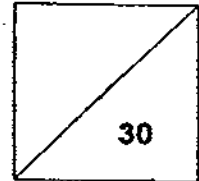




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PRIMARY 6



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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 all the answers in the OAS provided.

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Study the advertisement below and then answer the questions 1-5.

## Zanda Animal Conservatory proudly presents

**THE CHINA PANDA  
SPECTACULAR celebrates  
Endangered Species Month**

**1- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009  
10 am to 9 pm  
DAILY**

Come and learn about the shy and delicate creature which makes its home in the bamboo forests of China!

Venue : Main Hall, Marvel Exhibition Centre ( next to the LIVE Panda Exhibit )

Adults	Children
\$8.00	\$6.00 (for children above 10 years old) Free for children aged 10 years and below



### The Panda Exhibit

Watch the pandas feed on bamboo shoots and leaves specially flown in from China!

### Panda Drawing Contest (children below the age of 8 ONLY)

Draw the Panda and win mystery prizes!

### Parent-Child Panda Dress Up Fun!

Come dressed as pandas! The best looking pair wins 3-months' free admission passes for a family of four to the Zanda Animal Conservatory

For more information : Call Cindy (office hours) at 63445567 or Visit our Website [www.endangeredspecies.com.sg](http://www.endangeredspecies.com.sg) (information will be available after 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009)

Main sponsor: China Airlines  
Other sponsors: New Dawn Daily Paper  
The China Panda Society

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 Who is the organiser of the China Panda Spectacular ?
  - (1) China Airlines
  - (2) New Dawn Daily Paper
  - (3) The China Panda Society
  - (4) The Zanda Animal Conservatory
  
- 2 If Mary, her teenaged son and her infant visits the exhibition, what are the admission charges they will have to pay ?
  - (1) The adult fare for Mary only as the children do not pay at all.
  - (2) The adult fare for Mary and the child's fare for her teenaged son only
  - (3) The adult fare for Mary and her teenaged son but the child's fare for her infant
  - (4) The adult fare for Mary and the child's fare for both her teenaged son and her infant
  
- 3 Which of the following statements is true ?
  - (1) Pandas are fed with locally produced bamboo shoots
  - (2) Mary and her aunt can join the Parent-Child Panda Dress Up Fun
  - (3) Five-year old Sally is able to take part in the Panda Drawing Contest
  - (4) Information on The China Panda Spectacular is available on the website from February onwards
  
- 4 How can I find out more about the China Panda exhibition before it opens ?
  - (1) visit the Zanda Animal Conservatory personally
  - (2) call Cindy at the Zanda Animal Conservatory between 8am to 5 pm
  - (3) surf the given website in February to find out more about the exhibition
  - (4) call all the sponsors to ask for information brochures to be sent to your home
  
- 5 The main aim of organising the exhibition is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) publicise the interesting contests the exhibition visitors can take part in
  - (2) introduce the captive breeding programmes at the Animal Conservatory
  - (3) promote the "Save The Panda" programme run by the Animal Conservatory
  - (4) present the information about the delicate nature and habitat of the China Panda

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 Mother asked Susan to finish her school homework \_\_\_\_\_ tidy up her bedroom.

- (1) but
- (2) also
- (3) rather
- (4) as well as

7 If she \_\_\_\_\_ you would be coming for dinner, she would have left some food for you.

- (1) knows
- (2) knew
- (3) had known
- (4) should know

8 The prefect \_\_\_\_\_ to take charge of the class by the teacher as she was having a meeting with the Principal.

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

9 \_\_\_\_\_ he is present at the official opening ceremony, he will not receive a door gift.

- (1) If
- (2) Unless
- (3) Although
- (4) However

10 The men were sentenced to life imprisonment \_\_\_\_\_ the crime of rhino poaching on a game reserve.

- (1) at
- (2) for
- (3) with
- (4) about

11 The island of Sentosa is \_\_\_\_\_ tourists can enjoy the day at the man-made swimming lagoon.

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

12 The teacher told John and \_\_\_\_\_ that we had to stay behind after school to sort out the storybooks.

- (1) I
- (2) me
- (3) my
- (4) mine

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)

It was a pitiful sight that met the park rangers as they approached the elephant carcasses.

"What a cruel turn of events for this young female elephant and her calf (13) exclaimed John who knelt down to take a closer look at the almost unrecognizable mess.

"I wonder if we would be able to apprehend those poachers anytime soon," said Tom.

"I doubt it, Tom," John continued (14) "these poachers are just too many and too fast for us (15) I just wish the Police Chief would send more reinforcements down here."

Shaking their heads, the two park rangers turned and left the scene.

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

- 14 (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ . ] full-stop  
(3) [ , ] comma  
(4) [ ? ] question mark

- 15 (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full-stop  
(3) [ - ] hyphen  
(4) [ " ] 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 Habitat loss for the panda is largely due to the \_\_\_\_\_ of large areas of bamboo groves for commercial projects.
- (1) pollution
  - (2) deflation
  - (3) destruction
  - (4) contamination
- 17 The business proposal \_\_\_\_\_ because the developer and the owner of the land could not agree on the terms of sale.
- (1) broke up
  - (2) fell down
  - (3) broke down
  - (4) fell through
- 18 \_\_\_\_\_ parents spoke up strongly against the idea of letting 8-year-olds attend the camp at Pulau Sarimbun .
- (1) Ignorant
  - (2) Inquisitive
  - (3) Concerned
  - (4) Objectionable
- 19 The number of bird species in that particular area of the island has gradually \_\_\_\_\_ to a mere 5 species from a whopping 20 species in the 1900s.
- (1) dwindled
  - (2) diminished
  - (3) deteriorated
  - (4) disappeared
- 20 Have you ever heard of the ridiculous \_\_\_\_\_ that you will grow more white hair if you bathe after midnight ?
- (1) myth
  - (2) legend
  - (3) fairy tale
  - (4) pourquoi story

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)

When Zeus woke up, he found the heavens in a terrible mess.

Shouting at the top of his lungs , he spat out, "I will get that mischievous Vulcan  
(21)

for this!" Then turning swiftly around, he left the Great Hall of the gods and  
(22)

marched out to look for his horse which was also in a bad mood.  
(23)

"Come on! Let's go after that imp, Nator!" commanded Zeus as he jumped on  
(24)

In a flash of lightning and creating a thundercloud of dust, Zeus galloped  
away on Nator, down the galaxy staircase of stars leading to the Calm Pool of  
Peace where he knew Vulcan would be seeking shelter among the fairy maidens.  
(25)

- 21 (1) Fuming  
(2) Bellowing  
(3) Ruminating  
(4) Complaining
- 22 (1) sliding  
(2) striding  
(3) strutting  
(4) swinging
- 23 (1) stepped  
(2) strolled  
(3) stormed  
(4) stamped
- 24 (1) climbed  
(2) mounted  
(3) boarded  
(4) clambered
- 25 (1) refuge  
(2) retreat  
(3) seclusion  
(4) permission



Read the passage below and answer questions 25 -30.

Thousands of species of endangered animals face the bleak prospect of extinction due to Man's inconsiderate behaviour and greed. Man pollutes the air, rivers and other bodies of water with chemical waste, in vapour or liquid form, spewed from the factories situated near the natural habitats of such creatures. Illegal or uncontrolled logging lends itself to the rapid deforestation of areas once flourishing with black bears. Then, picnickers, who frequent the areas because of their untamed and untouched beauty, leave their litter behind. Black bears are attracted to these food leftovers and swallow the parcels, especially so after awakening famished from hibernation, as it is unable to distinguish what is good for them and what is not.

In the months before winter, the black bear consumes large quantities of food to build up its fat reserves against the impending cold. Then, in winter, the black bear hibernates to conserve energy as food is scarce. It is able to go without food for seven months as they survive on these reserves. These bears usually hole up in a cave or even in the hollowed-out centre of a dead tree. Inside this living space, they would have prepared beds of leaves, grass and tree bark. During the period of hibernation, the bear's heartbeat slows down to as low as 8 beats a minute, about a tenth of its normal rate of 80 beats. This act would have sent a human being into deep shock and death from freezing but thanks to the bear's thick fur coat, its body temperature only drops a few degrees below normal.

Do you know that pregnant female black bears which are hibernating are able to give birth while they are still asleep? Amazing, isn't it? The female black bear gives birth to two or three cubs in this way and they are nourished by milk from their slumbering mothers.

Today, a major threat to the black bear is poaching, in which poachers make billions of dollars supplying the Asian market with the gall bladders, hearts and paws of the bears. These are believed to have great medicinal value. More preventive measures should be stepped up to curb illegal

wildlife trade across international boundaries. In Mexico, the indigenous Black Bear population is listed as endangered and most are confined in increasingly fragmented habitats in the mountains.

Man has to learn to give this remarkable creature its space to roam and multiply so that our future generations would also have the opportunity to observe these living specimens and not merely from a picture book. 35

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 The black bear is losing its natural habitat through \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) increased picnicking on its feeding grounds
- (2) the inability of the bear to guard its territory well
- (3) water pollution which stunts the flora and fauna
- (4) rapid deforestation caused by rampant logging

27 The black bear prepares for its hibernation by \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) hiding in a cave
- (2) slowing down its heartbeat
- (3) eating huge amounts of food
- (4) growing a thick coat of fur for warmth

28 During hibernation, the thick fur of the black bear \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) allows its body temperature to remain constant throughout the entire period
- (2) prevents its body temperature from varying too greatly off its normal range
- (3) discourages insects from taking the opportunity to feed on its body-fat reserves
- (4) allows the young cubs to find a warm place to nestle in when their mother sleeps

29 According to the passage, how has the wildlife trade industry caused the population of the Black Bear to dwindle ?

- (1) There is demand for bear parts
- (2) Poachers make billions of dollars
- (3) Illegal hunting cannot be stopped
- (4) The Black Bear has medicinal value

30 A suitable title for this passage is "\_\_\_\_\_".

- (1) How Bears Feed Their Cubs
- (2) Threats The Black Bear Face
- (3) How Black Bears Hibernate
- 4 (4) The Beauty of the Black Bear

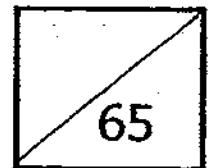
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## Booklet B

### 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 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. **Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.**

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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**

- |                         |                       |                      |                         |                      |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| (A) <del>just</del>     | (D) <del>of</del>     | (G) <del>what</del>  | (K) <del>although</del> | (N) <del>here</del>  |
| (B) <del>from for</del> | (E) <del>yet</del>    | (H) <del>where</del> | (L) <del>single</del>   | (P) <del>that</del>  |
| (C) <del>the</del>      | (F) <del>before</del> | (J) <del>when</del>  | (M) <del>however</del>  | (Q) <del>there</del> |

Can animals sense earthquakes? The belief that animals can predict earthquakes has been around for centuries.

In 373 B.C., historians recorded that animals, including rats, snakes and weasels, deserted (31) \_\_\_\_\_ Greek city of Helice in droves (32) \_\_\_\_\_ days before a quake devastated the place.

Accounts of similar animal anticipation of earthquakes have surfaced across the centuries (33) \_\_\_\_\_. Catfish moving violently, chickens (34) \_\_\_\_\_ stop laying eggs and bees leaving their hive in a panic have been reported. Many pet owners claimed to have witnessed their cats and dogs acting strangely (35) \_\_\_\_\_ the ground shook — barking or whining (36) \_\_\_\_\_ no apparent reason. But precisely (37) \_\_\_\_\_ animals sense, if they feel anything at all, is a mystery.

Scientists have no way of knowing exactly when or where an earthquake will hit. One of the world's most earthquake-prone countries is Japan, (38) \_\_\_\_\_ devastation has taken countless lives and caused enormous damage to property. Researchers (39) \_\_\_\_\_ have long studied animals to use that sense as a prediction tool.

(40) \_\_\_\_\_ there have been documented cases, a connection between a specific behaviour and the occurrence of a quake has never been made. In the 1970s, a few studies on animal prediction were done but nothing conclusive came out of it.

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

Hannah Thomas is a young writer who has captured a worldwide audience with her vivid tales of adventure and mystery. Blessed into a rather active imagination, Hannah can weave wonderful stories about **meethical** creatures and people with **mystireous** abilities.

(41)

(42)

(43)

(44)

Despite her farrows, Hannah remains humble and modest. During her recent interview with "Writers@Work" magazine, Hannah attributes her success to her late grandmother. According to Hannah, her grandmother, which had been an avid traveller, used to enthrall her with interesting tales from all over the world. **Inspyered** by her stories, Hannah had decided to pen down not only the stories her grandmother had told, but also create her own original **versheris**.

(45)

(46)

(47)

(48)

(49)

(50)

Hannah's books sell very quickly as readers were always eager to read about the common person who suddenly becomes an **impressed** hero and outwits tricksters. In addition, her books are suitable for children since there is very little mention of actual **gore** or **vaillece**. They are also recommended by teachers in primary schools.

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

Many species of wildlife today are endangered or are already extinct because of the selfish actions of one species — Man. In his constant need to feed, clothe and house himself, Man has embarked on a frenzy of rampant (51) \_\_\_\_\_ of forests or over-fishing the oceans. Do you know that the dusky sparrow of the United States has long disappeared (52) \_\_\_\_\_ the ecosystem. And that some species of whale (53) \_\_\_\_\_ reached a critical count?

The whale is hunted for its meat, a prized (54) \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan. The oil from the whale has great value in industrial use as well. The Endangered Species Act was drafted in 1973 (55) \_\_\_\_\_ it seems to have lost much of its bite as we see Japanese fishing trawlers daringly flouting the (56) \_\_\_\_\_. Many trawlers declare that they are conducting scientific (57) \_\_\_\_\_ when they are actually engaging in commercial fishing. Some say that this is due to the lack of effective enforcement by those in authority or (58) \_\_\_\_\_ still, that the authorities have given in to the demands by fisheries to harvest what they can within their waters. Whatever the case maybe, the whale numbers are (59) \_\_\_\_\_ fast. Unless more effort is put into (60) \_\_\_\_\_ the whale, it too may disappear in years to come.

Now, let us look at the case of the dusky sparrow. Nobody hunted the sparrow. Neither was it preyed upon by a new (61) \_\_\_\_\_ and yet it has ceased to exist. How did this come (62) \_\_\_\_\_? One reason is that Man has introduced freshwater plants into the salt-marshes, the habitat of the dusky sparrow. As a result, the ecosystem that was critical to the (63) \_\_\_\_\_ of the dusky sparrow has been altered.

What can we do to (64) \_\_\_\_\_ a similar fate from falling on another animal species? For one thing, (65) \_\_\_\_\_ of the masses must be stepped up. Schools must teach the importance of the sanctity of life and that one must protect the other because we are all interdependent. If we take this first step, then we will embark on a journey of renewal and perhaps one can reverse the damage already caused by our selfish pursuits for commercial benefit.

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 Michael asked, "Who went to the rock concert last night?"

Michael asked \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67 We have to buy some fruits to make the fruit salad.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68 There was a food shortage. People had to grow their own food.

Due to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69 Hillary is likely to win the talent contest. She has classical piano training.

\_\_\_\_\_ who  
\_\_\_\_\_

70 Mr Zul, the park warden, is leading a group of nature lovers into the Niah Caves.

A group of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Charles and I were part of a research team in Borneo. We were studying about the orang-utans and its survival. We told the villagers, known as the Dyaks, that we would reward anyone who was able to show us a wild orang-utan.

The next morning, we were woken by excited shouts. Charles and I snatched our cameras and followed a villager into the forest. When we arrived at the place where he had seen the animal, we found freshly chewed rinds of durian fruit, the orang-utan's favourite food, scattered over the forest floor. In the trees above, we saw a large platform of broken branches on which the ape had slept during the night. We searched for an hour, but it was futile. Disappointed, we returned to the village.

That morning, we made three more unsuccessful attempts and the next day, another four, as the villagers were eager to earn their reward of salt and tobacco. <sup>On</sup> ~~One~~ the third morning, someone said he had just seen an ape and once more, we scampered after him, squelching through deep mud, oblivious then to the savage thorns that scratched our arms and legs, anxious only to reach the spot before the ape moved away. Our guide trotted ahead over a fallen tree trunk which bridged the deep creek. I followed him as fast as I could with the heavy camera tripod on my shoulder. As I crossed, I held onto a branch to balance myself. The branch snapped. I lost my balance, hit my chest against the trunk and fell into the river. I struggled to my feet as I experienced an agonising pain in my right side. The Dyak was immediately beside me.

"Aduh, tuan, aduh!" he murmured compassionately. Slowly and painfully, he helped me up the bank. The blow had been so severe that the binoculars, which I had been carrying, were smashed into two. I felt gently over my chest and from the swelling and great pain, I was sure I had cracked two of my ribs.

After I had recovered, we moved on. The Dyak began to imitate the orang-utan's call, a combination of grunts and ferocious squeals. Soon, we heard an answer. We looked up and saw a huge hairy form swaying in the branches. Charles set up his equipment quickly and was soon engrossed in what he was doing while I rested on a tree stump, nursing my aching side. The orang-utan hung above us, baring his teeth and squealing angrily. Occasionally he broke off small branches and threw them down at us in fury but he seemed to be in no hurry to escape.

Before long, we were joined by other villagers who helped us to carry our gear and cut down the saplings so that we could get a clearer view of him. We had to pause every few minutes for the damp forests were abounded with leeches which sucked our blood until they were swollen to many times their original size.

At last, we decided that we had filmed all we needed and began to pack. Suddenly, we heard a deafening explosion behind us. I turned to see one of the men with

a smoking gun on his shoulder. Then I saw the ape limping away. As I looked on the ground, I saw a trail of blood. I was so angry that for a moment, I was speechless.

"Why? Why?" I demanded furiously.

The Dyak was dumbfounded. "But he no good! He eat my banana and steal my rice so I shoot."

71. Which word in the second paragraph shows that the search for the orang-utan was unsuccessful?

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72. What did the researchers carry with them when they were out looking for the orang-utan?

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73. Why were the villagers enthusiastic to show the researchers the apes?

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74. Why were the researchers oblivious to the harsh terrain as they scampered through the forest with their guide?

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75. How did the author hurt himself?

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76. Apart from stumbling over tree trunks, what other hazards did the researchers face?

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77. In line 27, explain clearly what Charles was engrossed in.

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78. What was the "deafening explosion" that the researchers heard?

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79. How did the author know that the ape was hurt?

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80. In line 41, why was the Dyak dumbfounded ?

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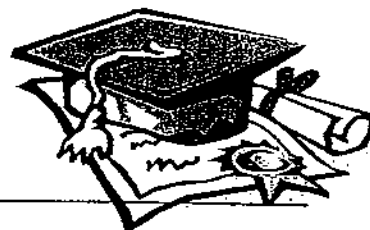


# ANSWER SHEET

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F	B	G	H	Q	K

41)with      42)mythical      43)mysterious      44)fame      45)who

46)Inspired      47)versions      48)are      49)impressive

50)violence      51)destruction      52)from      53)have

54)delicacy      55)but      56)law      57)research      58)worse

59)decreasing      60)saving      61)predator      62)about

63)survival      64)prevent      65)education

66)Michael asked who had gone to the rock concert the night before.

67)Unless we buy some fruits, we cannot make the fruit salad.

68)Due to a food shortage, people had to grow their own food.

**69) Hillary who has classical piano training, is likely to win the talent contest.**

**70) A group of nature lovers is being into the Niah Caves by Mr Zul, the park warden.**

**71) The word is "Futile."**

**72) The researchers carried their cameras and binoculars.**

**73) The villagers were eager to earn their reward of salt and tobacco.**

**74) They were anxious to reach the place where the orang-utan was spotted before it moved away.**

**75) The author held onto a branch which snapped and he lost his balance, hit his chest against the trunk and fell into the river.**

**76) Thorns scratched their arms and legs with leeches sucked their blood.**

**77) Charles was engrossed in taking a film of the orang-utan.**

**78) It was a gunshot.**

**79) The orang-utan was limping and there was a trail of blood.**

**80) He could not understand the author's sudden anger.**