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Primary 6

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Booklet A
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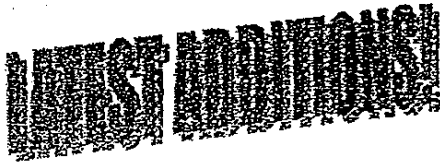
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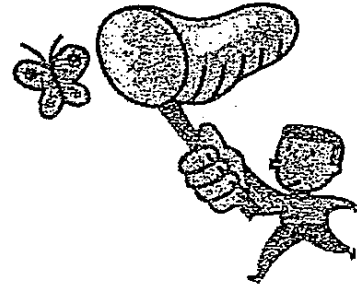
FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

Read the following brochure and answer questions 1 to 5.



QUESTACOM

The Science and Technology Centre



The GUIDE to hands-on Science and Technology

Gallery 1

AWESOME EARTH

Go for a ride in the simulator and experience what it is like during an earthquake. View volcanic eruptions, crashing continental plates, tornadoes, lightning and other natural phenomena. You will discover the impact of these phenomena on our planet and on the lives of people.



Gallery 2

SPORTS QUEST

Test your sporting prowess and discover the physics of sport. Balance like a gymnast, discover how much energy food a cyclist needs, test how fast you can pitch a ball or how high you can jump. Sport is a mixture of speed, balance, strength and co-ordination



Gallery 3

MINI QUEST

Exciting exhibitions that inspires children from aged 0 – 6 years to see, hear, feel and do amazing things. At Mini Quest, little ones are encouraged to explore, splash, perform, build, climb and role play in special areas.



Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1) marks

Study the brochure on page 2 and answer questions 1 to 5. For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The main purpose of the brochure on page 2 is to _____.

- 1) promote activities at Questcom
- 2) update people on the most recent activities.
- 3) provide information on science and technology
- 4) provide answers to issues on science and technology ()

2. _____ is featured in gallery 1.

- 1) Simulated rides
- 2) The planet earth
- 3) Natural disasters
- 4) The lives of people on earth ()

3. This icon has been included in the brochure to _____.

- 1) highlight the simulated rides
- 2) explain the different phenomena
- 3) provide a visual link to the information
- 4) illustrate the impact of the phenomena ()



4. The main idea in the "Sports Quest" column is that _____.

- 1) sport is a complicated activity
- 2) there is no such thing as sports talent
- 3) scientific knowledge has a role in the sports training
- 4) one can become good at sport if one knows the physics of sports ()

5. Mini Quest is included at Questcom most likely to _____.

- 1) expose children to Science at a very young age
- 2) ensure children have good knowledge in Science when they go to school
- 3) show that the activities at Questcom are safe, even for very young children
- 4) take care of the little ones so that adults and older children can concentrate on the activities ()

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1) marks

For each question from 6 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. Almost all the baggage we were carrying _____ light but the ^{countable} ones I was carrying _____ heavy.
- 1) were..... was
2) was..... were
3) is..... were
4) were..... were ()
7. The joy that comes after having overcome a difficult situation can only be understood by someone who _____ a similar experience.
- 1) has
2) had
3) has had
4) had had ()
8. "Take care! The right lens of your spectacles _____ out," Tom told his classmate.
- 1) drop
2) are dropping
3) is dropping
4) drops ()
9. Neither of the boys _____ turned up for the training. We have to wait for them.
- 1) had
2) has
3) have
4) having ()
10. Of all the colourful handkerchiefs _____ in the wind, Susan's was the prettiest.
- 1) is fluttering
2) are fluttering
3) fluttering
4) flutter ()
11. Each and every member of the volleyball teams _____ given a souvenir when they left the field.
- 1) is
2) was
3) are
4) were ()
12. The victims of the earthquake were given an assurance _____ help by the authorities.
- 1) for
2) with
3) of
4) in ()

Section C: Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1) marks

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

"Blake!(13) Oh, Blake, it's good to see you!"

"Lori. Guess I don't know how to put this. But you know, when you stood up to me, I thought maybe you've grown up a whole lot more than me. And I never bothered to notice."

Lori laughed happily. "Let's forget it, shall we?(14) Look – Carla and Brian are waiting for us on the boat."

"Carla," he echoed thoughtfully. "What was she saying just now about some tall, dark stranger?"

"Only something one of the Condi women said earlier on. The whole thing was a mistake,(15) anyway."

- 13) 1) [:] colon
2) [?] question mark
3) [.] full stop
4) [!] exclamation mark ()

- 14) 1) [?] question mark
2) [.] full stop
3) [;] semi-colon
4) [!] exclamation mark ()

- 15) 1) [-] em-dash
2) [:] ~~colon~~ full-stop
3) [,] comma
4) [;] semi-colon ()

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1) marks

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

16. We went through the stack of papers like _____, hoping to be able to locate an important document.
- 1) a fine-toothed comb
 - 2) a nosy parker
 - 3) the thin end of a wedge
 - 4) a cat on hot bricks
- ()
17. You have to take more care in future to prevent a _____ of this kind of mistake.
- 1) recurrence
 - 2) reproduction
 - 3) regeneration
 - 4) repetition
- ()
18. This river is _____ with fish. The villagers often come here with their fishing rods after work is done.
- 1) luxuriant
 - 2) exuberant
 - 3) teeming
 - 4) bountiful
- ()
19. "There is no _____ of his returning us the money. We will probably not see it again," John said indignantly to his brother.
- 1) interest
 - 2) likelihood
 - 3) signal
 - 4) mention
- ()
20. Father has high hopes in me but I may not be able to _____ his expectations.
- 1) abide by
 - 2) face up to
 - 3) live up to
 - 4) keep up with
- ()

Section E – Vocabulary Contextual (5 x 1) marks

For each question from 21 to 25, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

In the newspapers, we often read of (21)requests made by the Singapore Blood Transfusion Unit for blood donors. For several years, there are mobile units which visit various places to collect blood from groups of voluntary donors. Before donating blood, the donor's blood pressure has to be (22)checked by a doctor. The donor's finger is (23)jabbed by a sharp needle and a little blood is withdrawn to determine his blood group.

Giving blood is (24)not damaging to the body if the donor is healthy. More people should become blood donors so that there is a constant (25)availability of blood to carry on the work of healing and saving lives.

21. 1) articles
2) notices
3) appeals
4) announcements ()
22. 1) approved
2) tallied
3) monitored
4) reviewed ()
23. 1) pierced
2) poked
3) pressed
4) pricked ()
24. 1) harmless
2) painless
3) reckless
4) flawiess ()
25. 1) surplus
2) serving
3) source
4) supply ()

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1) marks

Read the given passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Last Thursday, an old boy came to our school to talk about the evils of smoking. He said he would be brief and we saw him take his wrist-watch off and lay it on the table. I could not remember what he said about smoking because Slater and I had other things to think about. He finished when the bell rang loudly for play-time and the headmaster told us to go out. Slater happened to stumble ...

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In the playground, Slater showed me the watch. He put it on his wrist, and it looked lovely. I was wishing that I had been the one to slip by the table because it was a beautiful watch, gold by the look of it. The headmaster came outside then, and the old boy was with him. They walked about, looking around and talking all the time. After a while, the bell rang, and we got into our lines, ready to go in.

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The headmaster said, "I've got a little job for you boys. This gentleman, our lecturer, has just lost his watch in the playground. It's happened before, he says, it just slips off his wrist. So look around for it, will you? See if you're clever enough to find it. I've no doubt the boy who does so will get a useful reward."

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Well, of course, Slater was not going to miss a chance like that. He was just about the luckiest devil in the school – rewards just dropped into his hands. We all walked about the playground, looking for the watch. And I was not a bit surprised when Slater bent down as if he was picking something up. Then he hurried past me towards the old ^{boy} ~~man~~.

"Where are you going?" I called out, though I knew very well where he was going.

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"Where do you think?" he called back.

The next minute there was Slater, all smiles, handing over the watch to the old boy and hanging about for the reward.

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But the lecturer did not seem at all pleased. In fact he looked quite ready to put a knife into Slater's heart – until the headmaster burst out laughing. Then they both laughed. Slater told me afterwards that the old boy had not even said 'Thank you' for the watch.

The thing that puzzled me most of all was that Slater did not get any reward. When he reminded the headmaster about it, the headmaster said, "Ah, yes, we must not forget that. I said a 'useful reward', didn't I?"

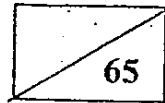
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He gave Slater a big sheet of paper and told him to write a composition on the evils of smoking. Slater said he had not got a clue what to write.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. "Slater happened to stumble..." (line 5) because _____
- 1) the loud bell frightened him
 - 2) he had planned to do something naughty
 - 3) he was rushing to the playground
 - 4) he was afraid of the headmaster
- ()
27. When the writer saw his friend with the watch, he _____
- 1) was excited
 - 2) felt that he was in luck
 - 3) felt happy for him
 - 4) was envious of him
- ()
28. Slater decided to return the watch because he _____
- 1) realised that it belonged to the old boy.
 - 2) wanted to get the reward
 - 3) was afraid of being punished
 - 4) was afraid his friend would tell on him
- ()
29. The old boy did not thank Slater because he was _____
- 1) too anxious looking for the watch
 - 2) very angry with him
 - 3) too surprised to get his watch back
 - 4) busy sharing a joke with the headmaster
- ()
30. Which statement is true?
- 1) The headmaster was pleased that Slater returned the watch.
 - 2) Slater's reward came late.
 - 3) The old boy lost his watch in the playground.
 - 4) The watch was missing from the table.
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Booklet B

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1) marks

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

A) into	D) through	G) a	K) its	N) in
B) it's	E) over	H) across	L) on	P) also
C) the	F) and	J) just	M) yet	Q) only

One morning, I spent nearly an hour watching an ant. It was carrying a huge feather
31) _____ the backyard. Several times it was confronted by obstacles
32) _____ its path and after a momentary pause it would make 33) _____
necessary detour.

At one point, the ant had to negotiate a crack in the ground about 10mm wide. It
hesitated, then laid the feather 34) _____ the crack, walked across it and picked
up the feather on the other side then continued on 35) _____ way. I was fascinated
by the ingenuity of this ant. Here was a jiny insect lacking in size. 36) _____
equipped with a brain to reason, explore, discover and overcome. However this ant, like
us, 37) _____ faces failures.

The ant finally reached its destination. How could that large feather possibly fit
38) _____ a small hole? Of course it could not. So the ant, after going through all
the trouble along the way, 39) _____ abandoned the feather and went home.

The ant had not thought the problem 40) _____ before picking up the
feather and in the end the feather was nothing more than a burden.

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Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1) marks

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

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It was a beautiful evening. As I sat and gazed into the distant, I was more

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interested in writing about my thoughts than plan my history essay. I prifered the idea

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of describing what I saw, sitting at my desk near the window. If only I were give a choice.

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As the day drew into a close, the sky became brilliance coloured. I knew the

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sunset had a short live, so I tried to write fast. I found it hard to think of just the right words

so I did not get very far before the colours began to fade.

I rose from my chair, feeling rather guilty, as I realised I should be well into my

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history essay. I creep to the window, as if a noise may disturb the splendid seen outside.

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Suddenly the sky turned grey, then black. Night fell on Singapore. Darkness rained.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1) marks
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The passengers on the bus watched on sympathetically. The attractive young woman with the white cane 51) _____ her way carefully up the steps. She x paid the driver and, using her hands to feel around, walked 52) _____ the aisle and found the seat he had told her was empty. Then she settled 53) _____, placed her briefcase on her lap and rested her cane 54) _____ her leg.

It had been a year 55) _____ Safiya, thirty-four, became blind. 56) _____ to a medical misdiagnosis she had 57) _____ blind, and was suddenly thrown into a world of darkness, anger, frustration and self-pity. 58) _____ a fiercely independent woman, Safiya (now) felt condemned by this terrible 59) _____ of fate to become a powerless, helpless burden on everyone around her.

"How could this have happened to me?" she would plead, her heart knotted with anger. But no matter how 60) _____ she cried or ranted, she knew the painful truth – her sight was never going to 61) _____. A cloud of depression hung over Safiya's once optimistic spirit. Getting through 62) _____ day was extremely trying and all she had to cling to for support was her husband, Meraj.

Meraj was an Air Force officer and he loved Safiya with all of his heart. When she first 63) _____ her sight, he watched her sink into despair and was determined to help his wife gain the strength and confidence she needed to become independent 64) _____. Meraj's military background had trained him well to deal with sensitive situations, yet this was the 65) _____ difficult battle he had ever faced.

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2) marks

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. My teacher asked if I needed help. She saw that I was frustrated when I could not solve the problem.

Seeing my _____

67. You must be fit for the triathlon. You must exercise regularly.

_____ or

68. "Do you think you deserve a second chance inis time?" the discipline master asked the two boys.

The discipline master asked the two boys _____

69. The police are trying to locate a teenager. Mother has seen him near the toilet.

_____ whom

70. Every trekker found his way back to the campsite.

Not one of _____

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2) marks

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

The New Year was coming and Ah Bah looked forward to it with excitement that he could hardly conceal. Ah Bah's thin fingers closed round the red packets of money given by the New Year visitors with such energy that his mother would scold him and shake her head, as she remarked apologetically to the visitors, "My Ah Bah, he feels no shame whatever!"

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His forefinger and thumb (feeling) expertly through the red paper, Ah Bah could tell immediately how much was in the red packet; his heart would sink a little if the fingers felt the hard edges of coins, for that would be forty cents or eighty cents at most. But if nothing was felt, then joy of joys! Here was at least a dollar inside.

This year Ah Bah had eight dollar notes. He could hardly believe it when he took stock of his wealth on the last day of the festive season. Eight new notes, crisp, still smelling new and showing no creases except where they had been folded to go into the red packets. Eight dollars and a small pile of coins beside.

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And then it was all anxiety and fear, for he realised that his father knew about his ang pow money; indeed his father had referred to it once or twice, and Ah Bah was certain, his father would be searching the bedding, cupboard and other places in the house for it.

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Ah Bah's heart beat with the violence of angry defiance at the thought. The total amount in his cigarette tin was now seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents and Ah Bah was determined to protect his money at all cost. Nobody was going to take his money from him. Frantically, Ah Bah went to the cupboard, took out the bundle of money from the cigarette tin and stuffed it into his trouser pocket. It made a conspicuous bulge. Ah Bah did not know what to do, and his little mind worked reversibly to find a way out of this difficult situation.

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He was wandering about in the village the next day as usual, and when he returned home, he was crying bitterly. His pocket was empty. When his mother came to him and asked him what the matter was, he bawled. He told her, between sobs, that a rough-looking man had pushed him to the ground and taken away his money. His father who was in the bedroom rushed out, and made Ah Bah tell again what had happened. When Ah Bah had finished, sniffing miserably, his father hit him on the head, snarling, "You idiot! Why were you so anxious to show off your ang pow money? Now you've lost it all!" And when he was told that the sum was seventeen dollars and twenty-five cents, his vexation was extreme, so that he would not be contented till he

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had hit the boy again.

Ah Bah's mother cleaned the bruise on the side of his face where he had been . 35
pushed to the ground, and led him away from his father.

"You are a silly boy," she scolded. "Why did you carry so much money around with
you? Someone was sure to rob you!" And feeling sorry for him, she felt about in her
blouse pocket and found she could spare fifty cents, so she gave it to him saying,
"Next time, don't be so silly, son." 40

He took the coin from her and he was deeply moved. And then, upon impulse, he
took her by the hand and led her outside their house to the old hen-house, near the
well, under the trees and he whispered to her, his heart almost bursting with
excitement of a *secret* successfully kept, "It's there! In the cigarette tin, behind that
piece of wood!" To prove it, he squeezed into the hen-house and soon emerged, 45
reeking of hen-house odours, *triumphantly* clutching the tin. He took off the lid and
showed her the money inside.

For each question from 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.
All answers must be in COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why was Ah Bah excited about the New Year?

72. Why did Ah Bah's mother apologise when he felt the red packets with his fingers?
(lines 4 & 5)

73. What was he trying to do when he "felt through the red paper"?

74. Which sentence tells you that Ah Bah was pleasantly surprised by the unusually
large amount of red packet money collected?

75. What does the word "they" in line 12 refer to?

76. What did "the thought" in line 18 refer to?

77. Why did Ah Bah's trouser pocket bulge (line 24)?

78. How did Ah Bah's mother make up for it when she thought Ah Bah had been robbed?

79. What was the "secret" (line 44)?

80. Why did Ah Bah feel "triumphant" (line 46)?

End-of-Paper

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Answer Sheets

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3	4	4	1	4	2	4	2	2	4
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
across	in	the	over	its	yet	also	into	just	through

41	distance	46	brilliantly	51	made	56	owing	61	return
42	planning	47	life	52	down	57	become	62	every
43	preferred	48	crept	53	in	58	once	63	lost
44	given	49	scene	54	against	59	twist	64	again
45	to	50	reigned	55	since	60	hard	65	most

66. Seeing my frustration when I could not solve the problem, my teacher asked me if I needed help.
67. You must exercise regularly or you will not be fit for the triathlon.
68. The discipline master asked the two boys if they thought they deserved a second chance that time.
69. The police are trying to locate the teenager whom Mother had seen near the toilet.
70. Not one of the trekkers lost his way back to the campsite.
71. The New Year visitors would give him red packets of money.
72. She was ashamed of his actions as he was being greedy.
73. He was trying to find out how much there was in the red packet.
74. it is "he could hardly believe it when he took stock of his wealth on the last day of the festive season".
75. It refers to the eight new notes which Ah Bah had received.

76. It referred to Ah Bah father searching for his money.
77. He had stuffed all his money in his pocket.
78. She gives Ah Bah fifty cents.
79. It referred to the fact that Ah Bah did not lost his money but he had hidden it.
80. He had managed to trick his father and stop his father from taking his ang pow money.