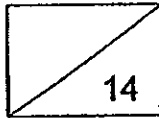


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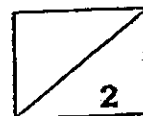
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**LISTENING COMPREHENSION**

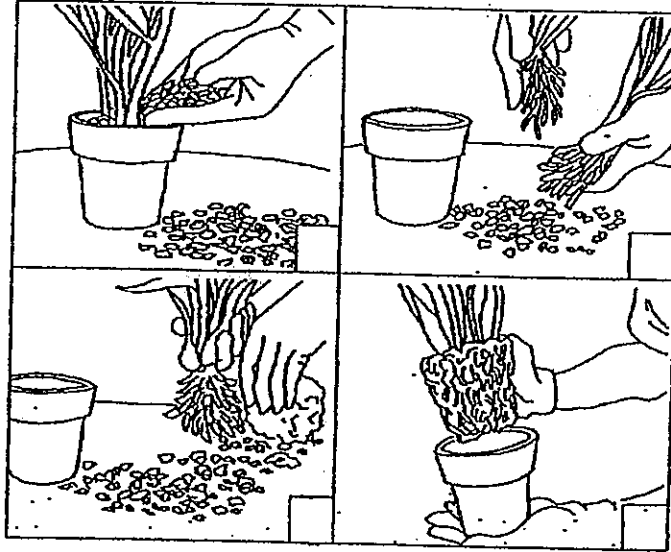
**SECTION A (6 marks)**

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that matches the statement/s that she is going to read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

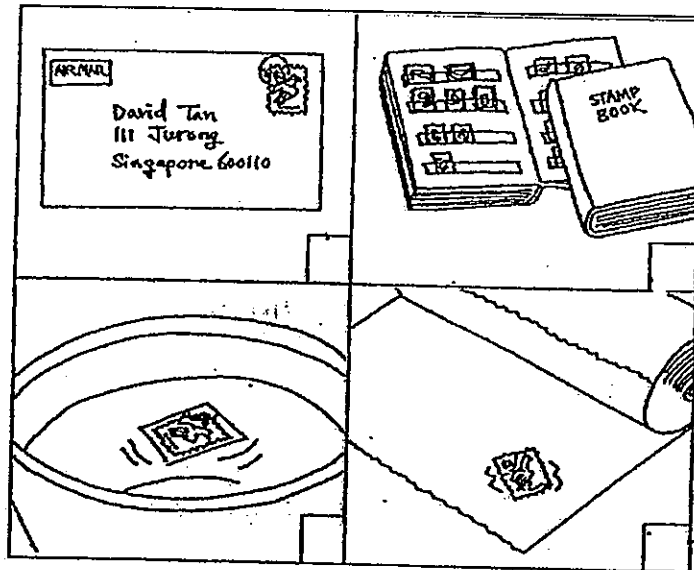


For question 3 and question 4, look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher as she reads you a paragraph for each question. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what she has read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the boxes provided.

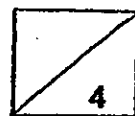
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**SECTION B (5 marks)**

Q5 to Q9 is a note-taking test.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q9 with one word or a short phrase.

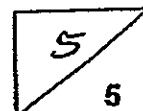
Q5. Name of the camp: \_\_\_\_\_

Q6. The camp was held during the \_\_\_\_\_.

Q7. Each group will be represented by a/an \_\_\_\_\_ mascot.

Q8. Campers will be taught \_\_\_\_\_ skills through activities.

Q9. Each group will be assigned \_\_\_\_\_ facilitators.



**SECTION C (3 marks)**

Q10 to Q12 is a comprehension test.

Listen carefully to the passage and answer the questions that follow. For each question, choose the correct answer and write the number 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets provided.

10. Visitors to Gardens by the Bay do not have to pay for admission when they visit \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Cloud Forest
- (2) Flower Dome
- (3) Bay South Garden

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11. What is the cost for a child to visit the Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest?

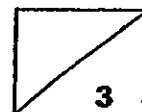
- (1) \$20
- (2) \$15
- (3) \$12

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12. Where should you visit if you want to see a 'kampong' house at the Heritage Gardens?

- (1) Malay Garden
- (2) Indian Garden
- (3) Chinese Garden

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**Booklet A**

Section A : Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, 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. The four tired explorers walked \_\_\_\_\_ across the Sahara Desert in the sweltering heat.  
  
(1) briskly  
(2) wearily  
(3) hurriedly  
(4) energetically
  
2. "Take an umbrella when you go out because the sky is \_\_\_\_\_," advised Fatimah's mother.  
  
(1) clear  
(2) foggy  
(3) windy  
(4) overcast
  
3. Mr Wee missed his \_\_\_\_\_ to Shanghai as he arrived at Changi Airport an hour late.  
  
(1) ride  
(2) train  
(3) boat  
(4) flight

4. Owls are \_\_\_\_\_ birds as they are more active at night than during the day.

- (1) hungry
- (2) ferocious
- (3) nocturnal
- (4) carnivorous

5. The two siblings had to \_\_\_\_\_ their way around to look for a candle as there was a blackout.

- (1) follow
- (2) fumble
- (3) squirm
- (4) scramble

6. Everyone in our team \_\_\_\_\_ when we won the badminton tournament.

- (1) wept
- (2) jeered
- (3) sighed
- (4) cheered

Section B : Grammar (8 marks)

For each question from 7 to 14, 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. "Jimmy and I will clean up this mess \_\_\_\_\_," said Julie.

- (1) myself
- (2) herself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

8. Everyone, except Cory, \_\_\_\_\_ at the wedding last Saturday.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
9. The curtains \_\_\_\_\_ very dirty. Please have them washed as soon as you can.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) was
  - (4) were
10. "She" \_\_\_\_\_ an important meeting right now. I will ask her to return your call later," said Linda's secretary.
- (1) attends
  - (2) attended
  - (3) is attending
  - (4) has attended
11. My brother and I \_\_\_\_\_ our father's car two days ago.
- (1) wash
  - (2) washes
  - (3) washed
  - (4) are washing
12. \_\_\_\_\_ babies in that nursery have been crying for hours.
- (1) This
  - (2) That
  - (3) These
  - (4) Those

13. As there were too \_\_\_\_\_ people at the popular bakery, John decided to buy the cake from another bakery.
- (1) few
  - (2) much
  - (3) many
  - (4) some
14. "Please ensure that you have \_\_\_\_\_ rest as we have a long journey ahead of us tomorrow," reminded Mrs Koh.
- (1) few
  - (2) much
  - (3) many
  - (4) some

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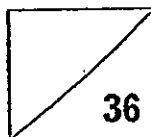
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Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

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| (A) her  | (B) they | (C) she |
| (D) them | (E) you  | (F) it  |

Yesterday was Maggie's birthday. (15) \_\_\_\_\_ received a lovely surprise in the morning. Mr and Mrs Zhao Maggie's parents, walked into (16) \_\_\_\_\_ bedroom with a cake while singing her a birthday song. She thanked (17) \_\_\_\_\_ for the surprise. Later that evening, Maggie even had a birthday party. Some of her close friends were invited to attend it. (18) \_\_\_\_\_ wished her "Happy Birthday!" and gave her presents. Maggie was glad to have her friends over and felt that she had a wonderful birthday.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Walrus~~s~~ are enormous creatures. They (19) [ has / have ] a thick layer of blubber to keep them warm. Male walrus~~s~~ (20) [ weigh / weighs ] about a thousand kilograms and females are slightly lighter. In winter and spring, they (21) [ spend / spends ] most of their time on floating sheets of ice, drifting in the sea. These animals (22) [ is / are ] usually hunted by polar bears. Walrus~~s~~ can sometimes be food for killer whales also.



Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and fill in the blanks.

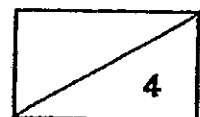
(4 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

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Spiders are not insects as many people believe. They belong to a (23) \_\_\_\_\_ of animals called arachnids. Spiders have eight eyes, four pairs of segmented legs and can grow a (24) \_\_\_\_\_ leg if they lose one. They do not have antennae or wings. A spider's body can be (25) \_\_\_\_\_ into two sections: The sections are the abdomen and the thorax.

Spiders can live almost anywhere in the world. Some like very humid or hot temperatures and some like places that are very dry. Some spiders (26) \_\_\_\_\_ living underground to living in trees. Others have made their homes in our houses.



Combine each pair of the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given. (4 marks)

27. Lisa likes collecting seashells. Alexa likes collecting seashells too.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. "I cannot wait to go to Paris in December," Rachel told Nick.

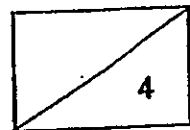
Rachel told \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

29. Bobby has not purchased the movie tickets. Derek has not purchased the movie tickets either.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. You do not have batteries: Your flashlight will not work.

\_\_\_\_\_ if  
\_\_\_\_\_



Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(10 marks)

There lived a fisherman named Urashima. His father had been a fisherman and his skills were twice as good as his father's. Urashima was the most skilful fisherman in his village. He could catch more fish in a day than his comrades.

More than for being a clever fisherman, Urashima was known for his kindness. He had never hurt anything. As a boy, his companions laughed at him as he never joined them in teasing animals but always tried to keep them from this cruel sport.

One night, he saw some children beating a tortoise with a stick and hammering its shell with a stone. Urashima felt sorry and wanted to rescue it. He said, "Boys, you are treating that tortoise so badly. It will soon die." The boys ignored Urashima's gentle reproof.

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Urashima decided to persuade them. He said, "I am sure you are good, kind boys! Please give me that tortoise. I will give you some money. You can do much more with it than with that poor tortoise." They were won over by his kind smile and gentle words. They handed the tortoise to him. Urashima kept his promise and gave them some money.

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He walked to the shore and put the tortoise into the water. He felt happy that he had saved the tortoise from more danger.

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31. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.  
 Urashima inherited his fishing skills from \_\_\_\_\_ . [1m]

- his father
- his friends
- the children

For Q32, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the bracket.

32. Urashima was well-known in his village because \_\_\_\_\_ . [1m]

(1) he had a kind heart  
 (2) his father was famous  
 (3) he had good fishing skills  
 (4) he could catch more fish in a day than others ( )

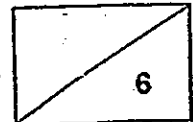
For Q33-34 tick ✓ whether the statements describe the actions of Urashima's friends or the children. [2m]

Statement	Urashima's friends	The children
33. They would laugh at Urashima.		
34. They received money from Urashima.		

35. List 2 ways how the children abused the tortoise.

i. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

ii. \_\_\_\_\_ [1m]

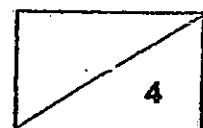


36. Write one word from paragraph 3 that has the same meaning as 'scolding'. [1m]

37. Tick ✓ your chosen answer(s).  
What convinced the children to hand the tortoise over to Urashima in the end? [2m]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Urashima's kind smile                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Urashima's gentle words                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | The money that Urashima promised to give them |

38. According to the story, which phrase best describes Urashima? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]  
(A) a trusted companion  
(B) a compassionate person.



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Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

(10 marks)

There was a farmer named Gopi who had three sons. Gopi was a very hardworking man. His hard work paid off and he was rewarded greatly. He grew plenty of corn to make a living. He also owned many other farms. Unfortunately, his sons were very lazy. They seldom helped their father on the farms. They did not mend their ways even when their father was seriously ill.

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Gopi grew weak and could no longer work on the farm. The family went through some hard times during this period. The three brothers never realised that they should start working to help the family. Gopi was distraught when he saw this. He thought of a plan. On his deathbed, he called his sons and told them that he had buried a treasure in one of his farms. After disclosing this, he breathed his last.

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After Gopi's death, his sons had mixed feelings. They were happy that their father had buried a treasure for them but they never got to know which farm the treasure was in.

After much thought, they decided to dig up one farm after another. Day and night, they dug deep in all of their father's farms but could not find the treasure. They were very disappointed. After all their digging, they saw that the farms looked very bare. So they thought of sowing seeds in the fields that they had dug. Bit by bit, Gopi's sons noticed that crops had begun to grow. They became encouraged when they saw this, so they toiled just like their father had. Eventually, their efforts bore fruit. During the season, they had plentiful harvest. Gopi's sons then realised that the reward of their hard work was the most valuable treasure in the world.

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**ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

39. What did Gopi do for a living?

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40. What troubled Gopi when he was ill?

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41. Which 3-word phrase in paragraph 2 shows that Gopi had passed away?

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42. Why did Gopi's sons dig up all of their father's farms?

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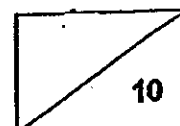
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43. What was the treasure tha Gopi had told his sons about?

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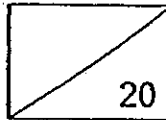
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### Composition

Write a composition of **at least 120 words** about an honest act.

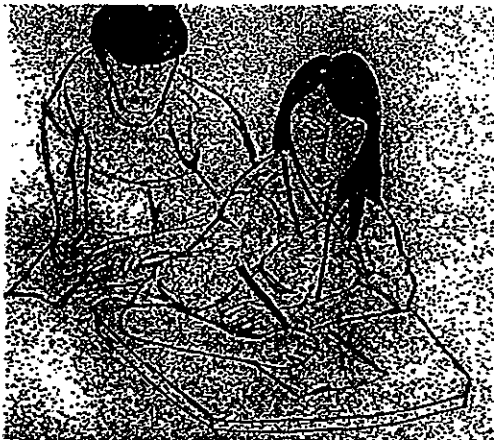
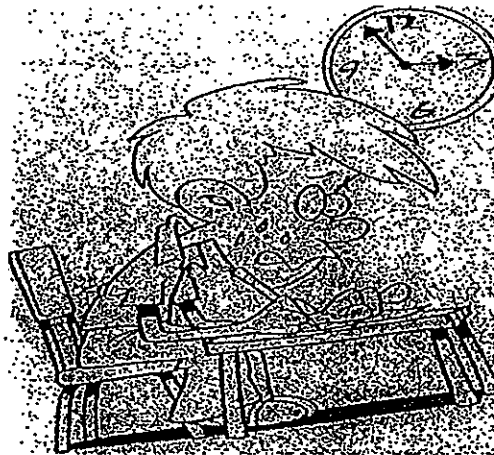
The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- When and where did the incident take place?
- How did you feel when you saw your classmate cheat?
- What did you do?
- What happened in the end?

#### Helping Words:

- mid-year examination
- ran out of time
- looked over his friend's shoulder
- dishonest
- informed the teacher
- was praised for telling the truth



# ANSWER SHEET

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**TERM : SA2**

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14
2	4	4	3	2	4	3	4	2	3	3	4	3	2

Section B

Q15) C

Q16) A

Q17) D

Q18) B

Q19) have

Q20) weigh

Q21) spend

Q22) are

Q23) class

Q24) new

Q25) divided

Q26) prefer

Q27) Both Lisa and Alexa like collecting seashells

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Q31)

√	His father
	His friends
	The children

Q32) 1

Q33)

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Q36) reproof

Q37)

√	Urashima's kind smile
√	Urashima's gentle words
	The money Urashima promised to give them

Q38) B

Q39) Gopi grew plenty of corn to make a living and was a farmer

Q40) Gopi was upset that his three sons did not start working to help the family when he was sick

Q41) The phrase is "breathed his last".

Q42) Gopi's sons wanted the treasure but did not know where the treasure was buried so they dug up all of their farms

Q43) The treasure was the crops that bore fruit.