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**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2004**

Name : _____ (:)

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Class: Primary 6

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 : BOOKLET A

35 questions

40 marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B : 2 hours

DO NOT OPEN THIS BOOKLET UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO.

FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

Read the advertisement carefully and then answer questions 1 to 5.

NOT TO BE MISSED



€ Captain's Cook Travel Agency
563, Gallery Mall,
Victoria Street
Operating hours: 10am-
7pm -- Daily

**CAPTAIN COOK'S BI-ANNUAL TRAVEL FAIR
AT THE GALLERY MALL
8TH JUNE - 10TH JUNE 2004**

PRICES ADVERTISED ARE VALID ONLY DURING THE FAIR

Early Bird Special

*For every booking made at the fair, customers are entitled to a 5% discount
Regular customers : 5% discount
and 1 free trolley bag per booking*

(those who have made bookings with the travel agency for the past 3 consecutive years)



Free balloons for children



MOST POPULAR

AUSTRALIA

Package tours to Sydney and Melbourne from \$899 to \$2099



CHINA

See and marvel the magnificent Great Wall of China - surely a human creation.
All these at a very special price
Come down to Gallery Mall to see for yourself!

\$1600



PARIS LOVE

Is in the Air!
(most suitable for newly-weds)

From \$2088



VALUE FOR MONEY \$\$ MUST GO!

USA

Golden Gate Bridge / New York / Disneyland / The Statue of Liberty and many more attractions

NOW is the time to visit with prices at an all time low!!!

\$1699 per person (4 to travel)

OR \$2099 PER PERSON (3 persons and below)

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.

1. How many times is the Captain Cook's Travel Fair held?
 - (1) once a year
 - (2) once every two years
 - (3) thrice a year
 - (4) twice a year

2. What added incentive/s would one enjoy as a regular customer when making a booking during the Captain Cook's Travel Fair?
 - (1) a 5% discount
 - (2) a 5% discount and a trolley bag
 - (3) a trolley bag
 - (4) free balloons and a 5% discount

3. What condition/s must a person satisfy in order to book a tour to the USA at the price of \$1699?
 - (1) They are not entitled to the 5% discount.
 - (2) The booking must be made during the travel fair with at least three people to travel.
 - (3) They must book their trip during the travel fair and with a minimum booking for four people.
 - (4) They must visit all the tourist attraction areas mentioned in the advertisement.

4. Which is the perfect place recommended for a honeymoon?
 - (1) Australia
 - (2) China
 - (3) Paris
 - (4) USA

5. Mr Fong, his wife and child can only afford to travel to a particular destination if the travel package does not exceed their budget of between \$1600 and \$2000 per person. Mr Fong and his family can visit _____ only.
 - (1) Australia
 - (2) Australia and China
 - (3) Australia, China and USA
 - (4) China and Paris

For each question from 6 to 25, 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.

6. Last night, Mother cooked the fish which Father _____ last weekend.

- (1) catch
- (2) had caught
- (3) has caught
- (4) have caught

7. The baker put a layer of cream on the cake before he _____ the icing.

- (1) add
- (2) added
- (3) adds
- (4) was adding

8. My sister and I _____ for a three week vacation to Europe in three days' time.

- (1) am leaving
- (2) had left
- (3) have left
- (4) will leave

9. I wish I _____ attend Helen's birthday party, but I have to prepare for my English test.

- (1) can
- (2) could
- (3) should
- (4) will

10. Do you think she _____ object violently to my suggestion?

- (1) might
- (2) must
- (3) ought
- (4) shall

11. When the children laughed _____ his American accent when he spoke, Jon was hurt.
- (1) at
 - (2) on
 - (3) upon
 - (4) with
12. With the threat of terrorism looming ahead, the police and the army have been told to be on 24-hour _____.
- (1) stand by
 - (2) stand in
 - (3) stand out
 - (4) stand up
13. Gavin, together with his brothers, _____ how to play the violin.
- (1) are learning
 - (2) is learning
 - (3) learn
 - (4) learning
14. That pair of glasses _____ found in the school field the previous day.
- (1) are
 - (2) is
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
15. My sister and I have only _____ to blame for failing to qualify for the finals of the swimming meet.
- (1) herself
 - (2) myself
 - (3) ourselves
 - (4) themselves
16. I have been waiting for three hours to see the doctor _____ it is still not my turn. How frustrating!
- (1) for
 - (2) so
 - (3) then
 - (4) yet

17. She did very badly for her mid-year examination _____ studying very hard for it.
- (1) although
 - (2) because
 - (3) despite
 - (4) even though
18. The angry mob wanted to _____ the thief to death but they were stopped by the police.
- (1) has stoned
 - (2) stone
 - (3) stoned
 - (4) stoning
19. Tina and her mother watched the sun _____ in the distant horizon.
- (1) is rising
 - (2) rise
 - (3) rises
 - (4) rose
20. I saw a man _____ a woman's handbag yesterday evening.
- (1) has snatched
 - (2) snatched
 - (3) snatches
 - (4) snatching
21. Peter owes people a lot of money and his _____ are after him.
- (1) auditors
 - (2) bankers
 - (3) creditors
 - (4) debtors
22. Despite substantial price cuts, sales have only increased _____.
- (1) barely
 - (2) generously
 - (3) marginally
 - (4) tremendously

23. The medical tests were _____ thus the doctors had to seek a second opinion from the senior consultants in the hospital.

- (1) incompatible
- (2) inconceivable
- (3) inconclusive
- (4) incongruous

24. I did not know what was in the _____, but I drank it anyway.

- (1) collation
- (2) compound
- (3) concession
- (4) concoction

25. It is a shame that such a beautiful area has been _____ by a rubbish dump.

- (1) defaced
- (2) defiled
- (3) defined
- (4) destroyed

For each question from 26 to 30, choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined words. Shade its oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26. She was a very calm and not easily excited child who slept all night and hardly ever cried.
- (1) demure
 - (2) endearing
 - (3) placid
 - (4) pleasant
27. Everything will finally depend on what is said at the meeting with the directors next week.
- (1) definitely
 - (2) ultimately
 - (3) unanimously
 - (4) unilaterally
28. Ben went down on his knees to apologise, but John still refused to listen to him.
- (1) rebuffed
 - (2) rebuked
 - (3) recanted
 - (4) reciprocated
29. My grandmother is seen as the old and powerful woman in the family whom many of the family members turn to for advice.
- (1) dame
 - (2) matriarch
 - (3) patriarch
 - (4) patriot
30. Rats and snakes are very unpleasant and disgusting creatures, don't you think so?
- (1) exquisite
 - (2) reproachful
 - (3) repulsive
 - (4) resentful

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 – 35.

(10 marks)

By now, 21st-century audiences are thoroughly accustomed to jumping out of the cinema seats at the sight of axe-wielding psychos. But is it still possible to be spooked by a live performance in the theatre, which has no recourse to hair-raising, computer graphics-laden atmospherics?

If the success of the play *The Woman in Black* is anything to go by, the answer would appear to be yes. 5

Adapted from British writer Susan Hill's bestselling 1983 ghost story of a novel, it has been a regular fixture for fifteen straight years on London's West End.

This makes it the longest-running drama after the stage version of Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*, which is still running after fifty-one years. 10

For three weeks from July 14, the Singapore Repertory Theatre presents *The Woman in Black*, fresh from a four-month tour of Britain done by a separate cast from the West End production.

With an adapted script by British playwright Stephen Mallatratt, the thriller centres around the experiences of a lawyer sent to wind up the estate of an old woman who has recently died. It contains many of a quintessentially English ghost story – it is set primarily in a lonely house in the desolate countryside, and spans a 30-year period from the 1920s. 15

However, according to director Robin Herford, what has given the play the legs to travel as far as the United States, South America and Japan is just "a tremendously good story" and "simple theatrical magic". 20

Compared to the multi-million-dollar technological wizardry of a Hollywood blockbuster, the \$500,000 production uses simple tricks such as a special net gauze which can either appear rock-solid or appear to have vanished into thin air, depending on how it is lit. 25

But above all, Herford and the Singapore Repertory Theatre's artistic director Gaurav Kripalani think that *The Woman in Black* works because of a strong script which runs rings around the audience's imagination.

The play involves only two actors – Robin Herford plays the elderly lawyer who engages a young actor (Damien Hereford) to help him in the retelling of his tale, so as to exorcise his demons. 30

Kripalani, who has seen the play twice in London, notes its skills in "building up the expectation that the woman in black might appear at any moment".

With a glint in his eye, he adds that 'when she does appear, you are absolutely not expecting it'. 35

Reactions to the play have been as dramatic as its storyline.

Screams from the audience are not uncommon, and early this year, an elderly man in the audience had a heart seizure watching the play in London, which resulted in a 45-minute delay to the production while an ambulance was called.

Fortunately, he survived. 40

Adapted from article from ST 1.7.2004

For each question from 31 – 35, 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.**

31. How would one describe the play “The Woman in Black”?
It is a _____
- (1) play about theatrical magic
 - (2) play about exorcising demons
 - (3) ghost play that terrorises one’s imagination
 - (4) play that revolves round axe-wielding psychos
32. Which is the longest running drama on stage to date?
- (1) West End
 - (2) The Mousetrap
 - (3) The Black Widow
 - (4) The Woman in Black
33. Who wrote the script for the play “The Woman in Black”?
- (1) Susan Hill
 - (2) Robin Herford
 - (3) Gaurav Kripalani
 - (4) Stephan Mallatratt
34. Why is the play “a regular fixture for fifteen straight years on London’s West End” (line 8)?
- (1) It is only a \$500 000 production.
 - (2) It has a strong script that makes use of the audience imagination.
 - (3) It builds up the expectation that the woman in black might appear at any moment.
 - (4) The director has given the play the legs to travel as far as the United States, South America and Japan.
35. In what way has the play “been as dramatic as its storyline”(line 36)?
- (1) The audience screamed.
 - (2) The play was once delayed for forty-five minutes.
 - (3) Someone had a heart seizure while watching the play.
 - (4) The artistic director was able to make things appear or vanish into thin air.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 : BOOKLET B

55 questions

70 marks

Total Time for Booklets A & B : 2 hours

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ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

There are 10 blanks, numbered 36 to 45, 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 blanks. The letter (I) and (O) have been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

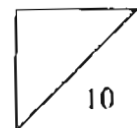
EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) between	(D) with	(G) and	(K) is	(N) which
(B) where	(E) by	(H) into	(L) are	(P) instead
(C) on	(F) or	(J) of	(M) we	(Q) I

The itinerary says 'picnic', but there are no tatty straw mats or greasy finger foods. (36) _____, here we are on Chicken Island (one of the many idyllic islands of Krabi) tucking (37) _____ freshly grilled Godzilla-sized lobsters, meltingly tender lamb cocktails. All the while, we feel the powdery white sand (38) _____ our toes. I seriously would not mind being stranded (39) _____ this island.

Krabi province in southern Thailand (40) _____ a cluster of over one hundred and thirty islands of unspoilt charm (41) _____ beauty. From Krabi's Ao Nang Pier, (42) _____ hop onto the Rayavadee Luxury Boat and zip towards our resort. (43) _____ is only ten minutes away. Located on a peninsula flanked (44) _____ three stunning beaches and encircled by several hundred hectares of National Marine Park, the Rayavadee Premier Resort is as exclusive as it gets.

Upon arrival, the staffers, glowing (45) _____ warm genuine smiles hand us scented cold towels that invigorate us in an instant. Instead of syrupy tropical fruit juice, we are offered champagne. It is this meticulous attention to detail that makes a stay at Rayavadee unforgettable.



Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes. (10 marks)

(46) |

More than a decade ago, the publishing phunomeon that has become the

(47)

best-selling Chicken Soup for the Soul series is little more than an idea and a

(48)

(49)

well worn proposal that one hundred and forty publications had rejected

(50)

(51)

as "unsellable". Yet the inspiring authors remained undanted and continued

combining their passion with their ten principles for "living their dream".

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Today their book series includes more than seventy titles in thirty-nine

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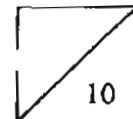
languages that have touched the hearts and minds of readers worldwide

The authors, Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen share time-tested

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stretagys that will help you create the live you want for yourself, whether it is attaining financial freedom, enjoying more fulfilling relationships or spending more leisure time with your family.



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

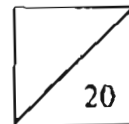
(20 marks)

No one really knows when and where origami was invented. Some origami historians argue that since the (56) _____ of paper is credited to Ts'ai Lun of China in A.D. 105, paper folding must have been invented soon (57) _____. Paper was then introduced to Japan in the late sixth century by Buddhist monks, and paper folding was (58) _____ along with it. In Japan, paper was considered an expensive (59) _____, and it was used in many (60) _____ of Japanese life, most notably in architecture.

However, since there are no known Chinese (61) _____ of paper folding, and since the oldest Japanese records (62) _____ only to the 18th century, other historians claim that origami is (63) _____ a Japanese invention. Regardless of its ultimate origin, Japan is (64) _____ as the country that most fully developed the traditional (65) _____ of origami.

The Japanese transmitted their designs via (66) _____ oral tradition, with the recreational designs being passed from mother to daughter. As (67) _____ was ever written down, only the simplest (68) _____ were kept. The name origami was coined in 1880 (69) _____ the word *oru* (to fold) and *kami* (paper). Previously the art was called *orikata* (folded shapes).

Modern origami (70) _____ a great deal to the efforts of Yoshizawa Akira. After centuries of people folding the same traditional designs, Master Yoshizawa (71) _____ books with completely new models starting in the early 1950s. He, together with American Sam Randlett, also developed the standard set of origami diagram symbols that (72) _____ still used today. Exhibitions of his work (73) _____ in Japan and around the world, introduced origami to many people, leading to the (74) _____ of various origami associations. Now there are origami masters and enthusiasts in many countries, forming a (75) _____ but close-knit community. Today Yoshizawa, aged 93, is regarded as the grandmaster of origami in the world.



For each of the items 76 - 80, 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 given one(s). (10 marks)

Example : This is the bully. He pushed me.
Answer : This is the bully who pushed me.

76. "My father gave me a brown puppy for my birthday last week," Simon exclaimed excitedly.

In an excited voice, _____

77. The chocolate cake is delicious. I used my grandmother's secret recipe to bake it.

_____ which _____

78. Tom was absent for choir practice yesterday. The twin sisters were absent for choir practice yesterday too.

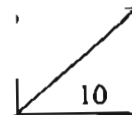
Neither _____

79. Sally has to complete the jigsaw puzzle within thirty minutes. She will qualify for the competition.

_____ unless _____

80. "The departure time for flight SQ 68 is ten o'clock tomorrow evening," said the airline officer to my uncle.

The airline officer informed _____



Read the passage below and answer questions 81 – 90.

(20 marks)

Ho Heng thought of his crippled son as he pedalled his trishaw. The child was a gifted artist but Ho Heng could not afford to buy him even a box of paints. He knew a box of paints would make his son very happy and even help him to become a great painter. He had been watching a beautiful box in a particular shop.

When the five-foot way was at last deserted, he quickly pedalled down the lane 5 and turned the trishaw into the shadows where he could easily jump on the saddle and vanish. He picked up the stone he had wrapped in a piece of faded blue cloth. Now that the time had come, he found^{that} his hands were trembling and that his body had broken out into a cold sweat.

The night was cool but his face was beaded with moisture and it ran down and 10 dripped onto his soiled shirt. Numb and heavy with anxiety, he walked cautiously back along the lane and turned the corner into the five foot way.

There was no one about. Taking a tighter hold of the stone clenched in his right hand, he walked past the shoe shop, keeping close to the unlighted window. Now he was in full view of the paint-box with the lights shining down upon it. He gripped the stone. 15 The muscles of his right arm tightened and swelled. He drew it slowly backwards as if to expel the stone. But it did not leave his hand.

His throat had constricted so that he felt he was choking. The arm would no longer obey his will. He seemed to be paralysed. Suddenly, the shrill noise of a fire engine shattered the sleeping sidewalk into action. From doorways, heads appeared and 20 voices called. The sound filled their ears and was gone and with it went the helpless sobbing figure of the trishaw man, the stone still clutched in his nerveless fingers.

He had failed. Not only failed himself but the child. Something deep inside him had stayed his hand at the last moment. He kept his head bent as he pedalled miserably homewards. Suddenly a thought, swift as a sunbird, winged through his head. It was not 25 failure! It was victory!

He had tried to be a thief but his better judgment had not allowed it.

The gods had watched over him. It was a good omen. He felt calm now and at peace. Whatever happened to the child at least he could honour his father.

81. How did Ho Heng earn his living?

82. What sort of disability did Ho Heng's child have?

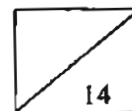
83. In line ⁷⁻⁸ 8, the phrase "Now that the time had come" suggests that Ho Heng was planning to do something. What was that "something"?

84. Why did Ho Heng break out in "cold sweat" (line 9) even though it was a cool night?

85. How was Ho Heng going to use the stone to carry out his plan?

86. Explain clearly what the sentence in lines 18-19 "The arm would no longer obey his will" means?

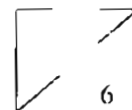
87. For what reason did the man in the five-foot way run away sobbing?



88. Give the sentence that clearly shows that Ho Heng was living in poverty.

89. When did Ho Heng realise that what had happened was not a failure but a victory instead?

90. What kind of impression did Ho Heng want his son to have of him?



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| 36) P | 58) brought | 76) In an excited voice, Simon exclaimed that his father had given him a brown puppy for his birthday the week before. |
| 37) H | 59) material | |
| 38) A | 60) aspects | 77) The chocolate cake which I used my grandmother's secret recipe to bake is delicious. |
| 39) C | 61) records | |
| 40) K | 62) dates | 78) Neither Tom nor the twin sisters were present for the choir practice yesterday. |
| 41) G | 63) actually | |
| 42) M | 64) regarded | 79) Sally will not qualify for the competition unless she completes the jigsaw puzzle within thirty minutes. |
| 43) N | 65) art | |
| 44) E | 66) an | 80) The airline officer informed my uncle that the departure time for flight SQ68 was at ten o' clock in the evening the day after. |
| 45) D | 67) nothing | |
| 46) phenomenon | 68) designs | |
| 47) was | 69) from | 81) He was a trishaw rider. |
| 48) - | 70) owes | 82) Ho Heng's son could not walk. |
| 49) publishers | 71) wrote | 83) He was planning to steal a box of paints. |
| 50) aspirng | 72) is | 84) He was nervous. |
| 51) undaunted | 73) both | 85) He was going to break the glass to get the box of paints. |
| 52) , | 74) formation | 86) He could no longer go through with what he had planned to do |
| 53) . | 75) widespread | 87) He had failed to steal the box of paints. |
| 54) strategies | | |
| 55) life | 88) The sentence is "The child was a gifted artist but Ho Heng could not afford to buy him even a box of paints. | |
| 56) invention | 89) He realised it as he was pedalling home after he had failed to carry out his plan. | |
| 57) after | | |
| | 90) He wanted the child to have the same sign | |