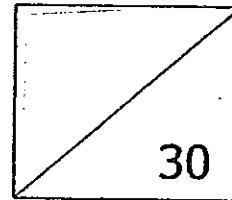




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Primary 6

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Booklet A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and shade all the answers in the OAS provided.**

* This booklet consists of 9 pages altogether (including this cover page).

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Study the advertisement and answer Questions 1 to 5.

Special tour of
our modern
kitchen on 30
Sept. First-
come-first-
served basis.

Grand Opening

September 2008

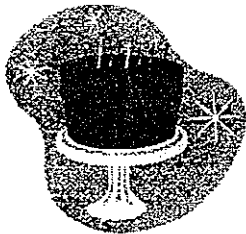
10% discount
for first 50
customers

EAT HEALTHY: ANGEL THE CHOICE

As subsidiary of Happy Family Restaurants
105 Raffles Boulevard Singapore 567891

Fabulous Offers

- ① Free delivery for those who spend above \$150 in one single receipt
- ② Free fruit juice for every customer (limited to one per person)



3-Tier Extravaganza



Wedding Bliss



Toddlers' Three

We are here to serve you better. ANGEL THE CHOICE reaches your home on the day it is baked. We use the finest fresh ingredients and LOW FAT CREAM. We are the Healthier Choice.

1st - 7th September
6pm to 7pm
cheese cake
demonstration

8th - 16th September
Take part in our
durian-puff eating
contest at 11am and
win instant prizes

Other Outlets:

- 25 Jurong East Avenue 2
- B1-123, Hougang Mall
- Block 123, #01-12, Tampines Street 91

For each question from question 1 to 5, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. The Raffles Boulevard outlet is the _____ of the Happy Family restaurants.
- (1) newest
 - (2) grandest
 - (3) healthiest
 - (4) most popular
2. Every customer who visits the Raffles Boulevard outlet will get _____.
- (1) a free drink
 - (2) 10% discount
 - (3) free cake delivery
 - (4) a free tour of the kitchen
3. People who are weight conscious need not worry because the cake _____.
- (1) has a lot of butter cream
 - (2) has many fresh ingredients
 - (3) is delivered on the day itself
 - (4) is made with low fat cream
4. According to the advertisement, which of the following statements is not true?
- (1) There will be a tour of the kitchen in the last week of September
 - (2) The cake baking demonstration is held in the 1st week of September
 - (3) You can win instant prizes in the durian-puff eating contest at dinner time.
 - (4) There is free delivery of cakes for those who spend above \$150 in a single receiptx
5. The main aim of the advertisement is to _____.
- (1) publicise a cake shop outlet
 - (2) give a preview of the modern kitchen
 - (3) demonstrate how to make a cheese cake
 - (4) encourage people to choose healthier choice cakes

12. The plane to London _____ off by the time we reached the departure hall.

- (1) took
- (2) is taking
- (3) has taken
- (4) had taken

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. (3 marks)

Miss Ang walked into the classroom and announced (13) The school is organising a leadership camp to Pulau Ubin next week but only a few students will be selected." All of us could not contain our excitement and wondered curiously who the lucky ones would be (14) We looked at Miss Ang, expecting her to continue. Thoughts were already forming in my head as I mentally eliminated those who could not go (15) probably the bossy pair of prefects, Joel and Joshua, Ai Ting the "crybaby" and Ming Lee, otherwise known as the "monkey".

13. (1) [:] colon and inverted commas
(2) [,] comma and inverted commas
(3) [.] full stop and inverted commas
(4) [!] exclamation marks and inverted commas
14. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark
15. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [-] hyphen

For each question from question 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. The suspect was _____ as there was insufficient evidence to link him to the crime.
- (1) liberated
 - (2) acquitted
 - (3) convicted
 - (4) vindicated
17. All the contestants were surprised that Si Min won a prize for her handiwork although it was only a _____ design.
- (1) modest
 - (2) shoddy
 - (3) creative
 - (4) modern
18. Due to his hypertension, my grandfather has to _____ from salty and fatty food.
- (1) fast
 - (2) keep
 - (3) abstain
 - (4) withhold
19. The recent movie "Indiana Jones and the Crystal Skull" impresses _____ all round the world and many fans hope that there will be a sequel to it.
- (1) crowds
 - (2) multitudes
 - (3) spectators
 - (4) audiences
20. The siblings _____ with each other because they were fighting for the inheritance.
- (1) fell in
 - (2) fell off
 - (3) fell out
 - (4) fell through

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the correct word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical answer sheet. (5 marks)

Mary kept her eye on the path. Almost half an hour had passed since she had taken up her hiding place behind the fallen tree. The hoot of an owl shattered the silence. She stifled her startled reaction, determined not to give herself away.

(21)

Gradually, she became aware of a crunching sound on the pathway, coming nearer and nearer. She slowly raised her head. Against the half light of the western sky, she could

(22)

make out two shadowy figures, walking steadily towards her. One seemed much taller than the other.

(23)

Concealing herself behind the protective trunk, she waited. Just as they reached Mary's hiding place, the pair stopped. Mary ~~hardly~~ dared to breathe. She was sure that her heart was thumping loud enough to attract their attention.

(24)

A male voice said in a harsh voice, "It's this way." Mary tried hard not to sigh aloud as she heard the couple continue on their journey.

(25)

Mary raised her head to watch them disappear into the shadows.

21. (1) stopped
(2) silenced
(3) smothered
(4) suppressed

22. (1) lifted
(2) hoisted
(3) levitated
(4) heaved

23. (1) treading
(2) ambling
(3) strutting
(4) lumbering

24. (1) hiding
(2) burying
(3) veiling
(4) covering

25. (1) gruff
(2) sharp
(3) severe
(4) sombre

I was in the Sahara Desert, travelling with a group of people I neither knew nor liked especially well. We were on our way to a wedding, travelling by jeep during the day and sleeping under the stars at night. It was strenuous travel. The daytime heat was stifling and the drives were long, with nothing to do but stare morosely at the passing desert.

I would wait for the nights with their cool air and each evening, after my companions had finished their dinner and gone to sleep, I would go for a walk. One night, I left the camp at about nine, foolishly dressed in a thin cotton shirt and light trousers only. The moon was radiant and the desert seemed beckoning. I was overjoyed to be alone and moving.

After an hour of euphoric rambling, I was in high spirits and finally turned back towards camp. It was not until that moment that it dawned on me how far I had gone and that I had no idea where I was. I looked for footprints, but beneath my feet was hard-baked earth. With horror I realised there were no landmarks and I had left no trail.

Resisting panic, I looked to the sky and tried to look out for some form of celestial navigation. However, I was clueless. As I stumbled onward, I recalled how a desert guide had once told me, "The most important rule of the desert is that one must learn to watch, be sure, and always remember where you have come from."

I had broken the most important rule of the desert. I had fancied myself an adventurer, and now I was lost with no water, no food and no warmth. The cold had descended and I shivered. As I stumbled in the dark, I knew my fellow travellers would be sleeping and there would be no light coming from our tents. I could come within ten metres of them without knowing it.

I had been searching for an hour when I saw a fire glowing in the distance. After the initial rush of relief, I froze, realising my predicament. Here I was, alone at night, lost and desperate in the desert. I had no idea what dangers could lie ahead of me. However, having little choice, I plucked up my courage and walked towards the glow. As I came closer, I recognised the figure of a Wodaabe tribesman.

I was relieved as I knew that the Wodaabe who were nomads of the Sahara were magnificently gracious people. They were known to be proud of their heritage and were hospitable. I spoke to him in English and French – knowing that many Wodaabe spoke the colonial language of West Africa. However, it was useless as he did not understand me. Despite my fluster, he stared at me and invited me to sit on the ground and have some sweet tea that he had been making over the fire. I accepted the invitation and sat down with a stranger whom I shared no more than two words.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. The writer felt that the travel was strenuous because _____.

- (1) the weather was extremely hot and the journey was long
- (2) he was travelling in a jeep and did not like his companions
- (3) the journey was long and they did not get a good night's rest
- (4) he was going to attend a wedding and had to sleep under the stars

27. After walking on his own for an hour, the writer _____.

- (1) noticed the radiant moon
- (2) was euphoric to be moving about
- (3) realised he had strayed from the campsite
- (4) found he was too thinly dressed for the cold nights

28. The phrase "celestial navigation" in line 13 refers to _____.

- (1) looking out for a trail
- (2) following the footprints
- (3) using the stars for direction
- (4) studying the heavenly bodies

29. In line 23, the phrase "realising my predicament" tells us that the writer was _____.

- (1) worrying about feeling cold
- (2) having a difficult time making up his mind
- (3) thinking of the danger of being alone in the desert
- (4) feeling unsure of approaching (the tribesman) for help

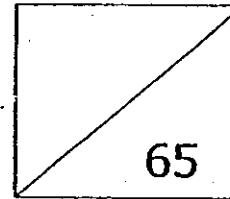
30. The writer was relieved to see the Woodaabe tribesman because people in their tribe were _____.

- (1) proud of their heritage
- (2) gracious and amiable
- (3) making sweet tea over a fire
- (4) able to communicate in their colonial language



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Booklet B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

* This booklet consists of 8 pages (including this cover page).

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There are 10 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 to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

- | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| (A) into | (B) a | (G) away | (K) the | (N) in |
| (B) from | (E) after | (H) but | (L) when | (P) over |
| (C) out | (F) across | (J) with | (M) up | (Q) to |

A small crowd that had gathered near the entrance to the park aroused Jeff's curiosity. He crossed the street _____ see what was happening. He found that the centre of attraction was an old man with a performing monkey. He found the monkey's tricks ordinary and so, _____ throwing a few coins into the man's hat, Jeff moved _____.

At this point, the man suddenly let out a loud cry. Everyone turned to see what had happened. The man was bending _____ his monkey, which now was lying stretched out on the sidewalk. He picked up the lifeless body and, holding it close to him, began to cry. A young man stepped forward _____ the crowd and dropped several dollars into the hat. Jeff and several other people followed the young man's example, and soon the hat was filled _____ money.

A few months later, Jeff came _____ the old man again. Jeff was pleased to see that the old man was still able to earn a living.

Suddenly, the old man let out a loud cry. Like before, _____ monkey was suddenly lying motionless on the sidewalk. The man picked up the 'dead' monkey and began to cry. The same young man stepped forward and threw some money _____ the hat.

Again, the crowd responded _____ not Jeff. Smiling to himself, he went his way, amazed at the man's ingenuity.

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Have you ever wondered what kind of food astronauts eat in space? John Glenn,

(41)

America's first man to eat anything in the near-weightless **anviroment** of Earth orbit, found

the task of eating fairly easy, but the menu was limited. Other astronauts had to endure bite-

(42)

sized cubes, freeze-dried powders, and semi-liquids stuffed in **alluminem** tubes. Most

(43)

agreed the food was not **skrumptuous** and disliked squeezing the tubes.

(44)

The astronauts **kompelain** and on the later missions, eating improved somewhat.

The first things to go were the squeeze tubes. Bite-sized cubes were coated with gelatin to

(45)

(46)

reducing **crumblng**, and the freeze-dried foods were encased with a special plastic container.

(47)

With improved **pakedging** came improved food quality and menus. Astronauts then had

many food choices such as shrimp cocktail, chicken and vegetables, butterscotdh pudding

(48)

and apple sauce, and were able to select meal combinations himself.

(49)

By the time of the Apollo programme, the quality and vary of food increased even

further. Apollo astronauts were the first to have hot water, which improved the food's taste.

(50)

Those astronauts were also the first to use the "spoon bowl," a plastic container that could

be opened and its content eaten with a spoon.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Tropical rainforests – also known as jungles – can be found in Central and South America, Africa, and Southeast Asia. They are called rainforests because of the large (51) _____ of rain that falls year round. Also, (52) _____ to the fact that the climate is warm and moist, the rainforest is a kind of 'hothouse' where plants can grow all year long. Rainforests are dense and thick (53) _____ vegetation, supporting more than half of all known types of plants in the world.

Rainforests are dark and mysterious places that have not been fully explored. They take up (54) _____ than eight percent of the earth, but more than half of all plant and animal species live there. The thick growth makes it difficult to get very far (55) _____ the jungle. Most exploration must be done on (56) _____ with the explorers trekking through the jungle or, in some areas, even by boat. It is believed that there are many plants and animals in these areas that have not been (57) _____.

Rainforests also support over half of the known animal species of the world. Recently, a scientist (58) _____ a research in the rainforests of Panama and Peru. He has estimated that there may be over 30 million species of insects alone in the rainforests! Reptiles, amphibians, and tree dwelling animals which can also be found there (59) _____ in the thousands.

Tropical rainforests are a rich source of food, medicine, and other useful products. Scientists believe that the (60) _____ for cancer may be found in the plants that grow in the jungle. Many of the plants from the rainforest (61) _____ us with products that are part of our daily lives.

The rainforests are important to the world in many ways. Some of the undiscovered plants and animals may hold the answer to the problems of hunger and diseases that the world now (62) _____. It is impossible to know for certain until the rainforests have been fully explored. One thing that we do know at this time is that rainforests play an important (63) _____ in the world ecology. However, about 30,000 square miles of rainforests are being burned or cut (64) _____ each year. The land is then used for ranching, farming or industry. It is estimated that a thousand species of plants and animals are eradicated, or (65) _____ extinct, each year due to the loss of rainforests. Five out of six species that are destroyed have never even been seen by scientists.

For each question from 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. Mr Tan asked a question. I could not answer it.

_____ which

67. Steve prefers hiking in the wilderness to canoeing to offshore islands.

_____ would rather

68. The security guard should be more vigilant. Then he would not fall for the lies of the beautiful stranger at the gate.

Had _____

69. This sack of potatoes and that carton of oranges have the same weight.

_____ as _____
as _____

70. He is diligent. He will do extremely well in the examinations.

Owing to _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

(20 marks)

Lynn was surprised by the strong wind, which seemed to contradict the dazzling sun that afternoon as she stood on the deck of the gleaming white, 115-metre ferry that would take her and her friend, Sophie to the Greece's Cyclades Islands. "It'll be better on the islands," promised Sophie. For now, the women could only think of sleep as they walked to the ship's lounge. They found a bench and collapsed onto it. Between short dozes, they read 5 their guidebooks and discussed their destinations. They could not wait to see them.

Some hours later, Lynn, comfortable on a sofa, checked her watch. "We should be arriving at our destination in about fifteen minutes," she thought. Through a porthole, she could make out white foam above the dark waves and feel the wind seeping in. Sophie was just waking up. Several seconds later, a violent jolt rocked the boat and all was quiet. "We 10 must be there!" cried Sophie excitedly.

"No," said Lynn worriedly. "I think we've hit something."

Suddenly, the lights went out and someone screamed. All around the two women, passengers leapt from their seats. Some ran up to the top deck. Stunned, the friends looked at each other. "What should we do?" Lynn asked. The boat was rapidly tilting to one side and 15 furniture was moving haphazardly across the lounge towards the right. Gropping their way through the dark passageways, they headed for the top deck, where most of the passengers were already wearing life jackets. Just then, a man with several life jackets came by and the women each put one on.

Lynn and Sophie failed to stand upright as the ferry tilted more sharply and the strong 20 waves splashed onto the deck. Lynn grabbed a railing with one hand and clutched her friend with another. Some life rafts were already lowered by the crane into the water, and there was an attempt to lower another one. But the crane was now jammed.

"Should we jump?" asked Lynn, **paralysed with fear** as the last glimmer of hope vanished right before her eyes. She watched as panic-stricken passengers hurled 25 themselves into the water; others slid down the hull or skidded across the deck to the downward side.

Suddenly, they spotted a safety exit under the bridge, with a wooden ladder hanging from it. In the midst of shoving and pushing, Lynn began to climb, followed by Sophie. Suddenly, they heard a **ferrifying sucking sound** and realised that they had to abandon 30 ship immediately.

After jumping into the water, Sophie was almost sucked down twice. Thinking only of her loved ones and the things which she had yet to do in life, she thrashed with all her might till she burst to the surface. Pale faces of the survivors bobbed to the rhythm of the waves in the open sea, illuminated by the glare of distress rockets and flashlights attached to the life 35

jackets.

"Sophie!" cried Lynn, metres away.

The two friends embraced, and then swam to a capsized life raft to which other victims were clinging onto. The group floated in grave silence.

Adapted from 'Disaster on the Aegean Sea', Reader's Digest (Feb) 2004

71. Which word in the **first paragraph** has the same meaning as 'oppose'?

72. In the **first paragraph**, what were two things that Sophie and Lynn did to prepare themselves for their trip?

73. Why did Sophie think that the ferry had arrived at its destination?

74. Quote the two-word phrase from **paragraph 4** which shows that electricity had been cut off from the ferry.

75. Explain clearly why the two women had trouble maintaining their balance on the deck.

76. Why was Lynn 'paralysed with fear' in line 24?

77. Why did Lynn and Sophie have to leave the ship immediately when they heard the 'terrifying sucking sound'?

78. Was Sophie prepared to die at sea? Give a reason to support your answer.

79. How did the survivors try to get help while in the water?

80. Why do you think the survivors 'floated in grave silence'?

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Answer Keys

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41. environment 42. aluminum 43. scrumptious 44. complained 45. reduce
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51. amount 52. due 53. with 54. less 55. into
56. foot 57. discovered 58. conducted 59. number 60. cure
61. supply 62. faces 63. part 64. down 65. become
66. Mr Tan asked a question which I could not answer.
67. Steve would rather hike in the wilderness than canoe to offshore islands.
68. Had the security guard been more vigilant, he would not have fallen for the lies of the beautiful stranger at the gate.
69. This sack of potatoes is as heavy as that cartoon of oranges.
70. Owing to the fact that he is diligent, he will do extremely well in the examinations.
71. The word is "contradict".
72. They read their guide books and discussed their destinations to prepare themselves for their trip.
73. Sophie thought that the ferry had arrived at its destination as a violent jolt rocked the boat and all was quiet.
74. The two-word phrase is "went out".
75. The ferry had hit something and the ferry tilted more sharply the strong waves also splashed onto the deck, causing the surface to be slippery thus he had trouble maintaining their balance on the deck.
76. Lynn was "paralyzed with fear" as the last glimmer of hope, the lowering of the second life raft into the water was gone as the crane itself was jammed, thus they needed to jump into the sea with life jackets.
77. If they did not leave the ship promptly, they would be sucked into the filled with water and eventually drown.

78. No, Sophie was not prepared to die at sea. After thinking of her loved ones and all the things that she yet to do in life, she thrashed with all her might to the surface of the water.
79. They fired their distress rockets and shone their flash lights that were attached to their life jackets.

80)They were traumatized by their experience and they had just been through a life and death ordeal.