (3) weeding her garden
- (4) accepting her ten dollars

30. From the passage, we can tell that Mike was _____

- (1) obedient and fearless
- (2) considerate and kind
- (3) hardworking and caring
- (4) responsible and level-headed

SECTION E: GRAMMAR CLOZE (10 x 1m = 10m)

There are ten blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONLY ONCE

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| (A) a | (D) by | (G) in | (K) that | (H) However |
| (B) about | (E) even | (I) so | (L) such | (P) and |
| (C) As | (F) from | (J) over | (M) ourselves | (Q) off |
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Most of us welcome a cool and refreshing breeze by the beach.

_____, at other times, the wind may be blowing _____ strongly
(31) (32)

that it results _____ gales, hurricanes and tornadoes. These very
(33)

strong and violent winds usually create widespread destruction to human
properties _____ as houses and crops. Trees can be uprooted and
(34)

_____ people can be literally blown _____ the ground and
(35) (36)
tossed _____!
(37)

To make weather predictions or forecasts, meteorologists keep
records of the weather _____ long periods to identify patterns in
(38)

the weather. These forecasts enable us to plan our activities and to take

precautionary steps to protect _____ and our properties
(39)

_____ the destructive effects of the weather.
(40)

SECTION F: EDITING FOR SPG (10 X 1m = 10m)

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.

It looks like a spider and would be shunned by most orchid lovers, because it is all roots.

But this evolutionary marvel, now likely 41) extint in Singapore, is being studied by scientists. 42) which say its presence is a litmus test of how healthy the forest is.

Called the Taeniophyllum obtusum, the orchid needs high levels of humidity to flourish, which is not possible when too many trees in the forest 43) dissapear.

The small 44) (.) light plant, which 45) had tiny yellow flowers, grows on the ends of tree branches. Scientists think that it could have evolved this way to avoid 46) compiting with other plants for space and light 47) (r) Forests here have become 48) least humid, allowing more light and wind through the trees, proving fatal for such delicate plants.

The same reasons that this 49) speces has vanished could also explain why Singapore has lost most of 50) it's native orchids.

SECTION G: TRANSFORMATION / SYNTHESIS OF SENTENCES
(5 x 2m = 10m)

For each of the items 51 to 55, rewrite the given sentences using the words provided in the answer booklet. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given ones.

51. Johany Weissmuller was chosen to play the part of Tarzan in many movies. He won three gold medals in swimming in the 1924 Olympics.
52. The boat hit the rock. Rita dropped the camera into the river.
53. Sharks can follow a scent when they hunt. They are called hounds of the sea.
54. "Do you know where my books are?" my sister asked me.
55. The large truck skidded on the road. It crashed into the tree.

SECTION H COMPREHENSION CLOZE (20 X1m = 20 m)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Greek word for wisdom is *Sophia*, and *philos* means a friend. So 'philosopher' means a friend of ___(56)___, and this is the best possible description of Socrates, who was ___(57)___ of the wisest teachers the world has ever known.

Socrates lived in the city of ___(58)___ about 2500 years ago. He was not born rich and indeed all his life he was ___(59)___, for he never asked his ___(60)___ to pay for what he taught them. He used to teach in market-places as teachers often did ___(61)___ Athens, for these were places where people ___(62)___ to hear news and talk about it, as well as to buy and ___(63)___ things. There, a little ___(64)___ or young men used to gather round Socrates to ___(65)___ what he had to say.

And what he had to say was always new and ___(66)___ hearing. Before his time, most philosophers had been ___(67)___ in magic or superstitions. Socrates, on the other ___(68)___, was interested in how people ___(69)___ to behave and think. He did not just ___(70)___ his pupils what he thought they should do - in fact, he was ___(71)___ of saying that he himself knew nothing. Instead, he would ask them endless ___(72)___ about what they thought and believed; then he would talk about their answers and make them ___(73)___ to him too. He would lead the conversation round in such a way that at the ___(74)___ of it, people would suddenly see for ___(75)___ what was really true and right. They would feel they had worked it out for themselves and would feel more sure of it than if Socrates had just told them what to think and do.

Adapted from *Guided English for Singapore*

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (5 X 2m = 10m)

Read the passage below and answer questions 76 to 80.

"I'm in for it now," muttered Kelly to herself as she saw her teacher glaring at her. The day had begun badly for Kelly and it seemed to go from bad to worse! She had been growled at in front of the whole class for being late and was not allowed to say why she was late. Then there was the maths test! Maths, Kelly decided, was just not her best subject. At recess, the children teased her for being on detention for being late. Then lunch time came and she had no lunch. To top it all off, she had to deliver newspapers after school in the dark.

Kelly moaned - sometimes it was so hard to stay happy. The last of her papers had been delivered. Pushing her bicycle up the hill towards her house, she was just too tired, cold and hungry to hum a happy tune. She still had her homework to do.

As she came in the door, Dad said, "Kelly, you had a visitor while you were out, a 'Mrs. Johnson'. She left this for you."

Kelly raised her head and stared at her father in surprise. "Who's Mrs. Johnson? I don't know any Johnsons."

"Well, this letter and parcel have your name on them, so she must know you," Dad said. "What does it say?"

Kelly opened the envelope and took out the letter. She read it in silence, her eyes widening in surprise and pleasure.

"It's a letter of thanks, Dad. I helped a little girl called Jamie this morning on the way to school. She had a bad fall. That's why I was late for school and then got a detention for that. This is a letter from her mother to say 'thanks'. It's a really nice letter."

"Wow!" exclaimed Dad as he finished reading the letter.

Kelly unwrapped the small parcel. Inside the wrapping was the handkerchief she had used to bandage Jamie's knee, all cleaned and ironed. Under her hanky was a little, old-looking, black velvet box. Carefully, Kelly opened the box. Inside laid a gold chain with a heart-shaped locket. Engraved on it was the inscription, "I am special".

Kelly stared at it with tears in her eyes. She lightly fingered the little golden locket. In future, she decided, "Whenever I feel 'ugly', I'll just touch this locket and remember its message...I am special."

Adapted from *Multiple Choice Comprehension*

76. Why was Kelly late for school that morning?
77. Why was Kelly hungry and tired when she got home that evening?
78. What was the surprise waiting for Kelly when she got home?
79. How do you think Kelly felt as she stared at the locket?
80. How did the heart-shaped locket help lift Kelly's spirit?

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| 1) 4 | 27) 3 | 58) Athens | 51) Johnny Weissmuller who won gold medal in swimming in the 1924 Olympics was chosen to play the part of Tarzan in many movies. |
| 2) 4 | 28) 2 | 59) poor | 52) Rita dropped the camera into the river when the boat hit the rock. |
| 3) 4 | 29) 1 | 60) pupils | 53) Sharks are called hounds of the sea because they can follow a scent when they hunt. |
| 4) 4 | 30) 4 | 61) in | 54) My sister asked me if I knew where her books were. |
| 5) 1 | 31) N | 62) gathered | 55) The large truck skidded on the road before it crashed into the trees. |
| 6) 3 | 32) H | 63) sell | 76) She was delay when she stopped to help a little girl who had fallen and hurt herself. |
| 7) 2 | 33) G | 64) group | 77) She had no lunch and had to deliver newspapers after school. |
| 8) 3 | 34) L | 65) hear | 78) It was a letter and a parcel from Jamie's mother. |
| 9) 3 | 35) E | 66) worth | 79) She was touched by Mrs Johnson's gift. |
| 10) 1 | 36) Q | 67) interested | 80) It helped to make Kelly feel that she was special. |
| 11) 1 | 37) B | 68) hand | |
| 12) 3 | 38) J | 69) ought | |
| 13) 3 | 39) M | 70) tell | |
| 14) 2 | 40) F | 71) food | |
| 15) 2 | 41) extinct | 72) questions | |
| 16) 2 | 42) who | 73) talk | |
| 17) 3 | 43) disappear | 74) end | |
| 18) 3 | 44) , | 75) themselves | |
| 19) 2 | 45) has | | |
| 20) 4 | 46) competing | | |
| 21) 2 | 47) . | | |
| 22) 3 | 48) less | | |
| 23) 1 | 49) species | | |
| 24) 3 | 50) its | | |
| 25) 2 | 56) wisdom | | |
| 26) 3 | 57) one | | |