

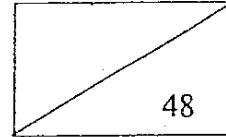
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Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Huge amounts of water _____ rapidly from the burst pipe and flooded the entire kitchen floor.

(1) dropped (2) trickled
(3) gushed (4) dripped ()

2. We will _____ for Sunny Island on Saturday and return to Singapore on Friday.

(1) arrive (2) depart
(3) emigrate (4) reach ()

3. John does not like to visit the dentist. He only does so _____.

(1) fortnightly (2) weekly
(3) regularly (4) occasionally ()

4. The burglars were terrified and rushed out _____ through the windows when the dogs started barking.

- (1) hastily
 - (2) idly
 - (3) confidently
 - (4) sluggishly
- ()

5. The _____ of a non-fiction book consists of a list of topics which can be found in it.

- (1) subheading
 - (2) index
 - (3) opening
 - (4) ending
- ()

6. The bite of the cobra was so _____ that the victim died after a short while.

- (1) lethal
 - (2) fiery
 - (3) ticklish
 - (4) exhausting
- ()

Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. Peihua _____ the piano when Mother stepped into the room.

- (1) play
 - (2) plays
 - (3) is playing
 - (4) was playing
- ()

8. Sean has a classmate _____ father is very rich.

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

Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer 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 EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) burrow	(D) coop	(G) disperse	(K) hen
(B) chick	(E) crowd	(H) eaters	(L) shrink
(C) cold	(F) crushed	(J) grow	(M) warm

Singaporeans love to eat chicken. However, some young Singaporeans may not have the chance to see a newly-born yellow (13) _____ at all.

According to a chicken farmer in Yio Chu Kang, chicks are afraid of getting (14) _____. When they are back in their (15) _____ at night, they need some form of lighting so that they will feel (16) _____. Otherwise, if they are cold, they may (17) _____ around and even press against one another. As a result, some chicks may be (18) _____ to death or injured. Chicks also get sick or infected easily. Therefore, it is necessary to take good care of them.

Chicks are generally small (19) _____ but it is necessary to feed them modest portions of food several times a day. The more they eat, the faster they (20) _____

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) has read	(C) reading	(E) reads	(G) have read
(B) is reading	(D) read	(F) was reading	

Uncle Tom has a large collection of books. He often spends his evenings (21) _____ books. Uncle Tom (22) _____ about four books a week, and so far this year, he (23) _____ more than sixty books. No one is allowed to disturb Uncle Tom when he (24) _____ as this makes him angry.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) above | (C) along | (E) in | (G) out |
| (B) after | (D) from | (F) into | |

I was walking (25) _____ the street on a moonlit night when I heard loud moans from behind a bush. I stopped in my tracks and peered cautiously (26) _____ the direction of the sound. What could it be?

Suddenly, the moan changed (27) _____ a growl. Then a loud bark scared me out of my wits! I ran home frantically, not daring to look back, in case something might be coming (28) _____ me. It was a really frightening experience.

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Section E: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

Passage 1

A night shift taxi driver was lucky to escape with his life when he was attacked and stabbed by a passenger along East Coast Road earlier this month. The incident, which was reported in one of the newspapers yesterday, took place in the early hours of May 19.

The driver, 41-year-old Mr Fu, was driving along East Coast Road when he picked up the suspect who said he wanted to go to Ubi Road. As the taxi turned into Haig Road, the passenger pulled out a small knife and started stabbing Mr Fu on the arm, chest and wrist. As blood spurted from his wounds, Mr Fu tried to snatch the knife from the passenger as the taxi ran out of control. Mr Fu almost drove into a drain. He kept pressing on the horn, which eventually alerted passers-by and security guards from a nearby condominium who rushed to his aid.

The 37-year-old attacker, who smelt of alcohol, was caught and **apprehended** by members of the public. Mr Fu was rushed to Changi General Hospital where he was put in the intensive care unit as he had lost a lot of blood.

(Adapted from The Straits Times)

29. The incident probably took place at _____.

- (1) 3 am
- (2) 11 am
- (3) 5 pm ()
- (4) 10 pm

30. The suspect got into the taxi along _____.

- (1) East Coast Road
- (2) Haig Road
- (3) Ubi Road ()
- (4) Changi Road

31. The security guards and passers-by knew about the incident because _____.

- (1) they saw blood spurting from Mr Fu's wound
- (2) they saw the taxi almost going into the drain
- (3) they heard the sound made by the horn of the taxi
- (4) they saw Mr Fu snatching the knife from the passenger

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32. The word 'apprehended' (line 14) in the passage means _____.

- (1) attacked
- (2) arrested
- (3) beaten
- (4) surrounded

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33. Mr Fu was put into the intensive care unit because _____.

- (1) he was robbed by a passenger
- (2) he had too much alcohol
- (3) he was injured when his taxi went out of control
- (4) he was bleeding profusely

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Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the letter carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

Dear Mum and Dad,

My friends and I are enjoying the cool climate of Australia. I would like to share with you some of the interesting experiences.

Our party consists of half a dozen young men and four young women. Last Saturday, we went out on a hill to enjoy a picnic there. It was a lovely spot.

A few of us sat down to eat our specially prepared dishes while the rest of us flew our kites as the weather was cool. It was also a breezy day. It was indeed a fine day for kite-flying. 5

The following morning, all of us went fishing. The sea was just a stone's throw away from where we live. We brought along our fishing rods, reels, a huge basket, a can of worms and a few other things. Out of the group, only three of us managed to catch one fish each. We were quite disappointed. 10

On the last day of our stay in Sydney, we had a campfire. We chose a campsite somewhere near the beach. After we had cleared some rubbish from the spot, the boys pitched a few tents while the girls built a fire and prepared the food. At about seven, we had a barbecue. It was great eating outdoors. 15

I'll stop here. I'll write again when time permits. Take care and see you soon.

Your son,

Jack

34. How many people went on the holiday in Australia?

35. Why was the Saturday a fine day for flying kites?

36. Why were Jack and his friends not happy with their fishing trip?

37. Which phrase in the passage tells us that the sea was near to the place that they lived?

38. What did they do to make the campsite suitable for camping?

Answer Sheets
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| 1)3 | 2)2 | 3)4 | 4)1 | 5)2 | 6)1 |
| 7)4 | 8)1 | 9)4 | 10)2 | 11)4 | 12)4 |
| 13)B | 14)C | 15)D | 16)M | 17)E | 18)F |
| 19)H | 20)J | 21)C | 22)E | 23)A | 24)B |
| 25)C | 26)E | 27)F | 28)B | 29)1 | 30)1 |
| 31)3 | 32)2 | 33)4 | | | |

34)Ten people went on the holiday in Australia.

35)The weather was very breezy and indeed a fine day to fly kites.

36)It is because out of all of them only three of them managed to catch one fish each.

37)The phrase is "A stone's throw away."

38)They cleared some rubbish from the spot and pitched a few tents.