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Second Continual Assessment – 2008 English Language

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Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.



Section A – Picture Matching (4 x 1 mark)

Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that describes what has been read. Then choose the correct answer, (1, 2, 3 and 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.


1. 1 *Take 2 spoonfuls 3 times daily, after food.*





2 *Manufactured by Johnson's Pharmaceuticals, U.S.A.*






3 Eric Lim Seng Huat
IC no. S8132483Z
 After food
 Before food

4 
Note: Do not operate machinery after taking this medicine.

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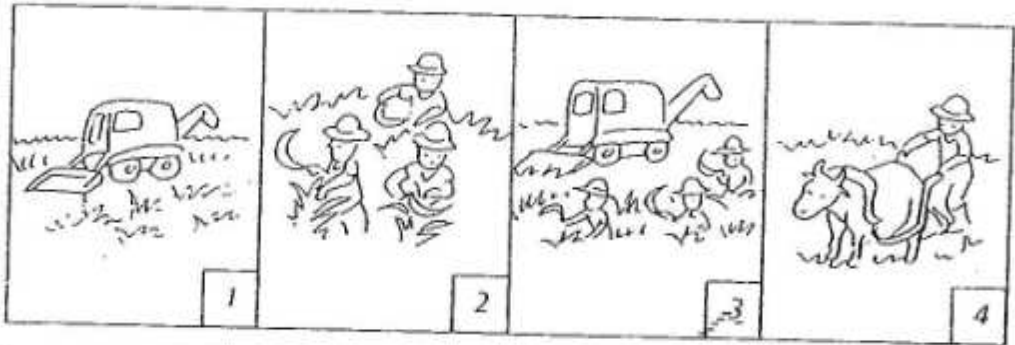
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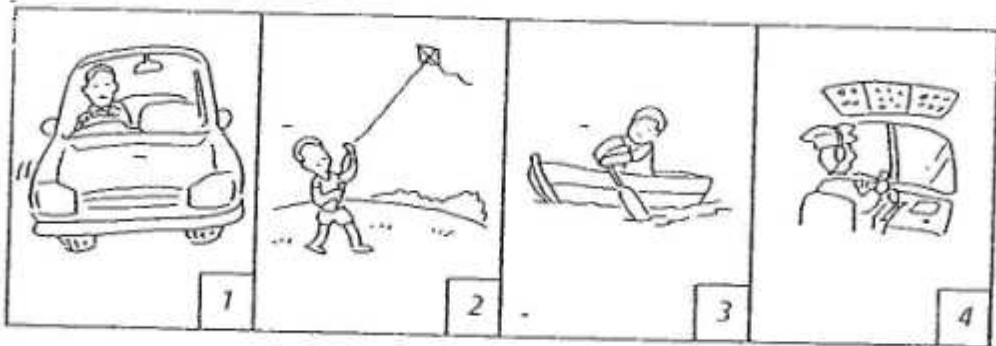


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Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

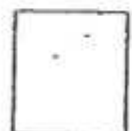
Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

5. The swimmer shouted _____ for help as he was swept away by the strong waves.
- (1) timidly (2) frantically
(3) disgustingly (4) grudgingly ()
6. "When will we _____ camp, Mr Anges?" asked the miserable campers.
- (1) end (2) break
(3) stop (4) disrupt ()
7. Miss Ang _____ at her dog when it made a mess in her new car.
- (1) glared (2) gaped
(3) stared (4) squinted ()
8. A _____ of whales was sighted during our cruise from Vancouver to Alaska.
- (1) pod (2) mob
(3) school (4) drove ()
9. A _____ of noisy people were chatting non-stop despite the presenter's signal to be quiet.
- (1) band (2) host
(3) gaggle (4) staff ()
10. Feeling the beat of the hip hop music, June started to _____ her fingers and tap her feet.
- (1) snap (2) clap
(3) twitch (4) jerk ()



11. Dave's father was so busy with his meeting that he forgot he had to _____ Dave from school yesterday morning.
- (1) bring (2) send
(3) fetch (4) take
- ()
12. The courageous drake rescued its _____ before the eagle swooped down to catch it.
- (1) joey (2) billy
(3) hatchling (4) duckling
- ()
13. Zoe was _____ when she failed to pay rent for three consecutive months.
- (1) ejected (2) evicted
(3) evacuated (4) expelled
- ()
14. Mrs Willis has been awarded the '_____ of 2008' for travelling so many countries within a month.
- (1) Trekker (2) Hiker
(3) Pioneer (4) Globetrotter
- ()

21. That portrait was so beautiful that Mother _____ it at the living room for everyone to admire.
- (1) hang (2) hung
(3) hangs (4) hanged
- ()
22. My teacher, friends and I had to depend on _____ to get out of the jungle.
- (1) herself (2) himself
(3) ourselves (4) themselves
- ()
23. "This plate is empty! One of the pupils _____ have eaten all the satay!" exclaimed the headmaster.
- (1) will (2) can
(3) shall (4) must
- ()
24. "Lulu is coming back for us, _____ she?" asked the anxious Casey as Lulu had not returned after two hours.
- (1) isn't (2) wasn't
(3) aren't (4) weren't
- ()



Section D – Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the leaflet carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Fight Climate Change

Conserve Energy

Save Money



How You Can Fight Climate Change!

Use electricity wisely and you can reduce carbon dioxide emissions drastically. Besides, with today's energy efficient technologies, conserving energy is a breeze. Better yet, you will pay less on your electricity bills.

ENERGY CONSERVATION TIPS

- Tip 1 : Switch off the air conditioner, turn on the fan! You can save about \$50 in just one month.
- Tip 2 : The lower the temperature setting, the more energy used by your air conditioner. So set your thermostat at 25°C or higher.
- Tip 3 : Switch off home appliances (e.g. TV set, DVD player and microwave oven) at the power socket and save about \$50 a year. Standby power adds up to 10% to your electricity bill.
- Tip 4 : Switch to compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) to save energy. They last up to 10 times longer than standard bulbs.
- Tip 5 : Air conditioners and refrigerators gobble up more than 50% of a household's electricity. Pick appliances with more ticks on their energy label.

10% ENERGY CHALLENGE

Reduce 10% of your household electricity consumption and you qualify for our 10% Energy Challenge Draw!

How to Participate

Simply keep your electricity bills from June 2008 to September 2008.

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

25. The leaflet promotes ways of saving _____.

- (1) gas
- (2) water
- (3) energy
- (4) carbon dioxide

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26. You can save about _____ monthly by using the electric fan instead of the air conditioner.

- (1) \$5
- (2) \$50
- (3) \$55
- (4) \$500

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27. The thermostat of the air conditioner could be set at _____ to reduce energy used.

- (1) 10°C
- (2) 15°C
- (3) 24°C
- (4) 26°C

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28. Which two of the following electrical appliances consume at least 50% of a household's electricity?

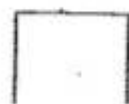
- (1) Air conditioner and fan
- (2) Television and DVD player
- (3) Fluorescent lamp and microwave oven
- (4) Air conditioner and refrigerator

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29. How many months of electricity bills must you keep to participate in the **10% Energy Challenge**?

- (1) 2 months
- (2) 3 months
- (3) 4 months
- (4) 5 months

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Section E – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A long time ago, people thought that their emotions came from their hearts perhaps because their hearts beat faster when they were afraid or excited. Now we know that emotions come from the brain which instructs the heart to speed up.

Your heart is about the size of your fist and is located a little to the left of the middle of your chest. There are many types of muscles in your body but the heart is special because, unlike other muscles, it never gets tired. It sends blood around the body. The blood delivers oxygen and nutrients to every cell of your body and carries away the waste. It is like a food delivery service and a refuse collector rolled into one!

Your heart has two pumps. The right side of your heart receives blood from the body and pumps it to the lungs to get oxygen. The left side of your heart does the opposite: it receives oxygen-rich blood from the lungs and pumps it out to the body.

You have probably guessed that the blood does not just slosh around your body once it leaves your heart. Instead, it moves through many tubes called arteries and veins. Arteries carry blood away from your heart whilst veins carry it back.

Although you cannot see your heart, there is a cool way of detecting it. If you gently press the side of your neck just below your jaw or the inside of your wrist just below your thumb, you will feel a rhythmical throbbing. This is your pulse. You can make your pulse faster by moving vigorously.

To measure your pulse, use a watch with a second hand to count the number of beats in one minute. Did it beat about ninety times a minute? This is much slower than a baby's heart which beats about a hundred and twenty times a minute. When you become an adult, your heart will slow down to about eighty beats a minute.

Did you know that a large mammal has a considerably slower pulse than a smaller one? An elephant's heart, for example, beats only about twenty-five times a minute whereas that of a tiny mammal like a mouse hammers away at about five hundred beats a minute!

Choose the correct answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

30. Blood in the veins is carrying _____.

- (1) food to the cells
- (2) oxygen to the lungs
- (3) waste from the body
- (4) nutrients from the heart

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31. The heart of a nine-year-old person beats at about _____ times a minute.

- (1) twenty
- (2) seventy
- (3) eighty
- (4) ninety

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32. The word "delivers" in line 7 has the same meaning as "_____".

- (1) sends
- (2) thrusts
- (3) absorbs
- (4) transports

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33. In the last paragraph, "that" (in line 26) refers to the _____.

- (1) vein
- (2) heart
- (3) pulse
- (4) artery

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34. Which one of the following sentences is not true?

- (1) The heart can pump at different speeds.
- (2) Blood returns to the heart along the veins.
- (3) The right pump sends blood to the whole body.
- (4) A child's heart beats faster than an adult's heart.

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Section F – Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word in the box and write its letter (A to K) in the blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

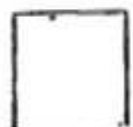
(A) bewildered	(C) important	(E) leads	(G) pilgrims	(J) stressful	(L) vast
(B) enhanced	(D) impressive	(F) makes	(H) spellbound	(K) strenuous	(M) worshippers

There are many interesting sights to visit in Malaysia. Just north of Kuala Lumpur, a towering limestone outcrop is home to the (35) _____ Batu Caves. The caves were discovered by an American naturalist, William Hornaday. A small Hindu shrine, known as Temple Cave, was built in the (36) _____ open space.

A flight of 272 steps (37) _____ up to the Temple Cave. It is a (38) _____ climb but many have taken up the challenge. Tourists are more (39) _____ by the monkeys on the vertical cliff faces than the shrine, which is dwarfed by the scale of the cave. The whole spectacle has been (40) _____ by an enormous golden statue of Lord Muruga, a Hindu deity, to whom the caves are dedicated.

Each year, in late January or early February, up to a million (41) _____ journey to the caves during the three days of Thaipusam, a religious Hindu festival. Lord Muruga's silver chariot (42) _____ its way from a Hindu temple in central Kuala Lumpur to the caves. Its journey is accompanied by devotees, dancers and musicians playing the drum and flute.

Adapted from www.lonelyplanet.com



Section G – Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

Use each word ONCE only.

(A) and	(C) but	(E) however	(G) so	(J) when
(B) because	(D) for	(F) if	(H) that	(K) where

Is there life in outer space? Scientists believe that it is not possible for humans to survive in space (43) _____ there is no air, water and food. This, (44) _____ does not deter man from exploring the vast expanse of outer space. (45) _____ spaceships are sent to space to explore the possibility of life beyond earth. As the conditions in space are not suitable (46) _____ man to survive, astronauts must carry air, water, food and other things to help them survive the harsh environment in space.

Astronauts can wear their regular clothing (47) _____ they are working inside their spaceship. Their spaceship will protect them from the extreme temperatures in space. (48) _____ when they go outside their spaceship to do some work, they must wear a space suit. This special suit is made of many layers of strong material and will protect the astronauts. The suit is also connected to a tube (49) _____ delivers air for the astronauts to breathe.

What are some of the things astronauts do in space? They do tests to learn how space affects their bodies (50) _____ study the objects they find in space. They also study the changes on Earth from space.



Section H – Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Kevin looked up from his book, in a lazy way at first, to see what had made that noise. Then he went stiff with fright. At an arm's (51) _____ away from his chair, something moved. A shape (52) _____ smoothly along the window frame. He saw a flat head held up by a slender neck. A cobra!

The snake stopped and lay without moving. It looked dead. But all the time it was trying to sense if any food was in the room. Kevin felt trapped in his chair, yet he knew he must (53) _____ his sister. He thought of what his father had told him so often. He wanted to whisper, but his mouth and tongue were dry with shock. He was so paralysed with fear that he dared not (54) _____. If only she would look at him!

Kiera felt something strange about her brother's silence and turned her head to glance at him. When she saw the (55) _____ on his face, she swiftly shifted round. She moved her head to see what those eyes were fixed on. Then she covered her mouth to stifle her gasp of terror.

Adapted from *World Wide Adventure Series Reader 5*



Section I – Synthesis (5 x 1 mark)

For Q56 to Q60, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the ones given.

56. Bob has a lot of homework. Bob does not want to go cycling.

_____ so

57. Hana was upset. She failed her spelling test.

_____ when

58. We will wait here. We will wait for the next train to arrive.

_____ until

59. The girl lost the book. She was going to the library.

_____ who

60. The treehouse was destroyed. It was built by Gary's father.

_____ that



Section J – Comprehension (5 x 2 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.
Write your answers in complete sentences.

Margie hated school, but now she hated it more than ever! Her electronic teacher had given her so many tests that her mother had to call in the inspector.

The inspector took the teacher apart and Margie hoped he would not know how to put it together again. After an hour, however, the screen showed all the lessons to be learnt and questions to be answered. Margie was disappointed. She had been hoping that they would take away the teacher altogether.

Her friend, Tommy, was reading a very old book he had found in his attic. It was strange to read words that stood still instead of moving – like on a screen. It was even printed on paper! "What is it about?" she asked him.

"School," he replied, "the kind they had centuries ago! They had a teacher but it wasn't a regular teacher. It was a person."

- "A person? How can a person be a teacher? A person can't know as much as a teacher. Anyway, I wouldn't want a strange person in my home to teach me."

Tommy screamed with laughter. He told her that in those days, there was a special building and all the children went there to learn. As he was talking, Margie's mother called, "Margie! School!" Margie went into the school room which was next to her bedroom. The screen was lit up and it said, "Today's lesson is on the addition of proper fractions." Margie sighed. She was thinking about the schools they had when her grandmother's grandmother was a little girl.

She imagined a building where all the children met each other in the morning, talked and learned together and went home at the end of the day. And the teachers were people...

The electronic teacher was flashing on the screen, "When we add fractions..." Margie was thinking about how the children must have loved school in the old days. She was thinking about the fun they had.

Adapted from The Fun They Had by Isaac Asimov, 1957

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Q61. Where was Margie's school?

Q62. How was Margie's teacher different from a teacher in the past?

Q63. What did Margie dislike most about school?

Q64. Which word in the passage means the same as 'usual'?

Q65. Why did Margie sigh?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : CA 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
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Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40	Q41	Q42	Q43	Q44	Q45	Q46	Q47	Q48	Q49	Q50
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51)length 52)glided 53)warn 54)move 55)expression

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61)Margie's school was at her home.

62)Margie's teacher was an electronic teacher but the teacher in the past was a person.

63)She disliked the tests given in school.

64)The word is "regular".

65)Margie longed to be in a school with other children.