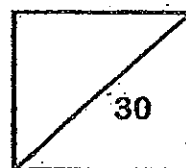




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PRIMARY 5**

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## BOOKLET A




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.

\* This paper consists of 10 pages altogether (including this page)

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

(5 marks)

<p align="center"> <b>ABC Travel Company</b>          presents  <i>Travel Fiesta</i>          in celebration of our 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary       </p>	
	
<p align="center"><b>7 DAYS FRANCE</b></p> <p align="center"> <b>PACKAGE A:</b>          8 DECEMBER TO 14 DECEMBER 2012   <b>PACKAGE B:</b>          16 DECEMBER TO 22 DECEMBER 2012   <b>\$1888 PER ADULT</b>          (USUAL PRICE: \$2688 PER PERSON)       </p>	<p align="center"><b>5 DAYS JAPAN</b></p> <p align="center"> <b>PACKAGE C:</b>          12 DECEMBER TO 16 DECEMBER 2012   <b>PACKAGE D:</b>          16 DECEMBER TO 20 DECEMBER 2012   <b>\$888 PER ADULT</b>          (USUAL PRICE: \$1288 PER PERSON)       </p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct flight to Paris</li> <li>• 5-star accommodation throughout the trip</li> <li>• 50% off for child below 12 years old</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer at Hong Kong Airport</li> <li>• \$500 for child below 12 years old</li> </ul>
<p><b>UV Bonus Offer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free UV foldable bag for every passenger</li> </ul> <p><b>POS Credit Card Bonus Offer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get a 15-inch Samson luggage bag if you spend a minimum of \$1500</li> <li>• Get a 30-inch Samson luggage bag if you spend a minimum of \$3000</li> </ul> <p><u>To book these promotional offers,</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Come down personally to 1, Orchard Road, #01-05 (10am – 8pm).</li> <li>• For more information, please call 61234567 or log on to <a href="http://www.abctravelcompany.com.sg">www.abctravelcompany.com.sg</a>. You can also email us at <a href="mailto:admin@abctravelcompany.com.sg">admin@abctravelcompany.com.sg</a>.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Sponsored by:</b></p> <div align="center">  <div> <p><b>Samson</b>  <b>Luggage Bags</b>          Since 1945</p> </div> <div> <p><b>POS Credit Cards</b></p> </div> </div>	

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

1. 'Travel Fiesta' is organised by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) UV Bags  
(2) POS Credit Cards  
(3) ABC Travel Company  
(4) Samson Luggage Bags
2. Muthu wants to sign up for the tour to France. He has to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) book online  
(2) call 61234567  
(3) email ABC Travel Company  
(4) go to 1, Orchard Road, #01-05
3. Mr James and his wife want to book their trip to Japan using their POS Credit Card. They will get \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) \$1288 discount  
(2) one UV foldable bag only  
(3) a 15-inch Samson luggage bag  
(4) a 30-inch Samson luggage bag
4. Mary would like to travel but she has to return to Singapore by 15 December for her mother's birthday. She can book Package \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) A  
(2) B  
(3) C  
(4) D
5. Based on the advertisement, which one of the following statements is **true**?  
(1) Passengers fly directly to Japan.  
(2) ABC Travel Company is 8 years old.  
(3) Children below 12 years old travel for free.  
(4) Customers stay in 5-star accommodations in France and Japan.

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. Darren is good \_\_\_\_\_ Science. Perhaps he has an answer to this question on 'Plant Cells'.

(1) in  
(2) at  
(3) on  
(4) for

7. The soccer match \_\_\_\_\_ postponed yesterday as the floodlights at the stadium were out of order.

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

8. Siti, \_\_\_\_\_ storybook is on display, is my neighbour.

(1) who  
(2) whom  
(3) which  
(4) whose

9. Neither my parents nor I \_\_\_\_\_ in favour of my sister's studying abroad so we have decided to talk to her.

(1) am  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were

10. The refugees \_\_\_\_\_ depending on rain water for survival since leaving their war-torn homeland in a boat. They hope they will not be captured.

(1) are  
(2) were  
(3) had been  
(4) have been

11. Sarah has been learning Japanese from Ms Yumiko for the past eight years; \_\_\_\_\_, she is very fluent in her communication.

- (1) yet
- (2) however
- (3) nonetheless
- (4) consequently

12. Mr Suresh, together with his friends, \_\_\_\_\_ to Cambodia next year.

- (1) is travelled
- (2) is travelling
- (3) are travelled
- (4) are travelling

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

On my recent trip to Taiwan, I was recognised by several Singaporean tourists.

"He's Dr JiaJia (13)" a boy exclaimed. I smiled. Next, the boy's mother approached me and asked for my signature. Without hesitation, I scribbled my name on the lady's notebook.

Soon, an elderly man walked towards me and asked (14) May I take a picture with you?" Before I could answer him, my brother interrupted, "Would you like to take a picture with me too (15)" I did not wait for the man's reply and quickly put my arms around my dearest brother.

*Adapted from Dr JiaJia by Elizabeth Soh, Yahoo*

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

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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

16. The tuition teacher's image was \_\_\_\_\_ after the Education Ministry revealed that he was not a qualified teacher.
- (1) verified
  - (2) clarified
  - (3) polished
  - (4) tarnished
17. My aunt \_\_\_\_\_ after the host announced that she was the winner of Miss Singapore Beauty Contest.
- (1) broke up
  - (2) broke out
  - (3) broke down
  - (4) broke away
18. As the rioters started to smash the shop windows, the policemen tried to \_\_\_\_\_ them with powerful water jets and tear gas.
- (1) dispel
  - (2) destroy
  - (3) dismiss
  - (4) disperse
19. Uncle Bobby arrived at the airport \_\_\_\_\_ and caught the last flight out of the city, before the rebels took over the control tower.
- (1) in the long run
  - (2) for the time being
  - (3) in the nick of time
  - (4) on the spur of the moment
20. Roger Federer was \_\_\_\_\_ from the tennis tournament when he lost to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga last year.
- (1) sacked
  - (2) deleted
  - (3) removed
  - (4) eliminated

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

(5 marks)

Lieutenant Chang looked at the photograph in his hand – a family picture of him, his wife and three children. He frowned in pain as I nursed his gunshot wound.

(21)

"Sir, you'll be fine," I assured him, patting his back and hoping to lift his spirits. He slowly lifted his head and looked out of the window.

(22)

Looking perplexed, Lieutenant Chang wondered, "How did the enemies know where

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(24)

the secret hideout is?" He had no answer. Soon, several of his men arrived at the ward. Lieutenant Chang complimented them for putting up a brave fight.

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Corporal Lee interrupted, "Sir, if you didn't block that shot, I might be dead now."

21. (1) wriggled  
(2) throbbed  
(3) grimaced  
(4) palpitated
22. (1) hefted  
(2) raised  
(3) hoisted  
(4) heaved
23. (1) puzzled  
(2) agitated  
(3) annoyed  
(4) frustrated
24. (1) foes  
(2) rivals  
(3) opponents  
(4) competitors
25. (1) praised  
(2) thanked  
(3) accepted  
(4) approved



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Around the world each year, traffic accidents kill more than one million people and injure 50 million others. Thus, scientists and engineers are finding new ways to make cars safer, smarter and more efficient. Soon, cars will 'talk' to other cars, your computer, your phone and almost any other electronic device. They will also help drivers save energy, watch out for other cars and avoid pedestrians.

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Last year, Google, which is well-known for its internet search engine, hit the expressway. It sent a fleet of six self-driving cars onto the streets. Each car had a device on the top that looked like a wide metal headband topped by a small, spinning cylinder. In fact, these Google's researchers have safety in mind, and the computer programmes behind these cars are designed to turn roads into safer places. Using video cameras, radar sensors and lasers, these cars detect other vehicles on the road and obstacles, which can help avoid crashes.

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At the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, scientists have designed AIDA, which stands for Affective Intelligent Driving Assistant. AIDA is a small, white robot with glowing blue eyes that sits on the dashboard, watching the driver. The robot gives directions and uses a video camera to watch his face and recognise his emotions. It will also try to cheer the driver up when he is in a bad mood. AIDA can also help drivers to choose routes so as to avoid traffic jams or accidents.

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In the future, cars may even help drivers keep track of their health by reminding them to take their medication. Ford Motor Company is designing cars to help out with a person's health. A computer in the car will communicate with medical devices, like a glucose monitor worn by a diabetic person, to help the driver monitor his blood sugar level. People with diabetes have to watch what they eat. If blood sugar levels get too low, a person could become disoriented — or even pass out. With technological advancement, cars of the future may be driverless one day. However, who will be responsible if there is an accident?

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*Adapted from Cars of the Future by Stephen Ornes*

For each question from 26 to 30, 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 Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

26. According to the passage, cars 'talk' to other cars so that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) more energy can be saved
- (2) drivers can focus on the road
- (3) traffic accidents can be reduced
- (4) they learn to speak a common language

27. How did Google make the roads safer?

- (1) Drivers can use Google while driving.
- (2) All cars will be installed with the Google search engine.
- (3) Google makes sure that there are no more road accidents.
- (4) Cars can use a Google software to detect other cars and obstacles.

28. What can AIDA do to help drivers?

- (1) It cheers them up.
- (2) It monitors their health.
- (3) It helps them to save energy.
- (4) It helps to stop accidents completely.

29. What can future cars produced by Ford Motor Company do to help diabetics?

- (1) They improve the lives of the diabetics.
- (2) They help them monitor their glucose levels.
- (3) They help them take less sugar after driving.
- (4) They ensure that their sugar levels are always high.

30. According to the passage, which of the following statements about the future of cars is false?

- (1) They will be cheaper.
- (2) They will be more energy-efficient.
- (3) They can help drivers to plan driving routes.
- (4) They can communicate with other electronic devices.

End of Booklet A



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## BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

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. (10 marks)

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

(A) any	(D) unless	(G) since	(K) and	(N) even
(B) after	(E) how	(H) until	(L) but	(P) much
(C) a	(F) just	(J) then	(M) for	(Q) than

Gary bought a computer even though he had never used a typewriter before. (31) \_\_\_\_\_ trying out the computer, he decided to call the helpline. A friendly voice explained step-by-step (32) \_\_\_\_\_ his new computer worked. All went well (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the voice told him to press the space bar. After studying the keyboard, Gary exclaimed, "I've got the latest model (34) \_\_\_\_\_ it doesn't have a space bar!" After further guidance, he managed to find it.

A week later, Gary encountered some problems (35) \_\_\_\_\_ called the helpline again. (36) \_\_\_\_\_ the problems could not be solved over the phone, an instructor was (37) \_\_\_\_\_ sent to train Gary. After a few minutes of training, Gary's head was spinning. "You don't need to go (38) \_\_\_\_\_ further," he sighed, "I don't understand (39) \_\_\_\_\_ thing."

To cheer him up, the instructor said, "Hey, there are people who understand a lot less than you. Last week, we had someone on the phone who didn't (40) \_\_\_\_\_ know where the space bar was! You are not so bad."

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Car population is expected to increase drastically in Singapore. So, as early as the 1970s, the government realised that building more roads alone would

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not solve the problem of traffic **konjeshen**.

(42)

This soon led to the **axeplorayshen** of a rail system. There were some planners who prefer an integrated public bus transport system. They felt the \$5 billion cost

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(44)

of a rail system was too expensive. They **bileafed** that a properly managed bus

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(46)

system might do the job at a much lower cost. These oppose points of view resulted in

the 'Great MRT Debate' which lasted more than 10 years.

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**Eventchuerly** the idea of the integration of bus and rail, when the bus functions

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like a feeder to the rail system was decided with. The Mass Rapid Transit System was

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made **aveilebel** from 1987. This has changed the conditions on our busy roads.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 Marks)

Long time ago in ancient Greece, there lived a man named Socrates. One day, a neighbour (51) \_\_\_\_\_ Socrates and told him that he had (52) \_\_\_\_\_ information to tell him about his friend. Before he (53) \_\_\_\_\_ even start talking about his friend, Socrates told him to take a very simple test known as the 'Triple Filter Test'.

The first test of the 'Triple Filter Test' was the filter of truth. Socrates asked him if the (54) \_\_\_\_\_ he had was the truth. His neighbour replied that he had (55) \_\_\_\_\_ heard it on his way to the market and was (56) \_\_\_\_\_ if it was the absolute truth. The second filter was that of goodness. Socrates asked if the information was (57) \_\_\_\_\_ good about his friend. The man shook his head and said that it was actually the (58) \_\_\_\_\_. The third filter was that of (59) \_\_\_\_\_. Socrates asked if the information was useful to him in any way. (60) \_\_\_\_\_ the man shook his head and replied in the negative.

Socrates then advised his neighbour that when the information (61) \_\_\_\_\_ a friend is not true, good or useful, then it should not be conveyed at all. He added, "(62) \_\_\_\_\_ you know your friends better than others, you must avoid spreading (63) \_\_\_\_\_ about them. It only (64) \_\_\_\_\_ to strained relations and shows that you are not reliable or trustworthy (65) \_\_\_\_\_ a friend. Cherish and respect your friends.

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (10 marks)

66. That was the traffic junction. The accident happened there.

\_\_\_\_\_ where  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. My classmates are not coming to my birthday party. My cousin is not coming too.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Farah dislikes swimming more than playing basketball.

\_\_\_\_\_ prefers \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. The bullies are kicking the pitiful kitten into the drain.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. Sean said, "I had my lunch at two o'clock this afternoon."

Sean said \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80 .

Usain Bolt was born in Jamaica on August 21, 1986. He was a very good cricket player and a sprinter. Bolt's natural speed was noticed by coaches at school, and he began to focus solely on sprinting under the guidance of Pablo McNeil, a former Olympic sprint athlete. At 14, Bolt was wowing fans with his lightning speed, and he won his first high school championships medal in 2001, taking the silver in the 200-metre race. For this, he was given the nickname 'Lightning Bolt'.

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In 2002, at the age of 15, Bolt took part in the World Junior Championships in Kingston, Jamaica, where he won the 200-metre dash, making him the youngest world-junior gold medallist ever. Bolt's feats impressed the athletics world, and he received the International Association of Athletics Foundation's Rising Star Award that year.

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Despite a nagging hamstring injury, Bolt was chosen for the Jamaican Olympic squad for the 2004 Athens Olympics. He was eliminated in the first round of the 200-metre event, hampered by that injury. In 2005, Usain Bolt replaced his long-time coach Pablo McNeil with Glenn Mills. He then reached the world Top 5 rankings in 2005 and 2006. Unfortunately, injuries continued to plague the sprinter, preventing him from completing a full professional season.

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The year 2007 proved to be a breakthrough for Bolt. He broke the national 200-metre record held for over 30 years by Donald Quarrie, and earned two silver medals at the World Championship in Osaka, Japan. These medals boosted Bolt's desire to run, and he took a more serious stance towards his career.

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Bolt announced that he would run the 100-metre and 200-metre events at the Beijing Summer Olympics. In the 100-metre final, Bolt broke the world record, winning in 9.69 seconds. The record set was without a favourable wind. He also visibly slowed down as his shoelace was untied, an act that aroused much debate later on.

Usain Bolt remains the fastest man on the planet. The Jamaican successfully defended his Olympic title after winning the men's 100-metre final in London in 2012. He became the first man to win back-to-back 100-metre titles since Carl Lewis – in 1984 and 1988. Bolt ran in a sizzling time of 9.63 seconds, setting a new Olympic record, falling short of his own world record he set at the Berlin World Championships in 2009 when he ran 9.58 seconds. He did, however, break his Olympic record set during a sterling 9.69 seconds performance at the Beijing Olympics.

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Bolt's achievements in sprinting have earned him numerous awards, including the IAAF World Athlete of the Year (twice), Track & Field Athlete of the Year, and Laureus Sportsman of the Year.



ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Based on the passage given, who was Pablo McNeil?

72. Why do you think Usain was given the nickname "Lightning Bolt"?

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73. In line 9, what does the word "feats" refer to?

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74. Explain clearly why Bolt was eliminated from the 200-metre event in Athens Olympics?

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75. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'persistently troubled'?

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76. According to the passage, who was Donald Quarrie?

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77. What caused Bolt to make a more serious move towards his career?

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78. What caused the debate in line 24?

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79. In what way is Usain Bolt similar to Carl Lewis in terms of their athletics achievements?

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80. When and where did Usain perform the best for 100-metre event?

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End of Booklet B

# Answer Ke

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K	G	J	A	C	N

- 41)congestion      42)exploration      43)preferred      44)believed      45)could  
 46)opposing      47)Eventually      48)where      49)on/upon      50)available  
 51)met      52)some      53)could      54)information      55)just/only  
 56)doubtful      57)anything      58)opposite      59)usefulness      60)Again  
 61)about/regarding      62)Since/As      63)lies/tales/stories/untruths  
 64)leads      65)as  
 66)That was the traffic junction where the accident happened.  
 67)Neither my classmates nor my cousin is coming to my birthday party.  
 68)Farah prefers playing basketball to swimming.  
 69)The pitiful kitten is being kicked into the drain by the bullies.  
 70)Seas said that he had had his lunch at two o'clock that afternoon.  
 71)Pablo McNeil was a former Olympic sprint athlete who trained Usain Bolt.  
 72)He could sprint at lightning speed.  
 73)It refers to Bolt being the youngest world-junior 200-metre gold medallist.  
 74)It was due to his nagging hamstring injury.  
 75)The three-word phrase is 'continued to plague'.  
 76)Donald Quarrie was a former sprint athlete who had help a record in the national 200-metre for over 30 years.  
 77)The two silver medals that Bolt had earned at the world Championship in Osaka, Japan caused him to make a more serious move towards his career.  
 78)Usain visibly slowed down as his shoelace was untied. That caused the debate.  
 79)Both of them won the 100-metre event in two consecutive Olympics.  
 80)Usain performed the best for 100-metre event at the Berlin world Championships.

