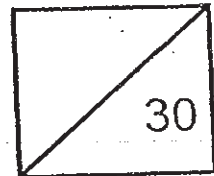




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2010
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Primary 6

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BOOKLET A

Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

* This booklet consists of 10 pages altogether.

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Study the advertisement and answer Questions 1 to 5.

(5 marks)

Children's Art Competition



in conjunction with
Singapore Clean and Green Week
(9 April to 15 April 2010)

Theme: My Environment and I

We want to know how you feel about ► the flora and fauna which are fast disappearing from this world
► the large amounts of waste and pollution

Date: 9 April (Friday)

Time: 9 am to 12 pm (inclusive of prize presentation)

Venue: Jalan Hwi Yoh Community Club

The competition is open to the following groups of children, except for family members of the staff of Jalan Hwi Yoh Community Club:

Category A: Kindergarten children and younger

Category B: Primary 1 to Primary 3

Category C: Primary 4 to Primary 6

Registration forms are available at:

Jalan Hwi Yoh Community Club
Blk 535, Serangoon North Ave 4, S(550535)
(next to Rosyth School)

Hurry and register now!

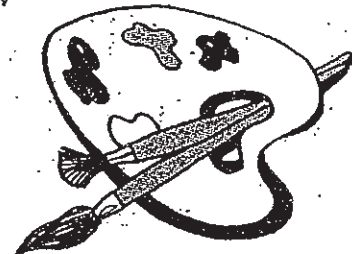
Registration Fee: \$2 (non-refundable)

Closing Date: 31 March 2010

(A box of magic pens and a notepad will be given to each participant upon registration.)

Attractive Prizes to be won by each group!
All prizes will be sponsored by IKEA Singapore.

Winning entries will be displayed at the atrium of Raffles City Shopping Centre during the Clean and Green Week!



For each question from 1 to 5, 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. (5 marks)

1. The Art Competition is organised by _____
 - (1) Rosyth School
 - (2) IKEA Singapore
 - (3) Raffles City Shopping Centre
 - (4) Jalan Hwi Yoh Community Club

2. The competition is open to _____
 - (1) children in kindergarten
 - (2) all primary school students
 - (3) only children of staff at Jalan Hwi Yoh Community Club
 - (4) all children except those related to the staff at Jalan Hwi Yoh Community Club

3. The closing date for the competition is _____
 - (1) 9 April 2010
 - (2) 12 April 2010
 - (3) 15 April 2010
 - (4) 31 March 2010

4. Bella has registered for the competition. However, if she decides not to take part on the actual day, she _____
 - (1) will get back \$2
 - (2) gets only a box of magic pens
 - (3) is still eligible for the attractive prizes
 - (4) will still get a box of magic pens and a notepad

5. The winning entries will be shown to the public for _____
 - (1) a week
 - (2) a month
 - (3) two weeks
 - (4) two months

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 correct oval (1,2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (7 marks)

6. William Shakespeare, _____ works I enjoy reading, is one of the greatest English playwright.

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

7. Whales may be threatened when their food supply, krill, _____ by chemical waste and oil spills.

- (1) is poisoned
- (2) was poisoned
- (3) has poisoned
- (4) will be poisoned

8. The elephants carry the logs to open areas near roads, where they _____ onto trucks and hauled to the sawmills.

- (1) load
- (2) loaded
- (3) are loaded
- (4) were loaded.

9. My uncle wanted _____ to see _____ collection of unusual animals.

- (1) us...his
- (2) we...he
- (3) our...he
- (4) ours...him

10. Many animals such as the passenger pigeons will die _____ ^{men} ~~men~~ continue to hunt them down.

- (1) if
- (2) unless
- (3) before
- (4) so that

11. If the students _____ to Beijing in December, they would have been able to experience the cold winter.

- (1) go
- (2) had gone
- (3) are going
- (4) have gone

12. My handbag _____ by a snatch thief when I crossed the road just now.

- (1) is grabbed
- (2) was grabbed
- (3) is being grabbed
- (4) could be grabbed

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.
(3 marks)

Freddy watched and shook his head in disbelief. "Two men don't just vanish!" Melvin examined the wreckage as he spoke. "No blood, no footprints (13) he mumbled, completely mystified. A day later (14) there was more trouble. A cargo plane had set out a distress signal before it disappeared off the radar. "This is another strange one, Freddy. Look at that damage!" Melvin exclaimed, "The plane was smashed from above (15) Freddy finally believed that a giant fossil insect had come to life.

13. (1) [: "] colon and inverted commas
(2) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

14. (1) [-] hyphen
(2) [,] comma
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [;] semicolon

15. (1) [:] colon and inverted commas
(2) [,] comma and inverted commas
(3) [?] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas

For each question from 16 to 20, 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. (5 marks)

16. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), many animals in the world are facing _____ due to irresponsible hunting and poaching.
- (1) depletion
(2) extinction
(3) extermination
(4) disappearance
17. We should strive to _____ as much as possible in order to protect our environment from further harm.
- (1) resist
(2) refrain
(3) recycle
(4) reclaim
18. The poacher set an _____ trap to capture the Sumatran rhinoceros for its horns.
- (1) ingenious
(2) ingenuous
(3) indigenous
(4) indispensable

19. The Orang Utan, with its dwindling number, is one of many primate species whose existence is _____ by human activities.

- (1) enforced
- (2) protected
- (3) prohibited
- (4) threatened

20. Animals which are kept in zoos have _____ well because the surroundings are kept as natural as possible.

- (1) kept
- (2) behaved
- (3) adapted
- (4) maintained

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

(21)

The Palestinian Painted frog was found by accident in 1940 in the shallow swamps in Hula Valley. Its body was about 8cm long. Its blotched back was rust-coloured and its stomach was black. After a short span of 16 years, the frog was ascertained (22) to be extinct. This was because the Hula Valley, in the north-east of Israel, was drained and transformed (23) into farmland. The swamps, where malaria-carrying mosquitoes thrived, were also drained. The impact on the (24) environment was advantageous to the local people, but the Palestinian Painted Frog lost its place of natural occurrence (25). It could not survive without the swamps and this led to its extinction.

21. (1) formed
(2) developed
(3) discovered
(4) recognised
22. (1) deduced
(2) declared
(3) confirmed
(4) announced
23. (1) turned
(2) performed
(3) translated
(4) constructed
24. (1) reactive
(2) effective
(3) feasible
(4) beneficial
25. (1) abode
(2) lodging
(3) habitat
(4) residence

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

In this age of science and technology, we often think that we have managed to find the answers to all of life's mysteries. Most scientists, however, will admit that this is not really true. There are many things that science cannot explain. Examples of these are the Loch Ness Monster and the Bermuda Triangle.

The Bermuda Triangle has always been a place associated with strange events and sightings. Ships and aeroplanes have disappeared inexplicably in this area. Strange lights and flying objects have been seen by people travelling through the Triangle. Experts have been baffled for years.

The first disappearance in the Bermuda Triangle in modern times was that of five American fighter planes on December 5, 1945. They had set off on a routine training flight over the Atlantic from Florida but they never made it back to the base. A rescue boat with 13 men on board was sent out to search for the missing planes but it, too, disappeared. Since then, more than a hundred ships and planes have disappeared in the Triangle and over a thousand lives have been lost.

In addition to such strange events, there are many reports of strange encounters within the Bermuda Triangle. One trawler captain and his assistant were towing their catch home when a storm arose from nowhere and they were pulled backwards. After some time, it disappeared as quickly as it had appeared. The relieved captain and his assistant came out of the cabin, only to find that the sun was out but their catch had disappeared.

Many experts are divided over the possible cause of these strange events. Some experts think that the planes and boats may have disappeared through a time door into another time period. Others think that there may be flying saucers in the Bermuda Triangle and that aliens from outer space may be collecting human beings as specimens for their experiments!

Despite these claims, most scientists are of the opinion that there is no mystery at all. They pointed out that ships and planes have disappeared without a trace in many ocean areas. Moreover, the ocean near Bermuda is a place of changing weather and sudden storms and hence, it does not seem unusual that some ships would sink or some planes would disappear in the area. One scientist said, "There is nothing mysterious about the ocean except its amazing size." In essence, these scientists are quick to point out that for as long as we do not have enough knowledge to really make a fair judgment about such theories, we should just keep an open mind about them.

For each question from 26 to 30, 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. (5 marks)

26. Which one of the following statements about the Bermuda Triangle is true?

- (1) Many lives have been lost there.
- (2) Many ships and aeroplanes avoid the area.
- (3) Aliens inhabit the waters of the Bermuda Triangle.
- (4) The planes and boats have entered a different time zone.

27. From the passage, "baffled" (Line 9) has the same meaning as _____

- (1) tricked
- (2) puzzled
- (3) enthused
- (4) perplexed

28. In line 20, "it" refers to the _____

- (1) pull
- (2) catch
- (3) storm
- (4) trawler

29. Most scientists say there is no mystery about the Bermuda Triangle because ships and aeroplanes _____

- (1) only disappear there
- (2) always disappear there
- (3) also disappear elsewhere
- (4) do not disappear elsewhere

30. From the passage, we can tell that the writer is uncertain which theory he should believe in as he says _____

- (1) aliens reside within the Bermuda Triangle
- (2) there are too many reports of strange encounters
- (3) we should keep an open mind until more is known about the place
- (4) there is nothing mysterious about the ocean except its amazing size

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BOOKLET B

Instructions to Pupils:

1. DO NOT open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions. (Questions 31 to 80)

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

Component	Qn Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 - 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 - 80	

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE

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- | | | | | |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| (A) at | (D) in | (G) into | (K) both | (N) out |
| (B) can | (E) above | (H) where | (L) could | (P) while |
| (C) who | (F) up | (J) of | (M) being | (Q) which |
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South Korean scientists from the Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) have developed a walking robot maid. The institute took two years to develop Mahru-Z, (31) _____ is 1.3m tall and weighs 55kg.

Mahru-Z has a human-like body made (32) _____ of a rotating head, arms, legs and six fingers. It is capable of "seeing" three dimensional objects and (33) _____ recognize people and jobs that need to be done. It is able to pick up a dirty shirt, throw it (34) _____ a washing machine and push the buttons to get the laundry done.

"The advantage of Mahru-Z is that it is able to recognize the tasks needed to be completed and carry them (35) _____" said You Bum-jae, who heads the Cognitive Robot Center at KIST.

Another advantage of Mahru-Z is that it can roam unattended using its visual sensors, and pick things up on the way.

The mechanical maid, Mahru-Z, is an improvement (36) _____ another robot, Marhu-M, an earlier KIST creation that moves on wheels. Mahru-Z can also work closely together with its fellow maid robot, Marhu-M. (37) _____ machines can be controlled through a computer server. Mahru-Z, for example, can put fruit (38) _____ a basket and put it on the dinner table, (39) _____ Mahru-M, which has the advantage of (40) _____ mobile, can locate the owner and bring him the fruits directly.

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Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

The leatherback turtle is the largest living turtle.

It swims faster and dives deeply than all the other turtles. It is dark green or black-

skinned with white or pink blotches on it. It has a leathery cover that actually comprises

thin inter-locking bone like **struchers**. It ~~has~~ outlasted the dinosaurs and all types of

catastrophic weather but it is now on the vedge of extinction

Unlike more cold-blooded reptiles, the leatherback turtle has the uncanny

ability to manetane its body temperature, keeping it higher than the surrounding area.

It can thus be found as far as the Arctic Circle which temperatures can reach thirty

to forty degrees Fahrenheit. The leatherback **servaives** mostly en jellyfish and it even

has long and backward pointing spines in its oesophagus that aid at the swallowing

of soft, slippery food. However, it falls **vickterm** to the plastics floating on the surface of

the water as they resemble their staple diet.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

When I was young, we lived in a dilapidated wooden house on the outskirts of Limbang, a small town in northern Sarawak, Malaysia. (51) _____ stood on wooden stilts and had a steeply sloping roof of rusty zinc sheets (52) _____ made the house very hot during the day. The tiny collection of rooms inside could barely contain all our family – Father, Mother and 11 children.

I was the second oldest. We often ran about and when our play got too boisterous, the whole house shook. "The house is going to (53) _____!" my mother would yell at us.

We seemed to live (54) _____ perpetual darkness. During the day, the nearby trees blocked out much of the sunlight while the nights were always a brooding, foreboding time. This was the 1950s and early 1960s, and we had no electricity. We often (55) _____ kerosene lamps, which gave only (56) _____ light. The gloom was made worse by the superstitious (57) _____ that Mother passed on to us. Raised on a mixture of Chinese ancestor worship and Taoist and Buddhist beliefs, we (58) _____ in ghosts and the wandering spirits.

Sometimes, as little (59) _____ we were just afraid of the dark, and Mother would ask in a voice tinged with fear, "(60) _____ are you so afraid? What do you see?" Although we saw nothing, her questions made us even more frightened. To me, there was nothing more terrifying (61) _____ the prospect of meeting a ghost.

Our friends, who were afraid of the dark and the creepy appearance of the house, rarely (62) _____ over to play. I once overheard one of my relatives (63) _____ her children not to step into our house lest the evil spirit followed them home.

Very often, our friends would shout for us at the (64) _____ of their voices from far away so that we could have fun together. It was indeed sad and miserable when (65) _____ of our invited friends and guests dared to come to celebrate our parent's 60th Birthday with us last year.

Adapted from Readers Digest 2006

For each of the questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentences, using the words 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). (10 marks)

66 I have a million dollars. I would donate half of it to the National Kidney^F Foundation.
If I had _____

67 The aircraft was waiting on the runway. It has now taken off.
_____ which _____

68 The dog ran across the road. It was hit by a big lorry.
Running _____

69 If John does not clean his room, it will be infested with cockroaches.
Unless _____

70 The weather was chilly yet they continued their hiking.
In spite of _____

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

Frogs, toads and salamanders usually make us think of green, slimy little monsters. These monsters actually belong to a very special class of animals called the amphibians. Amphibians can live both on land and in the water. They commonly inhabit ponds, rivers, marshes and other wetlands.

Today, amphibians are vanishing by **leaps and bounds** from all the six continents where they are found. More than 25 countries are reporting drastic drops in the populations of amphibians. In some places, embryos are dying; in others, adults are missing. Why are they dying off?

Scientists blame human interference. Industrial waste and toxic gases given out by factories, manufacturing plants and cars are steadily poisoning the breeding grounds of amphibians. Chemicals such as sulphur dioxide rise high into the atmosphere and mix with rain. This makes the rain acidic and thus kills off delicate amphibian embryos.

More rare species of amphibians are already gone. Costa Rica's Golden toads all mate at the same time compared to other frog species. They have not been seen since 1989. The Australian Gastric Brooding frogs are extinct. Leopard frog numbers are dropping in the Rocky Mountains. Leopard frogs live in the wetland regions in these areas. The wetlands are being drained to make way for highways, industry and new housing.

Another threat to the amphibians is the increased ultraviolet radiation. Ultraviolet rays come from the sun and are extremely harmful to living things. They can cause skin cancer in humans. Luckily for us, ultraviolet rays are blocked by a thick layer of ozone above the earth's atmosphere. Ozone is a special kind of oxygen which absorbs ultraviolet radiation. Now, the ozone layer is being destroyed by chemicals called CFC's which are given off by factories. A hole in the ozone layer was discovered over Antarctica in the late 1980's. As a result, more ultraviolet rays are reaching the earth and more amphibians are dying.

Just as the emergence of new infectious diseases such as Avian Influenza are a threat to human and animal populations across the world, amphibian species are also facing their **most significant threat** from a little understood disease. A chytrid fungus is understood to be of the major causes of frog mortality across the world.

Adapted and modified text from Oxford publisher

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

71. From paragraph 1, which phrase shows that amphibians are special animals?

72. How do scientists know that the amphibians are vanishing?

73. What does the phrase "leaps and bounds" in line 5 mean?

74. How are humans indirectly responsible for reducing the frog population?

75. What actually kills the amphibian embryos?

76. What is a unique feature of the Costa Rica Golden toad?

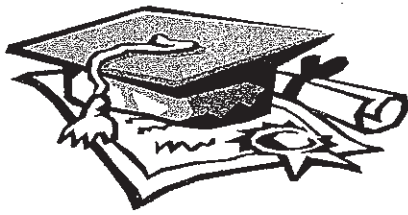
77. What had caused the Léopard frog population to decrease?

78. How does ozone protect us?

79. What is responsible for the increase in ultraviolet radiation?

80. In line ²⁸30, what does the "most significant threat" refer to?

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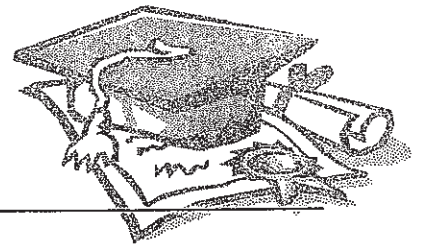


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46)maintain 47)where 48)survives 49)in 50)victim
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61)than 62)came 63)telling 64)top 65)none

66)If I had a million dollars, I would donate half of it to the National Kidney Foundation.

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69)Unless John cleans his room, it will be infested with cockroaches.

70)In spite of the chilly weather, they continued their hiking.

71)The phrase is "can live both on land and in the water."

72)Drastic drops in populations of amphibians have been reported by more than 25 countries.

73)It means rapid decrease in the amphibian population.

74)Human activities are giving out industrial waste and toxic gases which are poisoning the breeding grounds of amphibians.

75)The acid rain kills the embryos of amphibians.

76)They all mate at the same time.

77)Their habitats are being destroyed to make way for highways, industry and housing.

78)It absorbs the (harmful) ultraviolet radiation.

79)The destruction of the ozone layer by CFC's has caused the increase in ultraviolet radiation.

80)It refers to the chytrid fungus, which is a major cause of frog mortality across the world.