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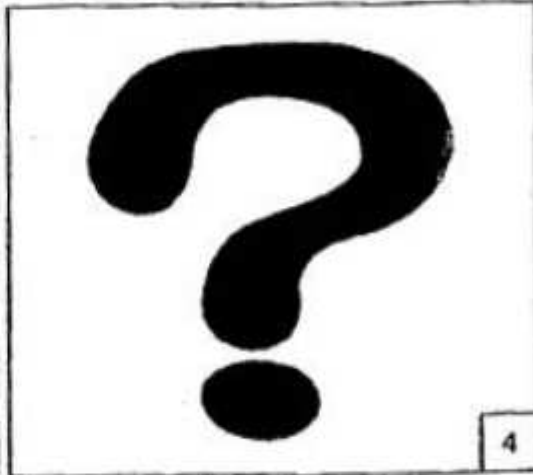
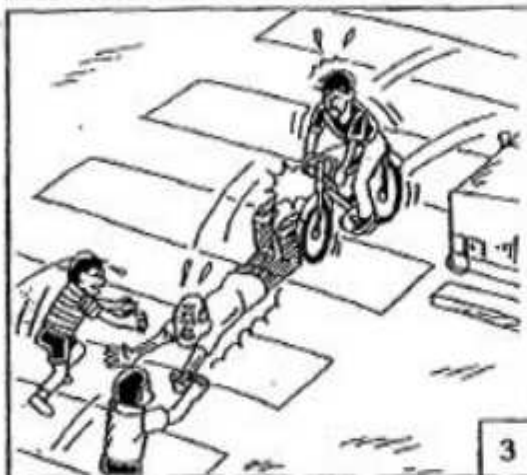
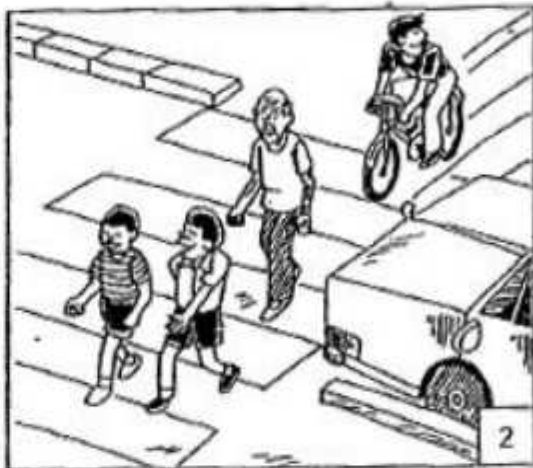
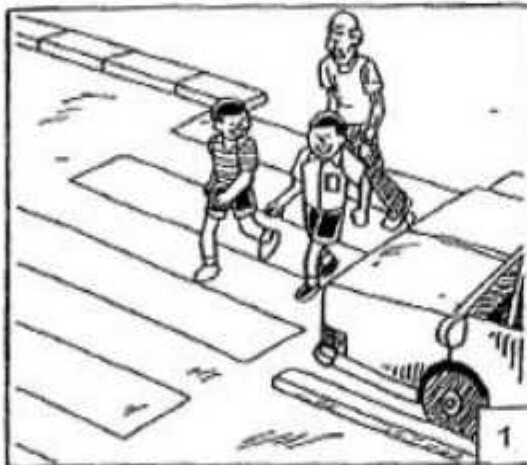
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CONTINUOUS WRITING

Answer one of the questions below.

Question 1

Look carefully at the pictures below. Write a story of at least 120 words based on the pictures. You may use the words in the box to help you.



Helping Words:

pedestrian crossing
rules offence

busy road
knocked down

elderly man
in pain

cyclist
assist-

traffic
apologised

Question 2

Last weekend, you and your family were at the beach having a picnic. While you were playing happily with your siblings, you suddenly heard someone calling for help.

Write a composition of at least 120 words based on the above situation. Give the story your own ending.

Make use of the following points in your composition. You may re-order the points. You may also include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

- ✓ anxious
- ✓ looked around frantically
- ✓ fearful
- ✓ crying for attention
- ✓ reunited
- ✓ bravery
- ✓ ?

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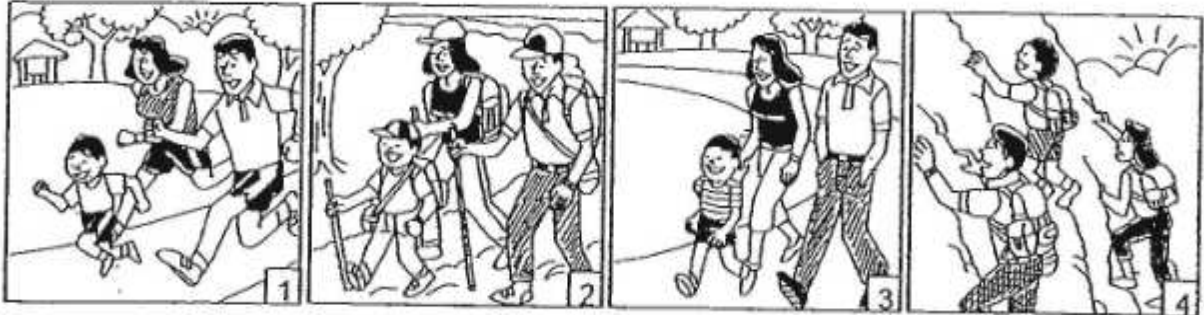
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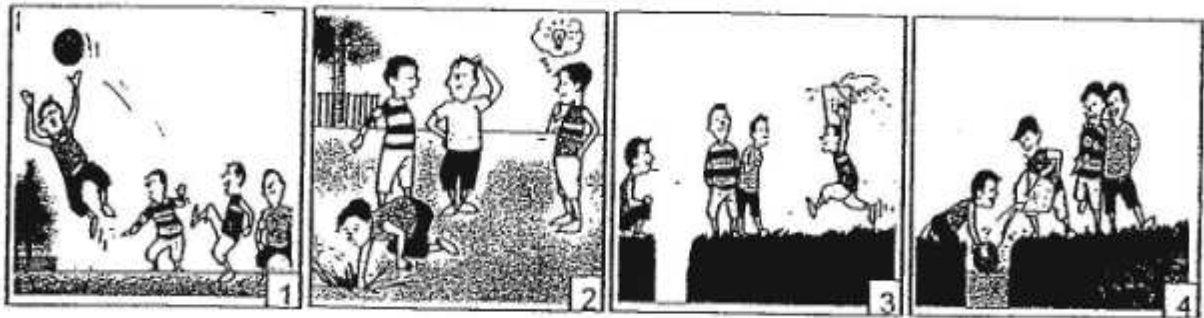
Section A – Picture Matching (4 x 1 mark)

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that describes what has been read. Then choose the correct answer, (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet

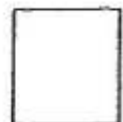
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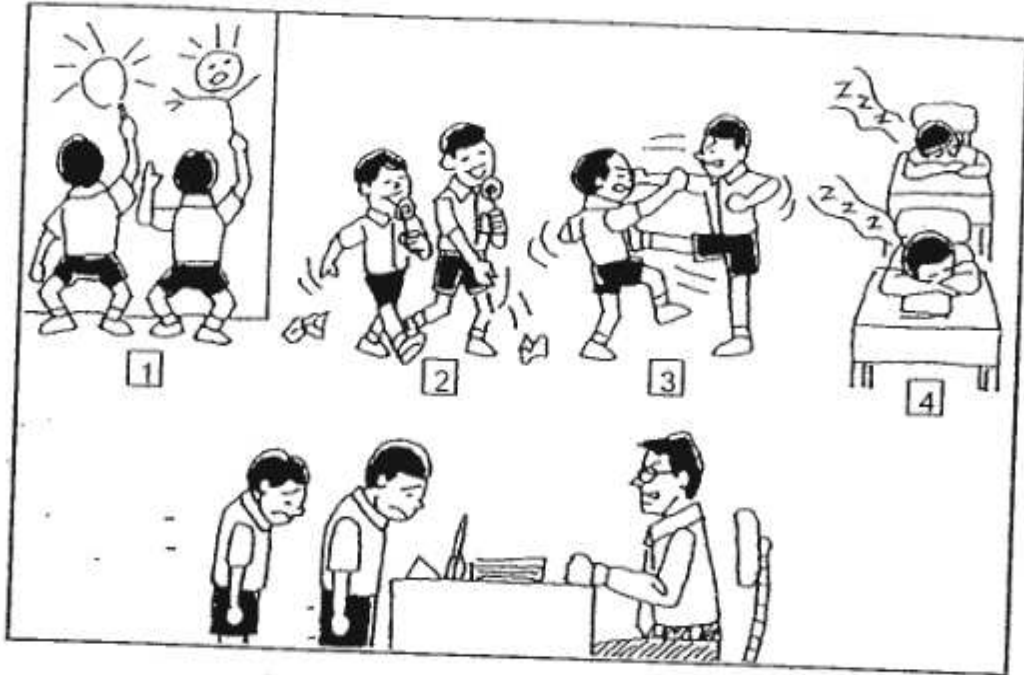
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Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

5. The competitors ran as fast as they could to be the first person to _____ the finish line.
- (1) step (2) cross ()
(3) move (4) run
6. Whenever I have a problem, I always ask my mother for _____.
- (1) permission (2) plans ()
(3) instructions (4) advice
7. The _____ was knocked down by a car while crossing the road.
- (1) cyclist (2) pedestrian ()
(3) driver (4) motorist
8. Mike _____ to his mother as he did not want to wake the baby up.
- (1) whispered (2) roared ()
(3) yelled (4) spoke
9. The nanny goat is licking the newborn _____.
- (1) calf (2) cub ()
(3) kid (4) kitten
10. The merchant ship was attacked by pirates during their _____ at sea.
- (1) ride (2) voyage ()
(3) tour (4) travel
11. When Lina saw the fierce dog coming towards her, she was so _____ that she ran away.
- (1) frustrated (2) terrified ()
(3) disappointed (4) discouraged



Section C – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

12. John and his brother bought some paint and painted the house _____.
- (1) myself (2) himself ()
(3) ourselves (4) themselves
13. Yesterday, Mr Teo _____ so hungry that he ate three bowls of noodles.
- (1) is (2) are ()
(3) was (4) were
14. Jane and Pat _____ on the phone for two hours last night.
- (1) speak (2) spoke ()
(3) speaking (4) spoken
15. "Please do not open the windows. It _____ now," said Miss Lee.
- (1) rains (2) rained ()
(3) has rained (4) is raining
16. Last night, my sister _____ when my father returned home.
- (1) slept (2) is sleeping ()
(3) was sleeping (4) were sleeping
17. _____ girl standing here is the top pupil in the class.
- (1) These (2) That ()
(3) Those (4) This
18. This book costs only _____ dollars compared to that expensive toy.
- (1) a few (2) many ()
(3) a little (4) much
19. Bob was not given _____ time to revise his work before the test.
- (1) little (2) few ()
(3) much (4) many



Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word in the box and write its letter (A to F) in the blank.

(A) her	(B) him	(C) it
(D) she	(E) us	(F) we

My father gave us a surprise last week by presenting us with a dog. My brother and I were thrilled as _____ had always wanted a pet. We named _____

Spotty because of the black spots on its body. Spotty loves _____ and it wags its

tail whenever we call its name. My mother also adores Spotty. _____ makes it a

point to take it out for a walk every evening. We are all very happy to have Spotty as a pet.



Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word in the box and write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

(A) nest	(B) brood	(C) saw	(D) thought	(E) fly
(F) breed	(G) peacefully	(H) flapped	(J) group	(K) gracefully

A man found an eagle's egg and put it in a nest of a barnyard hen. The eaglet hatched with a _____ of chicks and grew up with them.
(24)

All his life the eagle _____ of himself as a chicken. He scratched the earth for worms and insects. He clucked and cackled. He would also thrash his wings and _____ a few feet into the air.
(25)
(26)

Years passed and the eagle grew very old. One day, he saw a magnificent bird above him in the sky. It glided _____ in the strong winds with scarcely a beat of its powerful golden wings.
(27)

The eagle looked at it in awe but he never found out that he actually belonged to that _____ of bird. So, the eagle lived and died a chicken, for that was what he thought he was.
(28)

Adapted from *Reading Plus* October 2006



Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

When news of the Japanese soldiers' surrender was announced, many people found themselves in tears. It was as shocking as the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan. Following that, crackers were fired while pedestrians and passengers in buses sang songs.

After the excitement had died down, everyone began their new life. Mrs Yeh and her sons decided to return to the city to find work. With the help of some relatives, they found a room which they moved into quickly.

Life gradually went back to normal. Mrs Yeh wanted to remit the five hundred Straits dollars left by the late Mr Yeh to his parents in China. She kept only the two hundred odd dollars for herself. She thought the sum would be sufficient to help them through this difficult period. If there was any left, she could buy a tablet for Mr Yeh's tomb.

The end of the war did not mean the end of their misery. Bing Yan, Mrs Yeh's elder son, fell ill with tuberculosis. Mrs Yeh cared for him tenderly. Despite the devotion and love Mrs Yeh showered upon him, he grew worse and passed away eventually.

Adapted from *The Two Friends* by Lee Ju Lin

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

29. Some people were in tears as they were _____
- (1) worried about their new life ()
 - (2) sad that atomic bombs were dropped in Japan
 - (3) sorry that the Japanese soldiers had surrendered
 - (4) happy that the Japanese soldiers had surrendered
30. The word 'they' in paragraph 2 refers to the _____
- (1) Yeh family ()
 - (2) Japanese soldiers
 - (3) Yeh family's relatives
 - (4) passengers in the bus
31. What did Mrs Yeh do with the five hundred Straits dollars?
- (1) She wanted to keep the money for herself. ()
 - (2) She wanted to buy a tablet for Mr Yeh's tomb.
 - (3) She wanted to use the money to pay for her rent.
 - (4) She wanted to remit the money to Mr Yeh's parents.
32. What happened to Bing Yan at the end of the passage?
- (1) He died. ()
 - (2) He became seriously ill.
 - (3) He recovered from his illness.
 - (4) He was hospitalized for treatment.
33. Which one of the following statements is not true?
- (1) Mr Yeh's parents lived in China. ()
 - (2) Bing Yan was Mrs Yeh's younger son.
 - (3) The Yeh family went back to the city after the war.
 - (4) There were three members in the Yeh family after the war.



Section G – Synthesis and Dictation (5 X 2 marks)

For each of the questions from 49 to 54, combine the sentence to make **one** sentence using the word given. The meaning of the sentences must be the same as the sentences given.

34. James likes to read. He also likes to draw.

_____ and _____

35. The teacher scolded Ah Seng. He was late for school.

_____ because _____

36. The old man is rich. He is not happy.

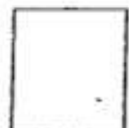
_____ but _____

37. Miss Koh enjoys eating ice cream. Miss Lim enjoys eating ice cream, too.

Both _____

38. Judy is the cleverest pupil in class. Her brother is a doctor.

_____ whose _____



Section H – Comprehension (5 x 2 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

It was evening. Henry went up the attic to look at the chest. The chest was empty except that it was lined with silk of old-rose and smelt of pot-pouri. The softened laughter in the nursery could be heard in the background. Out of the window, the sky was darkening. All these things reminded him of his late mother who used to read to him at dusk. He climbed into the chest and the lid gently closed over him.

The next day, Ann told her grandmother that Henry was not anywhere to be found.

"Then, he would be gone away for a long time," said the old lady. "Remember, do not meddle with the chest."

Ann could not forget Henry. She found no pleasure in playing without him. She carried her doll in her arms, loitered in the house, wondering where he could be. She went up the attic and chanced upon the chest. She peeped into the chest. It was so sweet-scented that she could not resist taking her doll with her and did what Henry had done.

Adapted from The Riddle by Walter de La Mare

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

39. Where was the chest found?

40. What are the two things that reminded Henry of his mother?

41. Who warned Ann not to meddle with the chest?

42. Which sentence in the last paragraph tells you that Ann had enjoyed playing with Henry?

43. What happened to Ann in the end?



Section I (6 marks)

Part 2 - Note-taking & Dictation

Q44 to Q49 is a note-taking test.

Q50 is a dictation test.

Each blank from Q44 to Q49 must be filled with one word or a short phrase.
As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

"How to Take Care of Your Pet" Workshop

Q44. Target group	:	_____
Q45. Dates of workshop	:	_____
Q46. You will learn about animal _____ at the Singapore Zoological Gardens.		
Q47. Cost of workshop before 22nd May : \$		_____
Q48. Maximum number of participants :		_____
Q49. Price inclusive of : _____ , guided tours, lunch and entrance fees.		



Dictation

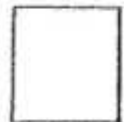
Q50. Take down the passage in full as you listen to it being read out.

Q50.

Gorillas have very long arms and short, bulky bodies.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 20 horizontal lines.

—End of Paper—





ANSWER SHEET

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	2	4	1	2	4	2	1	3	2	2	4	3	2	4	3	4

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
1	3	F	C	E	D	B	D	E	K	F	4	1	4	1	2

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36) The old man is rich but he is not happy.

37) Both Miss Koh and Miss Lim enjoys eating ice cream.

38) Judy whose brother is a doctor is the cleverest pupil in class.

39) The chest was found in the attic.

40) The darkening of the sky and the laughter in the nursery reminded Henry of his mother.

41) Ann's grandmother warned her not to meddle with the chest.

42) The sentence is 'She found no pleasure in playing without him.'

43) Ann disappeared / vanished / died.