

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FIVE

Name: _____ () Date: _____

Class: Primar

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

30 questions

30 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Study the following brochure and then answer questions 1 to 5.

The Greendale Highlands 3D/2N Driveaway

8 to 10 September 2013

Tour price: S\$399 (2 adults and 1 child)

Last year our driveaway to the Greendale Highlands was a tremendous success. This year *Travel Easy* once again invites you to book with us early to avoid disappointment.



Itinerary from 8 to 10 September 2013

Sat 8 Sep 2013: Singapore to Greendale Highlands (Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)

- * 6am - Registration / Flag-off
- * Drive to Greendale Highlands, breakfast and lunch stops
- * 5pm - Check into hotel followed by a steamboat dinner
- * Visit to Night Market after dinner

Sun 9 Sep 2013: Day Tour (Breakfast and lunch included)

- Breakfast at 7am
- Visit to Toh Tea Plantation, Honey Bee Farm, Strawberry Farm

Mon 10 Sep 2013: Greendale Highlands to Singapore (Breakfast included)

- Breakfast at 7am
- Last minute shopping
- Depart for Singapore at 11am
- Arrive in Singapore by 7pm

*Pre-departure briefing by Jack Goh on 30 August 2013
For more information, please call Isaac Ng @ 91819842
Or email isaacng@traveleasy.com.sg*

For each question from 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. Where of the following travel destinations below is the brochure promoting?

- (1) Toh Bee Farm
- (2) The Night Market
- (3) Greendale Highlands
- (4) Honey Strawberry Farm

2. The travellers will travel by _____ throughout their holiday.

- (1) air
- (2) car
- (3) sea
- (4) train

3. This holiday package is targeted mainly at _____

- (1) singles
- (2) couples
- (3) families
- (4) students

4. The total number of meals included in the tour fare is _____.

- (1) 5
- (2) 6
- (3) 7
- (4) 8

5. The organising agency for this holiday trip is _____.

- (1) Travel Easy.
- (2) Isaac Ng Agency
- (3) Jack Goh Agency
- (4) Toh Tea Plantation



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 correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. I _____ the edges of my jeans as that was the fashion in those days.
- (1) fray
 - (2) frays
 - (3) had frayed
 - (4) was fraying
7. Tim, the bully in the school, made the timid girl _____ him her pocket money.
- (1) give
 - (2) gave
 - (3) gives
 - (4) had given
8. Krishnan could not hear what I was saying _____ the noise of the aeroplane taking off.
- (1) by
 - (2) over
 - (3) beyond
 - (4) through
9. Mother refuses to buy any groceries from the shop below her apartment as the prices of many household items have been jacked _____.
- (1) up
 - (2) over
 - (3) upon
 - (4) above
10. The bowl of soup which is shared between the two boys _____ horrible.
- (1) taste
 - (2) tastes
 - (3) was tasting
 - (4) were tasting

11. "Are the pupils in the class required to submit _____ projects to Mrs Haim by the end of the week?" Susan asked her best friend.

- (1) his
- (2) my
- (3) our
- (4) their

12. _____ repeated assurances that the vegetables from that village are safe to eat, many people have stopped buying them.

- (1) With
- (2) When
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

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For each question from 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. Just after dawn, Grandfather went for a _____ walk through the gardens. He wanted to be alone to slowly admire the flowers

- (1) brisk
- (2) rapid
- (3) guided
- (4) solitary

17. Mrs Tan needs to give the bank a written _____ if she wishes to close her bank account with them.

- (1) invite
- (2) cheque
- (3) summon
- (4) notification

18. Nobody in the office likes working with Peter on a project as he is _____ unreliable.

- (1) lyrically
- (2) intensely
- (3) stealthily
- (4) exceedingly

19. When the police raided the thieves' hideout, it was empty. The outlaws had probably been _____ by someone.

- (1) directed
- (2) instructed
- (3) forewarned
- (4) enlightened

20. The farmers in Australia are rejoicing as they are enjoying a bumper _____ this year.

- (1) fiesta
- (2) festival
- (3) harvest
- (4) celebration

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)

I have only one unpleasant memory of the summer holidays in Norway. We were in my grandparents' house in Oslo and my mother said to me (13) we are going to the doctor this afternoon. He wants to take a look at your nose and mouth."

I think I was eight at the time. "What's wrong with my nose and mouth?" I asked.

"Nothing much (14) my mother said. "But I think you've got adenoids."

What are adenoids (15) My curiosity was piqued. My mother hastily assured me and told me not to worry too much.

Adapted from "Boy Tales of Childhood" by Roald Dahl

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

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

What used to be "finger-lickin" good chicken for Ms Chun Qing, 41, is now yet another food item to shun. Her new-found fear over KFC meals was sparked by news last month of poultry farms in northern China – including one that supplied meat to the global fast-food chain – stuffing their birds with antibiotics and growth hormones.

Two farms breeding these "fast-growth chickens" – that go from eggs to ready-to-eat meat in 45 days – were shut down last month.

The KFC saga, which has dented the fast-food chain's business, is among several food scares to have hit China last year. No deaths or mass poisoning have been directly linked to the latest bout of food scandals, unlike the melamine-tainted milk crisis in 2008 that killed six infants and sickened some 300,000. They have nonetheless heightened public jitters.

Adapted from article "From Bad Eggs to Foul Fowls" – Straits Times Jan 1 2013

21. (1) avoid
(2) digest
(3) savour
(4) partake
22. (1) evoked
(2) created
(3) induced
(4) triggered
23. (1) local
(2) general
(3) national
(4) international
24. (1) hurt
(2) razed
(3) destroyed
(4) disintegrated
25. (1) but
(2) lest
(3) although
(4) however

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Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

It was quite late when Hermux arrived home that night. He got the mail from his mailbox and thumbed through it as he waited for the old elevator to lumber its way down to the lobby. The ride up was even slower, but he did not care. He was looking forward to a rice bowl of soup and a quiet pleasant evening of reading a novel.

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On the fourth floor the elevator let out a rusty creak, an oily thunk, a shivery shudder, and then yanked to a stop. Hermux pushed carefully on the elevator door, opening it just a crack. Then he poked his nose out stealthily and peered down the hall. The door to Tucka Mertslin's apartment was closed.

He stepped out of the elevator and crept toward the door to his apartment as quietly as a mouse.

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He carefully took out his ring of keys. He sorted past the silver key to his bicycle, the round key to his store, the little gold key to his safe, the silvery square-topped key to his locker at the gymnasium, the oval-shaped key to his file cabinet, and finally reached the double-sided, brass key that opened the door to his apartment. He slipped the key carefully into the lock and turned it cautiously.

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"Why Hermux Tantamoq! Sneaking past my door like a burglar!" scolded someone directly behind him.

Hermux whirled around in terror. There was Tucka Mertslin standing not one step away. A great fog of perfume enveloped her and was now working its way into every crevice in the hallway. A cloud of it settled on Hermux tickling his nose like a longhaired squirrel tail. It was a revolting smell, like flowers that had been trampled to death in a candy store.

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Tucka towered over Hermux in her pink and green lizard skin platform shoes. A huge cone-shaped hat added even more to her height. From the top of her hat sprang a fountain of metallic ribbons that fell past her waist. The shiny ribbons swirled about her body like a swarm of hungry eels and made it difficult to see her face clearly. What he could see of it was unsettling.

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"I suppose you didn't get my invitation?" she said. "I distinctly said the meeting would begin at six o'clock. It was quite productive actually. A pity you missed it. But then I suppose you had more important things to do. In any case decisions have been made. And you'll be seeing some real changes around here starting quite soon."

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"Changes?" asked Hermux. "In what?"

"In the hallway." "I'm heading up the Hallway Decoration sub-committee. Or have you forgotten that too?"

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Adapted from "Time Stops For No Mouse" by Michael Hoeye

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26. What did Hermux intend to do upon reaching home?
- (1) read his letters
 - (2) have a good sleep
 - (3) spend time with his neighbours
 - (4) have his meal and do some reading
27. Hermux crept cautiously to his apartment door because he did not want to _____.
- (1) disturb his neighbours
 - (2) lose his bunch of keys
 - (3) alert Tucka Mertslin that he was home
 - (4) drop any of the letters that he was holding in his hands
28. The perfume that Tucka Mertslin used was _____.
- (1) refreshing
 - (2) tantalizing
 - (3) nauseating
 - (4) like fresh flowers in a candy store
29. What does "it" in line 28 refer to?
- (1) Tucka's face
 - (2) Tucka's body
 - (3) the shiny ribbons
 - (4) the cone-shaped hat
30. According to the passage, which one of the following statements is false?
- (1) Tucka was a loathsome woman.
 - (2) Hermux was terrified of Tucka as he did not attend the meeting.
 - (3) Hermux was not looking forward to meeting Tucka that evening.
 - (4) Tucka intended to make changes in future to the whole building except the hallway.

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		30
Booklet B		65
Sub-total		95

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

50 questions

65 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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 in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

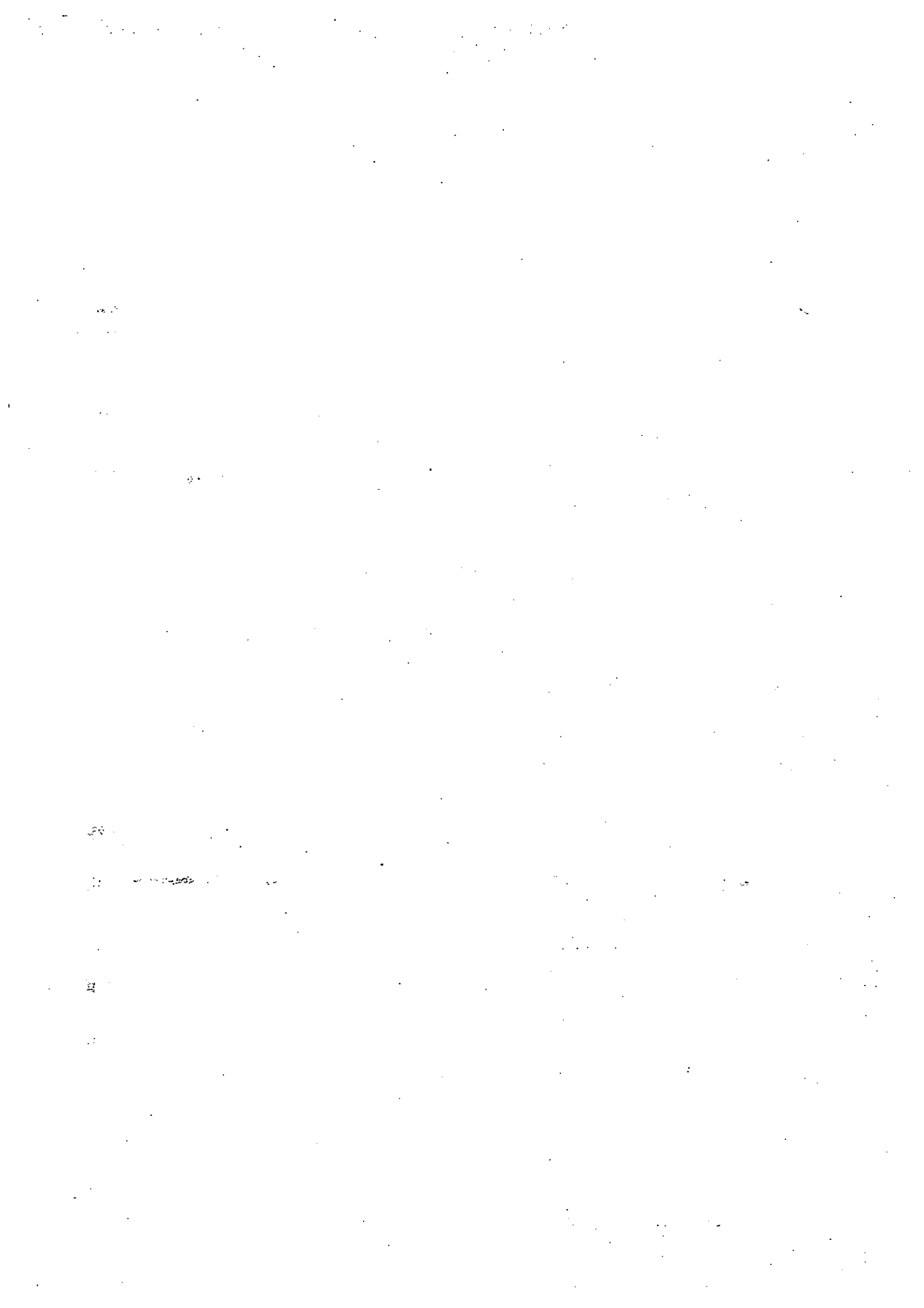
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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| (A) of | (D) they | (G) is | (K) since | (N) as |
| (B) an | (E) within | (H) through | (L) inside | (P) which |
| (C) while | (F) by | (J) are | (M) with | (Q) from |

Race and ethnicity in modern Singapore is a complex concept _____ official
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documents broadly classify individuals as Chinese, Malay, Indian and "Others", the reality
of ethnic origins is much more diverse. Groups _____ each category often have
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vastly different languages, religions and geographical origins. The Chinese, for example,
hail _____ different parts of China. They are classified _____ the dialects they
(33) (34)
speak, such as Hokkien, Teochew and Cantonese. Eurasians are descendents of
Europeans who inter-married _____ local Asians. _____ form a large
(35) (36)
proportion of the "Others" category, along with ethnicities like Japanese, Filipino and
African.

_____ an ethnic and cultural meeting point, Singapore is home to many of the
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world's major religions. The government is very careful in advocating religious tolerance
and preventing any form _____ inter-religious conflict. Freedom of religion is
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guaranteed under the Constitution and official holy days for each major
religion _____ respected. There is also the Inter-Religious Organisation
(39)
Singapore (IRO) _____ exists to foster friendship and cooperation between
(40)
the leaders and followers of the various religions.

Adapted from Home Just Got Closer by National Heritage Board



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

Youngsters are getting very hands-on and creative in giving back to society.

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By employing a novel **aproch**, a group of Nanyang Junior College students

recently sought to bring residents of a particular block of flats closer. When

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they first presenting their plan to promote neighbourliness among the residents in

Serangoon, their idea was met with some scepticism. However, the fears about its

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success were quickly proved to be unfounded.

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The students' project involved talking to and taking a picture to every resident

living in the block, and then putting those photographs up within the lifts of the block.

The idea was a spin-off from a personal project of a Tampines resident who took

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pictures of his neighbours with a bid to get to know them better. However, the

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college students decided to take it a step further by including an **intresting** snippet

such as each resident's interests and hobbies to accompany their photograph.

The students were rejected by some residents who had concerns regarding

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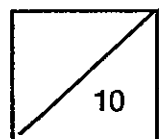
their **priversy**. However, there were also obliging and enthusiastic **responces**. The

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photographs was currently on display in the lifts. They are regularly rotated to

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display the **prohfiles** of different residents. The students' efforts have paid off.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

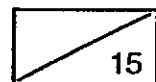
Of all the national parks The Hemispheres Team has explored, Kruger National Park in South Africa is the most awesome game park. It was named _____ (51) President Paul Kruger who initiated this wildlife protection space. The park covers an _____ (52) of 19,485 square kilometres, which is about 200 times larger than Singapore. Millions _____ (53) animals, insects and plants live here.

At the entrance, the ranger gave us a list of dos and don'ts while at the park. The park is a drive-through and we were not _____ (54) to get out of the car. We could _____ (55) down our windows to take pictures but we must not feed the animals.

We drove through the different eco-zones including thickets, savannah and bushes. Each eco-zone provides a natural habitat _____ (56) different animals. The drive through the park was _____ (57) unbelievable experience. The most amazing occurrence was _____ (58) we encountered a lioness stalking her prey, an impala, which is a member of the antelope family. We stayed for about an hour watching the entire confrontation, hoping the impala would escape. The vultures were also keeping a _____ (59) watch. They were circling _____ (60) the lioness and impala waiting for the kill. It was the most exciting experience we ever had but we felt _____ (61) for the poor impala.

On the night safari, we spotted animals that stayed awake at night and hunted during the _____ (62). We rode in a big truck and were given a huge torchlight to _____ (63) at any animals we spotted. It was _____ (64) easy observing animals in the dark but we were very lucky because that evening was rather warm and lions, wild dogs and hyenas came up to the road to rest. Although we were quite close to them, they seemed harmless and appeared undisturbed by our _____ (65).

We felt very happy that the park provides a home for these animals.



Adapted from *The Hemispheres Kid* magazine

For each of the items 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 Bella was extremely tired. She continued working.

_____ although

67 "Aimei stuns the audience with her beautiful voice," said Gregory.

Gregory said that _____

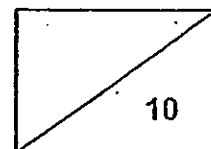
68 Zhixiong does not want to be late. He tells his mother to wake him up at seven in the morning.

69 My sister would rather knit a sweater than read a book.

My sister prefers _____

70 Devi was honest. She was given a reward.

_____ due to _____



"Gao Yang!"

There had been no time to braid the garlic, which lay in heaps, reeking as it baked in the sun. Gao Yang was holding a bowl of garlic broth and fighting back the waves of nausea rising from his stomach. The urgent shout had come in through his unlatched gate as he was about to take a sip of the broth. The voice belonged to the village boss, Lu Jinjiao. He shouted a hasty reply, "Come on in, Uncle Jinjiao!"

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"Gao Yang, come out for a minute. I have to tell you something."

Knowing the consequences of slighting the village boss, Gao Yang turned to his blind eight-year-old daughter who sat at the kitchen table. "Don't touch anything, Xinghua, or you might scald yourself."

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Gao Yang scraped caked-on dirt from his chest. He heard the cry of his newborn baby on the *kang*, a brick platform that served as the family's bed. He wanted desperately to stop walking but his legs propelled him forward as the pungent odour of garlic stalks and bulbs made his eyes water. He raised his bare arm to wipe them, confident that he was not crying.

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Gao Yang opened the gate. "Ow!" Something struck his right ankle - a heavy, gut-wrenching blow. Momentarily stunned he closed his eyes and screamed in pain. He tried to open his eyes but the lids were too heavy and the pungent, garlicky air drew tears. Still, he knew he was not crying. He raised his hand to rub his eyes, only to discover that his wrists were snared painfully by something cold and hard.

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Finally, Gao Yang opened his eyes. Two policemen towered over him. He looked up into the men's expressionless faces. The policeman on the left waved a sheet of paper with an official red seal in front of him and said, "You're under arrest."

That was when Gao Yang noticed the shiny steel bracelets on his sun-burned wrists. They were linked by a slack, heavy, silvery chain that swayed lazily when he raised his hands. He reached for the policeman's arm but the handcuffs dug deeply into his wrists and forced him to let go.

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"Get up!" the policeman's order rang out unexpectedly. Gao Yang struggled to his feet, lurched sideways and fell to his hands and knees.

The policeman growled, "What happened to the hero who demolished the county offices?"

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The comment was lost on Gao Yang. Grimacing, he planted his feet and stood up. Spasms wracked his throat and guts each time he was shoved forward. He realised he had to find the will to force his stiffened tongue to move. Not daring to address his tormentors, he turned to Lu Jinjiao, who was cowering beneath an acacia tree, and implored, "Help me..."

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Wails and sobs followed. Gao Yang wiped the tears from his eyes. This time, he knew that he was crying.

Adapted from The Garlic Ballads by Mo Yan

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

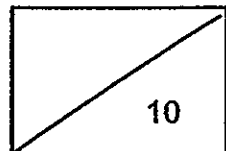
71 Which word in Paragraph Two tells us that the garlic gave off a strong, unpleasant smell?

72 What do you think would happen if Gao Yang did not fight back the waves of nausea rising from his stomach?

73 Gao Yang left his daughter alone at the kitchen table even though she was blind. Explain why he did so.

74 Why did Gao Yang wipe his eyes although he was not crying?

75 What does "something cold and hard" (line 20) refer to?



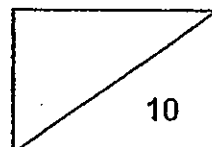
76 With reference to Paragraph Seven, how do we know that the policemen did not display any emotions when they were arresting Gao Yang?

77 What crime was Gao Yang suspected of committing?

78 Which sentence in Paragraph Eleven tells us that Gao Yang did not understand the reason for his arrest?

79 Who does "his tormentors" (line 35) refer to?

80 Which action of Lu Jinjiao showed that he did not intend to help Gao Yang?





Exam Paper 2013 Answer Sheet

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31) C	33) Q	35) M	37) N	39) J
32) E	34) F	36) D	38) A	40) P

41. approach

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69. My sister prefers knitting a sweater to reading a book.

70. Devi was given an award due to her honesty.

71. The word is reeking.

72. He would vomit.

73. He knew the consequences of slighting the village boss.

74. The pungent odour of garlic stalks and bulbs made his eyes water.

75. It refers to the handcuffs.

76. The policemen had expressionless faces.

77. He was suspected of demolishing the country offices.

78. The sentence is "The comment was lost on Gao Yang."

79. It refers to the policeman.

80. He was cowering beneath an acacia tree.

