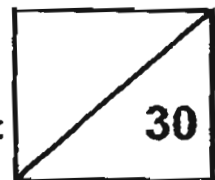




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**BOOKLET A**

**Instructions to Pupils:**

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 30 questions (Questions 1 to 30).
4. Answer ALL the questions and shade them in the correct ovals on the OAS provided.

\* This booklet consists of 11 pages altogether. (including this page).

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Study the advertisement below and then answer questions that follow it.  
(5marks)

# Presto! <sup>30 days of FUN</sup> 30 days of FUN

by the Merlion Fun Club



A free goodie bag with every \$50 spent at Hougang Point.  
Come and be spellbound by magicians, clowns, balloon animals, performers and more!  
You will be charmed by our songsters and thrilled by our speedsters!

AND

That's not all! Just look at what's brewing in the fun-filled month of December.

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<b>Victor &amp; Charlie</b>	Singapore's evergreen duo entertains on 18 December from 4.30pm to 5.00pm
<b>Let's Party</b>	Fun time at McDonald's starts on 16 December from 3.00pm to 5.00pm! Register at McDonald's Hougang Point at \$12 per child

### **Acrobatic Thrills!**

Watch the Chinese Acrobatics Act defies the laws of gravity on 5 Dec from 4.30pm to 5.00pm

### **TAMIYA 4WD Mini Car Race 2011**

Fast & Furious!  
Happening on 4 Dec. from 12.30pm to 2.30pm.  
Register before 10.00am.

### **Magic & Illusion**

Discover the magician's secret!  
On 11, 18 & 26 Dec from 4.30pm to 5.00pm  
On 30 Dec, from 1.00pm to 1.30pm & 2.00pm to 2.30pm

### **Watch n Learn!**

Educational video shows everyday from 2.00pm to 3.00pm

### **Catch the Balloon Clown!**

Our friendly clown will be giving away colourful balloons to all kids every Friday & Saturday at noon

### **Kid's Big Bazaar!**

It's kid's universe here with fashion apparel, watches, books, stationery, computer software and toys!  
Starts from 5 Dec.

For more information, kindly log on to [www.mfc.org.sg](http://www.mfc.org.sg) or call 65557777.

Sponsors : Ray & Roy Ptd. Ltd  
Champ & SamToy Co.  
McCafe & Co

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. This event is organised by \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) McCafe & Co.
- (2) Merlion Fun Club
- (3) Ray & Roy Ptd. Ltd
- (4) Champ & SamToy Co.

2. The events that will be happening on 5 Dec are \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) Watch n Learn , Magic Illusion and Mini Car Race
- (2) Acrobatic Thrills, Singing Duo and Kid's Big Bazaar
- (3) Acrobatic Thrills, Kid's Big Bazaar and Watch n Learn
- (4) The Kid's Big Bazaar, Watch n Learn and Mini Car Race

3. The magician will perform a total of \_\_\_\_\_ shows.

- (1) six
- (2) five
- (3) three
- (4) four

4. Mary wishes to take part in the Mini Car Race. She can \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) call 65557777
- (2) log on to [www.mfc.org.sg](http://www.mfc.org.sg)
- (3) register on 12 December at noon
- (4) register on 4 December at 9:45am

5. Based on the advertisement, which one of the following statements is not true?

- (1) One needs to pay for the party at McDonald's.
- (2) The Balloon Clown will give away balloons.
- (3) Visitors will be entertained by songs and magic shows.
- (4) Get a free goodie bag with every \$50 spent at the Kid's Big Bazaar.

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. None of the prisoners of war wants to go \_\_\_\_\_ the terrifying torture again.
- (1) for
  - (2) into
  - (3) through
  - (4) without
7. I will not go to the birthday party \_\_\_\_\_ you go there too.
- (1) but
  - (2) when
  - (3) until
  - (4) unless
8. A large amount of wood \_\_\_\_\_ used to build the platform.
- (1) is
  - (2) are
  - (3) has
  - (4) have
9. People \_\_\_\_\_ live close by the sea often complain that their silverware rust very easily.
- (1) who
  - (2) when
  - (3) whom
  - (4) which
10. I heard a loud scream before the life guard \_\_\_\_\_ into the swimming pool.
- (1) jump
  - (2) jumped
  - (3) jumping
  - (4) has jumped

11. All but Mr Quek \_\_\_\_\_ present at the emergency meeting last night.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

12. Ali/as well as his brothers \_\_\_\_\_ to the shop now. Do you want to come along?

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) is going
- (4) are going

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)

While on vacation, Mr and Mrs Lee decided to have dinner at a nice restaurant. They were standing at the door with their three-year-old son (13) Leon, waiting for a table.

The restaurant was very busy, so the hostess offered a glass of wine to each of the waiting customers. As the hostess approached them and asked (14) "Would you like some wine?"

Before they could answer her, Leon replied, "Do you have any chocolate milk (15)?"

*Adapted from Reader's Digest by Christine Bourgeois*

13. (1) [ . ] full stop  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ - ] hyphen  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark
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) [ - ] hyphen  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ ? ] question mark.  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark

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. Lina has been commended as the most \_\_\_\_\_ secretary in her company for her quick and accurate work.

- (1) elegant
- (2) efficient
- (3) aspiring
- (4) diligent

17. No one can imagine that a quiet, simple girl like Mary could be \_\_\_\_\_ of a brutal crime.

- (1) implied
- (2) accused
- (3) indicated
- (4) implicated

18. John was warned by the principal that, if he repeats the offence, he would be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) jailed
- (2) rebuked
- (3) expelled
- (4) dismissed

19. It is wiser to \_\_\_\_\_ a rude person than to quarrel with him.

- (1) report
- (2) irritate
- (3) ignore
- (4) insult

20. None of us can read her writing. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) illegal
- (2) illegible
- (3) illiterate
- (4) illegitimate

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

New Zealand is enduring arctic weather conditions that have brought very heavy snowfall. This rare occurrence disrupted transport, schools, mail deliveries and

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farming across much of the country. Residents were warned that they faced being snowed during the worst winter weather for half a century.

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"People should prepare for the worst, which means making sure they are ready

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in the event that they cannot leave home and may be without electricity and other

amenities. Many places will see snow that they haven't seen in a very long time," said a

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civil defence officer.

The country was blanketed in a "large mass of Antarctic air," the Meteorological

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Service reported. Snow fell in downtown Auckland for the first time in 80 years as the "once in a lifetime" polar blast spread across New Zealand, a forecaster said.

*Adapted from The Straits Times August 2011*

21. (1) scarce  
(2) unique  
(3) unusual  
(4) inadequate
22. (1) amiss  
(2) amidst  
(3) amuse  
(4) amass
23. (1) poised  
(2) steady  
(3) prepared  
(4) developed
24. (1) facilities  
(2) equipment  
(3) provisions  
(4) infrastructure
25. (1) hidden  
(2) covered  
(3) sheltered  
(4) concealed



Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

My father's dilapidated bungalow was situated among the rubber estates about nine kilometers from the town. It has a large compound where new chickens could roam to scratch for worms and hunt for insects. I kept chickens as pets and loved to watch a mother hen surrounded by a dozen fluffy chicks responding to her clucking whenever she scratched around and found a juicy worm or insect for them. Any observer will learn to recognize the varying calls of a hen to her chicks: the warning of danger of a hawk overhead which sends the chick scamp~~er~~ing into the grass to hide; the inviting "cluck-cluck" to share a delicious morsel; or an angry warning with fluffed up feathers to dissuade wooing roosters.

It was exciting too, watching chicks pecking their way out of the eggs from under their brooding mother on the twenty-first day. Occasionally, I was able to help a damp, weaker chick out of its shell. Mother hens are very protective of their young and keep them warm under their wings at night.

I made a special pet of a young cockerel who grew into a big bird. He was very bright and splendid in his appearance. His red and gold feathers coloured like a rainbow, shimmering with changing colours in the sun. He knew me well and used to follow me around. I could pick him up and carry him about. He loved to feed from my hand. Unfortunately, he got into the habit of ambushing the women in the house, often pecking their legs.

He was a naturally aggressive rooster and so the women disliked him. They complained frequently and even displayed the reddish-blue marks made by his beak on their legs. I paid no attention to their protests. What else could I do? There was no way I could train the bird to refrain from attacking women; curiously enough he ignored the men. He must have been a misogynist who disliked women! But the poor fellow paid clearly for his pranks.

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*Adapted from A Time of Fireflies and Wild Guavas by Maurice Baker*

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. According to the passage, what was the advantage of living in a bungalow among the rubber trees?

- (1) The bungalow was expensive
- (2) The bungalow was magnificent.
- (3) The bungalow was away from town.
- (4) The bungalow had a large compound.

27. When would the mother hen cluck?

- (1) She saw an insect.
- (2) She found a juicy worm.
- (3) She warned the chicks of dangers.
- (4) She wanted to hide from the chicks.

28. Why did the young cockerel follow the author around?

- (1) He was the author's pet.
- (2) He had grown into a big bird.
- (3) He liked to peck the author's leg.
- (4) He liked to peck the author's hand.

29. The women were disturbed by the cockerel because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) it was amiable
- (2) it was colourful
- (3) it fought with them
- (4) it pecked their legs

30. Which of the following statements about the cockerel is true?

- (1) It was aggressive.
- (2) It was a trained pet.
- (3) It was the men's pet.
- (4) It had reddish blue marks.

End of Booklet A



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## Booklet B

### Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 50 questions (Questions 31 to 80).
4. Answer ALL the questions and write all the answers in this booklet.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Booklet A	30	
Booklet B	65	
Total	95	

Component	Question Numbers	Marks Obtained
Comprehension Cloze	51 – 65	
Comprehension Open-ended	71 – 80	

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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.**

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|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <del>(A)</del> an    | <del>(D)</del> on   | <del>(G)</del> is   | <del>(K)</del> are  | <del>(N)</del> then  |
| <del>(B)</del> every | <del>(E)</del> in   | <del>(H)</del> of   | <del>(L)</del> most | <del>(P)</del> to    |
| <del>(C)</del> from  | <del>(F)</del> into | <del>(J)</del> than | <del>(M)</del> who  | <del>(Q)</del> which |

In recent years, Finland's schools scored consistently at the top of world rankings. Interestingly, Finnish children have the fewest number of class hours 31) \_\_\_\_\_ the developed world. They do not start school until the age 32) \_\_\_\_\_ seven. One of the 33) \_\_\_\_\_ notable attributes of Finnish children is their level of personal responsibility; 34) \_\_\_\_\_ young, children do a lot without adults' monitoring. In addition, the early focus 35) \_\_\_\_\_ self-reflection is seen as a key component for developing a high level of responsibility towards learning.

Some overseas educators 36) \_\_\_\_\_ visited Finland's schools found that the Finns' success is simple but it is not easily achieved. Finland has well-trained teachers; 37) \_\_\_\_\_ teacher in Finland is required to have a Master's degree. Teaching is a profession that many excellent Finnish want 38) \_\_\_\_\_ enter. Teachers are given freedom to design their curriculum and choose textbooks. Classes are small, seldom more 39) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty. Another explanation for the Finns' success 40) \_\_\_\_\_ their love of reading. There is also a strong culture of reading with the children at home.

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

Nine-year-old Dan had stopped schooling two years ago to look after his two younger brothers. One day, when he was playing with his younger brother, John, in

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(42)

their yard, he noticed smoke **be**lowing from the roof of their house. Realise ~~that~~ his five-year-old brother, Sam, was sleeping inside, Dan rushed into the wooden house.

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He found Sam sitting in the corner of the room, frighten and crying. Sam was

(44)

**dys**orientated by the smoke, so Dan grabbed him with his right hand.

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"Don't worry, Brother is here," Dan said as he shielded Sam on the flames with his own body.

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Just as they reached the front door, Sam stopped as a **protrooding** nail had caught his shorts. Flames licked the upper portion of the door as Dan **struggled** to get his brother free. With one last desperate tug, they ran into the yard as the fire

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**deev**owered the **pr**operty.

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For his hero act, the Philippines **garvenment** and several individuals provided him with financial assistance to go back to school. He also received a scholarship

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from the university to further his studies. Dan was overjoyed.

*Adapted from Philippines: Through the fire, Readers Digest Asia*

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(15 marks)

Laughter is an audible expression or appearance of excitement. It is also an inward feeling (51)\_\_\_\_\_ joy. Adults laugh approximately 15 times daily while children laugh about 400 times a day!

Studies have shown (52)\_\_\_\_\_ there are many health benefits to laughter. It increases the level of endorphins, which (53)\_\_\_\_\_ a person's mood, thereby helping to relieve stress. (54)\_\_\_\_\_ from relieving stress, laughter can also improve the quality of life in many ways. (55)\_\_\_\_\_ instance, if a person laughs frequently, he or she is likely to (56)\_\_\_\_\_ less angry, more optimistic and generally a happier person. In fact, laughter can be beneficial (57)\_\_\_\_\_ if it is faked. A US research team found that the human body will still respond (58)\_\_\_\_\_ fake laughter as it would to real laughter, and a person's mood can (59)\_\_\_\_\_ improve.

Two years ago, Lenny Ravich, a humour and optimism expert, conducted a workshop called "Humour, Laughter and Optimism for Healthier Life" for a group of cancer patients, their caregivers (60)\_\_\_\_\_ counsellors. For over two hours at Mount Elizabeth Hospital, these (61)\_\_\_\_\_ were encouraged to be silly and nonsensical – and to laugh for no (62)\_\_\_\_\_. There was hearty laughter in one of the seminar rooms, (63)\_\_\_\_\_ of the usual quiet sombre conversations.

"By doing these, they have permission to be children again and are able to laugh their hearts (64)\_\_\_\_\_, forgetting their problems for a while," explained Mr Ravich, who had helped many participants to use laughter to combat depression, stress and despair (65)\_\_\_\_\_ his workshops.

Perhaps, there is truth in the old saying, "He who laughs ... lasts!"

*Adapted from "Laughter, the best medicine", HealthNEWS, December 2009*

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. Ahmad loves jogging. Sally loves jogging too.

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

67. Despite the heavy rain, the soldiers continued their march.

Even though \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. Mrs Tan asked Peter, "Did you visit the Science Centre yesterday?"

Mrs Tan asked Peter \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Sam does not like durians. Liz does not like durians as well.

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

70. He must hurry up. Kumar will be late for his flight to Shanghai.

Unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Konwar, our park guide, stopped the open-topped jeep so he could move another aquatic creature — an Indian tent turtle — off a dusty track on a hot afternoon. The rest of us took the opportunity to get off the jeep and stretch our tired bodies. When I turned to look behind the jeep, I was rooted to the ground.

"Rhino!" I hollered. I panicked. A baby rhino was charging at us. I did not have time to leap onto the vehicle, so Ahmad fired a round. It was a snap shot but perfectly placed. The bullet kicked up a stinging spray of dirt near the attacker's front feet. Combined with the crack of the rifle, it was enough to make the rhino veer aside and stroll towards the trees. Fortunately, it is a must to have an armed guard in Kaziranga Park to travel with us, and the requirement is not an idle formality. I was lucky to escape unharmed.

"Remember the rule for Kaziranga - Not allowed to be scared!" Konwar reminded us and shared, "Do you know that rhinos' horns are prized for dagger handles in the Middle East? In Asia, they are valued even more highly for their purported medicinal powers." Then we boarded the jeep and Konwar started the engine, about to drive off.

Almost immediately, I was stunned by the view on my left. A huge rhino charged through the trees on a course aimed to collide with ours. There was no chance to back off, no hope of accelerating out of trouble. Ahmad, in the passenger seat, could not react in time to shoot the rhino before the earth-glazed female struck the jeep, which she far outweighed. Angry, Ahmad cursed, regretting it. His door caved in and crushed his rifle.

"Remember the rule for Kaziranga!" Konwar bellowed. I heard him. However, I was breaking it. Ahmad tried to stab the rhino with a dagger but was stopped by Konwar. I realized the rhino was shoving us towards the road's edge and butting our jeep up onto two wheels. Then, the female's teeth were gouging deep grooves into the jeep's steel. Konwar stepped on the accelerator, fighting for traction. At last, the vehicle levelled out and skidded free in a cloud of dust. I heaved a sigh of relief as I watched the rhino amble towards the trees.

*Adapted from Kaziranga, The National Geographic, August 2010*



**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

71. Which word in paragraph one means "chance"?

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72. What was Ahmad's occupation?

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73. Why did the author panic in the second paragraph?

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74. Why is it a must to travel around Kaziranga Park with an armed guard?

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75. In paragraph 3, why are rhinos' horns in high demand?

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76. What caused the author to be stunned in paragraph 4?

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77. What does "it" (line 22) refer to?

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78. Which sentence in the last paragraph suggests that the author was frightened?

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79. How did Ahmad and Konwar react in order to escape from the huge rhino's attack?

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80. Give two examples to show that the men took good care of the animals in Kaziranga Park.

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**End of Paper**



# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2011**

**SCHOOL : ROSYTH  
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**TERM : SA2**



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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
3	3	2	3	2	3	1	2	4	2	1	4	1	E	H	L	C

Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38	Q39	Q40
D	M	B	P	J	G

41)billowing      42)Realising      43)frightened      44)disoriented      45)from

46)protruding      47)devoured      48)heroic      49)government      50)a

51)of      52)that      53)improves      54)Apart      55)For

56)be      57)even      58)to      59)also      60)and

61)people      62)reason      63)instead      64)out      65)during

66)Both Ahmad and Sally love jogging.

67)Even though it was raining heavily, the soldiers continued their march.

68)Mrs Tan asked Peter if he had visited the Science Centre the previous day.

69)Neither Sam nor Liz likes durians.

70)Unless Kumar hurries up, he will be late for his flight to Shanghai.

71)The word is "opportunity".

72)Ahmad was an armed guard.

73)A baby rhino was charging at him and there was no time to jump onto the jeep.

**74)An armed guard can protect the visitors from getting harmed by the animals.**

**75)Rhinos' horns are prized for dagger handles in the Middle East and are valued for their purported medicinal powers in Asia.**

**76)A huge rhino that was charging through the trees on a course aimed to collide with the author's stunned him.**

**77)It refers to Ahmad not being able to react in time to shoot the rhino before it struck the jeep.**

**78)The sentence is "However, I was breaking it".**

**79)Ahmad had tried to stab the rhino with a dagger while Konwar stepped on the accelerator, fighting for traction.**

**80)Ahmad shot the dirt near the baby rhino's front feet instead of shooting it, while Konwar stopped Ahmad from stabbing the female rhino with a dagger.**