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Booklet B

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Section E – Grammar Cloze (10 marks)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, 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.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

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| (A) a | (D) can | (G) in | (K) their | (N) whose |
| (B) against | (E) for | (H) its | (L) to | (P) whom |
| (C) by | (F) from | (J) the | (M) when | (Q) would |

The Animal Concerns Research and Education Society had earlier called on the public to help locate an injured otter pup. The otter pup was spotted on Saturday with a fishhook in one of (29) _____ eyes. Fortunately, it is free of the barb now.

Facebook user, Nick Soo, told My Paper that the pup had been spotted hook-free (30) _____ about ten otter watchers. However, Mr Soo added that the pup had a small wound that was slightly swollen. He said they (31) _____ monitor it and thanked members of the public (32) _____ tracking it. The pup was part of a second litter born (33) _____ two otters often spotted at Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park.

News of the injured pup broke (34) _____ Yane Kang, an otter watcher, posted photos of the otter pup injured by a fishing hook on Facebook on Saturday evening. The incident cast (35) _____ spotlight on irresponsible anglers, some of (36) _____ fish illegally.

Last year, a man turned himself (37) _____ to the police after a video Mr Soo had taken of him appearing to hook an otter with his fishing hook went viral. The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority did not take any enforcement action (38) _____ him as the otter managed to escape. However, he was issued a fine for fishing in a prohibited area.

Adapted from My Paper 8 April 2016

Section F – Editing for Grammar and Spelling (12 marks)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

The fennec fox is the smallest of the world's foxes. However, its large ears,

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measuring 15 centimetres, appearing to be on loan from a bigger relative.

Fennec foxes are common throughout the Sahara Desert although many of

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them can also be find in the deserts of Northern Africa and Northern Sinai. Their

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nocturnal habits and physical adaptations help them deal with the searing heat of the

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desert envairment.

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Their distinktiv, bat-like ears radiate body heat and help keep the foxes cool.

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They also have long, thick hair that insulates it during cold nights and protects them

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from hot sun during the day. Even the foxes' feet are hairy. The hair just only keeps

their feet warm but also protects them from extremely hot sand. As fennec foxes

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live in underground dens, their feet are also effective shovels about frequent digging.

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These foxes duwell in small communities. Each of them is inhabited by perhaps

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ten individuals. Like other canids, male fennecs mark their tereteries with urine and

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become agresif competitors when mating season arrives each year.

Fennec foxes are omnivores. They forage for plants but also eat rodents, eggs,

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reptiles, and insects. Like most deserts animals, fennec foxes have developed the able

to go for long periods without water. Fennec foxes which are cream-coloured with

black-tipped tails are also hunted for their fur.

Adapted from <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/fennec-fox/>

Section G – Comprehension Cloze (15 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Block-shaped toys have been around for hundreds of years. However, it took a 20th-century Danish genius named Ole Kirk Christiansen to invent the interlocking pieces we know today as LEGO bricks. It all started in 1932 in the village of Billund, long (51) _____ LEGO had achieved world domination as a brand.

A master joiner and carpenter, Christiansen, opened a woodworking shop with his son, Godtfred, (52) _____ was 12 years old then. They manufactured stepladders, ironing boards and later started to make wooden toys. In 1934, (53) _____ named their business LEGO from the Danish word "leg godt", which means "play well".

Business was good. The company (54) _____ from only six employees in 1934 to forty in 1942. LEGO was also fairly progressive and became an early adopter (55) _____ new technologies and materials. In fact, the group became the first Danish company to own a plastic injection-moulding machine. When the Christiansens came across prototypes of a British toy called "Kiddicraft Self-Locking Building Bricks" in 1947, they adopted the idea and started manufacturing their own version two years (56) _____. The bricks had pegs on top and the (57) _____ were hollow, allowing children to lock the bricks (58) _____ and create elaborate structures never possible with the simple wooden blocks of yesteryear.

Being named the "Automatic Binding Bricks", they were (59) _____ forerunner to today's LEGO brick. (60) _____, the Christiansens did not quite get the formula right yet. The bricks lacked the tubes found inside modern LEGO bricks (61) _____ greatly improve stability. Furthermore, it seemed the world was not ready for plastic toys yet as sales of plastic LEGO toys in the early 50s (62) _____ mediocre.

In 1958, the LEGO brick finally became (63) _____. While the founder did not live to see his company's achievement, his son developed the current LEGO stud-and-tube design. He also introduced roof bricks to the "LEGO System of Play," which (64) _____ of twenty-eight sets and eight vehicles.

After a devastating warehouse fire in 1960, the company decided to stop production of wooden toys completely and focus instead (65) _____ plastics. LEGO has not changed the design of their brick since then.

Adapted from: <http://mentalfloss.com/article/19400/early-history-lego>

Section H – Synthesis & Transformation (10 marks)

For each of the questions 66 to 70, 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 meaning of the given sentence(s).

66. Mary enjoys rollerblading. Tom also enjoys rollerblading.

Both _____

67. The computer broke down suddenly. Ken was upset.

What upset Ken _____

68. He had not worked hard so he did badly for the test.

If he had _____

69. "Have you decided which book to get for Ali?" Mrs Lim asked James.

Mrs Lim asked James _____

70. Jason cheered for his teammates excitedly.

_____ with

Section I – Comprehension (Open-ended) (20 marks)

Read the passage and answer questions 71 to 80.

In the morning on that fateful day, Barry had asked for my help in tracking down a puma that had killed his dog. While waiting for Barry, I decided to scout out the best route for us to take to avoid the treacherous ice conditions in the valley.

It was bitterly cold at minus four degrees Celsius with four centimetres of snow but the weather was good for tracking. Barry had not arrived, so I left my rifle in the car. That was the worst mistake of my life. Then, I went into the bushes past the backyard from where the dog was taken. 5

As I surveyed the conditions, I saw it. About fifteen metres from me was an adult puma, all curled up with its head down, swishing its tail. I ducked quietly as any sudden movement might cause a hungry puma to attack. 10

I sneaked back to my car, unaware that the puma was going to pounce on me. For the first time in sixty years of hunting, I was attacked. It felt like a baseball bat hitting my neck below my left ear. Within a split second, I was pulled backwards onto my back. Blood was running down my neck and shoulder, and I was down in the snow with four big canine teeth embedded in the muscles of my neck. In the blink of an eye, the puma let go and grabbed me again, shaking its head like it was killing a deer. It all happened in dead silence with no growling nor hissing. I thought, *Clarence, this puma is going to kill you.* 15

At that moment, with the puma's jaw round my neck, I stayed sharp and alert. Instantly, I remembered what someone had told me to do if I was ever attacked by a puma. I placed my right hand behind the bottom canine teeth and pulled those ugly teeth out of my neck. Blood was everywhere in the snow and those canines were cutting my right hand. Then, I wrestled the puma's head and neck over my chest and wrapped my left arm around its neck, choking it. 20

I was very surprised how I managed to control both its teeth and front claws although my right hand was being chewed to pieces. To save my hand, I released pressure on the puma's lower jaw and it immediately began attacking the top of my head. It struck and bit my head a couple of times. It seemed like the puma was speaking to me, "This is a life and death struggle and only one of us will survive!" I told myself that I would fight back and survive. 25

Just then, Barry came towards me with a rifle. He aimed his rifle at the puma and fired four shots. The fourth shot struck the puma in the spine and it collapsed. 30

I think the puma had every reason to attack me as it was starving. Due to the numerous wolves that had moved into the valley, the deer population decreased. Deer are the puma's main diet and the wolves had taken their toll on the deer.

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Adapted from <https://issuu.com/blackpress/docs/i20130625070641233/54>

71. What help did Barry ask from Clarence? (1m)

72. Why did Clarence decide to scout out the route before Barry arrived? (2m)

73. What does the word 'That' in line 5 refer to? (1m)

74. Choose words from paragraphs one to four which have similar meanings to the words below. (4m)

dangerous	
extremely	
inspected	
fixed firmly	

75. Which two-word phrase from paragraph three tells us how Clarence tried to move away without getting the puma's attention? (1m)

76. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. (3m)

	True/False	Reason
(a) Clarence was never attacked by any animals in his sixty years of hunting.		
(b) The puma attacked Clarence because it was provoked by him.		
(c) Clarence pulled out the puma's canines from its jaws.		

77. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Clarence tried choking the puma.

_____ The puma grabbed Clarence's neck with its teeth.

_____ The puma attacked the top of Clarence's head.

78. Explain clearly how the puma was killed. (2m)

79. Explain in your own words how the availability of the puma's food was affected by the wolves' population? (2m)

80. Based on the passage, fill in the blanks in the following table. (3m)

The body part where Clarence was attacked by the puma	What the puma did	Traits of Clarence at this moment to save himself from the attack by the puma
a) _____ _____ _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pulled Clarence backwards • let Clarence go and grabbed him again b) _____ _____ _____ _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sharp • alert
top of head	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • struck and bit Clarence's head 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brave c) _____ _____

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	4	1	2	2	3	1	4	4	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
4	4	4	2	3	2	1	2	H	C
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38		
Q	E	L	M	A	P	G	B		

- 39)appear 40)found 41)nocturnal 42)environment
43)distinctive 44)them 45)not 46)for 47)dwell
48)territories 49)aggressive 50)ability 51)before
52)who 53)they 54)expanded 55)of 56)later
57)bottoms 58)easily 59)the 60)However
61)which 62)were 63)popular 64)consisted 65)on
66)Both Mary and Tom enjoy rollerblading.
67)What upset Ken was the sudden break down of the computer.
68)If he had worked hard, he would not have done badly for the test.

69)Mrs Lim asked James if he had decided which book to get for Ali.

70)Jason cheered for his teammates with excitement.

71)Barry asked Clarence for Clarence's help in tracking down a puma which killed his dog.

72)He wanted to find the best route for them to take to avoid the treacherous ice conditions in the valley.

73)It refers to Clarence leaving his rifle on the car.

74)treacherous

bitterly

surveyed

embedded

75)ducked quietly

76)a)True / The puma was the first animal to attack Clarence in sixty years of hunting.

b)False / The puma was hungry and wanted to eat Clarence.

c)False / Clarence pulled out the puma's canines from his neck.

77)2 , 1, 3

78)Barry fired at the puma with a rifle and his from shot hit the puma in its spine before it collapsed.

79)When the population of wolves increased deer would decrease as the wolves would compete with the puma for deer.

80)a)the neck below the left ear

b)grabbed Clarence's neck and shook its head like killing a deer.

c)determined