Section A: Grammar (8 x 1 = 8 marks)
For each question from 1 to 8, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The athlete had to _______ her competitor to reach the finish line first.
   (1) overtake  
   (2) overtook  
   (3) overtakes  
   (4) overtaking

2. The tourists followed the directions given in the guide and found their way to the zoo _______.
   (1) yourself  
   (2) ourselves  
   (3) yourselves  
   (4) themselves

3. Last Friday, my brother _______ on his way to the bus stop when he slipped and fell.
   (1) is  
   (2) are  
   (3) was  
   (4) were

4. _______ children seated there are waiting for the magic show to begin.
   (1) This  
   (2) That  
   (3) These  
   (4) Those

5. There is not _______ porridge left in the pot.
   (1) few  
   (2) much  
   (3) many  
   (4) some
6. Uncle Tom heard a woman ______ for help.
   (1) scream
   (2) screams
   (3) screamed
   (4) is screaming

7. The tall boy leaning ______ the lamp post is my cousin.
   (1) over
   (2) along
   (3) around
   (4) against

8. ______ he continues to work hard, Mark should be able to score well in his examination.
   (1) If
   (2) And
   (3) Until
   (4) Though
A large crowd had gathered to witness the race. When it finally started, Anika dug deep inside her. “I must win (9) _______ she whispered to herself. When the whistle blew, the runners made a beeline for the finish line. But where was (10) _______ She was nowhere to be seen. The spectators gasped in disbelief as the saw Anika hobbling along the track, wincing in pain.

9. (1) this.”
   (2) this,”
   (3) this!”
   (4) this?”

10. (1) Anika.
    (2) Anika,
    (3) Anika!
    (4) Anika?
Section C: Vocabulary (5 x 1 = 5 marks)
For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. The customer was very _______ with the rude salesgirl.
   (1) bored
   (2) satisfied
   (3) annoyed
   (4) delighted

12. Siti was cycling on the road when she fell and landed painfully on the _______. She sustained several scrapes and bruises.
   (1) hallway
   (2) corridor
   (3) shortcut
   (4) pavement

13. Mrs Lim was _______ by the noise in her class and ended up punishing them.
   (1) put on
   (2) put up
   (3) put off
   (4) put through

14. The police interviewed the _______ of the accident.
   (1) audience
   (2) witnesses
   (3) spectators
   (4) participants

15. After the game, the thirsty players _______ the cold drinks placed on the bench.
   (1) cried out
   (2) pigged out
   (3) piped down
   (4) gulped down
Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (5 x 1 = 5 marks)
Study the following advertisement carefully and answer questions 16 to 20. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Popular Physical Activities of Children during School Holidays

![Bar Chart]

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Tips to promote healthy living for children 4 to 17 years of age
- Limit recreational screen time (including television, computers and handheld gaming devices) to no more than two hours a day
- Avoid spending extended periods of time indoors
- Exercise regularly

Advantages of regular exercise for children
- Strengthens heart and muscles
- Maintains a healthy weight and blood pressure
- Reduces the risk of developing heart disease and stroke when older
- Increases attentiveness

Children who exercise regularly will become healthy adults!

What parents can do:
- Plan physical activities for children on most days of the week
- Encourage children to take part in physical activities for at least 30 minutes a day
- Help children learn about health and environmental benefits of walking or cycling instead of driving them around
For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. Based on the bar graph, how many types of physical activities are specifically mentioned?

   (1) five  
   (2) two  
   (3) three  
   (4) four

17. According to the brochure, one way to promote healthy living is by ______________.

   (1) exercising regularly  
   (2) playing handheld games  
   (3) spending more time indoors  
   (4) watching television more than two hours per day

18. As indicated in the brochure, which one of the following is a benefit for children who exercise regularly?

   (1) Excessive weight gain  
   (2) Increased inattentiveness  
   (3) Strong heart and muscles  
   (4) Higher risk of stroke with age

19. To encourage the children to take part in physical activities, it is recommended that parents ________________.

   (1) exercise at least thirty minutes a day  
   (2) drive their children from one place to another  
   (3) teach the children about the positive effects of exercise  
   (4) ensure their children have physical activities once a week

20. Which one of the following sentences is true?

   (1) Walking and cycling benefit only the environment.  
   (2) Children should not do physical activities during the school holidays.  
   (3) The brochure provides tips to promote healthy living for children aged 7 to 14.  
   (4) Playing ball games is one of the more popular activities amongst children.

End of Booklet A
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Section E: Information Transfer (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

Your grandmother, Aminah Atan, wishes to learn a new language at Springdale Community Club. She has asked you to help by getting the application form and completing it for her. She will only be available on weekday afternoons. Her NRIC number is S0038727J. She stays at Block 909, Marsiling Lane, #11-564, Singapore 750909. She wishes to be contacted on her mobile phone at 84627012.

Use the information given above to complete the application form by filling in the blanks numbered 21 to 25.

### Springdale Community Club

**APPLICATION FORM**

21 Full Name (in block letters) : ____________________________

22 NRIC Number : ____________________________

23 Address : ____________________________________________

____________________________________________

S (___________________)

24 Telephone Number : ____________________________

25 Preferred session*:

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* Please tick accordingly.

* Closing date: 1 December 2017
**Section F: Editing for Grammar (6 x 1 = 6 marks)**

Each of the *underlined* words contains a grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

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<td>holidays. Along the way, Miss Sandra explained to us that volunteering in a Old Folks’</td>
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<td>Home could be a rewarding and life-changing experience for them.</td>
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<td>Most of the old folks was energetic and bubbly, although age was catching over with</td>
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<td>some of them. They were very grateful when we distributed the gifts like canned food,</td>
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<td>sacks of rice, biscuits or beverages. It was truly an eye-opening experience for all of</td>
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Section G: Editing for Spelling (6 x 1 = 6 marks)
Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct spelling of the word in each of the boxes.

The Children’s Cancer Foundation (CCF) is the organiser of ‘Hair for Hope’. Into its fourteenth consecutive year, this fund raising event saw more than 5000 participants in 2016 and managed to raise $2.5 million to help children suffering from cancer and their families. The participants of this event shave their heads as a symbol of awareness and understanding of what the sick patients go through. It helps the cancer patients to feel better about being bowed.

CCF provides financial support to families which have problems paying their medical bills. It also provides social and emotional support in getting survivors back into school.
Section H: Comprehension - Completion of Sentences (5 x 1 = 5 marks)
Study the following advertisement and use the information to complete the sentences for questions 38 to 42.

**Walk-In-The-Park**

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A 1km walk/run that ends with a huge carnival!

**Carnival Activities**
Join us at the Carnival at the Float at Marina Bay. Admission is free for children accompanied by their parents.

**Gifts for Participants**
All participants will receive a free t-shirt from LA Gear. The first 100 participants to finish will receive an exclusive water bottle!

**Walk-In-The-Park Lucky Draw**
Every participant will also receive a Lucky Draw ticket for the Walk-In-The-Park Lucky Draw 2017. The draw will be held on 6 November 2017.

Winners will be announced on the spot and are expected to collect their prizes immediately. Unclaimed prizes will be donated to charity.

**The first 3 participants to reach the finish line will win:**
- 1<sup>st</sup> place - 3 Days 2 Nights staycation at Marina Bay Sands
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - $200 cash and a Walk-In-The-Park keychain
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - $100 cash and a Walk-In-The-Park keychain
Based on the information given on page 10, complete each sentence with a suitable word or words.

38. The Walk-In-The-Park will begin at ________________________________.

39. Children need not pay to join the Carnival if they attend it with their ________________________________.

40. If Mary is the 90th person to finish the run, she will receive a t-shirt and ________________________________.

41. The Walk-In-The-Park Lucky Draw will be held on______________________________.

42. All prizes that are not collected will be ________________________________.
Section I: Synthesis (3 x 1 mark = 3 marks)
For each of the items from 43 to 45, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

43. Lilian attended Spanish lessons. Then, she went to Spain to work.

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44. Azry plays rugby. His brother also plays rugby.

Both ........................................................................................................
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45. Jane asked, “Is there any food left here?”

Jane asked ...........................................................................................
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Leela was awake even before her alarm clock rang. It was her school annual sports day and she was really excited. She was taking __________ in the 100-metre race. She was determined to __________ that medal.

Leela had been training hard __________ the past four months. She also made sure that she did not __________ any fried food or sweet drinks during that period of time.

Her __________ beat fast as she packed her running shoes into her bag. Although she was ready for the race, she knew that all the other participants were as strong as she was. It was going to be a tough fight to win the race.
Passage A

The giant panda is one of the world’s most loved animals. It is easily identified by its black and white fur. Pandas are among the most endangered animals in the world. There are only about 1600 of them living in the wild. One of the main reasons pandas have become endangered is that their habitat is being destroyed. Humans destroy the areas that pandas live in to develop the land.

Destroying their habitat also leads to food shortages. Though they may be fed with food like carrots in zoos, nearly their entire diet in the wild consists of bamboo. Pandas consume about ten to twenty kilograms of bamboo a day.

Based on Passage A, answer questions 51 to 53.

51. How can we identify a giant panda? (2m)

_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________

52. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as ‘eat’? (1m)

[Blank]

53. List two reasons mentioned in the passage for the panda being endangered. (2m)

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Passage B

Rose was home and about to have breakfast when I dropped in to see her. She invited me to join her. As I had already had mine, I sat down for a cup of coffee instead. I was captivated by what Rose was having. She was enjoying a bowl of hard-boiled eggs followed by large gulps of coffee. I was afraid I might have appeared a little rude watching her eat but curiosity got the better of me.

It was the eggs that caught my attention. I could see they were hard-boiled and roughly mashed. However, the end result was rather black. It puzzled me.

“I like my eggs this way – hard-boiled, roughly mashed and with a generous dash of black soy sauce,” Rose explained.

Based on Passage B, answer questions 54 to 57.

54. Why did the author not have breakfast with Rose? (2m)

__________________________________________________________________

__________________________________________________________________

55. Write a word from Paragraph 1 which has the same meaning as ‘facinated’. (1m)


56. Who does ‘they’ in Paragraph 2 refer to? (1m)


57. Write 1, 2, and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

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END OF PAPER

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