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PAPER 2

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

**Section A: Vocabulary MCQ** (6 X 1 mark)

For questions 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ old lady was tricked into buying the 'magic' stone which the conman claimed could cure all illnesses.  
(1) crafty (2) gullible  
(3) greedy (4) humble ( )
2. The athlete \_\_\_\_\_ all the way to the finishing line, after having twisted his ankle during the last lap of the race.  
(1) leapt (2) sprang  
(3) limped (4) sprinted ( )
3. Old Mrs Chan sobbed \_\_\_\_\_ when she discovered that her house had been burgled.  
(1) unbearably (2) uncontrollably  
(3) unreasonably (4) unconsciously ( )
4. The patient \_\_\_\_\_ something to the nurse but she could not understand what he was trying to tell her as it was unclear.  
(1) growled (2) mumbled  
(3) bellowed (4) grumbled ( )
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ was not satisfied with the headline of the news report. He demanded his staff to have it changed immediately.  
(1) editor (2) reporter  
(3) author (4) journalist ( )
6. I visit the dentist \_\_\_\_\_. I usually have one dental check-up in June and another in December.  
(1) fortnightly (2) annually  
(3) bi-annually (4) biennially ( )

**Section B: Grammar MCQ (6 X 1 mark)**

For questions 7 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. The paint on the wall is still wet. Do not lean \_\_\_\_\_ the wall.  
(1) at (2) over ( )  
(3) on (4) against
8. Tom did not \_\_\_\_\_ that his aunt had already gone on a holiday.  
(1) know (2) knows ( )  
(3) knew (4) known
9. Mike is the \_\_\_\_\_ person I (have ever known). He likes to show off his achievements.  
(1) arrogant (2) least arrogant ( )  
(3) most arrogant (4) more arrogant
10. As Wendy (did not revise) for her Science test, she had not \_\_\_\_\_ confidence in doing well in it.  
(1) little (2) much ( )  
(3) some (4) many
11. The students \_\_\_\_\_ in the library when the lights suddenly went off.  
(1) study (2) studied ( )  
(3) was studying (4) were studying
12. Emily, as well as her brother, \_\_\_\_\_ in school by seven o'clock every morning.  
(1) is (2) are ( )  
(3) was (4) were

**Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 13 to 17. Your answers must be based on the passage.

The Dodo bird was first seen around 1600 on the Mauritius island. However, it became extinct less than eighty years later. Presently, the only known and most complete skeleton of the Dodo bird is exhibited in a museum in America and no other parts of the world.

Based on the remains of the Dodo bird, many scientists believe it was about a metre tall and weighed about twenty kilogrammes. Moreover, the Dodo bird had heavy and stubby wings, suggesting that it was flightless. Despite this, scientists believe the Dodo bird used to be able to fly once upon a time. It was also believed that when the ancestors of the Dodo bird landed on Mauritius, they found a habitat with plenty of food and no predators. Therefore, they did not need to fly and they even built their nests on the ground. This caused the Dodo bird to evolve into a flightless one eventually.

Some scientists think that the destruction of the forest and the arrival of the sailors from Holland on the Mauritius island had caused the Dodo bird to become extinct. Being fearless of people and not able to fly made it easy prey for humans. At the same time, the animals that the Dutch sailors brought with them such as the dogs and pigs also destroyed the nests of the Dodo birds and prevented the birds from reproducing.

It was observed that soon after the Dodo bird became extinct, the Mauritius tree stopped sprouting seeds. The Dodo bird used to eat the fruit of this tree and the seeds could only grow after passing through its digestive tract. Hence, it is also known as the Dodo tree. However, with the extinction of the Dodo bird, the Dodo tree could no longer reproduce. Fortunately, some people discovered that turkeys could also help the seeds grow. Thus, they used the turkeys to begin a new generation of the tree. This saved the Dodo tree from following in the Dodo bird's footsteps.

For each question from 13 to 17, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

13. Based on the information in the passage, one can see the bones of the Dodo bird in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Holland
- (2) America
- (3) Mauritius
- (4) many other parts of the world

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14. The word 'them' in line 16 refers to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) sailors
- (2) scientists
- (3) Dodo birds
- (4) dogs and pigs

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15. Based on the information in the passage, which one of the following is not a cause for the extinction of the Dodo birds?

- (1) The dying out of the Mauritius trees.
- (2) The Dodo birds were killed by the sailors.
- (3) The homes of the Dodo birds were destroyed.
- (4) The eggs of the Dodo birds were eaten by the dogs and pigs.

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16. According to the passage, which one of the following animals helped the tree mentioned in paragraph 4 to reproduce?

- (1) Pigs
- (2) Birds
- (3) Dogs
- (4) Turkeys

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17. The phrase "... saved the Dodo tree from following in the Dodo bird's footsteps" (lines 25-26) means that the Dodo tree \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) did not end up like the Dodo bird
- (2) became extinct like the Dodo bird
- (3) was saved from extinction by the Dodo bird
- (4) and the Dodo bird were saved from extinction

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**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze** (8 X 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) <del>air</del>	(D) astronaut	(G) <del>launched</del>	(K) <del>sky</del>
(B) aircraft	(E) exploration	(H) <del>planet</del>	(L) space
(C) <del>alien</del>	(F) <del>landed</del>	(J) ray	(M) <del>spacecraft</del>

It was late at night. Vellu was gazing into the night (18) \_\_\_\_\_. All of a sudden, he saw a blinding (19) \_\_\_\_\_ of light. A spaceship was drifting in the (20) \_\_\_\_\_. Vellu loved to read books on space (21) \_\_\_\_\_. Could he be imagining things? He rubbed his eyes and pinched himself. He was certain that what was unfolding before him was real.

Vellu's eyes were fixed on the spaceship which was gliding down until it (22) \_\_\_\_\_ on the field across the road. It did so without a sound. Vellu looked hard. A small, grey ape-like figure with two heads and large feet appeared. It scrambled out of the (23) \_\_\_\_\_. Vellu's heart was beating fast as the (24) \_\_\_\_\_ waddled towards his window. From which (25) \_\_\_\_\_ could the creature have come? Would it harm him? Many questions raced through Vellu's mind.

**Section E: Grammar Cloze** (8 X 1 mark)

Read the following passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

**Passage 1**

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(A) throw	(B) threw	(C) throwing
(D) throws	(E) thrown	(F) was throwing

Littering is an offence in Singapore. Anyone caught (26) \_\_\_\_\_ litter has to pay a fine or perform the Corrective Work Order. As citizens, it is our responsibility to keep Singapore clean, so we must not (27) \_\_\_\_\_ litter.

Once, my friend, Steve, (28) \_\_\_\_\_ a sweet wrapper into the drain. He was caught and reprimanded by the teacher for doing that. Since then, he makes sure that he (29) \_\_\_\_\_ his litter into the dustbins.

**Passage 2**

USE A WORD **ONCE** ONLY.

(G) after	(H) although	(J) so
(K) before	(L) but	(M) or

Jogging is a good form of exercise. It is not only cheap (30) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyable. What one needs is simply a pair of running shoes. One can jog with a friend (31) \_\_\_\_\_ alone at any time of the day. However, jogging is best done early in the morning or late in the evening. (32) \_\_\_\_\_ this form of exercise is easy to perform, one must remember not to do it immediately after meals as the food needs time to be digested. Therefore it is advisable to rest for about two hours (33) \_\_\_\_\_ one jogs.

**Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)**

*Read the passage below and answer questions 34 to 38.*

Police, assisted by two members of the public, managed to arrest a snatch thief just minutes after he snatched a cell phone from the hands of a nine-year-old girl near Clementi Central on 1 October 2009.

The 46-year-old snatch thief had been loitering around the void decks of a few blocks of flat opposite the Clementi MRT station at about 11am. When the nine-year-old girl, Sharon Lim, was on her way back from her tuition class, **the unemployed Chinese man** snatched her cell phone and ran off towards the back lane behind the blocks of flats where he disappeared. The victim shouted for help at once although she was stunned. Fortunately, two members of the public gave chase and caught the culprit.

Another victim, 75-year-old Mr Ranjit Singh, was not so lucky. He was on his way to a nearby coffee shop off the remote Woodlands Road when the snatch thief grabbed his cell phone and ran away. Mr Ranjit Singh shouted for help till he was hoarse but nobody was around at that time. The snatch thief made a quick getaway and sold the victim's Nokia cell phone for \$100. Mr Singh never recovered his cell phone.

The police officer, Mr David Tan, commended the two members of the public for their public-spirited act and vigilance that helped the police nab the snatch thief. He said, "This highlights how important it is for the members of the public to work closely with the police. It is crucial to ensuring a safe and secure community in Singapore."

Adapted from 'Approaching English through News'

*All answers must be based on the given text. Answer in **complete sentences**.*

34. How did the members of the public help Sharon?




35. Who does the phrase 'the unemployed Chinese man' (lines 6-7) refer to?

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36. Based on the information in paragraph 3, did anyone help Mr Singh? Why?

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37. Why was Mr Singh unable to get back his cell phone?

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38. Which **word** in the passage has the same meaning as 'very important'?

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Q18)K    Q19)J    Q20)A    Q21)E    Q22)F    Q23)M    Q24)C    Q25)H  
Q26)C    Q27)A    Q28)B    Q29)D    Q30)L    Q31)M    Q32)H    Q33)K

Q34)The two members of the public helped her to catch the snatch thief and get back her cell phone.

Q35)It refers to the snatch thief who took Sharon's handphone.

Q36)No, no one helped him there was nobody around at that time though he shouted for help.

Q37)Mr Singh was unable to get back his cell phone because the snatch thief has sold off his handphone.

Q38)The word is "crucial".

