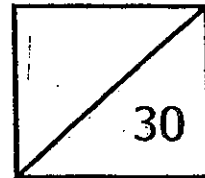




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Booklet A

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Study the advertisement and answer Questions 1 to 5. (5 marks)

Discover the Secret Tunnels

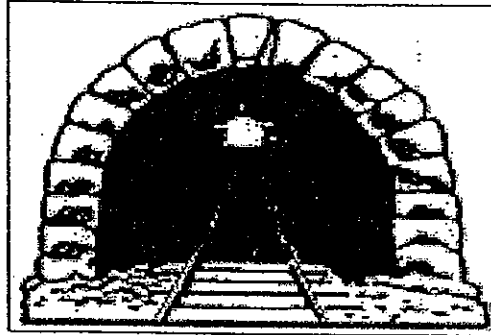
Organized by:
National Parks Board

Supported by:
Singapore Tourism Board

Sponsored by:
GVS Singapore

Shuttlers Asia Pacific

Xenon Singapore



Exhibition dates
1 February 2010 to 30 April 2010

Venue
Labrador Park Tunnels

Come and view exhibits left by the British in the tunnels during World War 2. You will enjoy a guided tour of the tunnels and learn why the British built the secret tunnels:

- Admission is limited to 30 people per viewing. Only 4 viewings per day!
- Please note that tickets are not sold at Labrador Park Tunnels.
- For ticket purchases, please log on to www.secrettunnels.com.sg.
- For enquiries, please call Secret Tunnels at 61234567 or email to askme@secrettunnels.com.sg.

* All money collected from the sale of tickets will go to the Labrador Park Heritage Fund.

Ticket type	Prices
Adult	\$25
Child	\$5
Senior Citizen (55 and above)	\$10

Receive a \$15 Labrador Café voucher per ticket when you purchase your ticket!

Terms and conditions:

- The offer is valid for dine-in only on weekdays, except the eve of or on public holidays.
- Prior reservation is required. Please call 69876543 for booking.



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 exhibition is organized by _____.

- (1) GVS Singapore
- (2) Shuttlers Asia Pacific
- (3) National Parks Board
- (4) Singapore Tourism Board.

2. What is the main aim of the exhibition?

- (1) It aims to promote Labrador Café.
- (2) It aims to commemorate the end of World War 2.
- (3) It aims to raise funds for the Labrador Park Heritage Fund.
- (4) It aims to educate visitors on why the British built the secret tunnels.

3. Every purchase of a ticket entitles a visitor to a _____.

- (1) \$15 Labrador Café voucher
- (2) guided tour of Labrador Park
- (3) special viewing of the exhibits
- (4) 15% discount at Labrador Café

4. Which of the following statements is true?

- (1) 35 people can tour the tunnels at the same time.
- (2) There are three viewings of the tunnels on a weekday.
- (3) The \$15 vouchers can be used for dine-in at Labrador Café on a weekend.
- (4) Visitors who use the vouchers have to reserve their tables at Labrador Café.

5. According to the advertisement, visitors must _____ to buy tickets for the exhibition.

- (1) call Secret Tunnels at 61234567
- (2) go to Labrador Park Secret Tunnels
- (3) email 'askme@secrettunnels.com.sg'
- (4) log on to 'www.secrettunnels.com.sg'

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. Look! The ~~soldiers~~ _____ towards the Padang ~~now~~.

- (1) march
- (2) marched
- (3) are marching
- (4) were marching

7. _____ the ~~heavy snowfall~~, Mr Glen was ~~determined~~ to send the injured man to the hospital.

- (1) Though
- (2) Unless
- (3) Despite
- (4) However

8. The gentleman _____ you saw at the counter is my uncle.

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

9. Either the monitor or the ~~Class Ambassadors~~ _____ to attend the meeting with the Vice-Principal tomorrow.

- (1) has
- (2) have
- (3) is having
- (4) are having

10. "Aunt Grace, can you please _____ grandfather from the airport this afternoon?" Leon asked his aunt politely.

- (1) send
- (2) take
- (3) fetch
- (4) bring

11. The paleontologist ~~stumbled~~ _____ some dinosaur bones at the excavation site.

- ~~(1)~~ off
- ~~(2)~~ out
- ~~(3)~~ upon
- ~~(4)~~ about

12. The rugby boys _____ excellent sportsmanship in the recent Inter-School Rugby Championship.

- ~~(1)~~ demonstrate
- ~~(2)~~ demonstrated
- ~~(3)~~ are demonstrating
- ~~(4)~~ were demonstrating

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)

“Hurray! The mystery is solved! I know why dinosaurs became extinct!” Ravi cried out to his father, who was watching television. Ravi was reading a piece of news online which claimed that a giant asteroid had crashed into the Gulf of Mexico about ~~sixty~~ (13) ~~five~~ million years ago, wiping out almost half of all species on Earth.

“Are you sure (14) Mr Muthu doubted his son for a moment. After he read the report on the computer screen, Mr Muthu remained unconvinced. He cautioned his son (15) My dear Ravi, do not believe everything that you read on the internet. You must read from reliable sources as some people may post fake reports online.” Ravi was intrigued and began searching for more information. Mr Muthu was quietly happy that his son was determined to find out why dinosaurs became extinct.

13. ~~(1)~~ [:] colon
~~(2)~~ [,] comma
~~(3)~~ [-] hyphen
~~(4)~~ [.] full stop

14. ~~(1)~~ [,”] comma and inverted commas
~~(2)~~ [.”] full stop and inverted commas
~~(3)~~ [?”] question mark and inverted commas
~~(4)~~ [!”] exclamation mark and inverted commas

15. ~~(1)~~ [:] colon
~~(2)~~ [, “] comma and inverted commas
~~(3)~~ [. “] full stop 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. The government imposed a _____ immediately after racial riots broke out in the city. No one was allowed to leave their homes after 7 pm.
- (1) curfew
 - (2) control
 - (3) constraint
 - (4) curtailment
17. Jason _____ his mother when he asked her about the Merlion's origin. She had to check the websites for answers.
- (1) flattered
 - (2) stumped
 - (3) provoked
 - (4) convinced
18. The number of whales has been _____ over the years as they have been hunted for meat and oil. All countries should ban commercial whaling.
- (1) increasing
 - (2) dwindling
 - (3) escalating
 - (4) weakening
19. Susan was so thirsty that she _____ down the glass of milk.
- (1) drank
 - (2) sipped
 - (3) gulped
 - (4) swallowed
20. The policemen realised that it was a _____ when they saw that the shopping centre was not on fire. Eventually, they found the culprit who made the prank call.
- (1) hoax
 - (2) mystery
 - (3) confusion
 - (4) misunderstanding

For each question from 21 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. (5 marks)

Singapore does not permit the keeping of exotic pets for ~~the~~ several reasons. One reason is that
(21)

these pets may introduce and spread diseases to Man. Moreover, the trading of these animals will lead to an imbalance in the ecosystem and threaten the survival of endangered species. In addition, the welfare of the animals may be compromised due to reasons such as unsuitable living conditions, poor
(22)

diet and pet owner's lack of knowledge of the proper care for the animals.

Do you know that it is an offence for any person to kill, take or keep any wild animal or bird without a license, other than those specified in the Wild Animals and Birds Act? A person found guilty
(23)

of such an offence shall be fined not exceeding S\$1,000 and the animal will be forfeited. If you suspect
(24)
poaching activities, please alert the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) at 62270670.
(25)

21. (1) cute
 (2) scarce
 (3) unusual
 (4) colourful
22. (1) inadequate
 (2) inappropriate
 (3) unfavourable
 (4) uncomfortable
23. (1) stated
 (2) revealed
 (3) accepted
 (4) concealed
24. (1) donated
 (2) returned
 (3) condemned
 (4) confiscated
25. (1) warn
 (2) notify
 (3) advise
 (4) remind

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

During the Bosnian civil war, a mortar shell exploded in the courtyard of Maja Kazazic's block of flats. The six friends she had been chatting with were killed. 16-year-old Maja was badly injured in both her legs. Fortunately, she was evacuated and sent to the United States. A few months later, Maja received her first prosthesis. However, as there was little bone left, it was hard to fit, and with her right leg also damaged, walking was intensely painful. 5

Maja endured the pain from then on until she spotted an injured dolphin at Clearwater Marine Aquarium, near her home in Palm Harbour in the United States. The young dolphin, Winter, who had lost her tail in a crab trap, caught Maja's eye. Maja had been watching the injured bottlenose dolphin swim around the tank. From a distance, the dolphin seemed approachable enough. 10

"She swam more like a shrimp than a dolphin. I identified with her," Maja cried. Trainers had fitted Winter with a high-tech tail - a flexible steel joint covered in silicone plastic, with a gel lining designed to protect a dolphin's delicate skin. When they were done, Winter streaked off through the water. Maja was mesmerized. She approached the trainers, who put her in touch with the inventors, Hanger Prosthetics & Orthotics in Bethesda, Maryland. Within ten days, Maja had a new leg. With its soft liner and built-in microprocessor that adjusts the fit for different activities and terrains, Maja felt pain-free for the first time in almost 16 years. 15

As Maja lowered herself into the tank, she held out a hand to Winter, who approached cautiously, then glided away. After a few minutes, the dolphin let Maja stroke her back. Finally, Winter nuzzled up to her shoulder. Then the two embarked on an hour-long swim around the pool. Maja's mother began to cry. When Maja climbed out, her parents embraced her. She would have shouted with joy had she not been aware of dolphins' sensitivity to noise. 20

Adapted from Reader's Digest US - October 2009

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. Where was Maja when her legs were badly injured?

- (1) Bosnia
- (2) Maryland
- (3) United States
- (4) Palm Harbour

27. What does the word it in Line 4 refer to? It refers to Maja's _____.

- (1) left leg
- (2) right leg
- (3) artificial left leg
- (4) artificial right leg

28. How did Maja get the new prosthesis after she saw Winter?

- (1) She invented one on her own.
- (2) She borrowed it from Winter.
- (3) She bought it from Winter's trainers.
- (4) She contacted the inventors of Winter's new high-tech tail.

29. Which of the following helped Winter to protect its skin?

- (1) The gel lining
- (2) The water in the tank
- (3) The flexible steel joint
- (4) The built-in microprocessor

30. Why did Maja not shout with joy after the swim with Winter?

- (1) She was too overwhelmed with happiness.
- (2) She was sad that she had lost one of her legs.
- (3) She knew that her shouts would frighten Winter.
- (4) She wanted to share her joy later with her parents.

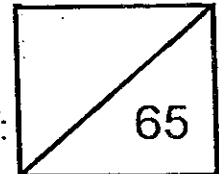
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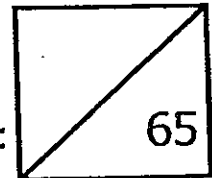
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There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.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

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) of	(D) a	(G) its	(K) to	(N) as
(B) may	(E) can	(H) the	(L) from	(P) into
(C) where	(F) when	(J) during	(M) therefore	(Q) these

Some of the world's strangest creatures are found in Australia – a land of extremes giving rise to extreme adaptations. The holy-cross toad lives (31) _____ many other amphibians cannot: in hot and harsh areas inland. It uses (32) _____ strong back legs to burrow down in the soil, where it sits out the heat of the sun. (33) _____ a drought, it survives by digging a chamber a metre or so underground and becomes dormant, emerging only when the rains return.

Like its close relatives, the holy-cross toad also has ~~unique glands~~ in its skin. If it is disturbed or distressed, (34) _____ glands release a special secretion that turns (35) _____ glue. The glue hardens in seconds and has a strength five times ~~that~~ (36) _____ other natural glues. Even the biggest ants that attack will get stuck to the toad's skin. And since all toads and frogs shed their skins almost once a week, the holy-cross toad has the pleasure of swallowing (37) _____ ants that attack them.

Scientists are now trying to produce an artificial glue (38) _____ good as the toad's. Holy-cross toad glue will stick plastic, glass, cardboard and even metals together. More importantly, it (39) _____ repair splits in cartilage and other body tissues. (40) _____, it might prove to be a miracle adhesive that will help surgeons repair the most difficult injuries. When that day comes, it will surely be a breakthrough in science!

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

British adventurer, David Hempleman-Adams, yesterday became the first person to

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fly a balloon solo across the Arctic Ocean. The feat, **achebived** on the second day of the

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43-year-old's attempt to fly a balloon over the North Pole, was relayed across his control

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centre in Worcestershire. The *Britannic Challenger* was leaving its launch pad in Norway

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on Sunday and was **scarejuled** to fly over the North Pole today.

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Mr Hempleman-Adams, who was using a traditional basket sling under the balloon,

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said he was relief to have covered the 200 miles of open water between Norway and the icebergs.

During a radio report to the control centre, he said, "If I'd crashed into the Arctic

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Ocean, survival would have been difficult. Thank God that part of the **voiyage** is behind me. I can now look forward to reaching the North Pole."

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Mr Hempleman-Adams, a distinguish explorer, has climbed the highest **peaks**

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in all seven **kontinants** and in 1998, completed a 56-day trek to the North Pole with a

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Norwegian, Mr Rune Gjeldenes. He described his latest **mæshen** as the greatest and most dangerous challenge he has faced in 25 years of risk-taking.

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

Stanley Yelnats was the only passenger on the bus, not counting the driver or the guard. The guard sat next to the driver, with his seat turned around (51) _____ Stanley. A rifle lay across his lap.

Stanley was sitting about ten rows back, handcuffed to the armrest. His backpack lay on the seat next to him. It (52) _____ his toothbrush, toothpaste and a box of stationery his mother had given him. He had promised to (53) _____ to her at least once a week.

He looked out of the window (54) _____ there was nothing much to see, mainly fields of cotton and wheat. He thought about that fateful day in school and sighed.

He did not have any friends in school. He was overweight and the kids at his middle school often (55) _____ him about his size. (56) _____ his teachers sometimes made cruel remarks without realizing it. On his last day of school, his Mathematics teacher, Mrs Bell taught ratio. As an example, she chose the (57) _____ and the lightest kid in class and had them weigh (58) _____. Mrs Bell wrote the ratio on the board, unaware of how much embarrassment she had (59) _____ both of them.

Later that day, Stanley was arrested. He did not know why.

He looked at the guard (60) _____ sat slumped in his seat and wondered if he had fallen (61) _____. The guard was wearing sunglasses so Stanley could not see his (62) _____.

Stanley was not a bad boy. He was (63) _____ of the crime which he was convicted. He had just been at the wrong (64) _____ at the wrong time. It was all because of his great-great-grandfather!

He smiled. It was a family joke. Whenever anything went wrong, they always (65) _____ Stanley's great-great-grandfather. According to a story that was passed down through generations, the latter had stolen a goat from a one-legged gypsy and she had put a curse on him and all his descendants.

Adapted from Holes, by Louis Sachar

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. If you have not examined the photographs of the Loch Ness Monster, you cannot deny that it exists.

_____ unless

67. The principal announced, "There will be a special assembly programme today."

The principal announced _____

68. Janet sneaked out of bed last night. She thought everyone was asleep.

Thinking that _____

69. Fruits are rich in Vitamin C. Fruits contain a lot of minerals.

_____ both _____ and

70. Who does this library book belong to?

Whose _____

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

One eye was frozen shut. He had not slept in days and he was hallucinating. The visions had been appearing for 36 hours. Out of one eye, he could see his grandfather, but when he turned to look, he would vanish. He knew he was not really there because his grandfather had died in 2002. It was day 27.

"We're going to be okay," he said to his visions. "We're going to make it."

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He kept repeating the last line. Yet, he knew that his chances of survival were diminishing by the hour.

Todd Carmichael, a 44-year-old adventurer, is the first American to journey alone in Antarctica. He spent 39 days in Antarctica where he had walked almost 1130 km, pulling a sled. He had lost 23 kg and his chest was as tight as if his ribs were bound in plaster. The wind, sometimes reaching 160 km per hour, struck his body like a boxer's blows. There was also a chance of coming face to face with a pack of wolves or polar bears scavenging for food.

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He suspected his feet were frostbitten. However, he could not take off a boot to check because if he did, his foot would swell and he would not be able to get the boot back on. He cannot afford this as he still had a long way to go. His face was battered and he had burn marks under his eyes. By day 27, his muscles had lost their elasticity and hung from his bones like loose rope. He had lost so much strength that he could hardly take another step. He had also been coughing up flecks of blood from frostbite on the lung tissue and that was when his hallucinations began.

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The finish line, which was the research station at the South Pole, was so close he thought he could see it. The trouble was, he could not be sure it was not another hallucination. He faced a critical decision: keep pulling the sled and risk imminent collapse and death or drop the sled and walk without his gear and supplies. There was no margin for error if he misjudged the distance or if the station was not really there. He dropped the sled. "I won't leave you here. I'll come back for you later."

25

The sled was piled high with over 100 kg of supplies, mostly food, when Todd started more than a month ago. Ironically, the sled which now weighed 27kg, impeded his every movement. It had kept him alive and he had become emotionally attached to it. He unhooked it and started off with only his camera. Without the sled, he felt totally isolated and vulnerable. Nonetheless, he willed himself on.

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Finally, on 21st December, he stepped onto the airstrip of the South Pole station. A woman came out and waved to him. Todd hesitated, unsure. He knew he looked bad and sounded confused. She took him inside and he could smell eggs and maple syrup on a buffet table. By now, he had not had a proper meal in almost six weeks and he wolfed down the pancakes and cookies within seconds.

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Adapted from Readers' Digest

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in the first paragraph has the same meaning as "disappear"?

72. How did Todd know that the visions were unreal?

73. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Todd's life was in danger?

74. What were the two dangers that Todd had to face in the Antarctica?

75. Why did the sled feel heavy to Todd even though most of his supplies were gone?

76. What does the word "this" in Line 16 refer to?

77. Explain clearly why Todd cannot afford to have "a margin of error" in Line 24.

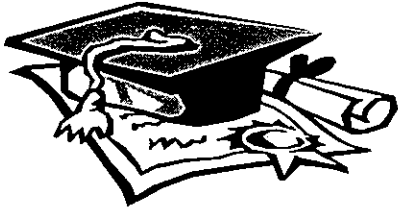
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78. Give two reasons why Todd abandoned his sled.

79. Why did Todd look bad and sound confused when he finally reached the station?

80. What adjective will you use to describe Todd? Give a reason to support your answer.

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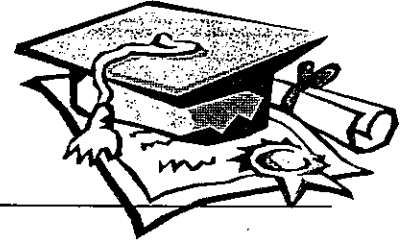


ANSWER SHEET

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 45)slung 46)relieved 47)voyage 48)distinguished
 49)continents 50)mission 51)facing 52)contained
 53)write 54)but 55)teased 56)Even
 57)heaviest 58)themselves 59)caused 60)who
 61)asleep 62)eyes 63)innocent 64)place 65)blamed

66)You cannot deny that the Loch Ness Monster unless you have examined the photographs. / You cannot deny the existence of the Loch Ness Monster unless you have examined the photographs.

67)The principal announced that there would be a special assembly programme that day.

68)Thinking that everyone was asleep last night, Janet sneaked out of bed.

69)Fruits are rich in both Vitamin C and minerals.

70)Whose library book is this?

71)The word is "vanish".

72)As soon as he turned around, the visions disappeared. Furthermore, Todd's grandfather had died in 2002.

73)The sentence is "yet, he knew that his chances of survival were diminishing by the hour".

74)He faced getting frostbite and attacks from wolves or polar bears scavenging for food.

75)Todd had lost so much of his strength that he could hardly take another step forward, worse, to pull his sled.

76)It refers to Todd removing his boots to check whether his feet were frostbitten and not being able to get his boots back on.

77)He would no longer have any gear or supplies with him to keep him alive.

78)Todd was too weak to pull his any further and knew that if he did, he might be risking imminent collapse and death. Further more, the sled already seemed quite heavy to Todd.

79)He had burn marks under his eyes and his face was battered. He sounded confused because he was not sure if what he saw was just another hallucination.

80)He is determined. He does not allow obstacles to stop him from getting to the South Pole station.