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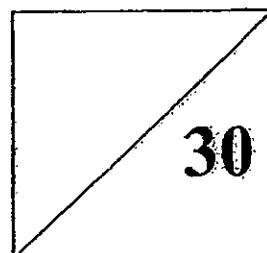
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

BOOKLET A (30 Marks)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.



Section A (5 x 1 mark)

Graphic Stimulus

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



The Theatre Works presents its 11th production ...

The Silly Little Girl and the Funny Old Tree

(adapted from the story - The Impending Storm)

The play tells of a funny old tree with leaves growing from where its roots should be, yet it attracts the affection of a silly little girl. However, the appearance of a bulldozer destroys the tranquillity and the tree is due to be felled - cut down

Dates: 18 – 24 November 2012

Show Time: 3p.m. and 8p.m

Venue: School of the Arts

Director: Lin Song

Script by: Gary Thong

Cast: Mike Lee, Joan Chua, Zack Li, Johnny Yam and Daniel Wee

Check it out!

Up to 20% discount for school bookings!

Present your ticket stub and get free admission to the exhibition hall.

10% discount from 21 Nov.

Don't miss the highlight!

Take photographs with the cast after the play!

Catch the most brilliant play of the year!
Book your tickets now!

Book now at SIGTIC!

Hotline: 6384 8811

Website: www.sigtic.com.sg

For enquiries, please email: Melvin@theatreworks.org.sg or Tel: 6384 8822

Organised by:  The Theatre Works

With support from:  Lee Banks

 Collie's Fashion

 Creative Music

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 OAS.

1. The organiser of this play is _____.

- (1) Lee Banks
- (2) Creative Music
- (3) Collie's Fashion
- (4) The Theatre Works

2. According to the brochure, the main attraction is the _____.

- (1) free admission to the exhibition
- (2) 20% discount on school bookings
- (3) chance to take photographs with the cast
- (4) 10% discount from 21 to 24 November on the ticket price

3. According to the synopsis, the _____.

- (1) play is a funny one
- (2) beginning scenes are peaceful
- (3) tree has roots growing on its branches
- (4) climax of the play is when the bulldozer appears

4. The play is put on by _____ actors and actresses.

- (1) four
- (2) five
- (3) six
- (4) seven

5. Which of the following statements is **not true**?

- (1) The play is written by Lin Song.
- (2) There are two performances a day.
- (3) In the play, the tree is going to be cut down.
- (4) This is not The Theatre Works' first production.

Section B (7 x 1 mark)

Grammar

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 OAS.

6. All the boys except Jamal _____ for the finals in the swimming competition.
- (1) qualify
 - (2) qualifies
 - (3) is qualified
 - (4) has qualified
7. My aunt and uncle _____ the onions all day so their backs ache.
- (1) had peeled
 - (2) have peeled
 - (3) had been peeling
 - (4) have been peeling
8. In the past, women in China _____ their feet. They thought that small feet were considered feminine and beautiful.
- (1) bind
 - (2) bound
 - (3) had bound
 - (4) were binding
9. Whenever my cousin was nervous, he would close his eyes and _____ a deep breath.
- (1) take
 - (2) took
 - (3) takes
 - (4) taken

10. The boys were very tired. _____, they continued their climb up the mountain.

- (1) Moreover
- (2) Therefore
- (3) Nevertheless
- (4) Consequently

11. By the time Mei Yan realised that she _____ a mistake, it was time to hand in the examination papers.

- (1) make
- (2) made
- (3) has made
- (4) had made

12. The unreasonable supervisor demanded that the worker _____ the painting within the next two days.

- (1) complete
- (2) completes
- (3) completed
- (4) would have completed

Section C (3 x 1 mark)

Punctuation

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 OAS.

On Thursday night, Paul came back from the café. He poked his head round the door of Anna's room and sang out in a loud voice(13)We're off to see Ming!"

Anna struggled out of a troubled sleep and stared at him. "What's the matter?" she asked, rubbing her eyes.

"It's on," Paul said. "We'll be meeting Ming tonight. A van is picking us up. Aren't you pleased(14)

"Think I should(15) Anna groaned angrily. Then, she dived under the blanket and curled herself into a ball.

Adapted from : Home is a Place called Nowhere by Leon Rosselson

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

Section D (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary

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 OAS.

16. After the earthquake, several countries _____ support to help the disaster-hit province.
- (1) raised
 - (2) pledged
 - (3) donated
 - (4) contributed
17. It took many craftsmen several weeks to complete these _____ carvings on the pillars. My parents and I were awestruck by the careful details.
- (1) skilful
 - (2) difficult
 - (3) intricate
 - (4) confusing
18. Those cows which have contracted the infectious disease will be _____.
- (1) put out
 - (2) put away
 - (3) put down
 - (4) put aside
19. The organiser invited a _____ of acrobats from China to perform in the opening act of his circus.
- (1) band
 - (2) team
 - (3) group
 - (4) troupe
20. Melissa and Mary had been avoiding each other since their quarrel, but I saw them together this morning. They must have _____.
- (1) stolen the show
 - (2) buried the hatchet
 - (3) recharged their batteries
 - (4) gone on a wild goose chase

Section E (5 x 1 mark)

Vocabulary Cloze

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

There are about 2,500 giant pandas left worldwide. They are amongst the most (21) endangered species of bears. Their population declines greatly and this calls for (22) prompt attention and action, to save them from extinction. A giant panda is also the official symbol of the 'World Wildlife Fund' (WWF). Red pandas are (23) classified as 'vulnerable' and could become endangered soon, if their population continues to decrease.

Panda bears are at risk of extinction. The habitat of panda bears is limited to the bamboo forests that are being increasingly (24) depleted. Those that are remaining have been (25) separated from each other, and this affects the migration of panda bears.

Adapted from <http://www.buzzle.com/articles/endangered-panda-bears.html>

21. (1) preserved
(2) pressured
(3) threatened
(4) intimidated

22. (1) apt
(2) early
(3) much
(4) immediate

23. (1) noticed
(2) grouped
(3) selected
(4) concealed

24. (1) drained
(2) reduced
(3) removed
(4) lessened

25. (1) set up
(2) set out
(3) set apart
(4) set aside

Section F (5 x 1 mark)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30 based on the passage.

The sun is setting on a summer night. At the entrance of a deep, dark cave, a few bats fly out. Within a few minutes, millions and millions of bats are pouring out of the cave.

Sounds like a scary horror movie? Believe it or not, this scene takes place all summer long, at Bracken Cave in Texas, where 20 million bats come out to feed on insects every night. "It is magical," says Jim Kennedy of Bat Conservation International in Texas. "It is one of the most majestic animal movements on the planet."

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Every March or April, Mexican Free-tailed bats migrate up to 1600 kilometres from their winter home in Mexico to the Bracken Cave, where they raise their young. Soon after they arrive, each mother gives birth to one baby. As many as 500 baby bats live crammed into 30 cubic centimetres of space, and all those bodies create nice warm temperatures to keep them cosy and comfortable.

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If you have ever lost sight of your parents in a crowded playground, you may be wondering how mother bats recognise their offspring. They use their sense of smell to tell which baby is theirs when it is time for the babies to suckle.

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The cave, a quiet place in winter, comes alive all summer – and not just with bat residents. Bat droppings, called guano, soon cover the floor, providing food for tiny organisms like bacteria and fungi. "Then there are the bugs," says Kennedy. "You walk in with your headlight on your helmet on, and the floor of the cave is seething with bugs. Gnats are flying around, and beetles are crawling up your legs!"

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When the adult bats leave the cave at night to feed, they are helping humans. They eat lots of insects in a single night, including many pests that eat farmers' crops. They get rid of mosquitoes, too.

When twenty million bats fly out of one cave opening, they make a column so thick that they show up on the radar at the nearby airport. It can take three hours for all of them to emerge from the cave. "You can feel the breeze from their wings, and see the vegetation rustle," says Kennedy. "The flap of all those wings makes a very relaxing soft sound. I've always thought it would make a great relaxation music to help you go to sleep. So much for bats being scary!"

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(Adapted from: nationalgeographicmag/animalsnature)

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26. Bats usually leave their caves _____.

- (1) at noon
- (2) at midnight
- (3) in the evening
- (4) in the morning

27. The Mexican Free-tailed bats fly to Texas to _____.

- (1) escape from winter
- (2) get rid of mosquitoes
- (3) live in cramped conditions
- (4) make the cave there come alive

28. The bats in the Bracken Cave _____.

- (1) destroy crops
- (2) feed on insects
- (3) crawl up people's legs
- (4) are used in horror movies

29. Jim Kennedy finds the sound made by the bats flapping their wings to be _____.

- (1) noisy
- (2) hypnotic
- (3) soothing
- (4) annoying

30. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) Jim Kennedy found bats scary.
- (2) Millions of bats fly out of the cave during the early summer.
- (3) Bats lose their keen sense of smell once they have fed their babies.
- (4) The small living organisms thrive in the cave due to the bat droppings.

End of Booklet A



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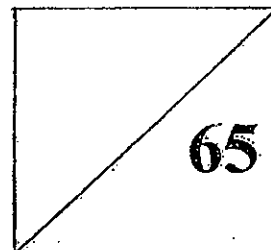
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2

BOOKLET B (65 Marks)

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Section G (10 x 1 mark)

Grammar Cloze

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 to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) about	(D) by	(G) however	(K) than	(N) will
(B) because	(E) can	(H) in	(L) though	(P) with
(C) besides	(F) for	(J) or	(M) while	(Q) would

Most of the potted plants which we buy from stores come from nurseries. These plants have been grown _____ ideal conditions. When you bring home such plants, it is best to find out more _____ the requirements of each species and how to care _____ them if they do not come _____ a care label.

Indoor plants, commonly grown for decorative purposes, are probably killed more often by improper watering _____ by any other single factor. Too much water or the lack of it _____ be _____ to the plants.

_____ the amount of water, factors like the size of the plant, light and heat also affect how fast the soil _____ dry out. When the soil gets too dry, it becomes lighter. In severe cases, the soil will harden and crack. Proper pot size is another important factor to consider. A pot that is too large will cause root disease _____ of the excess moisture retained in the soil, _____ a pot that is too small will restrict a plant's growth.

If you allow the plants to wilt, some damage may have already been done. Thus, it is important that the plants have sufficient water.

(Adapted from: Keeping houseplants healthy and lush by Sheila Lim)

Section H (10 x 1 mark)

Editing for Spelling and Grammar

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Mr Lucas Tan, who was paralysed from the waist down, had a phobia about water.

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In spite of that, he took up sailing as a **reckreational** activity and later as a sport. Mr Tan's

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(43)

determine to do so was due to his father – an alcoholic with a fiery temper. When drink, he

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would make **sakastic** remarks about his disability.

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"I guess it's hard of him to accept a disabled son. Thankfully, sailing with my coach

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and friends diverted my attention away from my father," Mr Tan remarked with a smile.

To compound his problems, his relationship with his younger sister was not plain

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sailing either. Although they study in the same secondary school, she would pretend that

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he was **inveezibel** and tried to avoid him whenever they met in school. However, once

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Mr Tan learnt how to sail and excelled at it, his relationship with his family improovd.

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Mr Tan has since won medals at both national and **glowbal** competitions. In 2008,

he won the World Championship and the Fespig Games, an Asian Games equivalent.

Adapted from: Setbacks? No problem by Tan Xing Qi

Section I (15 x 1 mark)

Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It is natural for parents to want their children to have the best in life. However, their efforts to ensure this might burn a _____ in their pockets. Many anxious parents enrol their children for costly enrichment classes _____ the hope that this can secure a _____ in the best secondary schools for their children. It therefore came as no _____ that tuition culture in Singapore is so widespread. Many children have to attend numerous tuition classes, believing that this will help them gain an advantage _____ their peers.

After school, it is not unusual _____ these children to attend extra lessons. A Singaporean mother who was interviewed said, "Tuition prepares my _____ for the PSLE and keeps him focussed. If you want to go to your dream secondary _____, you must work hard. These are the rules of the game."

These so-called _____ have been created by parents, even though education officials have repeatedly assured them that tuition is not _____. All examinable topics should have been _____ in school. Good sense should prevail, so children do not end up overly stressed and lose _____ in their studies.

Unlike Singapore, the _____ system in Finland, which is regarded as one of the best in the world, does not emphasise streaming, elite schools and the private tuition industry. Instead, the children in Finland are given the opportunity to _____ their potential to the fullest.

We have much to _____ from the schools in Finland. Ultimately, we wish that children enjoy learning instead of working hard merely to ace the examinations.

(Adapted from: The Straits Times, 14 June, 2012)

Section J (5 x 2 marks)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words(s) provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. We did not attend the concert held last week.

None of us _____

67. The policeman asked Mr Ong, "Did the burglars take anything valuable?"

The policeman asked _____

68. Due to the driver's recklessness, the old lady was knocked down.

If _____

69. This landlord has given the tenants a new refrigerator.

The tenants _____

70. The chef proceeded to pack the chillies in bottles. Before that, the chef had to wash and dry them.

Having _____

Section K (10 x 2 marks)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer Questions 71 to 80 based on the passage.

On Sunday morning, a toddler wearing a diaper and a green T-shirt floated slowly down the Peace River. He was unsteadily balanced on his overturned toy truck, clutching its wheels. The slightest shift in his weight, and he would fall into the cold water of the fast-moving river. He was whimpering in fear.

The boy's name was Danny Jones. His birthday party was set for later that day. He would be three years old. His parents and grandparents were at a riverside campsite about five kilometres away, desperately searching for him. 5

The Jones family arrived on Saturday at the campsite. They were going to celebrate Danny's birthday the next day after fishing and hiking. That afternoon, Danny's grandparents, Anita and James, took Danny for a ride down the river in their speedboat. Danny had a great time. James even let him hold the steering wheel for a little while. When it was time to get off the boat and head back to camp, Danny threw a tantrum. "I'll take you back to this river tomorrow, alright?" James promised. It was only then did Danny reluctantly agree to get off the boat. 10

After the boat ride, the family gathered around the campfire. "I'll look after Danny in the chalet," Anita told Danny's parents, Helen and Tom. "I don't like children sleeping in tents when there're bears around," she said. Danny slept in the chalet with his grandmother while his grandfather and parents pitched their tents. Anita then put Danny to bed. 15

The next morning, Danny woke up early. Anita changed his diaper, gave him a milk bottle and let him relax in the big double bed. She played his favourite movie 'Cars'. From past experience, Anita knew that Danny would usually sit happily for two hours watching it. Before long, she dozed off. 20

When Helen got up and went into the chalet, she discovered that Danny was nowhere in sight. All she saw was the movie playing and Anita sleeping nearby. Helen rushed out of the chalet, and saw James and Tom walking towards her. They had just returned from their morning walk. Her greatest fear was confirmed. 25

"Danny is missing!" Helen screamed in panic as she immediately woke Anita up, threw on her jacket, grabbed her shoes and got into the car with James. 30

The family combed the area thoroughly. "Could Danny have returned to one of the places we went to yesterday?" Anita wondered aloud. Immediately, James drove to the playground, but there was no one there. Frantic, they retraced all their routes. Still, there was no sign of Danny. "Danny must have gone to the river by himself! It's all my fault!" Anita wailed, shuddering at the thought that if her hunch was right. 35

Calmly, James told her, "Get a grip on yourself. Falling apart now won't help. We need to find our grandson fast!" Without a moment's delay, Anita called the police.

Adapted from "Gone" by Anne Mullens for Reader's Digest

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in the **first paragraph** has the same meaning as 'in an unbalanced manner'?

72. What occasion was the Jones family celebrating at the campsite?

73. Name two activities that the Jones family planned to do at the campsite.

74. How did James succeed in getting Danny off the boat after the boat ride?

75. Explain clearly why Anita preferred Danny to sleep in the chalet as opposed to in a tent.

76. Which three-word phrase tells you where James, Helen and Tom spent their night?

77. What did Anita do just before she fell asleep in the fifth paragraph?

78. How did Helen confirm her greatest fear (line 25)?

79. What did the word 'hunch' (line 32) refer to?

80. What danger was Danny facing?

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- 41)recreational 42)determination 43)drunk 44)sarcastic
 45)for 46)diverts 47)studied 48)invisible 49)improved
 50)global 51)hole 52)in 53)place 54)surprise 55)over
 56)for 57)child 58)school 59)rules 60)necessary
 61)taught 62)interest 63)education 64)stretch/realise 65)learn
 66)None of us attended the concert help last week.
 67)The policeman asked Mr Ong whether the burglars had taken anything valuable.
 68)If the driver had not been so reckless, the old lady would not have been knocked down.
 69)The tenants have been given a new refrigerator by this landlord.
 70)Having washed and dried the chillies, the chef proceeded to pack them in bottles.
 71)It is "unsteadily".
 72)They were celebrating Danny's third birthday.
 73)They planned to go fishing and hiking.
 74)James promised Danny that he would take him to Peace River again the next day.
 75)Anita did not want Danny to sleep in the tents as there were around. Danny would be safe if he slept in the chalet instead, hence Anita wanted her grandson to sleep in the Chalet.
 76)It is 'pitched their tents'.
 77)She played Danny's favourite movie 'car' for Danny to watch.
 78)Helen had searched high and low for her son, but to no avail. When she saw Anita sleeping and the movie playing she became worried. After seeing that Tom and James were not with Danny, she confirmed that her son was missing.
 79)It referred to the possibility that Danny might have gone back to the river by himself.
 80)He might drown.

