

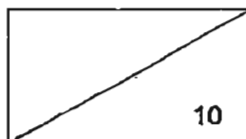
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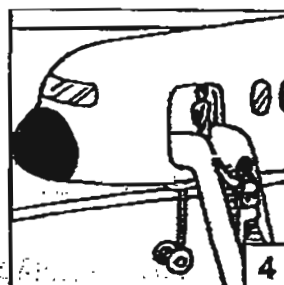
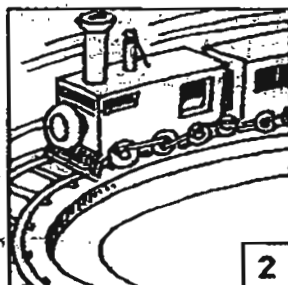
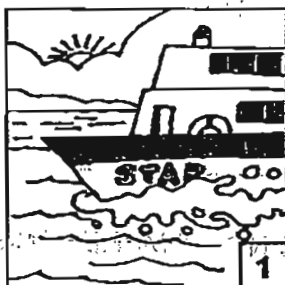
**SECTION A : Picture Matching (4 mark)**

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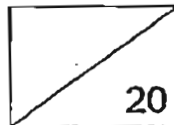
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**Composition**

Choose **EITHER** question 1 or 2.



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**Question 1**

Write a story of at least 80 words based on the pictures below. Give the story your own ending. You may use the words and phrases in the box. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.



slope	hands in the air	bold	stunt	horrified
balancing act	lost control	crashed into	fell unconscious	panicked

## **Question 2**

It was Sunday, my mother decided to take me to a shopping centre in Orchard Road. When we got there, it was very crowded. The shops were having their annual sale. While we were browsing inside a stationery shop near the escalator, I heard someone screaming.

Based on the above situation, write a composition of at least 80 words.

Make use of the following points in your composition.

- who screamed
- where the screams came from
- what you did
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You are encouraged to include other relevant points to make your composition interesting.

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Time: 1 hr 15 min

Marks:     /24

**Booklet A**

**Section A: Vocabulary (8 marks)**

For each question from 1 to 8, 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 and 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The class monitor had \_\_\_\_\_ asked his classmates to keep quiet but each time they would not listen.

(1) rarely  
(2) simply  
(3) generally  
(4) repeatedly

2. Helen has worked very hard and she really \_\_\_\_\_ the award.

(1) fits  
(2) suits  
(3) claims  
(4) deserves

3. We were \_\_\_\_\_ that Fatima would not turn up for the excursion as she had not been feeling well yesterday.

(1) eager  
(2) confident  
(3) undecided  
(4) questionable

4. The suspect wore glasses and a wig as a \_\_\_\_\_ so that the police would not recognise him.

(1) veil  
(2) cover  
(3) disguise  
(4) camouflage

5. Mr George Lucas has not \_\_\_\_\_ the letter you mailed to him six months ago.
- (1) posted
  - (2) received
  - (3) obtained
  - (4) delivered
6. Michelle and her friends completed the obstacle course \_\_\_\_\_. Mrs. Tan praised them as they were the first group to have done so.
- (1) slowly
  - (2) hesitantly
  - (3) effortlessly
  - (4) dangerously
7. Each dress in this boutique is \_\_\_\_\_. There is only one of each design available.
- (1) unique
  - (2) antique
  - (3) worthless
  - (4) inexpensive
8. Art pieces from this famous artist will be on \_\_\_\_\_ at the National Museum from today.
- (1) stage
  - (2) parade
  - (3) display
  - (4) performance

**Section B : Grammar (11 marks)**

For each question from 9 to 19, 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.

9. She has known Mr Ajib \_\_\_\_\_ she was a child.
- (1) until
  - (2) after
  - (3) since
  - (4) before

10. Tricia is \_\_\_\_\_ at home over the weekends as she visits her grandparents who are living in Johor weekly.
- (1) often
  - (2) never
  - (3) always
  - (4) seldom
11. Mrs Tan goes on a vacation \_\_\_\_\_. Last year, she went to Taiwan but she will be going to Australia this year.
- (1) daily
  - (2) weekly
  - (3) monthly
  - (4) annually
12. My brother and I bought \_\_\_\_\_ some popcorn before we went into the cinema to watch a movie.
- (1) myself
  - (2) himself
  - (3) ourselves
  - (4) themselves
13. "\_\_\_\_\_ umbrella is this?" Mr Lim asked the pupils before they left the classroom.
- (1) Who
  - (2) What
  - (3) Which
  - (4) Whose
14. If you want to work as an air stewardess, you \_\_\_\_\_ have a minimum height of 1.6 metres.
- (1) can
  - (2) may
  - (3) must
  - (4) could
15. We are having a competition to select the \_\_\_\_\_ runner in the class.
- (1) fast
  - (2) faster
  - (3) fastest
  - (4) as fast as

16. The police officer told the truck driver to pull \_\_\_\_\_ by the side of the road.
- (1) on
  - (2) out
  - (3) over
  - (4) down
17. The group of tourists arrived at the resort \_\_\_\_\_ time to spare.
- (1) in
  - (2) on
  - (3) with
  - (4) over
18. Water \_\_\_\_\_ from the tap in the kitchen when my mother got home after work yesterday.
- (1) leaks
  - (2) is leaking
  - (3) was leaking
  - (4) were leaking
19. I must \_\_\_\_\_ now or I shall be late for work.
- (1) left
  - (2) leave
  - (3) leaves
  - (4) leaving



Section C: Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer Questions 20 to 24.

It was 10 pm on a Saturday. The doors to the animal emergency room flew open. Cyrus carried a tiny black Labrador puppy into the building.

"Save him. Please!" the man cried. "He ran out into the street and was hit by a car."

The puppy was whining. There was a lot of blood. Dr Williams came from 5  
behind the desk. She read the puppy's name tag.

"Here, let me take Lobo from you," Dr Williams told Cyrus gently. "I will take him into the room for x-rays and see what needs to be done."

Dr Williams went into the room. She took a closer look at Lobo. Her face looked grim. She could see that the dog was badly injured. It was obvious that his 10  
leg was broken. She also feared there were other injuries she could not see. The assistants in the room were silent. Everyone knew that Lobo might not survive. If he did, the injury on his leg might be so severe that walking would be hard for him.

The x-ray showed that there were three fractures in Lobo's front leg. He was also bleeding inside. Dr Williams got to work immediately. She knew she must stop 15  
the bleeding quickly. The surgery took two hours. Dr Williams performed surgery on Lobo's leg. She stopped the bleeding inside his chest and dressed his external wounds.

"I'll go tell Lobo's owner that this little pup is going to make it," Dr Williams said. "We'll see in a few weeks how well he will walk again." 20

Adapted from <http://englishforeverone.org>

For each question from 20 to 24, 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.

20. Where did the story take place?

The story took place in \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a waiting room
- (2) a doctor's office
- (3) a police station
- (4) an animal hospital

21. When did Dr Williams know how badly Lobo has been injured?

Dr Williams knew how badly Lobo had been injured when \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Cyrus asked for help
- (2) she took a closer look
- (3) she saw that Lobo was only a puppy
- (4) the doors to the emergency room flew open

22. What does the phrase "to have a severe injury mean"?

It means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) to have a mild injury
- (2) not to be able to run
- (3) not to be able to walk
- (4) to have a very bad injury

23. How serious was Lobo's injury?

Lobo's \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) head was bleeding very badly
- (2) hind leg was very badly twisted
- (3) front leg was broken and he was bleeding inside his chest
- (4) body was broken into three parts and he was bleeding inside his head

24. What do you think happened to Lobo <sup>at</sup> ~~by~~ the end of the story?  
Lobo \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) survived
- (2) ~~would walk fine~~ could walk normally
- (3) was hit by a car
- (4) became a black Labrador puppy

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Component	Marks obtained	Possible marks
A		24
B		46
Total		70

**Booklet B**

**Section A: Synthesis and Transformation (8 marks)**

For each of the questions 25 to 28, 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 the meaning of the given sentence(s).

25. Most of the jigsaw puzzles found in the stores are brightly-coloured. Most of the jigsaw puzzles have lively images.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

26. Mrs Lee lives in this apartment. I live in this apartment.

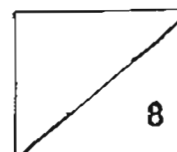
Both \_\_\_\_\_

27. The twins like to dress differently. They look identical.

Although \_\_\_\_\_

28. "Is the test difficult?" Mother asked Susan.

Mother asked Susan if \_\_\_\_\_



Section B: Editing (10 marks)

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

Aunt Mary was woken up by shouts of laughter. Then she realized that a

(29)

window had shattered. There was a moment of **silense**. Aunt Mary quickly got up

(30)

in her bed and went outside, "Who is responsible for this?" she shouted but the

(31)

(32)

children had **aready** fled. As she walked back into her bedroom, she **triped** over a

(33)

ball. She fell with a loud thud, banging her head **agenst** the corner of the coffee

(34)

(35)

table. The poor old lady got up slow. She felt her bruises. There were a big bump

(36)

on her head. She tossed the ball **angilly** out of the window. As she went inside her

(37)

house, she hear a boy's loud cry of pain. She looked out of the window and saw

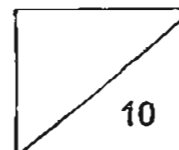
that Charlie had fallen off his bicycle. Charlie cried, "Ouch! It hurts. Someone threw

a ball onto the road."

(38)

Aunt Mary felt sorry for what it had done. She helped Charlie up and

apologised to him.



Section C: Comprehension Cloze (10 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Dr Seuss was born on 2 March 1903. He was an American cartoonist and a writer. His real (39)\_\_\_\_\_ was Theodore Seuss Geisel. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Dr Seuss liked to draw and (40)\_\_\_\_\_, even as a child. The (41)\_\_\_\_\_ of his first book was *'And To Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street'*. He wrote it (42)\_\_\_\_\_ an ocean voyage. The rhythm of the ship's engine gave him the inspiration for his story.

Dr Seuss was not a real doctor. He added the "Dr" to his name to honour his father. Dr Seuss's father wanted him (43)\_\_\_\_\_ finish his doctoral degree. (44)\_\_\_\_\_ he never became a real doctor, he did write books that helped millions of children learn to (45)\_\_\_\_\_. Dr Seuss had also used other names, or "pen names" to write books. These names include Theophrastus Seuss, Theo L. Seig and Rosetta Stone.

Dr Seuss wrote more than 60 children's books, including some which have been (46)\_\_\_\_\_ into movies, such as *'The Cat in the Hat'*, *'Horton Hears a Who'* and *'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'*.

Dr Seuss wrote many books for children. However, he and his wife never had (47)\_\_\_\_\_ of their own. He died at the (48)\_\_\_\_\_ of 87, in San Diego, California.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 marks)

For Passages 1 and 2, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets.

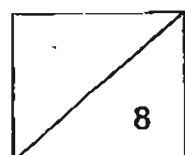
**Passage 1**

Kathy and Kristin are singers of a popular band. Every day, the radio stations (49)\_\_\_\_\_ (play) their songs. Both sisters simply love to (50)\_\_\_\_\_ (sing). They became popular when they (51)\_\_\_\_\_ (take) part in a talent show two years ago. Kathy sings the high notes while Kristin sings the lower notes. They have been singing since they (52)\_\_\_\_\_ (be) in primary school.

**Passage 2**

The children were overjoyed when they found out that the circus was in town. "Dad, Jamie and I (53)\_\_\_\_\_ (want) to watch the circus performance. Could you take us please?" they pleaded.

Mr Chan was an animal lover and he (54)\_\_\_\_\_ (think) that forcing animals to perform tricks for entertainment was against the animals' rights. He refused to buy the tickets but finally (55)\_\_\_\_\_ (give) in when he realised that there were no animals involved in the circus performance. Instead, the show mainly consisted of acrobatic and clown acts. Mr Chan and his children love the circus so much that they (56)\_\_\_\_\_ (watch) another circus performance next month.



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Section E: Open-ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 57 to 61.

Long ago, the Earth was covered in darkness. None of the creatures living there knew what daylight looked like.

One day, all the animals in the forest gathered together in a clearing. They wondered if it would be better to remain in darkness or if it would be better to also have light. Deer, Chipmunk, Raccoon, Wolf, Bear and many other animals climbed to the top of the highest mountain. The mountain stood so tall that there were no trees on its top and it was covered only with rocks. Millions of stars blinked in the ~~day~~ sky overhead. The biggest and most powerful animal in the forest was Bear. He was the first to reach the top of the mountain. Bear stood on the highest peak and looked out over the forest below. He argued strongly for remaining in darkness. He said that the creatures of the forest would be able to sleep better in darkness because there would be no light to keep them awake. Most of the other animals were afraid and they agreed with Bear. 5 10

Raccoon said that he did not mind the darkness because he was so smart that he could find plenty of food, even in the dark. Wolf was easy to please too. She did not mind the darkness because she could howl in darkness or in light. 15

Slowly, the night passed. Bear grew tired of talking but Chipmunk chattered on and on. She had all the energy in the world. As the other animals dropped off to sleep, one by one, Chipmunk, the smallest animal, argued with Bear that it would be better to have both light and darkness. Finally, the first sunrise ever seen by the animals appeared over the top of the mountain. They woke up and were amazed by what they saw. 20

Chipmunk began to dance from rock to rock. Bear became angry because he did not get his way. He roared loudly and ran after Chipmunk. Chipmunk got away but not before Bear managed to scratch her back with his long claws. That is why, to this day, you can see stripes on a chipmunk's back. 25

Adapted from 'How the Chipmunk Got Its Stripes - A Legend of the Iroquois'



**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

57. Why did none of the animals know what daylight was like?

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58. Why did Bear argue for darkness?

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59. Which word in Paragraph 4 has the same meaning as "spoke quickly"?

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60. What did Chipmunk argue for?

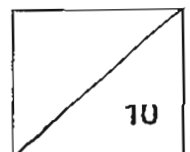
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61. What amazed the animals when they woke up?

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27)Although the twins like to dress differently, they look identical.

28)Mother asked Susan if the test was difficult.

29)silence      30)from      31)already      32)tripped      33)against

34)slowly      35)was      36)angrily      37)heard      38)she

39)name      40)write      41)title      42)on      43)to

44)Although      45)read      46)adapted      47)children      48)age

49)play      50)sing      51)took      52)were      53)want

54)thought      55)gave      56)will watch

57)The Earth was covered in darkness.

58)Bear argued for darkness because he said that the creatures of the forest would be able to sleep better in darkness.

59)The word is "chattered".

60)Chipmunk argued for having both light and darkness.

61)The animals saw daylight for the first time in their life.

