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(BOOKLET A)

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Total Time for booklets A and B: 1 hour 50 minutes

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index Number in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over the 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.



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Enjoy relaxing opportunities for family bonding in fun-filled activities.

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A Part of My Life



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For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The main purpose of the Health & You 2010 Exhibition is to _____.
- (1) market Nestle products
 - (2) encourage people to play freestyle football
 - (3) promote awareness of the Youth Olympic Games
 - (4) showcase a wide range of health-related products and services
2. The advertisement is mainly targeted at _____.
- (1) adults
 - (2) the elderly
 - (3) the general public
 - (4) children and youths
3. Mrs Tan has just given birth to a baby. Which zone will she probably be most interested in visiting?
- (1) Cyber Wellness Zone
 - (2) Sports Wellness Zone
 - (3) Healthy Together Zone
 - (4) Celebrate the Good Life ^{with} Nestle Zone
4. Which one of the following will probably not be achieved at the exhibition?
- ~~(1)~~ Learn how to cook.
 - ~~(2)~~ Pick up tips on active ageing.
 - ~~(3)~~ Learn about computer gaming.
 - ~~(4)~~ Find out the status of one's health.
5. Which one of the following statements is **FALSE**?
- ~~(1)~~ There are no entry charges to the exhibition.
 - ~~(2)~~ There are five prizes to be won in the lucky draw.
 - ~~(3)~~ The Straits Times is one of the sponsors of the event.
 - ~~(4)~~ The Semi-finals and Finals of the Kit Kat Yo-Yo Master Contest are held on different days, but at the same times.

Section B – Grammar (7 x 1 mark)

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 corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

6. These look like Meiling's spectacles. They are certainly not _____.
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| (1) I | (2) me |
| (3) my | (4) mine |
7. We _____ here for him since two o'clock this afternoon.
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| (1) wait | (2) waited |
| (3) waiting | (4) have been waiting |
8. The witnesses confirmed that Tom was the vandal as they had seen him _____ on the wall with their own eyes.
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| (1) draw | (2) drew |
| (3) draws | (4) drawn |
9. Mother decided to _____ the bank on her way to Aunt May's house.
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| (1) drop in | (2) drop by |
| (3) drop into | (4) drop down |
10. Devi is not very domestic. She prefers eating out to _____ her own food.
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| (1) cook | (2) cooks |
| (3) cooking | (4) cooked |
11. If she _____ this was going to happen, she would have gone to the principal.
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| (1) know | (2) knew |
| (3) knows | (4) had known |
12. How are you? You have been looking pale _____ late.
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| (1) of | (2) for |
| (3) too | (4) since |

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)

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 (OAS).

Mary was standing in the middle of the nursery when they opened the door a few minutes later. She looked like an ugly (13) cross little thing and was frowning because she was beginning to feel hungry and feel disgracefully neglected. The first man who came in was a large officer she had once seen talking to her father. He looked tired and troubled, but when he saw her, he was so startled that he almost jumped back.

"Barney!" he cried out (14) There is a child here! A child alone! In a place like this! Mercy on us, who is she?"

"I am Mary Lennox," the little girl said, drawing herself up stiffly. She thought the man was very rude to call her father (15) bungalow 'A place like this'. "I fell asleep when everyone had the cholera and I have only just woken up. Why does nobody come?"

Adapted from *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

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

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. The driver who was trapped in his seat after the accident had to be _____ by the Civil Defence Officers.
- (1) retrieved
 - (2) extricated
 - (3) preserved
 - (4) excavated
17. A thorough investigation _____ that the culprit is not Mike.
- (1) unveiled
 - (2) divulged
 - (3) revealed
 - (4) discovered
18. Please do not try to _____, there is enough trouble already!
- (1) stir up a hornet's nest
 - (2) build castles in the air
 - (3) carry coal to Newcastle
 - (4) look a gift horse in the mouth
19. "Have you _____ your monitor yet?" Mrs Tan asked the rest of the class.
- (1) voted
 - (2) installed
 - (3) nominated
 - (4) designated
20. The spendthrift wife bought herself another diamond ring on _____.
- (1) instinct
 - (2) intuition
 - (3) impulse
 - (4) impetus

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

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

Dr Goh Keng Swee's father, a former school teacher at Anglo-Chinese School, believed in education. His children also attended ACS. Dr Goh's elder sisters, Ida and Dawn, later became English teachers. They (21) instilled a love of reading in their brother by reading to him before bedtime.

By the time he entered school, he had no problem coping. He topped his first year in primary school and was allowed to skip a grade. At Anglo-Chinese Secondary School, he was always in the top class.

Finishing second in the Senior Cambridge examinations, he qualified for a Queen's Scholarship – and a (22) sponsored education in England – but chose to study in the local Raffles College. This, (23) apparently, was because of the (24) toll the Great Depression had exacted on the family finances.

The economic (25) downturn had such an effect on him that he chose to major in economics in college.

Adapted from "A Brilliant Man", *Little Red Dot*, 25 May 2010

21. 1) inculcated
2) influenced
3) instructed
4) indoctrinated –
22. 1) funded
2) unpaid
3) subsidised
4) discounted
23. 1) unlikely
2) probably
3) evidently
4) seemingly
24. 1) injury
2) damage
3) payment
4) casualties
25. 1) fall
2) decline
3) reduction
4) minimization

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Taste buds are the organs on your tongue that pick up all the different flavours in the things you eat and drink. Try looking in the mirror and say “aahh” as you stick out your tongue. Can you spot the tiny bumps on the tip of your tongue? The bumps are called papillae, and most of them contain taste buds.

The average person has about 10,000 taste buds, and we get a fresh set every two weeks or so. As we get older, however, the body stops replacing them. An adult may have only 5000 taste buds and a child, twice as many, which is why some food might taste much stronger to children. This can explain why some children are picky eaters, especially when it comes to bitter food items like broccoli, spinach, coffee, grapefruit and green tea (although how you are brought up, and how adventurous you are, also explain your eating habits). So children have more taste buds than adults.

Among people of the same age, however, some have more taste buds than others. Scientists call these people “supertasters”, and they make up about 10 to 25 per cent of the population. Most people, about 50 per cent, are “medium tasters”, and the rest are “non-tasters”. Neither of these groups can experience as many tastes as supertasters do because they are so sensitive to certain kinds of flavours, especially bitterness, and also avoid foods that are too strongly flavoured (overly sweet or salty). These super tasting abilities sometimes **run in the family** and women are more likely than men to have them.

There may be a good reason why supertasters are so fussy. Bitter-tasting dark green vegetables and green tea are often packed with nutrients that are good to our health, and help us fight diseases like cancer. But these plants also produce bitter-tasting substances to protect themselves from being eaten. The human body is programmed to recognise that bitter things can be poisonous, and this is why some of us naturally avoid them. Disliking bitter or strong tasting foods, in other words, can be the body's way of keeping itself safe from poisons.

But people often grow to like dark green vegetables and other bitter-tasting foods they avoided when they were children (this is partly because grownups have fewer taste buds, remember?). And this is a good thing too, because these foods are great for your health.

*Adapted from Los Angeles Times, BBC News,
Kidshealth.org, The Times of London*

each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. According to the text, food is likely to taste more bland to adults than to children because _____.
- 1) adults do not have any taste buds
 - 2) adults prefer food that is more bland
 - 3) the adults' bodies stop replacing the taste buds
 - 4) the taste buds on the adults' tongues are all dead
27. Some children are fussy eaters because _____.
- 1) they are spoilt
 - 2) they have fewer taste buds
 - 3) they have stronger taste buds
 - 4) they find the taste of some food too strong for them
28. Which of the following words have the same meaning as "run in the family" in line 19?
- 1) learned
 - 2) acquired
 - 3) hereditary
 - 4) developed
29. According to the passage, we are naturally averse to eating bitter or strong-tasting food because _____.
- 1) it is how we are brought up
 - 2) it is a way of preventing poisoning
 - 3) these foods are not good for health
 - 4) these foods are too strongly flavoured
30. Which one of the following is probably **NOT** a reason why people grow to like dark green vegetables and other bitter-tasting food that they avoided when they were children?
- 1) The grownups are "non-tasters".
 - 2) These foods are good for health.
 - 3) Grownups have fewer taste buds than children.
 - 4) These foods do not taste as bitter to grownups as they do to children.

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only **ONCE**.

A) are	D) had	G) is	K) that	N) which
B) before	E) have	H) might	L) to	R) who
C) from	F) if	J) of	M) with	Q) whom

Reading is an essential part of language learning. However, 31) _____ we can learn to read, we need to learn the alphabet. Some of us will 32) _____ recited the letters to the tune of 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star', a method made famous by Big Bird 33) _____ the television show *Sesame Street*. The song was first copyrighted by Charles Bradlee 34) _____ called it 'The ABC'.

As the letters l-m-n-o-p have to be sung twice as fast as the rest of the letters in the rhyme, some children have mistakenly assumed 35) _____ 'elemenopee' is a word. For the rhyme to work 36) _____ the Z, you have to use the American pronunciation of 'zee' instead of 'zed'. There 37) _____ a couple of tunes the ABC can be sung to. You 38) _____ have used the tune of 'Baa, Baa, Black Sheep' 39) _____ has a similar rhythm and melody to "Twinkle, Twinkle".

A popular way 40) _____ teaching the alphabet in the nineteenth century was a memory rhyme entitled 'The tragic death of A, an apple pie who was cut in pieces and eaten by twenty-six gentlemen with whom all little people ought to be very well acquainted.'

Adapted from *I before e* (except after c), Judy Parkinson

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

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

It looked like the entire New York Yankees baseball team was flying through the air,

like a band of athletic angels with mitts instead of harps. Then I passed out and everything

41)

goes black.

42)

I found myself on a red velvet **kushen** on a chair at the head of a very long table. The

43)

room was so expensively furnished that it looked fit to kings. The grandeur of the heavy red

44)

curtains along the walls was made more **knowtiseble** by the gold thread that was

embroidered around its edges.

45)

46)

The part that really left me in **ore** and admiration was the food on the **bankwet** table. I

47)

had not seen a spread like that until the summer I spent at the court of Sultan Subadai. That

48)

49)

sultan really knew how to threw a party! I remember the time he **eempotted** ten tons of

^{from} caviar ~~from~~ Russia to **fill** his swimming pool, but that is a story for another time. The question

50)

was, what were we done here?

Section I -- Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Post-it note, curse of office cleaners and darling of list makers, is 20 years old. The sticky label was 51) _____ by scientist Art Fry in April 1980 but its origins go back further. In 1959, Dr Spencer Silver, a scientist at 3M, created a glue that had a low-grade stickiness by chance, but could not think of a 52) _____ for it.

Fast-forward 21 years. Art Fry, a 3M employee who is a 53) _____ of his local church choir, was looking for a bookmark that did not fall out of his hymn book. Frustrated by scraps of paper he had been using, Fry wondered how to overcome the 54) _____. By experimenting with the adhesive formula that had been in the company storage room since the 50s, he made a sticky marker that could be removed 55) _____ damaging the pages of the hymn book. The Post-it was born, 3M sold millions, and imitation notes are produced by companies worldwide.

Art Fry has since retired, but still 56) _____ part-time at the company. Though it did not make him rich, he is 57) _____ of his invention.

"They're used all over the Earth, and there are always improvements and additions. It's like having your 58) _____ grow up and turn out to be happy and successful," he said. "When Post-its are 59) _____ used after I am gone, it will be as if a part of me will live on 60) _____."

In the past, Art's notepads were only in canary yellow, which matched the colour of American legal notepads. 61) _____, the line includes pads that come in all 62) _____ and sizes, and over 30 different colours.

The 63) _____ likely place for a note to be attached in the office is to the computer. In the home, you are more likely to 64) _____ one stuck to the telephone. Customised notes can be printed with a ready reminder of your choice while electronic versions float on the computer's 65) _____.

It sure looks like the Post-it note will be sticking around for the decades to come. What a NOTE-able achievement!

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 mark)

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

66. Ada cut down on soft drinks and followed a strict diet plan. Ada lost some weight.

By

67. The woman tried to pacify her son. Her son cried louder and louder.

The more

68. Eli's mother has a heart of gold. Eli has been very kind towards me.

whose

69. "Where did you find these?" Mrs Sammy asked Johnny.

Mrs Sammy asked

70. The king was greedy. The king lost sight of what was important.

caused

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80

Miyax did not hear the aeroplane. She saw it. The low sun of noon struck its aluminium body and it sparkled like a star in the sky. It was a small plane, the type that carries people over the roadless tundra and across the rugged mountains of Alaska.

Presently, its sound reached her ears and the throb of the engines reminded her that this was the beginning of the hunting season. The craft zigzagged across the sky. 5 When it continued to zag, she realized the pilot was following a winding river where wildlife spent the winter. A river, she thought. Rivers led to the sea. I am nearing the end of my journey. Point Hope should be but one sleep away.

The airplane turned, and came towards her. It seemed as big as an eagle as it skimmed low over the ground. Bright flashes of fire burst from its side. 10

"They are hunting," she said to Tornait, her dog. "I have to get in the oil drum. I look like a bear in these clothes."

Just before she reached the drum, she crossed the footsteps of Amaroq and Kapu. The wolf and cub had passed this way only moments ago, for the snow crystals their warm feet had melted were not yet frozen again. The plane continued to come 15 towards her. Apparently, she had been seen. She kicked snow over her sled and crawled to the front of the barrel. It was sealed. She could not get inside. Scurrying to the other end she found that it was closed too. Desperately, she threw herself under the curve of the drum and lay still. Much of her was still exposed. Flailing her hands and feet, she stirred up the light snow. It arose like a cloud and settled upon her. 20

Gunfire snapped again. Eyes wide open, she saw that it was not aimed at her.

"Amaroq!" Horrified, she watched him leap into the air as a splatter of shots burst beside him. Digging in his claws, he veered to the right and left as Kapu ran to join him. Teeth bared, angrily growling, Amaroq told him to go. Kapu sped off. The plane hesitated, then went after Amaroq. 25

Shots hit the snow in front of him. He reared and turned.

"Amaroq!" she screamed. "Here! Come here!"

The plane swerved, dove, and skimmed about thirty feet above the ground. Its guns blasted. Amaroq stumbled, pressed back his ears, and galloped across the tundra like a shooting star. Then he reared, and dropped on the snow. 30

He was dead.

"For a bounty," she screamed. "For money, the magnificent Amaroq is dead!" Her throat constricted with grief, and sobs choked her.

71. When did Miyax first see the plane?

72. From paragraph one, quote two adjectives which indicate that human survival would be difficult in some parts of Alaska.

73. In line 6, what did the pilot hope to find by following the winding river?

74. Where was Miyax's destination and according to her, how much longer would it take to get there?

75. Why was Miyax concerned about her own safety?

76. "~~They~~ had passed this way only moments ago..." (line 14) Explain in your own words how Miyax knew this.

77. Give two pieces of evidence to show that Miyax is a quick-thinking girl.

78. Why do you think the plane hesitated in lines 24-25 ?

79. Which four-word phrase from lines 28-30 tells you that Amaroq, the wolf, was capable of great speed?

80. How would the hunters benefit from killing Amaroq?

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60.forever	61.Now	62.shapes	63.most	64.find	65.screen

66.By cutting down on soft drinks and following a strict diet plan, Ada lost some weight.

67.The more the women tried to pacify her son, the louder he cried.

68.Eli whose mother has a heart of gold, has been very kind towards me.

69.Mrs Sammy asked Johnny where he had found those

70.The king's greed caused him to lose sight of what was important.

71.Miyax first saw the plane at noon.

72.The adjectives are 'roadless' and 'rugged'.

73.The pilot hoped to find wild life.

74.It was Piont Hope and she thought it might take one day to get there.

75.The pilots were hunting and she looked like a bear in her winter coat.

76.She saw their footprints in the snow.

77.She immediately thought of hiding in the oil drum and used snow to cover herself.

78.The pilot could not decided whether to go after Kapu or Amaroq

79.The phrase is 'like a shooting star'.

80.The hunters would earn money from killing Amaroq.