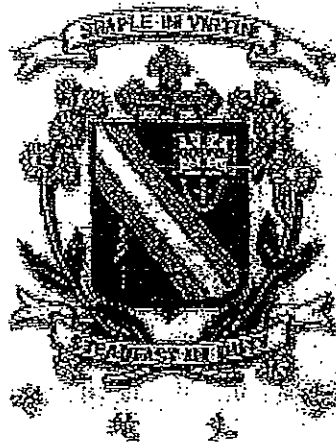


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Semestral Assessment 1

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English Language

Paper 1

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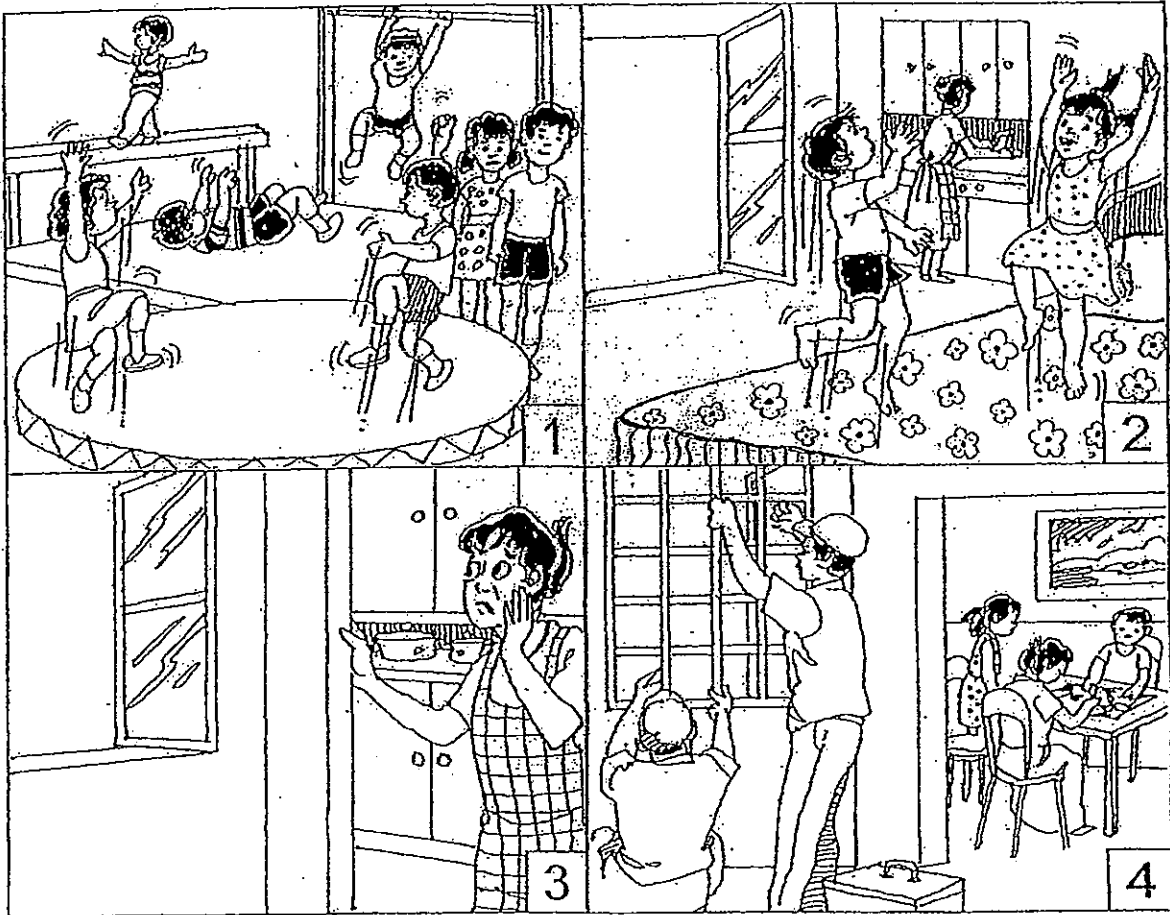
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Parent's Signature: _____

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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:

attend weekly gym sessions enjoyable activities trampoline
parent's bedroom thick mattress bounce window grilles safety

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Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

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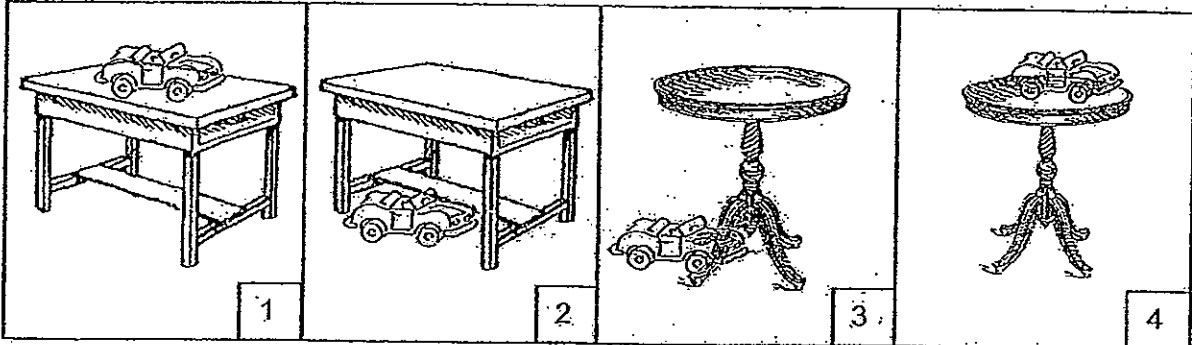
Answer all questions on the Optical Answer Sheet.

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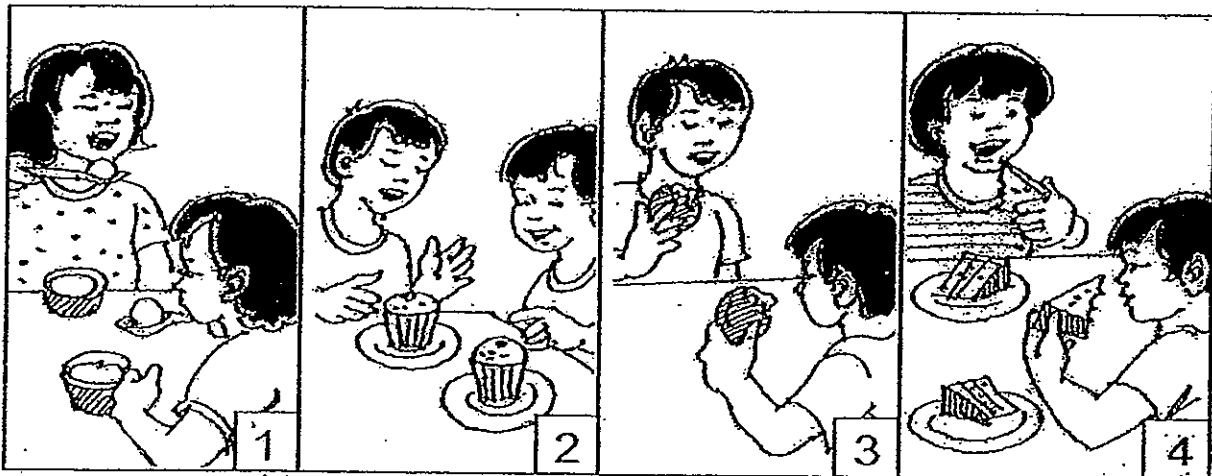
Section A: Picture Matching (5 x 1 mark)

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher. Choose the picture that best describes the statement read and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

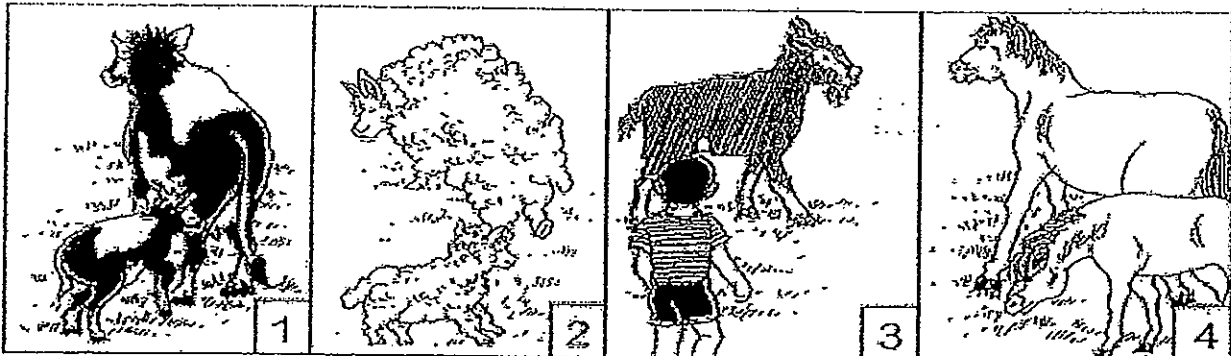
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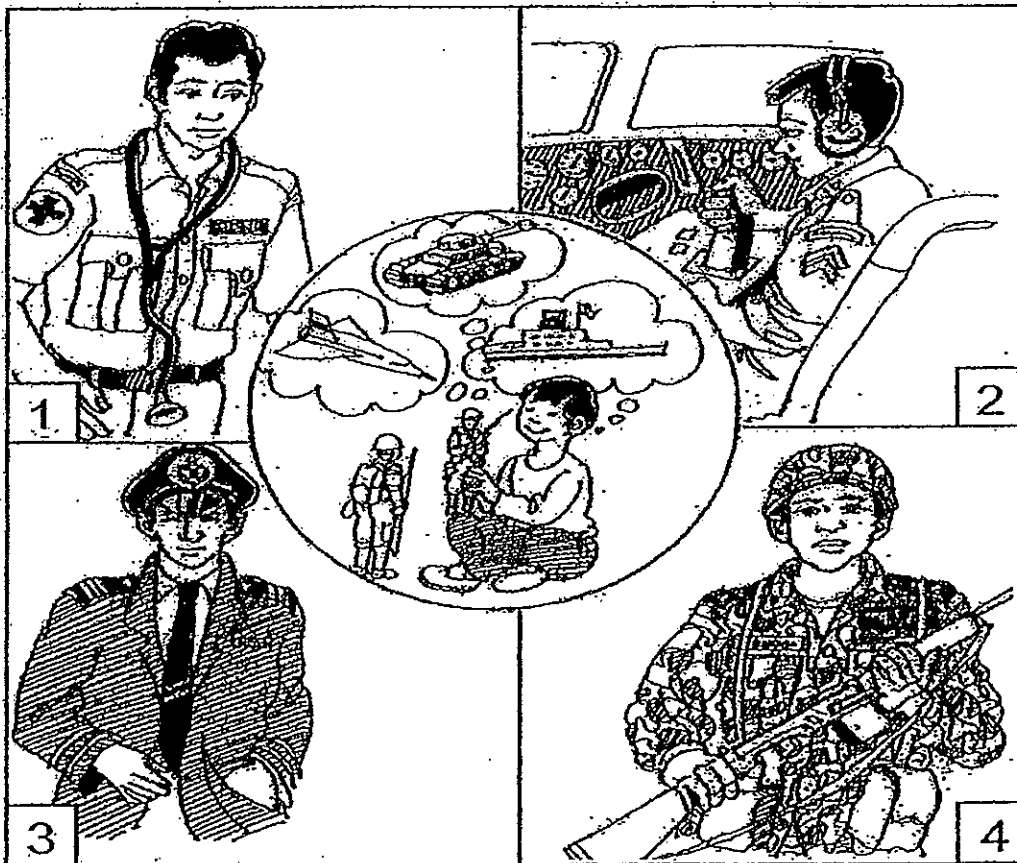
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4.



5.



Section B: Vocabulary Multiple-Choice Questions (10 x 1 mark)

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

6. Mrs Lim baked a chocolate cake by following the instructions in a _____.

- (1) map
- (2) plan
- (3) chart
- (4) recipe

7. The guests at the ball were _____ by Sethi's beauty

- (1) amazed
- (2) amused
- (3) angered
- (4) annoyed

8. Mei Pei helped me to move the heavy cart. She was as _____ as an ox.

- (1) free
- (2) fierce
- (3) strong
- (4) helpful

9. Embarrassed, she _____ to her feet and continued on her way after slipping on a banana peel.

- (1) scurried
- (2) shuffled
- (3) stumbled
- (4) scrambled

10. As old Mr Lim walked _____ up the bus, several considerate passengers offered their seats to him.
- (1) mildly
 - (2) feebly
 - (3) gently
 - (4) quietly
11. I _____ my brother with my elbow to stop him from revealing details of our mother's surprise birthday party.
- (1) pried
 - (2) jerked
 - (3) jiggled
 - (4) prodded
12. _____ as a wretched beggar, he managed to gain sympathy from the crowd and received a large donation.
- (1) Hidden
 - (2) Disguised
 - (3) Decorated
 - (4) Camouflaged
13. Everyone was _____ when they saw the handicapped man playing a tune on the piano with his toes.
- (1) terrified
 - (2) pleased
 - (3) disgusted
 - (4) astounded

14. When no one answered the door, Isaac _____ through the window to see if anyone was home.

- (1) poked
- (2) peered
- (3) scanned
- (4) skimmed

15. She is always _____ by her friends as she stammers when she talks.

- (1) taunted
- (2) praised
- (3) flattered
- (4) reprimanded

Section C: Grammar Multiple-Choice Questions (10 x 1 mark)

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

16. Between Keith and Samuel, Keith is _____.
- (1) heavy
 - (2) heavily
 - (3) heavier
 - (4) heaviest
17. Luckily, I made it to the station _____ time to catch the last train.
- (1) to
 - (2) at
 - (3) in
 - (4) of
18. My plant did not _____ despite daily watering.
- (1) grow
 - (2) grew
 - (3) grows
 - (4) grown
19. The flock of birds flew over the giant trees _____ the river.
- (1) in
 - (2) of
 - (3) on
 - (4) by

20. Mei Jia _____ eight hours every night.
- (1) sleep
 - (2) sleeps
 - (3) is sleeping
 - (4) was sleeping
21. "You _____ attend school today," Mrs Tan told her rebellious son sternly.
- (1) should
 - (2) would
 - (3) must
 - (4) may
22. My sister, Lynette, was painting a picture _____ I read a book.
- (1) so
 - (2) or
 - (3) while
 - (4) although
23. Patrick _____ for Jonathan when he was wrongly accused of stealing by their friends.
- (1) stood in
 - (2) stood up
 - (3) stood away
 - (4) stood down

24. Zac is my friend _____ I went fishing with last summer.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) whose

25. Had Amirah _____ the office before she drove away?

- (1) ring
- (2) rang
- (3) rung
- (4) ringing

Section D: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 26 to 30.

Come to the Book Fair

Date: 23 May 2012 – 25 May 2012
Time: 12 noon – 7 pm
Place: Sunflower Plaza

Story-telling (at 3 pm each day)
Story-telling by librarians from the Sunflower Public Library. They will be telling award-winning stories such as *Flora, the Black Dog* and *Aladdin and the Lamp!*

Story Writing Competition
This event allows children aged 9 – 12 to showcase their writing skills.
• Participants will be given an hour to write a story.
• Best 3 writers will win attractive prizes.
• Limited to the first 25 children who sign up.

Workshop by Renowned Author, Mr Venus Bryan
• Maximum number of seats: 40
• Ticket Price : 1 Child \$5
1 Adult \$10
1 Adult + 1 Child \$12
• Date : 24 May 2012
• Time : 5 p.m - 7 p.m
Note :
* Latecomers will not be allowed to attend the workshop.
* Register online at mrvenus.book.sg

NEW LAUNCH!
We will be launching new storybooks on the first day of the fair!
First 50 customers will be entitled to 10% off!

Customers who spend \$30 and above will be eligible for the lucky draw! Mysterious prizes waiting to be won!

If you have any enquiry regarding the book fair, please contact WeLoveBooks at 6789-7898.

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

26. If you have any questions regarding the book fair, you may _____
WeLoveBooks.
- (1) fax
 - (2) call
 - (3) visit
 - (4) email
27. _____ will be telling stories at the book fair.
- (1) Mr Venus Bryan
 - (2) Staff from WeLoveBooks.
 - (3) Staff from Sunflower Plaza
 - (4) Librarians from Sunshine Public Library
28. The first _____ customers will be able to get a discount of 10% if they purchase a newly launched storybook.
- (1) 3
 - (2) 25
 - (3) 40
 - (4) 50
29. Mrs Lim and her 10-year-old son want to attend the workshop by Mr Venus Bryan. The total price of the tickets will be _____.
- (1) \$5
 - (2) \$10
 - (3) \$12
 - (4) \$15
30. Which one of the following is true?
- (1) The book fair is organized by Sunshine Public Library.
 - (2) Children who are 8 to 12 years old can participate in the writing competition.
 - (3) All customers who buy books from the book fair are eligible for the lucky draw.
 - (4) Participants who arrive after 5 p.m. will not be allowed to attend the workshop.

Section E: Comprehension Multiple-Choice Questions (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 35.

Once upon a time, in a small country, people decided to investigate what it was that parents really liked the most. A competition was organised. It would use the latest invention of Professor Crank-Shaffe, the Gladometer. The Gladometer is the only contraption ever built to measure joy and happiness.

So, one by one, the children demonstrated their own particular talents to their parents and the Gladometer faithfully measured their parents' reactions.

One boy turned up with a trained pig. The pig was able to sing and dance. A girl came and played the violin like an angel. and an intelligent boy came and read his very big book. The gladometer gave its highest reading as their parents' happiness was plain to see.

Finally, a village boy came to the Gladometer carrying nothing. He did not know anything. When the organisers asked him what he was going to do, he simply said, "I am very obedient."

Upon his saying that, the machine measured such a high reading that it began vibrating violently, and finally exploded. The boy who had done nothing won all the prizes that day - for solving the mystery of what pleases parents the most.

Adapted from The Proudest Parents by Pedro Pablo Sacristán

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

31. The gladometer was used to measure _____.
- (1) talent
 - (2) behaviour
 - (3) happiness
 - (4) intelligence
32. A girl _____ to showcase her talent.
- (1) read a book
 - (2) trained a pig
 - (3) played a violin
 - (4) sang and danced
33. In line 4, the word 'contraption' refers to _____.
- (1) a prize
 - (2) a machine
 - (3) an organizer
 - (4) a competition
34. Why did the Gladometer vibrate and explode?
- (1) It had been used too many times.
 - (2) It could not detect the parents' happiness.
 - (3) The parents' happiness had exceeded its reading.
 - (4) It did not know the answer to the parents' reaction.
35. Based on the passage, which one of following statements is not true?
- (1) The village boy did not show any talents.
 - (2) Parents would be the happiest if their children were obedient.
 - (3) The Gladometer was the only machine that could measure joy and happiness.
 - (4) When the other children demonstrated their talents, their parents were unhappy.

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Paper 2 Booklet B

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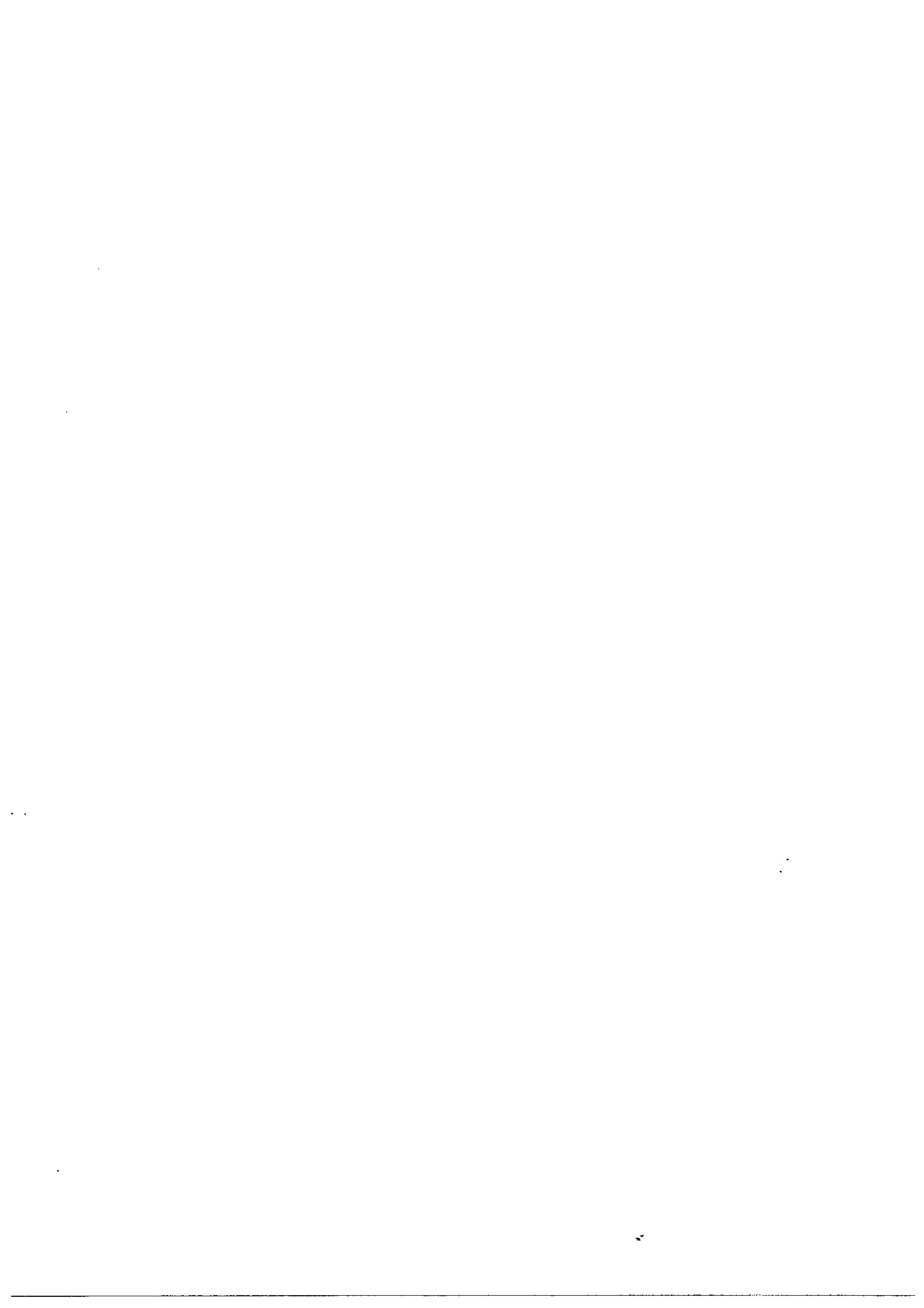
Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Booklet A	35
Booklet B	30
Total	65

Parent's Signature: _____

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.



Section F: Note-taking (5 x 1 mark)

Listen carefully to your teacher. Each blank from Q36 to Q40 should be filled with one word. As you listen, fill in the blanks with the information given.

The Family Carnival

Q36. The Family Carnival was held in the: school _____

Q37. It was held on: a _____

Q38. This was a special day for: all _____

Q39. The food was cooked by: the _____

Q40. Total number of goodie bags: _____



Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. Use each word only once.

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|------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| (A) bulbs | (C) costumes | (E) good | (G) strength |
| (B) commemorates | (D) experience | (F) lamps | (H) praying |

Deepavali falls during the month of October, with the celebration lasting throughout the entire month. Deepavali is the festival of lights and (41) _____ the defeat of Narakasura by Lord Krishna. Hindus honour this day as the triumph of (42) _____ over evil, marking this date as the New Year for all Hindu devotees.

The homes of the Hindus are commonly lighted up with oil (43) _____. An area is set aside for the family altars where sweetmeats and flower garlands are used as offerings.

You may visit Little India for a whole new cultural (44) _____ and witness the streets blasting with vibrant traditional music, and decorated with colourful lights. During this festive season, female shoppers usually head down to Little India to search for traditional (45) _____. This is also the time families stock up on Indian food and spices.

Adapted from <http://www.singapore-vacation-attractions.com/traditional-festivals-in-singapore.html>



Section H: Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. Use each word only once.

(A) ahead	(C) behind	(E) in	(G) when
(B) around	(D) from	(F) of	(H) with

"Wait for me!" Bess shouted, running behind the other girls.

Nancy and George were several feet (46) _____, trying to keep the thief in sight, but lost him in a crowd of tourists. They froze to a halt.

"Why did you stop?" Bess panted (47) _____ she caught up with them.

"He disappeared," Nancy explained.

"Besides," George said, "I'm getting a blister under my heel." She stooped to loosen the strap (48) _____ her sandal.

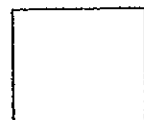
"What about my wallet?" Bess exclaimed and broke into tears. "That was all my money!"

Nancy slipped an arm (49) _____ Bess's shoulder.

"We will report it to the police," she assured her.

The girl dried her eyes (50) _____ a tissue and followed her friends to the bottom of the hill. Almost immediately, they caught a taxi and went to the nearest police station, where Bess explained what had happened.

Adapted from 'The Greek Symbol Mystery' by Nancy Drew



Section I: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Water is one of the most precious things on Earth. Water is important as all living creatures (51) _____ water. More than half of our body is water. Much of this comes from the water we drink and some of it comes from the food we (52) _____

Besides that, we need water for our daily activities such as showering, washing clothes, and cooking. Industries need water for manufacturing. In (53) _____, we can enjoy fun activities like boating, swimming and even skating because of the presence of water.

However, people are not treating water (54) _____. Human activities cause water pollution. People (55) _____ trash into the waterways. Apart from that, people cut down forests around waterways, causing the soil on the banks to be worn-away easily which in turn harm animals' water homes. All these activities that people engage in contribute to the problem of water pollution.

Adapted from <http://www.kidsforsavingearth.org/water/water1.htm>



Section J: Comprehension Open-ended Questions (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 56 to 60.

Florence Nightingale was born in Italy on 12 May 1820. Florence had a kind heart and loved to help others whenever she had the chance.

At that time, girls did not enjoy the same status as boys. Many girls were not given the opportunity to receive a formal education. Florence was very lucky that her father thought otherwise. 5

In 1854, Florence went to Turkey to nurse the wounded soldiers of war. To her horror, she discovered that the soldiers were sleeping in overcrowded dirty rooms and their wounds were not dressed. As a result, diseases spread quickly and the death rate was very high.

Florence and her nurses wanted to bring down the death rate. They made 10 improvements to the living conditions and attended to all the wounded. They even went beyond their call of duty and set up a kitchen to prepare meals, with their own supplies, for the soldiers. Their efforts were not wasted.

Florence was very dedicated to her job. When the other nurses were asleep, she would make her night rounds. When the soldiers saw a flickering flame in the 15 dark, they knew that she had come to check on them. The soldiers were touched by her love and affectionately addressed her as 'The Lady of the Lamp'.

Adapted from <http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Homework/victorians/florence/>

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

56. Which country was Florence Nightingale from?

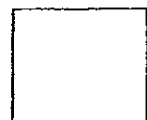
57. Which sentence tells us that Florence Nightingale attended school?

58. Why did diseases spread rapidly amongst the soldiers?

59. What does the word 'supplies' in line 13 refer to?

60. How did Florence Nightingale earn the title 'The Lady of the Lamp'?

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ANSWER SHEET

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Section A: Picture Matching

1. (3)	2. (4)	3. (4)	4. (3)	5. (1)
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Section B: Vocabulary MCQ

6. (4)	7. (1)	8. (3)	9. (4)	10. (2)	11. (4)	12. (2)	13. (4)
14. (2)	15. (1)						

Section C: Grammar MCQ

16. (3)	17. (3)	18. (1)	19. (4)	20. (2)	21. (3)	22. (2)	23. (2)
24. (2)	25. (3)						

Section D: Graphic Stimulus

26. (2)	27. (4)	28. (4)	29. (3)	30. (4)
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Section E: Comprehension MCQ

31. (3)	32. (3)	33. (2)	34. (3)	35. (4)
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Section F: Note-taking

36. field	37. Sunday	38. mothers	39. teachers
40. one hundred			

Section G: Vocabulary Cloze

41. B	42. E	43. F	44. D	45. C
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Section H: Grammar Cloze

46. A	47. G	48. F	49. B	50. H
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Section I: Comprehension Cloze

51. need	52. eat	53. addition	54. preciously	55. throw
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Section J: Comprehension Open-ended

	Q: Which country was Florence Nightingale from?
	A: Florence Nightingale was from Italy.
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Q: Which sentence tells us that Florence Nightingale attended

	school?
	A: The sentence is "Florence was very lucky that her father thought otherwise."
58	Q: Why did diseases spread rapidly amongst the soldiers? A: Diseases spread rapidly amongst them because they slept in overcrowded dirty rooms and their wounds were not bandaged.
59	Q: What does the word 'supplies' in line 13 refer to? A: It refers to the food the nurses brought.
60	Q: How did Florence Nightingale earn the title 'The Lady of the Lamp'? A: She made her night rounds with a lamp in her hand, thus earning the title.