

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. If the burglar should come again, the police _____ arrest him immediately.
 - (1) will
 - (2) shall
 - (3) could
 - (4) would

2. "Hassan and I will clean up this mess _____," said Minah.
 - (1) myself
 - (2) herself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves

3. While doing their homework just now, Ali and his brother _____ angry when the phone kept ringing.
 - (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were

4. _____ ladies talking there are my teachers.
 - (1) This
 - (2) That
 - (3) These
 - (4) Those

5. The fans could barely hold back their excitement when they saw their idol, Taylor Swift, _____ at them.
 - (1) wave
 - (2) waves
 - (3) waved
 - (4) was waving

6. The twins have made up. There is no longer any anger _____ them.

- (1) with
- (2) among
- (3) against
- (4) between

7. I had to admit that my brother's ideas were good _____ they were rather unusual.

- (1) if
- (2) unless
- (3) despite
- (4) although

8. She rarely comes these days, _____ she?

- (1) did
- (2) does
- (3) didn't
- (4) doesn't

Section B: Punctuation (2 x 1 = 2 marks)

For each question from 9 to 10, choose the word with the correct punctuation to complete the text. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

“Hurry up, Daryl!” Mother yelled at me. She rushed into her room and, in a flash, rushed out **(9)** _____ in all of Superman’s colours. She was wearing her blue slacks, a bright red leotard and a red-and-blue bandana. I plugged in the cable of our Xbox Kinect and loaded my mother’s favourite game.

“One, two, three! Here we **(10)** _____ she exclaimed excitedly. She jiggled her hips and swung her arms widely.

9. (1) again.
 (2) again,
 (3) again!
 (4) again?

10. (1) go.”
 (2) go,”
 (3) go!”
 (4) go?”

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 four tired explorers walked _____ across the Sahara Desert in the sweltering heat.
- (1) briskly
 - (2) wearily
 - (3) hurriedly
 - (4) energetically
12. Before the race, all the _____ did some warm-up exercises.
- (1) onlookers
 - (2) spectators
 - (3) opponents
 - (4) competitors
13. Salleh tried to persuade Asyikin to change her mind but in _____. She stuck to her decision.
- (1) vain
 - (2) hope
 - (3) futile
 - (4) choice
14. Darren is the most _____ pupil in class because he is friendly. Everyone likes to talk to him.
- (1) diligent
 - (2) amiable
 - (3) efficient
 - (4) hospitable
15. If you want to buy a car of your own, _____ and do some research before making a decision.
- (1) make a beeline
 - (2) break your back
 - (3) hold your horses
 - (4) back someone up

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.

THE CHALLENGE IS ON!	
Take part in various activities and learn about the vibrant biodiversity at Lakeside Wetland Reserve!	
<p>Mangrove Hunt</p> <p>Explore the amazing mangrove swamp and take part in a quiz on-the-spot to see how many plants you can identify.</p>  <p>The first 100 correct entries will each win an attractive sun visor and poster.</p> <p>Sponsors : The Hat Shop Digital Imaging & Colour Centre</p>	<p>Photograph Exhibition</p> <p>View magnificent photographs of Asian birds, unusual spiders, crabs and other wildlife at the Gallery.</p>  <p>Free postcards for the 1st 500 visitors.</p> <p>Sponsor: Colour Studio</p>
<p>Bird Watching</p>  <p>Identify at least 10 species of birds and bring home a funky cap.</p>  <p>Sponsor : Trendy Wear</p>	<p>Prawn Harvesting</p>  <p>Learn the importance of mangroves as a spawning place and nursery for prawns and other life. Watch the traditional method of prawn harvesting and find out how it is influenced by tides.</p>
<p>Opening Hours</p> <p>7.30 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. daily</p> <p>Admission</p> <p>Free entry except on weekends, Public Holidays and School Holidays.</p> <p>\$1.00 per adult \$0.50 per child / student / senior citizen</p>	<p>Transport</p> <p>A free shuttle bus will ply the route between Heron MRT Station and Lakeside Wetland. Departs hourly from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.</p> <p>Venue : Lakeside Wetland Reserve 123 Lakeside Singapore 579793</p> <p>Enquiries : 67867890</p>

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. The **main** aim of the poster is to _____.
- (1) provide opportunities for family outings
 - (2) attract people to visit Lakeside Wetland Reserve
 - (3) promote social gathering at Lakeside Wetland Reserve
 - (4) inform the public of the challenges at Lakeside Wetland Reserve
17. To be assured of a prize in the Mangrove Hunt, participants must be the first 100 participants to _____.
- (1) take part in a quiz
 - (2) send in their entries
 - (3) know the names of the plants
 - (4) explore the amazing mangrove swamp
18. The Hat Shop is most likely the sponsor for _____.
- (1) party hats
 - (2) sun visors
 - (3) funky caps
 - (4) attractive posters
19. Those who are keen to find out more about prawns are likely to _____.
- (1) go on a nature trail
 - (2) go for bird watching
 - (3) watch prawn harvesting
 - (4) visit the photograph exhibition
20. Which one of the following sentences is true?
- (1) All correct entries in the Mangrove Hunt will win a poster.
 - (2) Free postcards are given out to all visitors to the Photograph Exhibition.
 - (3) Visitors can win a prize if they can identify more than ten species of birds.
 - (4) The admission ticket to the Reserve for a senior citizen costs as much as an adult's.

End of Booklet A

Section E: Information Transfer (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

Your brother, Abdul Jamil, is a good dancer. He is presently working in Malaysia and wishes to sign up for the Singapore Dancing Idol audition at Media House. He has asked you to help by getting the form and completing it for him. He will only be available in the evening on weekends. His NRIC number is S8876543B. Both of you live at Block 291, Yishun Ring Road, #01- 654, Singapore 750291 and his mobile number is 86756785.

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

Media House
Singapore Dancing Idol Audition
APPLICATION FORM

21 Full Name (in block letters) : _____

22 NRIC Number : _____

23 Address : _____

S (_____)

24 Telephone Number : _____

25 Preferred session*:

Group	Day / Date	Timing	Tick (√)
Group A	Friday 23/08/16	4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	
Group B	Saturday 24/08/16	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	
Group C	Sunday 25/08/16	8.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	
Group D	Friday 30/08/16	7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.	
Group E	Saturday 31/08/16	7.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.	
Group F	Sunday 01/09/16	2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.	

** Please tick accordingly.*

Closing date: 1 September 2016

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.

David jumped when he heard a loud noise downstairs, above the sound of the

(26)

howling wind. He stopped reading and went to the top off the stairs.

(27)

(28)

“Dad, is that him?” he called. David waited but here was no answer.

(29)

(30)

“The wind must have blow open the front door again,” David mumbled to him,

as he headed downstairs. He probably had not closed it tight enough when he was

(31)

calling his dog in. Suddenly the lights went out! David are startled. It was pitch dark

and he had to grope his way around towards the front door.

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.

(32)

The giant panda is one of the world's most loved animal. It is ezily identified by

its black and white fur. A newborn panda cub is completely helpless. The mother is

(33)

very protektif and careful in caring for her cub during this time.

(34)

Pandas are among the most endeinjered animals in the world. There are only

(35)

about 1600 of them living in the whyld. One of the main reasons for this is that their

(36)

habitat is being distroiyed. Due to this, pandas are forced to live in smaller areas which

(37)

are not as sooteble for them. Destroying their habitat also leads to food shortages.

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 36 to 40.

***Story Writing Competition
for Primary School Students
organised by
Youth Writing Club***

CRITERIA

- Participants must be Singapore citizens
- Participants must be between 9 and 12 years old
- Only one entry per participant allowed
- Story must be typed
- Story must be on the topic of "Happiness"
- Story must be submitted using the official entry form*

PRIZES

1st :
\$500 cash, \$100 worth of book vouchers and lifetime membership to Youth Writing Club

2nd :
\$300 cash, \$100 worth of book vouchers and lifetime membership to Youth Writing Club

3rd :
\$200 cash, \$100 worth of book vouchers and lifetime membership to Youth Writing Club

10 consolation prizes : \$100 worth of book vouchers

All entries must reach the Youth Writing Club by 1 November 2016 at the following address:

Youth Writing Club
29 Woody Lane
Singapore 730079

For further enquiries, please contact Renu at 6890 4687.

**Official entry forms are available at all public libraries*

Based on the information given on page 10, complete each sentence with a suitable word or words.

38. The Story Writing Competition is open to Singapore citizens in primary school aged _____.

39. Interested students can get the official entry forms from _____.

40. Each student can submit a maximum number of _____ entry/entries.

41. All prizes given out include _____.

42. If Mary submits a handwritten story entitled "The Happiest Day of My Life" on 29 September 2016 using the official entry form, her story **will not** be accepted because she should _____.

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. Atikah did not go to school yesterday. Saiful did not go to school yesterday.

Neither _____ nor _____.

44. My mother does not like to exercise. My mother likes to shop instead.

_____ prefers _____.

45. Coach Fei said that his pupils were late for training that day.

Coach Fei said, " _____".

Section J: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark = 5 marks)

Read the passage and fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Bob had asthma. One day, when he was alone at home, he suffered a very bad

_____ attack. He collapsed in his room and injured his legs.
(46)

However, nobody came to his _____ even after an hour. He
(47)

decided to write a note. He put it into a bottle and dropped it _____
(48)

of his window. He waited, hoping that _____ would find it.
(49)

The bottle was found by Rover, an intelligent dog. Rover picked up the bottle in
its mouth and took it home to its owner, Kate. After reading the
_____, Kate knew that Bob needed help. She immediately rushed
(50)

to Bob's home after calling for an ambulance.

Section K: Comprehension OE (10 marks)

Read passages A and B carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Passage A

A few years ago, after a long morning of sightseeing in New York, my children and I took a breather at Central Park. "Look!" my son said, pointing to a nearby rubbish bin. That was when we saw our first racoon. He ignored us, concentrating only on finding a tasty lunch. He sorted through a few options before emerging with a wrapped sandwich, held between his paws.

Satisfied, he jumped down steadily and ambled nonchalantly towards a spot on the gravel path, less than a metre from where we sat. With his delicate fingers, he peeled back the layers of plastic wrap until the half-eaten sandwich was uncovered.

The he surprised us all. Instead of starting on his food, he turned to a nearby rain puddle and dipped his hands, as if to wash them. He then preened his whiskers, before delicately starting on his meal.

Based on Passage A, answer questions 51 to 54.

For Questions 51 and 52, decide who does the following activities. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. (2m)

	Activities described in Paragraph 1	Raccoon	Author's Son
e.g.	pointing to a rubbish bin		✓
51.	sightseeing in the park		
52.	scavenging for food		

53. Which word has the same meaning as 'casually'? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

Satisfied, he jumped down <u>steadily</u> and ambled <u>nonchalantly</u> to a spot on the gravel path, not a metre from where we sat. (A) (B)
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54. What were the two things the raccoon did just before having his lunch? (2m)

i.		(1m)
ii.		(1m)

Passage B

Roy Tan came from a poor family. To pay for his school fees, he had to go from door to door to sell packets of tissue paper. One hot day, after knocking on many doors and failing to sell his goods, he was very hungry and thirsty. He decided he would ask for a glass of water at the next house. A lovely young woman opened the door.

“May... I... have a glass of water, please? I... am thirsty,” Roy pleaded.

Emma looked at the skinny boy and thought he looked hungry. Without another word, she brought him a large glass of milk instead. Gratefully, he drank it and then asked, “How much do I owe you?”

“You don’t owe me anything,” Emma replied. “Mother has taught me never to accept payment for a kindness.” As Roy left the house, he not only felt stronger physically, but his spirits were also lifted.

Years later, Emma became critically ill. The doctors were baffled. **They** finally called in a specialist, Dr Tan, to study her rare disease. Dressed in his doctor’s gown, he went in to see her. He was determined to do his best to save her life.

Based on Passage B, answer questions 55 to 58.

55. Why did Roy go from door to door to sell packets of tissue paper? (2m)

56. Write a word from Paragraph 5 which has the same meaning as ‘puzzled’. (1m)

57. Who does 'They' in Paragraph 5 refer to? (1m)

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

Emma became very sick.	
Roy was thirsty.	
Roy drank a glass of milk.	

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