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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils

- 1. Write your Name, Class and Index No. in the spaces provided above.
- 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 on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided for questions 1 to 28 only.

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Section A: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

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

- 1. Construction of the flats ______ soon and is scheduled to end in December 2016.
 - (1) begin
 - (2) began
 - (3) begins
 - (4) has begun

2. She goes to the market every day, _____ she?

- (1) do
- (2) does
- (3) don't
- (4) doesn't

3. If you ______ the gong yesterday, the baby ______ up.

- (1) did not strike ... would not wake
- (2) have not struck...will not wake
- (3) did not strike...will not have woken
- (4) had not struck...would not have woken

- 4. Keep this secret _____ yourself. I have told no one else about it and I do not wish anyone to know about it.
 - (1) by
 - (2) to
 - (3) in
 - (4) for

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you have admitted your mistake, I will forgive you.

- (1) Since
- (2) Unless
- (3) Despite
- (4) Although

- 6. I will let you ______ on a big piece of news since you have just arrived in this neighbourhood.
 - (1) in
 - (2) by
 - (3) across
 - (4) through

7. Mother strongly objects to John's _____ out late every night.

- (1) stay
- (2) stays
- (3) stayed
- (4) staying

8. Neither Jane nor her brothers ______ going for the holiday camp. They prefer to stay at home.

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

9. The water in the dam rose higher last week than it had ever ______ before.

(1) rise

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- (2) rose
- (3) risen
- (4) raised

10. Jamie is good at Mathematics. There are _____ problems that she cannot solve.

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- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) some
- (4) many

Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

For each question from 11 to 15, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

11. Marie could not concentrate on her studies as her brothers were creating a ______ in the next room.

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- (1) blast
- (2) patter
- (3) ruckus
- (4) symphony

12. Peter Pan _____ Captain Hook's attempt to overthrow the government.

- (1) snared
- (2) thwarted
- (3) destroyed
- (4) exacerbated ...

13. James was so nervous during the oral examination that it ______ his ability to perform his very best and as a result, he could not elaborate on his points.

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- (1) impeded
- (2) enhanced
- (3) accelerated
- (4) deteriorated

14. The plan to convert the barren valley into fertile farms _____ due to insufficient support from the sponsors.

- (1) broke up
- (2) took after
- (3) fell through
- (4) came around

15. Tosh should not think that he will never make mistakes as no one is ______

- (1) infallible
- (2) invincible

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- (3) indestructible
- (4) indispensable

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Facebook is a social network that connects people. It is most likely to have underage members <u>breaching</u> its minimum age of 13, with 52% of 8 to 16-year-olds (16) admitting they had ignored the official age limit. Child psychologist Dr. Richard Woolfson believes social media such as Facebook has removed the <u>boundaries</u> between a young (17) person's public and private self, leaving them <u>vulnerable</u> and exposed to danger by (18) <u>compulsive</u> sharing online. (19) "Parents need to maintain an open <u>dialogue</u> and encourage children to share both (20) good and bad online experiences. They should also keep up with the latest social media craze and work with their children rather than trying to control them," he said.

Adapted from 'Children using social networks underage 'exposes them to danger'- Rhiannon Williams

- 16.
- (1) violating(2) opposing
- (3) rupturing
- (4) foundering

17. (1) veils

- (2) cloaks
- (3) barriers
- (4) frontiers
- 18. (1) tender
 - (2) relaxed
 - (3) susceptible(4) enshrouded

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- (1) keen
 - (2) passive
 - (3) apathetic
 - (4) obsessive
- 20. (1) squabble
 - (2) articulation

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- (3) relationship
- (4) conversation

Section D: Visual Text Comprehension (8 × 1 mark)

Study this flyer carefully and then answer questions 21 to 28.

Let's fly a kite... ---at Greendalee Primary School's... Celebration of Kites Come with your family and learn how to build all sorts of kites, from the simplest diamondshaped kites to the most ornate box kites. Stay as long as you like and build as many kites as you want. Once you have finished a kite, get advice on flying techniques from kite expert Mr. Larry Tan. The Greendalee Primary School Parent Teacher Organisation (PTO) will be setting up a refreshment tent. All proceeds will be donated to charity. Take a break from kite flying and drink some lemonade! While you are doing so, why not sign up and join the PTO? Membership is free. You just donate your time. Show your support for Greendalee Primary School by joining the PTO this Saturday! When: Saturday, 29 November, from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Where: Greendalee Primary School, 21 Greendale Avenue Why: To build community spirit Cost: Free! Thanks to sponsorship by Windmills Kite Company! Alternative event date in case of wet weather: Saturday, 6 December Schedule 9.00 a.m. -Kite-building booths open. All materials are supplied for both simple and complex kites. 10.00 a.m. ---Kite-building demonstrations by Mr. Larry Tan in the school hall. For those interested in building more intricate kites, this demonstration is important. Come by and learn how to build box kites and kites that look and fly like butterflies. 11.00 a.m. ---Kite-flying demonstrations on the school field. Learn all the most

12.00 noon — Kite-flying competitions on the school field. See which kites fly the longest, the fastest and the highest.

important skills.

1.00 p.m. —	*Presentation by Dr. Brian Lee in the show tent: "The History of Kites."
2.00 p.m. —	Best Kite contests and judging in the show tent. Come see the most artistic kites and the most interesting theme kites.
3.00 p.m. —	**Presentation by Dr. Brian Lee in the show tent: "Kites and Science."
3.30 p.m. —	Awards ceremony conducted by Principal Mrs. Lim in the school hall. The results of the day's judging will be announced, with awards such as Best of Show, Most Artistic, Highest Flyer, and others. Winners will receive trophies and gift certificates from the <i>Windmills Kite Company</i> !
4.00 to 5.00 p.m. —	Let's all go fly a kite! Under the direction of Principal Mrs. Lim, everyone flies kites at the same time, creating a remarkable sight for all to enjoy.

Kites Throughout History

At 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m., Dr. Brian Lee of Punggol Community College will discuss the historical development of kites, from the earliest Chinese examples to the discovery of electricity by Benjamin Franklin, who used only a kite, some string and a metal key.





In his ***first presentation**, Dr. Lee will discuss the history of kites. Kites are thought to have been invented by the Chinese more than 2,000 years ago and then quickly "flew" over the rest of the world. Since the 1600s, kites have been popular throughout Europe.

In the ****second presentation**, Dr. Lee will discuss how kites have been used by scientists. Benjamin Franklin was just one of the scientists who used kites as an ingenious means to make important discoveries. In fact, in the early 1800s, Sir George Cayley used kites to try to build a flying machine that carried people. He actually answered important scientific questions using kites. Sir George's discoveries helped the Wright brothers when they built the first successful airplane. In the 1820s George Pocock used kites to construct a powered carriage. With four kites, the powered carriage could reach speeds of approximately 30 kilometres per hour.



Sketch By George Cayley Of The Monoplane Glider - 1848

Come to both presentations and learn more!

For each question from 21 to 28, shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

21. The event Celebration of Kites is most likely organised by _____

- (1) Windmills Kite Company
- (2) Greendalee Primary School
- (3) Punggol Community College
- (4) Parent Teacher Organisation of Singapore
- 22. The main purpose of this event is to _____
 - (1) educate participants in the building and flying of kites
 - (2) raise funds for the PTO of Greendalee Primary School
 - (3) enable participants to take part in kite flying competitions
 - (4) encourage members of the community to interact and enjoy themselves

23. The Greendalee Primary School PTO will be setting up a refreshment tent with the primary intention of ______.

- (1) raising funds for PTO activities
- (2) recruiting parents to join the PTO
- (3) offering free membership to all participants
- (4) supplying complimentary refreshments to participants
- 24. If it rains on the day of the event, _____.
 - (1) the event will be cancelled
 - (2) the event will be postponed
 - (3) only some activities will be conducted
 - (4) all activities will be conducted in the school hall

25. In order to direct the readers' attention to the flow of events for the day,

- (1) the schedule is put in a box
- (2) exclamation marks are used
- (3) pictures are placed in the flyer
- (4) some words are printed in bold

26. As John is interested in participating in kite contests, the times most important to him are _____

- (1) 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.
 - (2) 12.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m.
 - (3) 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m.
 - (4) 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.

- 27. Which one of these statements is true?
 - (1) Kites were made by scientists and inventors.
 - (2) Kites were used in the process of making discoveries.
 - (3) Kites were used to carry people from one place to another.
 - (4) Kites were more popular in China than in any other part of the world.
- 28. The last section of the flyer *Kites Throughout History* aims to provide the reader with more information about ______.
 - (1) the history of kites
 - (2) the speaker, Dr. Brian Lee
 - (3) all kite-related scientific discoveries
 - (4) the two presentations by Dr. Brian Lee

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SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

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 blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) across	(E) before	(J) is	(N) through
(B) after	(F) from	(K) of	(P) to
(C) among	(G) himself	(L) or	(Q) who
(D) are	(H) in	(M) themselves	

An electric shock occurs when a person comes into contact with an electrical energy source. Electrical energy flows (29) _____ a portion of the body, causing electric shock. Exposure (30) _____ electrical energy may result in no injury at all, devastating damage (31) _____ death.

Many people get electric shocks obtained from man-made objects such as electrical appliances, electrical wires and electrical circuitry. In addition, lightning strikes (32) ______a natural form of electric shock. Burns are the most common injury from electric shocks and lightning strikes.

In children older than 12 years, most electrical injuries result (33) ______ exploring and activities around high-power systems. Among adults, use of common sense can help reduce electrical injury. People (34) ______ work with electricity should always check that the power is turned off (35) ______ working on electrical systems.

What happens if you come (36) ______ a person suffering from electric shock? The person attempting to help a victim of electric shock should protect (37) ______ by standing on some insulating material such as rubber or wood, then attempt to drag the victim away by means of

a rope or broom.

Treatment of electric shock victims depends on the severity (38) ______ the burns or the nature of other injuries found. Minor burns may be treated with topical antibiotic ointment and dressings. More severe burns require surgery.

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Adapted from http://www.emedicinehealth.com

Section F: Editing for Spelling and Grammar (12 × 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the
correct word in each of the boxes.
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Trick Eye Museum is finally here in Singapore! Get ready to let your imagination
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march into a meraculous dimension foriginal 3D artworks. Trick Eye is an abbreviation for 'Trick
of the eye', which refers to an artteckneque that turns two-dimensional paintings into three-
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dimensional ones through the use of optical illusions. In that, 2D paintingson the museum
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walls, floors and ceilings appear to pop out of the surface and come into life. Visitorsare
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more than welcome to explore the various themed galaries with their eyes, hands and
even cameras. Step inside the paintings to complete a visual narrative with your creative
poses. From the lens of your camera, a suprisingly tricky story will unfold.
There are 6 engaging and family-based themes that will spark imagination and the love
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of art. One of them are the World of Masterpieces. Be part of the renowed Western
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masterpieces from French impressionist Georges Seurat to <u>comtenperary</u> Scottish artist
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In the virtual Safari Kingdom, nowhere is safe because you attempt to escape from a

monstrous fish and hide from a giant venomous snake. You can also explore Star of Circus,

Dreams of Fairy Tale, Love in Winter and Adventure Discovery. In Trick Eye, you are never

shortened of an amazing shot. Come and be part of this one-of-a-kind experience!

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Adapted from http://trickeye.com/singapore

Section G :Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

It is amazing what nature provides. Low (51) ______ calories, naturally fatand cholesterol free, more potassium (52) ______ four bananas and super hydrating these are just a few of the many (53) ______ accorded to America's latest health craze: coconut water.

Dubbed "Mother Nature's sports drink" (54) ______ marketeers, the demand is skyrocketing, propelled by celebrity and athlete endorsements and promises to hydrate the body and help with a whole (55) _______ of conditions, from hangovers to cancer and kidney stones.

Professional tennis player John Isner credits coconut water with keeping him (56) ______ his feet for his epic 11-hour marathon Wimbledon tennis win. "It is hydrating and has kept me going in long matches and prevented me (57) ______ cramping even in the hottest and most demanding weather (58) ______." Isner says.

(61) ______ coconut water nor sports drinks contain enough sodium or carbohydrates for the heavy perspirer. "Supplement with a quick source of energy like a banana or some raisins and a handful of pretzels to provide nutrients to replenish your stores," Clark says.

There are some health benefits (62) ______ consuming coconut water. It is an all-natural way to hydrate, reduce sodium and add pótassium to diets. Most people do not get

enough potassium in their diets because they do not eat enough fruits, vegetables, or dairy, so coconut water can help fill in this nutritional (63)

Beyond that, the scientific literature does not (64) _______ the idea that it will help with a laundry list of diseases. "There is a lot of hype about coconut water, yet the research is just not there to support many of the claims and much more research is needed," says Clark.

Coconut water is fine for recreational athletes – but so are plain water or sports drinks. In general, most adults do not exercise strenuously enough to need sports drinks or coconut water because good, old-fashioned water (65) ______ just fine. If you enjoy the taste and your budget allows it, coconut water is a nutritious and relatively low-calorie way to add potassium to your diet and keep you well-hydrated.

Adapted from "The Truth About Coconut Water"-- Kathleen M. Zelman

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

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For each of the questions 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 that of the given sentence(s).

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He kept his word and took his daughter to watch the musical 'Phantom of the Op	bera'.
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I allowed the student to go to the general office. She was running a fever.	
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Jake is not an active boy. He dislikes outdoor games.	
Jake is not an active boy. He dislikes outdoor games.	
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"How did you fare in the English examination?" Mother asked Johnson.	
How did you fare in the English examination? Mother asked Johnson.	
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Mother asked Johnson	—

Section I: Comprehension -Open-ended (20 marks)

Read this passage and answer the questions 71 to 80.

By our third encounter, we had complete confidence in Randy Renado, our whale shark interaction officer. He had the ability to look into both the immediate future and the grey-green waters of the Sibuyan Sea. "Now, look down," he would command shortly after my wife, our twin daughters and I had donned our masks, snorkels and flippers. We would drop over the side of our 40-foot wooden, outrigger short boat that had been guided to a patch of gently undulating water and wait for the appearance of the creature.

Sure enough, three or four seconds later, the hulking outline of a 25 foot whale shark, known here in the Philippines as a butanding could be discerned coming towards us through the luminescent water. We could see its enormous, flattened head rhythmically swaying as its elongated dark checkerboard of a body passed five or six feet below us, before disappearing back into the waters.

It was indeed quite a magnificent sight to behold as we swam alongside the gentle giant. We would see it a total of nine times that morning before the whale sharks, which tend to be early feeders, made themselves scarce by the late morning. We had certainly come to the right place to see it. Donsol, on the south-eastern coast of the main Philippine island of Luzon, bills itself as "the whale shark capital of the world", a boast generally accepted because the whale sharks here swim relatively close to the surface and the chances of seeing multiple whale sharks on any given day are high. For that, Donsol was named by TIME Magazine as the best wildlife encounter destination in Asia in 2004.

So, when it was time to vote on where we should go on our one excursion outside metro Manila. Donsol was chosen instead of the island resort of Borocay.

Like most people, we had arrived in Donsol, a rough and tumble beach community just west of the fishing community of some 5,000, the afternoon before. There, we had lingered to tour the historic devastation on the slopes of Mt. Mayon, arguably the world's most perfectly shaped volcano that is still smoking after all these years. 10

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We spent some time looking for accommodation. All the hotels we shortlisted were either lacking in basic facilities or looked extremely rundown. We finally settled on one which looked decent enough. We then flagged down two motorised tricycles to take us half a mile to the Philippine Department of Tourism visitor's centre to hire our boat for the next day, pre-pay our visitor's fee and watch a compulsory pre-dive orientation video depicting just what awaited us the next morning. I did not understand why we had to go through that twelve-minute presentation about facts we all knew by heart already. Of course, nothing could quite match the real experience.

The whale shark is widely misunderstood by humans because of its confusing name. Many people associate it with the more well-known and terrifying predator, the Great White. However, like baleen whales, it filter-feeds on microscopic plankton and thus poses no danger to humans, unless they happen to be inadvertently slapped by its ten-foot tail. Apparently, the whale sharks have been coming to these plankton-rich waters for years and were known to frequently destroy the nets of Donsol's fishermen. Yet, it was not until a team of foreign divers filmed them in 1998 that they stopped seeing the whale shark as a form of nuisance to their livelihood but as a potentially profitable complement. A decade later, some 10,000 eco-tourists make their way here every year to swim alongside the whale sharks, and in the process, contribute to the local economy.

Adapted from 'A Whale of a Shark Story' - Marshall S. Berdan

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71. What is the whale shark known as in the Philippines? (1m)

72. If you were in Donsol and would like to watch whale sharks, would you choose Randy Renado as your whale shark interaction officer? In your own words, explain why. (2m)

73. Choose a word from paragraphs 1-2 in the passage that has an **opposite** meaning to each of the words below. (3m)

removed	
dull	
shortened	

74. Why did Time Magazine name Donsol as the best wildlife encounter destination in Asia in 2004? (2m)

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

The writer went to the Philippine Department of Tourism visitor's centre.

___The writer saw whale sharks in the waters of the Sibuyan Sea.

_____ The writer and his family went to Mt. Mayon.

76. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is *True or False*, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True / False	Reason
Whale sharks are likely to be sighted in the afternoon.		
Mt. Mayon is an active volcano.		
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The author enjoyed watching the orientation video at the Philippine Department of Tourism visitor's centre.		

77. It is mentioned in the passage that the whale shark is widely misunderstood because of its confusing name. In the table below, state the danger humans think it poses versus the danger it actually poses to humans. (2m)

Danger humans THINK it poses	Danger it ACTUALLY poses		

78. According to the writer, what were Donsol's fishermen's attitudes towards the whale sharks before 1998? Give a reason to explain why. (2m)

79. The table below shows an event which has happened and its consequences. Fill in the boxes using information from the passage. (2m)

Event	Consequences
A team of foreign divers filmed the whale sharks of Donsol in 1998.	(†)
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80. Do you think the author and his family would want to visit Donsol again? Support your answer with information from the passage. (2m)



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Q66. It was nice of him to distribute all the forms for me.

Q67. True to his word, he took his daughter to watch the musical "Phantom of the Opera"

Q68. I allowed the student who was running a fever to go to the general office.

Q69. Being an inactive boy, Jake dislikes outdoor games.

Q70. Mother ask Johnson how he had fared in the English examination.

Q71. Butanding

Q72. Yes, I would. He knew when the whale shark would appear, so, I would not miss seeing the whale shark by jumping into the waters too late if Randy Renado was my shark interaction officer.

Q73. Remove – donned Q73 dull – luminescent Q73 shortened – elongated

Q74. Whale sharks in Donsol swim close to the surface, so, the chances of seeing multiple whale sharks on any day are high.

Q75.1 – The writer and his family went to Mt. Mayon

Q75.2 - The writer went to the Philippine Department of Tourism visitor's centre.

Q75.3 – The writer saw whale sharks in the waters of the Sibuyan Sea.

Q76. FALSE - Whale sharks are early feeders, thus, they are likely to be sighted in the early morning.

Q76. TRUE - It is still smoking after many years.

Q76. FALSE – The author did not understand why they had to go through the twelve minute presention about facts they all knew by heart already.

Q77. Humans think that it is a terrifying predator like the Great White because of its confusing name.

Q77. Whale sharks may slap humans with its ten – foot tail.

Q78. Donsol's fishermen saw the whale shark as a form of nuisance to their livelihood. Whale sharks frequently destroyed the nets of the fishermen.

Q79. 1. Donsol's fishermen saw whale sharks as a potentially profitable complement.

Q79. 2. 10,000 tourists make their way to Dorsol every year to swim alongside the whale sharks and this contributes to the local economy.

Q80. Yes, I think they would. The author thought that the experience of swimming alongside the whale shark was awesome. He also thought that the whale sharks were a magnificent sight.

THE END