

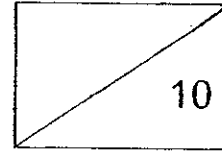
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY TWO**

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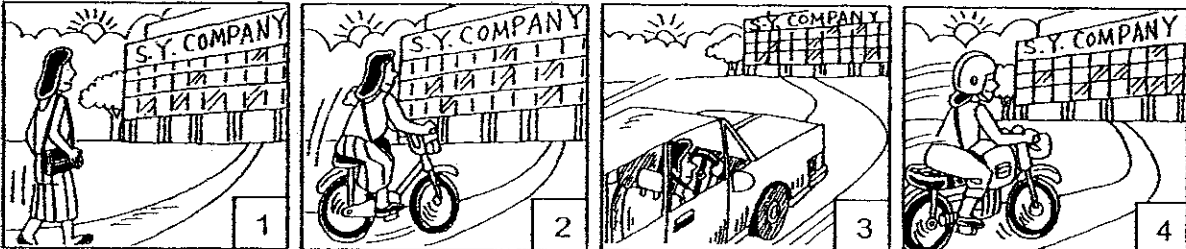
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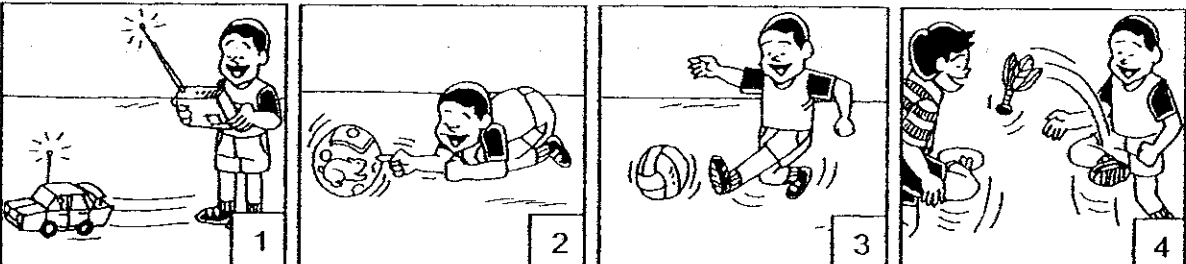


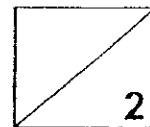
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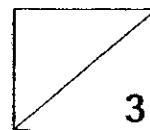
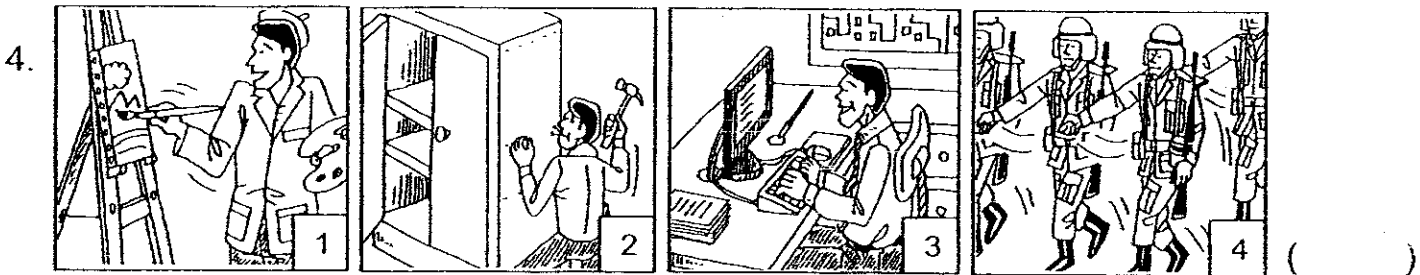
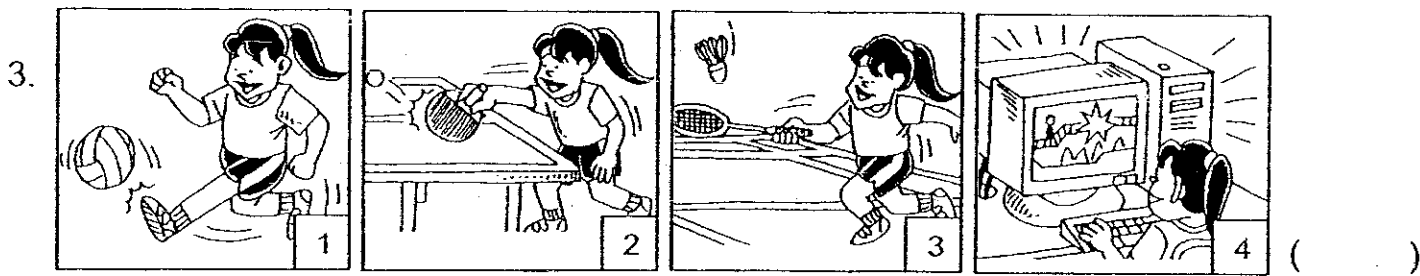
SECTION A (5 marks)

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.

1.  ()

2.  ()





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BOOKLET A

Section A (15 marks)

For each question from 1 to 15, 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. All the shopping centres close _____ midnight during the Great Singapore Sale.

(1) at	(3) on
(2) in	(4) to

2. The lifeguard saw a girl struggling _____ the swimming pool and jumped in to rescue her.

(1) in	(3) under
(2) into	(4) below

3. The children looked up and saw monkeys swinging on the tree branches _____ them.

(1) on	(3) above
(2) below	(4) behind

4. During the Sichuan earthquake, the doctors gave medical attention to the seriously injured _____.

(1) rarely	(3) suddenly
(2) finally	(4) immediately

5. The pupils of Hope Primary School ~~did not have much money~~ but they donated _____ to the Straits Times Pocket Money Fund. The principal was so proud of them.

- (1) sadly
(2) angrily
- (3) generously
(4) impatiently

6. " _____ poor beggar looks hungry. Let us walk over to him and offer him some food," said Liza to her sister.

- (1) This
(2) That
- (3) These
(4) Those

7. My grandfather is a stern but fair man. _____ is respected by all.

- (1) It
(2) He
- (3) She
(4) You

8. We must exercise regularly to keep _____ healthy.

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

9. "You _____ play with matches. It is dangerous," the teacher advised the pupils.

- (1) may
(2) must
- (3) would not
(4) should not

10. " _____ I have some more food, please?" Oliver asked the cook politely.

- (1) May
(2) Will
- (3) Would
(4) Should

11. Singapore Changi Airport was voted _____ airport of the year. She beat all the other international airports to emerge the winner.
- (1) good (3) the best
(2) better (4) the worst
12. How did the burglar _____ the house?
- (1) get on (3) get into
(2) get out (4) get away
13. The fire-fighters took two hours to _____ the fire.
- (1) put on (3) put out
(2) put off (4) put away
14. The mischievous boys vandalised the classroom _____ their friend kept a lookout for them.
- (1) but (3) until
(2) while (4) before
15. Mr Lim decided to stay home _____ his young son was ill.
- (1) but (3) since
(2) and (4) before

Section B (5 marks)

Comprehension (MCQ)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Once, there was a young boy. He had no family except for his animal, an old sheep. Each day, the boy and his sheep would walk many miles, looking for a home. Each night, they would curl up together and *steep*

One starry evening, the old sheep died. The boy buried his friend next to an icy stream. Then, he sat under a tree and cried. He had no family and no home. The boy cried for a long time. There was no one to comfort him. 5

Suddenly, the sky filled with bright light. The boy *held his breath*. He was afraid to move. One bright star fell to the ground. 10
Slowly, the star took the shape of the old sheep. **She** bent her head and drank from the stream. She looked at the boy and smiled. As she jumped back into the sky, bits of wool fell. As the sun began to rise, the boy picked up the soft, warm wool. It glowed in his hands like starlight. He carried the wool to the city and sold it. With the 15
money, he bought a house and two young sheep. He never forgot the star sheep. He was never lonely again.

Adapted from 'The Star Llama & Other Stories'

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.

16. How did the boy and the old sheep spend their days before the old sheep died?

- (1) They cried.
- (2) They ran away from home.
- (3) They played under the stars.
- (4) They walked many miles looking for a home.

17. Why did the boy cry when the old sheep died?

- (1) He was lost.
- (2) He was always sad.
- (3) He was afraid of the dark.
- (4) He lost the only family he had.

18. What does the phrase "*held his breath*" mean? (Lines 9 and 10)

The phrase means _____.

- (1) waited anxiously
- (2) fell to the ground
- (3) breathed in and out
- (4) cried for a long time

19. What does the word '**She**' in line 11 refer to?

The word 'She' in line 11 refers to the _____.

- (1) boy
- (2) old sheep
- (3) icy stream
- (4) soft, warm wool

20. What did the boy do with his old sheep's wool?

He _____.

- (1) kept the wool
- (2) threw the wool away
- (3) did not do anything as he was afraid
- (4) sold the wool and bought a house and two young sheep

End of Booklet A

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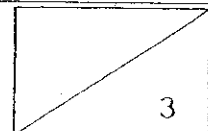
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Booklet A		20
Booklet B		30
Total		50

BOOKLET B

Section A (10 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word in the brackets.

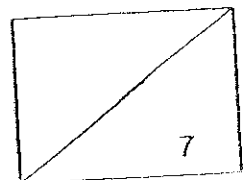
Mr Bok owns a popular bakery. When an earthquake happened in China, he wanted to help raise funds for the (21)_____ (victims, patients, witnesses). He created buns that showed expressions of shock to reflect their pain. However, his customers were (22)_____ (pleased, unhappy, delighted) about the buns. Many of them came forward and (23)_____ (praised, admired, complained) that Mr Bok was insensitive and that they felt upset eating a bun with a shocked expression.



Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word in the brackets.

Last Sunday, I was shopping in a store during the sale season. The store was (24) _____ (empty, crowded, complete). I (25) _____ (heard, sniffed, noticed) a man behaving in a suspicious manner. He was walking very fast and kept looking over his (26) _____ (head, back, shoulder) nervously. Suddenly, I heard a scream. Before I could react, the suspicious man broke into a run and started pushing everyone in his way. (27) _____ (Luckily, Strangely, Unfortunately), the security guard was alert and stopped him. Later, I learnt that the man had pickpocketed an old lady.

Singapore is a (28) _____ (dirty, clean, polluted) and green city. There is hardly litter anywhere. As part of the 'green' campaign, Singaporeans are encouraged to bring their own shopping bags to the supermarket (29) _____ (all, any, every) first Wednesday of the month. This is to (30) _____ (prevent, promote, discourage) recycling so that we will use fewer bags. So, remember to do your part for the environment.



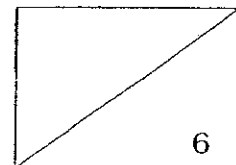
Section B (6 marks)

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words in the brackets.

A few months ago, my school held a carnival to raise funds for charity. My classmates and I (31) _____ (be) very excited. After days of discussions with our teacher, we (32) _____ (decide) to set up a games stall.

The big day arrived. There was a carnival-like atmosphere with many brightly-decorated stalls. The Bouncy Castle was popular with the younger children. They (33) _____ (jump) up and down in excitement when they heard a cry for help. A little girl had fallen off the castle! Fortunately, I (34) _____ (see) a teacher helping the little girl. Later, I went to a stall where you (35) _____ (can) get your face painted for only a dollar!

After the carnival, our principal spoke to all the pupils and congratulated us on our hard work. She said, "You have done a good job this year. I hope that all of you (36) _____ (participate) actively in the carnival again next year."

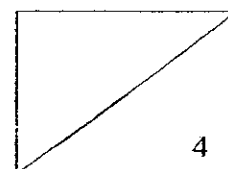


Section C (4 marks)

Rearrange the words to make complete and meaningful sentences. Begin each sentence with a capital letter and end it with a full-stop or a question mark.

37. were themselves the library the pupils
 behave in reminded to

38. and I the Science Centre go Tom
 may Sunday next to



Section D (10 marks)

Comprehension (Open-ended)

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Once, there was a monk who bought a beautiful tea kettle. He filled it with water. He was about to set it on the flames when the kettle cried out, "Too hot! Too hot!"

The monk was frightened out of his wits. He quickly gave the kettle away to a poor man. 5

That night, the poor man was awakened from his slumber. He heard a scratching noise. The kettle had grown a head, four legs and a tail! It said, "I am called the Tea Kettle of Good Luck. I am actually a squirrel in disguise."

The tea kettle performed acrobatics for the people. The news of the amazing kettle spread far and wide. *The shows were always packed.* 10

The poor man had become wealthy. He said to the kettle, "You have certainly earned your name 'Tea Kettle of Good Luck'."

The next day, the poor man went to the monk. He gave him half of his money and the kettle. He said, "It is to you that I owe this fortune. Thank you." 15

The monk placed the kettle on a special shelf. It was his treasure.

Adapted from 'Myths and Fables Around The World'

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

39. Why was the monk frightened out of his wits?

40. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'sleep'?

41. '*The shows were always packed.*' (Lines 11 and 12)

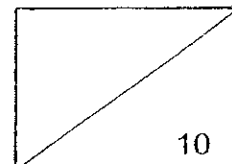
Give a reason for this.

42. Do you think the poor man was a person of good character?

Why do you say so?

43. What did the monk do to show that he treasured the kettle?

Check your work carefully.



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

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TERM : SA 2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
1	1	3	4	3	4	2	2	4	1	3	3	3	2	3	4	4

Q18	Q19	Q20
4	2	4

- 21)victims 22)unhappy 23)complained 24)crowded
- 25)noticed 26)shoulder 27)Luckily 28)clean
- 29)every 30)promote 31)were 32)decided
- 33)jumped 34)saw 35)could 36)participate
- 37)The pupils were reminded to behave themselves in the library.
- 38)May Tom and I go to the Science Centre next Sunday?
- 39)The monk was frightened because the kettle suddenly cried out.
- 40)The word is "Slumber."
- 41)The amazing tea kettle performed acrobatics for the people.
- 42)Yes, I think so. The man gave half his money and the kettle to the monk.
- 43)The monk placed the kettle on a special shelf and it was his treasure.