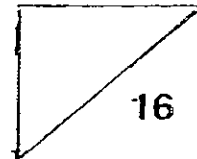




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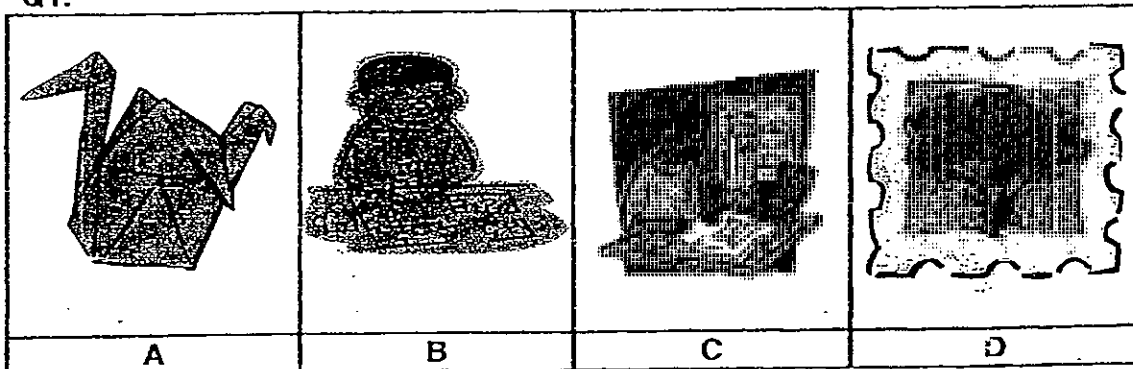
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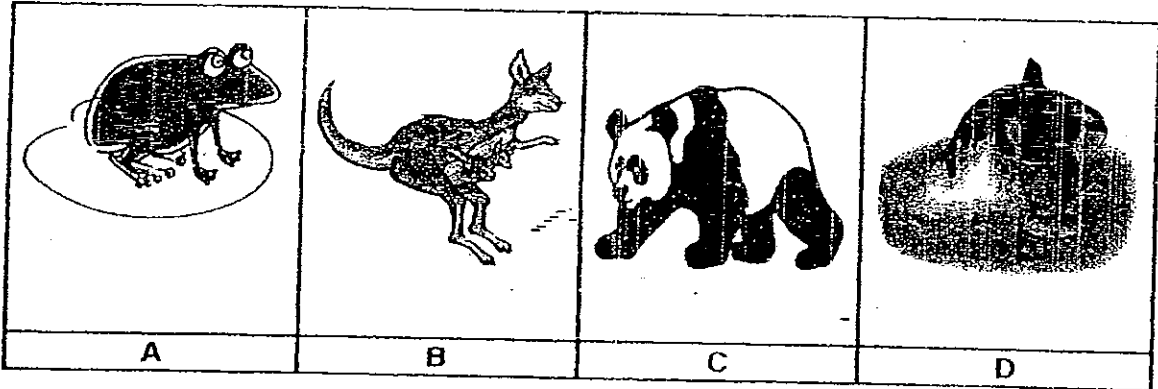
SECTION A : PICTURE MATCHING (4 X 1 MARK)

For questions 1 to 4, look at the set of pictures.
Then choose a picture that matches the sentence read.
Write the letters A, B, C or D in the brackets.

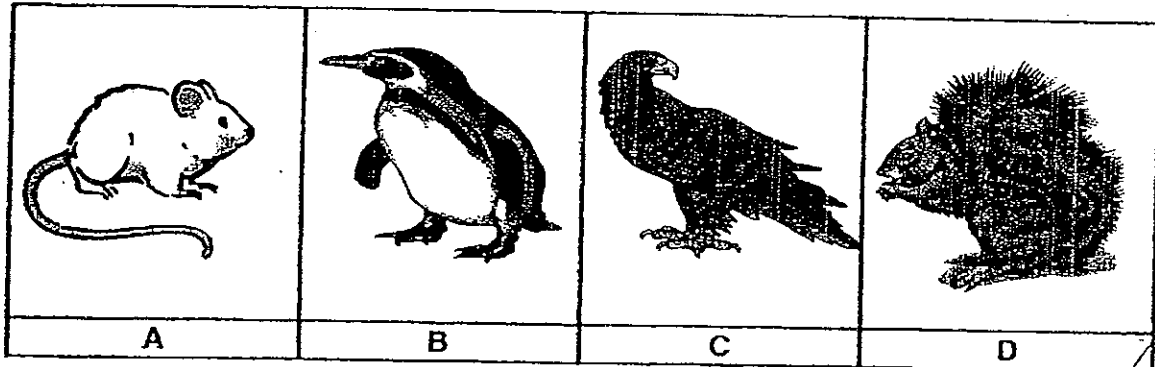
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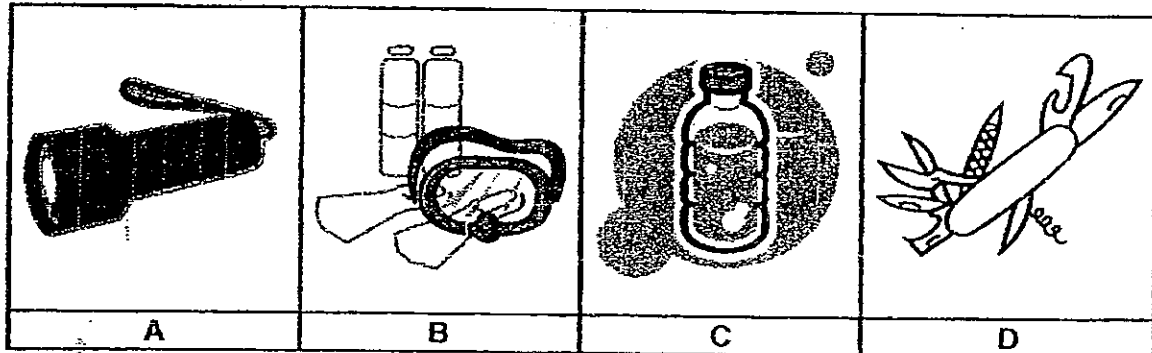
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SECTION B : NOTE-TAKING (6 X 1 MARK)

Listen carefully to your teacher, then fill in the blanks provided to complete the notes below.

Each blank in questions 5 to 10 should be filled with a word or a phrase.

The Hippopotamus

Q5. What it is also known as : _____

Q6. Where it lives : _____

Q7. What it eats : _____

Q8. How long it can live : _____

Q9. How much it weighs : _____

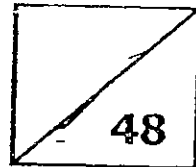
Q10. Name one part that it is often hunted for : _____



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Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	28	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension (MCQ)	5	
Comprehension (OE)	10	
Total	48	

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For questions 11 to 14, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

(A) or	(B) and	(C) so that
(D) but	(E) while	(F) unless

Trees are useful plants. Plants can make their own food, (11) _____ animals can only consume food. Trees provide food for many living things. (12) _____ bees and butterflies extract pollen and nectar from the flowers, caterpillars and grasshoppers feed on the leaves. Other animals like bats and birds eat the juicy fruits. Trees also provide shade in tropical countries. They are planted along the roadsides (13) _____ people can take shelter from the scorching sun. Many families enjoy picnicking on the beach under trees which provide not only shady (14) _____ cool areas, but also beautify the surroundings.

Section B: Vocabulary (14 marks)

For questions 15 to 20, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)

15. I saw a hungry-looking dog _____ over the fence and run away with Mabel's packed lunch in his mouth just now.
- (1) leap (2) flit
(3) charge (4) glide ()
16. The naturalist related how he rescued a _____ of fox pups from a burrow before the valley was flooded.
- (1) nest (2) skulk
(3) flock (4) litter ()
17. The sound and smell of the pot of curry _____ away quietly on the fire made the hungry campers drool in anticipation of the meal.
- (1) babbling (2) shimmering
(3) glistening (4) bubbling ()
18. Traditional and folk dances such as the 'Aduk-aduk' and 'Aluŕ Jua Dindang' belong to Brunei's rich dance _____.
- (1) culture (2) practices
(3) heritage (4) performances ()
19. This secret must never be revealed. You must promise never to _____.
- (1) spill the beans (2) close an eye
(3) pull wool over my eyes (4) leap in the dark ()

20. In the video game, the tomb robbers had to figure out the _____ before they could lay their hands on the treasures.

(1) postcard

(2) passport

(3) postcode

(4) password

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For questions 21 to 28, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion. USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE. (8 X 1 mark)

(A) quietly	(B) voracious	(C) original	(D) form
(E) nests	(F) move	(G) cause	(H) replaces
(J) stubborn	(K) strongly		

Termites are often regarded as Nature's greatest builders as some species build nests that are enormous! Some termites make (21) _____ from wood which they chew up and mix with a sort of gum while others (22) _____ their homes out of clay. Some termite nests found in Africa are so big and so (23) _____ constructed that the only way to remove them is with a bull-dozer or sticks of dynamite.

Termites have been known to (24) _____ houses to collapse. This happens because these silent (25) _____ creatures have been (26) _____ eating away the supporting wooden pillars. But one species (27) _____ the wood which it eats with a sort of cement which hardens and becomes stronger than the (28) _____ wood. Wooden houses are then turned into cement ones by this one amazing act of Nature! Magical, isn't it?

Adapted from *Enjoying Nature's Marvels* by J Bentley Aistrop

Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

For questions 29 to 33, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

It was a gloomy day. Mark and Sanjay were making their (29) _____ through a swampy area on the third day of their hiking trip. Walking through the swamp is a (30) _____ task. The boys had to walk carefully at all times so that their feet would not sink in the mud. (31) _____ as they were about to reach drier land, Mark suddenly felt something touching his feet. It was long and slender like a snake. They had had an (32) _____ with a poisonous cobra a year ago. Realising the danger which he might face, Mark whispered to Sanjay about his fears. After much deliberation, Mark raised his foot to see what it was. He burst out in laughter. The "snake" was actually a rope, probably for (33) _____ tents. That was definitely an unforgettable incident for them.

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)

Read the following passage carefully.

Dear Millie,

How are you? I miss you. I just arrived at my new Australian school two months ago. The people here are very friendly and helpful. I have already made some new friends, one from Thailand, another from Indonesia, a third from Japan and of course a few Australian friends.

I play hockey and canoe for the school. So far, I have gone for a few practices. It is a pity that there is no netball training in my school or I will definitely participate. My school is organising a tennis match this Saturday and my hockey coach has invited me to attend. She thinks that I should learn about other types of sports too!

Life is comfortable here, but I really miss the food back home! Thinking of chicken rice, satay, roti prata and the other hawker delights really make my mouth water. The scenery here is absolutely charming. There are big, beautiful parks.

You must come and visit me some day. There are many places of interest here. You can shop in the city too! Since you like eating seafood, you can get some here. The oysters are really sweet. When cooked, however, they lose their natural taste. Your favourite black pepper crabs are not as well cooked here as the black pepper is not as fiery. I will be back in June! If you are keen, we can plan a holiday here when we meet again.

Yours friend,
Amy

For questions 34 to 38, choose the most suitable option and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (5 x 1 mark)

34. Amy has gone to _____ to study.

(1) Japan

(2) Thailand

(3) Australia

(4) Indonesia

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35. Which is Amy's favourite sport ?

It is _____.

(1) hockey

(2) tennis

(3) netball

(4) canoeing

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36. What do you think Amy misses most about Singapore?

She misses _____.

(1) playing netball

(2) eating hawker food

(3) playing with her friend

(4) the charming scenery

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37. According to Amy, oysters are best eaten _____.

(1) raw

(2) baked

(3) grilled

(4) cooked

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38. Why does Amy want Millie to visit her?

She wants _____

- (1) to tour the city
- (2) to buy seafood for Millie
- (3) Millie to go shopping with her
- (4) Millie to experience the city for herself

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Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the following passage carefully. Write the answers for questions 39 to 43 in complete sentences. (5 x 2 marks)

One by one they crawled through the bush into the cave. It was about three metres into the bank of a canal and they could sit upright without bending their necks.

"It's d-dry," said Andy, smoothing the cave walls.

"It's safe," said Toni, kicking the ceiling with his foot.

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"Real secret-like," said Tiny, peering out through the thick screen of leaves.

"It's okay," said Ginger, trying to keep his voice from sounding too excited.

The days that followed were the best that the boys ever had. Every morning they would sneak to their hideout and make their way home before six in the evening.

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There was a lot to do before the cave could become their den. First there were sacks to find. Andy's father got some from the shop where he worked. They did not tell him what they were for. The boys carried them stuffed inside their shirts where they tickled horribly. These sacks were later placed on the floor of their hideout. Then Mr Reynolds, the grocer, gave Toni some wooden boxes. The children took them apart, stuck the pieces down their trousers and only knocked them together again inside the cave. These boxes were to be their seats.

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There were ridges in the walls which they used as shelves. There they kept nails, string and two night-lights that Tiny had begged from his married sister. When the night-lights were lit, they looked like stars. They also found a couple of tiles that had blown off the grocer's roof, and with these, they scrapped until they had made a space big enough for a boy to lie down in.

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Adapted from Ginger Over the Wall by Prudence Andrew

39. How many children discovered the secret hiding place?

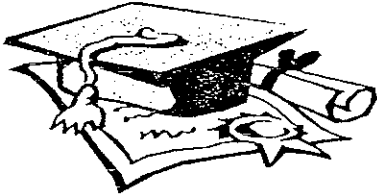
40. What caused Tiny to think that the cave was 'real secret-like'?

41. What does 'they' in line ¹⁵ 16 refer to?

42. Why did the boys carry the sacks and wooden pieces the way they did?

43. Which word tells you that one of the boys did not get the night-lights easily from their owner?

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Have you checked your work?



ANSWER SHEET

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
3	1	4	E	D	K	G	B	A	H	C

29)way 30)tricky 31)but 32)encounter 33)pitching

34)3 35)3 36)2 37)1 38)4

39)Four children discovered the secret hiding place.

40)The fact that there was a thick screen of leaves caused Tiny to think that the cave was "real secret like".

41)It refers to the sacks that Andy's father gave to the boys.

42)The boys carried the sacks and wooden pieces the way they did because they did not want anybody to know that they had a secret hiding place.

43)The word is "begged".