

Section A: Grammar (10 x 1 = 10 marks)

For each question from 1 to 10, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Jim, as well as her brothers, _____ afraid to disturb their father as he was busy.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

2. I saw the car _____ into the approaching lorry at the junction.

- (1) collide
- (2) collides
- (3) collided
- (4) has collided

3. _____ competitor in the Fun Run had been given the runner's pack two weeks before the event.

- (1) All
- (2) Many
- (3) Every
- (4) Some

4. Hassan seldom runs, _____?

- (1) is he
- (2) isn't he
- (3) does he
- (4) doesn't he

5. Kim insisted _____ giving us a treat for dinner.

- (1) in
- (2) at
- (3) to
- (4) on

6. The hikers _____ of their plans to climb the mountain due to the bad weather this morning.
- (1) backed up
 - (2) backed out
 - (3) backed down
 - (4) backed away
7. No amount of money _____ make a man of integrity steal.
- (1) will
 - (2) may
 - (3) must
 - (4) shall
8. _____ Denise come again, please _____ this letter to her.
- (1) If...pass
 - (2) Had...passed
 - (3) Should...pass
 - (4) Were...passed
9. It took Farah a long time to get used to _____ at the Old Folks' Home.
- (1) work
 - (2) works
 - (3) worked
 - (4) working
10. It was Mr Lim and not Mrs Lim who baked the cake all by _____.
- (1) herself
 - (2) himself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves

Section B: 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. "Who broke the plate?" Mrs Chan confronted her children upon seeing the floor covered with _____ of glass.
- (1) shreds
 - (2) scraps
 - (3) shards
 - (4) splinters
12. Mr and Mrs Tan are very _____ parents. They give their children everything they want.
- (1) lenient
 - (2) indulgent
 - (3) charitable
 - (4) compromising
13. Fatimah found out that even the popular author of the Science textbook was _____. She had picked out an error in the classification of organisms in the book.
- (1) fallible
 - (2) credible
 - (3) tolerable
 - (4) vulnerable
14. The author's recollection of his experience of war is very _____. Many of us were moved to tears upon hearing him.
- (1) vivid
 - (2) detailed
 - (3) poignant
 - (4) rapturous
15. After the explosion at Jurong Island, many injured workers _____ out of the building, hoping to be treated as soon as possible.
- (1) ambled
 - (2) dashed
 - (3) pirouetted
 - (4) staggered

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Jesse Owens was a well-known athlete. He shot to stardom during the 1936
(16)

Summer Olympics in Germany where he won four gold medals.

When he was young, Owens was a frail child, but poor health during his early years
(17)

did not hinder him from his passion – running. As he grew, he gradually increased in
(18) (19)
strength and speed.

Despite his success, he was never smug. Instead, he continued to inspire others
(20)

for the duration of his life. He not only travelled round the world to promote the importance of sports to the young, but also started the Jesse Owens Games, a playground sports event for children.

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| 16. | (1) fame
(2) fortune | (3) triumph
(4) splendour |
| 17. | (1) weak
(2) weary | (3) inactive
(4) languid |
| 18. | (1) deter
(2) delay | (3) block
(4) interrupt |
| 19. | (1) gained
(2) elevated | (3) enlarged
(4) expanded |
| 20. | (1) greedy
(2) conceited | (3) dissatisfied
(4) discontented |

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 x 1 = 8 marks)

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

'I AM CYBERSMART' EXHIBITION 2016

Join us at this inaugural
event at the newly opened
ITopolis City

12 to 14 August 2016
Hall 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

(Guest speaker's appearance on
13 August at 2 p.m.)



Are you safe in the online world?
Do you know what dangers are lurking in the cyber world?
Do you know how to keep yourself safe?

Find out at this exciting event especially for children and youths aged between 9 to 18 years. Parents are welcome too! The event will include a special appearance by a guest speaker, Mr Aisen Hauer, CEO of the Cyber Safety Association Singapore.

- Register at www.cybersmartness.com.sg by 1 August 2016
- Only registered participants will be allowed into the event hall
- The schedule and details of the event can be found on our official website
- Contact us at 69876543 for further enquiries

MAIN ORGANISER: Cyber Smartness Org

With partnership from: Cyber Safety Association Singapore
ITopolis City Council
Ministry of Education Singapore

A message from the organisers...

The Internet is widely used these days. We go online to do our homework, research on our projects, find out about the latest news as well as do our shopping. The Internet is also a place with no boundaries where we can meet and greet people from all over the world. However, are you aware of the dangers lurking online? Here is a true story taken from the news recently.

**“She knew so much about me it was scary!
Then I realised...”**

“This lady approached after school one day. She called my name, which was the first warning I had that something was wrong. I had never met her before but she seemed rather nice. She claimed that she was a friend of my mother’s. She asked me how the different members of my family were. She then offered to send me home. She was so nice that I accepted her offer until I saw a man in the car she led me to. I felt uncomfortable and quickly made an excuse and walked away. When I got home, I realised that all the things that the lady knew about me I had posted online.

- “Kelly”, 13 (not her real name)

This is just one of the many encounters of online predators. Thankfully, “Kelly” managed to get out of the situation and stayed safe. Others may not be so fortunate.

So how can we stay safe online?

Sign up and join us at the first ever ‘I am Cybersmart’ Exhibition now!

21. Based on the flyer, who is the main organiser of the 'I Am Cybersmart' Exhibition 2016?
- (1) ITopolis City Council
 - (2) Cyber Smartness Org
 - (3) Ministry of Education Singapore
 - (4) Cyber Safety Association Singapore
22. Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of the 'I Am Cybersmart' Exhibition 2016?
- (1) It is the first time the exhibition is being held.
 - (2) Mr Aisen Hauer will speak on all three days of the event.
 - (3) Participants must pay a fee of \$10 to attend the exhibition.
 - (4) People who are interested to come may register on the day of the event.
23. According to Kelly's account, which of the following caused her to feel a sense of discomfort?
- (1) The lady offered to send her home.
 - (2) The lady claimed to be her mother's friend.
 - (3) The lady asked about her family and pet dog.
 - (4) The lady took her to a car with a man inside it.
24. From Kelly's encounter, what is not true about the stranger who approached her?
- (1) The lady got Kelly's details online.
 - (2) The lady targeted a victim of the opposite gender.
 - (3) The lady tried to be nice to Kelly during the meeting.
 - (4) The lady tried to get Kelly to go somewhere else with her.
25. At the end of the organiser's message, who do the "others" refer to?
- (1) Kelly
 - (2) The reader of the flyer
 - (3) The stranger who approached Kelly
 - (4) Targeted victims of other encounters

26. Why is the real name of the targeted victim not used in the article?

- (1) to show that the story is fictitious
- (2) to protect the identity of the victim
- (3) to protect the identities of the strangers
- (4) to show that the organisers do not know his or her real name

27. What is the main purpose of the flyer?

- (1) to share Kelly's encounter
- (2) to draw more people to the newly opened ITopolis City
- (3) to attract participants to the 'I Am Cybersmart' Exhibition 2016
- (4) to provide the schedule for the 'I Am Cybersmart' Exhibition 2016

28. What is the organiser's intention of sharing Kelly's encounter?

- (1) to show readers how to handle such situations if they encounter them
- (2) to alert readers that more people are becoming victims of online predators
- (3) to remind readers not to post personal information about themselves online
- (4) to warn readers that online dangers are a real threat and that we should learn how to protect ourselves from them

(END OF BOOKLET A)

Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 = 10 marks)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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 blanks. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE ANY WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) as	(D) of	(G) for	(K) some	(N) many
(B) by	(E) so	(H) much	(L) before	(P) off
(C) on	(F) have	(J) between	(M) over	(Q) however

It has been more than two decades since the sale of chewing gum was banned in Singapore. When it was banned (29) _____ 3 January 1992, we became the laughing stock of the world. Today, (30) _____, Singapore seems to have had the last laugh. Train rides are (31) _____ safer and there is little chance of sitting on someone's used gum left on a seat. Gums stuck (32) _____ MRT train doors used to prevent them from closing fully. This, in turn, would cause disruptions.

A few generations of children (33) _____ grown up under the ban, but many are no strangers to chewing gum. Eight-year-old Iswa said, "My father bought us (34) _____ chewing gum when we went to Malaysia. A nice flavour came out (35) _____ I chewed it." Iswa knows chewing gum is not allowed in Singapore.

(36) _____ the years, there have been no cases of lifts being jammed with gum being unable to close because of chewing gum vandalism. Town council workers no longer have to scrape chewing gum (37) _____ pavements and outdoor seats.

Anyone convicted (38) _____ selling chewing gum in Singapore can be fined up to \$2000. However, consuming it here is not an offence.

Section F: Editing (12 x 1 = 12 marks)

There are 12 questions, numbered 39 to 50, in the passage below. Each of the underlined words contain either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Skunks are actually nice little stinkers. When they are happy, they smell just fine.

(39)

However, they do not like be pushed around and they do not like anything bigger than

(40)

they are. When skunks feel treatend, they have a not-so-secret weapon and they are not

afraid to use it.

(41)

Let's say you are walking through the woods and you find yourself at a face-off with

(42)

a skunk. Since you are a lot big than a skunk, the skunk naturally feels intimidated. The

(43)

skunk stamps the ground with its tail. Its teeth chairters. After a while, the skunk will move

(44)

on to fase two, raising its bushy tail, but the tip is still limp. What do you do?

(45)

(46)

Still too terifyed to move? When the tip of the tail stiffs, you have got your first

(47)

warning. The trick is to move away when that happens. Now you are in real trouble. Arms

(48)

(49)

with enough amunishen for four or five shots, the skunk lets lose an oily golden liquid.

(50)

These oily noxious liquid is so strong that it can make you sick to your stomach and

cause temporary blindness if it gets in your eyes. Skunks have perfect aim.

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 = 15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It was 1942. The Japanese had just invaded our village. My mother and I had been rounded (51)_____ with the other women and children, and were being sent off to a concentration camp. We encountered many cruel Japanese soldiers there but there was one (52)_____ I will never forget. His name was Takashi. He was different from the (53)_____.

One day, the toilets at the camp broke (54)_____. Some girls, aged between 15 and 25 and considered healthy (55)_____ to do the back-breaking jobs, were ordered to dig (56)_____ to be used as (57)_____ alternative. For months, we laboured in the trenches. It was hard work in the hot (58)_____, especially for those who had never done manual work and were malnourished.

Every day, we worked (59)_____ lunchtime while a Japanese soldier rested in the shade of a (60)_____, making sure we were not idle. Then one (61)_____, our usual guard did not turn up. In his (62)_____, came Takashi, small and insignificant. He did not recline under the tree as his predecessor had. He went around to all the trenches and tried to (63)_____ conversation with us. (64)_____, we could not speak Japanese and we could not (65)_____ his Malay.

At noon, we had an hour off for lunch. All we had to eat was dry tapioca bread. Takashi also ate his lunch, alone under his tree.

Section H: Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 = 10 marks)

For each of the items from 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 given one(s).

66. This is the building. My father works here.

_____ where

67. It is not possible to play football because of the heavy rain.

The heavy rain _____

68. She asked if I would be going for the trip.

She asked, “ _____

69. The suitcase which Mary bought was big. It was also not light.

_____ neither

70. Ahmad was upset. He failed to do well in the examination.

_____ by his

Section I: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 x 2 = 20 marks)

Read the following passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

One dollar and eighty-seven cents. That was all. Money hoarded one and two cents at a time by haggling with the grocer, vegetable man and butcher until one's cheeks burned with silent indignity. Della had also resisted buying herself any treats in order to buy a Christmas present for her husband, Jim. They were newly married and burdened with many expenses. She desperately wanted to get him something special, something he would treasure. 5

As she stood in front of the mirror, caressing the beautiful, long auburn hair that hung over her shoulders, she was struck by an **idea**. She flung on her coat and marched out onto the street. Summoning up her courage, she pushed the door open and walked into a store that advertised 'Hair Goods of All Kinds'. "Will you buy my hair?" asked Della. She took her hat off and let her thick, curly locks cascade down her back 10

"Twenty dollars," said the proprietress, lifting the mass with a practised hand. Della fought back her tears as the first lock fell to the floor. Nevertheless, once she had the money in her hand, the smile returned to her face and she skipped out of the shop to find a present for her beloved Jim. 15

She knew exactly what she was looking for. The one possession that her husband prized above all others was a gold watch that had been his father's and his grandfather's before him. Much as he loved **it**, he was still ashamed of using it in public because of the old leather strap he was forced to use in place of a watch chain. All he needed was a gold chain to complement the grandeur of the watch. 20

That evening, the moment Della heard Jim's footsteps on the stairs, she ran to the door. He stopped abruptly, his eyes fixed on Della. There was an expression in them that she could not read, and it terrified her. It was not anger, nor surprise, nor disapproval, nor horror, nor any of the sentiments that she had been prepared for. He simply stared at her fixedly with that peculiar expression on his face. 25

She ran towards him, crying, "Jim, I'm sorry, I'm sorry, but surely you still love me, don't you? I sold my hair. I sold it to buy you a present."

He reached into his pocket and withdrew a small parcel. "My darling, I love you, with or without your hair. Open your present and you will see why I had such a reaction."

Tearing open the parcel, Della greeted its contents with an ecstatic scream of joy, which then turned into a wail as she touched her newly-shorn hair. Nestled in coloured paper was the set of combs that she had worshipped for a long time. Beautiful combs, pure tortoise shell, with jewelled rims, just the shade to wear in her long red hair. 30

With tears in her eyes, she turned to her husband and said tenderly, "My hair grows fast, Jim!" I will soon be able to wear them. I know how much they cost and I wonder how you were able to afford them. Now, give me your watch. I want to see how your new chain looks on it." 35

Instead of obeying, Jim smiled, "Della, let's put our Christmas presents away for now. **We won't be able to use them for a while.**"

Adapted from The Gift of the Magi by O Henry

71. Based on the first paragraph, do you think Della had an easy time saving money for Jim’s Christmas present? Give **two** reasons from the paragraph to support your answer. [2m]

Yes, she did.

No, she did not.

Reason 1:
Reason 2:

72. Which word in the second paragraph best tells you that Della was very proud of her hair? [1m]

73. Explain fully **in your own words** what the “idea” in Line 8 refers to. [2m]

74. What does the phrase “a practised hand” (Line 12) tell you about the shop proprietress? [2m]

75. Choose a **word** from paragraphs 4 to 8 which have similar meanings to each of the words below and write them in the space provided. [3m]

(a) suddenly	
(b) euphoric	
(c) embarrassed	

76. What does “it” in line 18 refer to? [2m]

77. State whether each sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer. [3m]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) Jim was delighted at Della’s new hairstyle.		
(b) Jim’s gold watch was a family heirloom.		
(c) Della’s gift was something that she had always wanted.		

78. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events took place in the passage. [1m]

_____ Della sold her hair.

_____ Jim replaced the gold chain strap with a leather one.

_____ Della bought Jim a gold chain strap.

79. Explain fully **in your own words** what Jim meant when he said “We won’t be able to use them for a while.” (line 39) [2m]

80. How do you know that Della and Jim loved each other very much? Give an example from the passage that tells you so. [2m]
