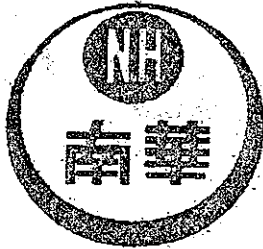


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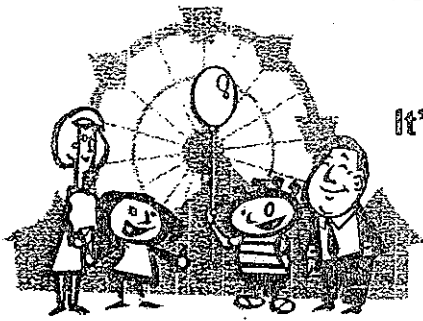
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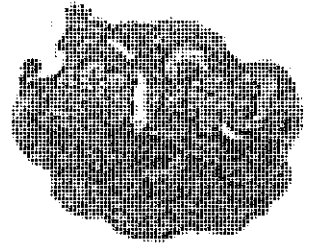
INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your Index Number in the boxes at the top right-hand corner.
2. Do not turn over the page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

Section A – Graphic-Stimulus Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)
 Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 1 to 5.



Singapore Flyer
 It's time to
Go Wild



this June holiday!

*Brought to you by the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board in conjunction with the
 Singapore Zoological Gardens*

Come to Singapore Flyer and get up close with amazing amphibians and interesting insects! Then let the experts from Singapore Zoo share insights about wildlife conservation through a fun and interactive session. So make a beeline for the world's largest giant observation wheel and get ready for a wild time!

**Swing on down to the Fountain Foyer and get acquainted with wildlife the fun way!
 Fun-filled activities from 2 p.m – 6 p.m in the month of June!**

Animal Language

Have a roaring good time mimicking animal sounds and more!



(Wildlife Encounter)

Conquer your fear of pythons – even have your photographs taken with them!

Admission Prices

Adult : S\$29.50
 Child : S\$20.65 (age 3-12)

June Holiday Promotion!
 1 free child ticket with every 2 adult tickets purchased.

(Call 6333 3311
 or get your tickets on-site today!

For more information, visit
www.singaporeflyer.com

Creepy Crawlies



Transport yourself into the world of jungle nymph stick insects, exotic spiders, giant black scorpions and rhino beetle larvae.

Animal On-the-Move

Hop like a bunny. Gallop like a horse. Play a game that brings out the animal in you.

How to get there

Free shuttle services are available every 20 to 30 minutes between 10 a.m – 4 p.m.

Pick-up and drop-off point – bus stop between St Andrew's Cathedral and The Adelphi.

Sponsors



Singapore Conservation Society



For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The main aim of organising the event is to _____
 - 1) encourage family togetherness
 - 2) provide entertainment for children
 - 3) promote the Singapore Flyer to tourists
 - 4) create awareness in wildlife conservation

2. This advertisement is most likely targeted at _____
 - 1) animal lovers
 - 2) families with children
 - 3) children aged 3 to 12 years old
 - 4) people interested in conserving wildlife

3. You can get your tickets to the Singapore Flyer _____
 - 1) through the telephone and online
 - 2) through the ticketing outlets and online
 - 3) online and over the counter at the entrance
 - 4) through the telephone and over the counter at the entrance

4. If Samuel is interested in snakes, he should take part in ' _____'
 - 1) Creepy Crawlies
 - 2) Animal Language
 - 3) Wildlife Encounter
 - 4) Animals On-the-Move

5. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?
 - 1) The shuttle service is available from 2 p.m to 6 p.m.
 - 2) The Animal Care Club is the co-organiser of the event.
 - 3) Jason, who is 2 years old has to pay \$20.65 for his ticket.
 - 4) This event is organised by Singapore Tourist Promotion Board.

Section C – Punctuation Discrete (3 x 1 mark)

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 (OAS).

Ivan was browsing at a bookshop when he noticed two boys behaving suspiciously.

He caught sight of one of the boys putting some stationery items into his bag while the other kept watch. To Ivan's surprise, he recognised one of the boys. It was his classmate, (13) Jerry, whom he looked up to like a big brother. He stood rooted to the spot in disbelief.

Then Ivan mustered enough courage, went up to Jerry and demanded, "What do you think you are doing? You may get caught (14) Jerry ignored him and continued with his misdeeds.

Meanwhile, the owner of the shop had also become suspicious of the two boys (15) behaviour. He instructed one of his workers to keep a close watch on them. Soon the boys were caught red-handed, putting some books into their bags. They tried to put up a struggle but the owner and his worker restrained them.

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

- 14) 1) [,] comma
 2) [.] full stop
 3) [, "] comma and inverted commas
 4) [. "] full stop and inverted commas

- 15) 1) [,] comma
 2) ['] apostrophe
 3) ['s] apostrophe 's'
 4) [s'] 's' apostrophe

Section D – Vocabulary (5 x 1 mark)

For each question from 16 to 20, one of the four options is the correct answer. Make your choice and shade the corresponding oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. John asked many _____ questions and managed to find the answers to his problems.

- 1) pertinent
- 2) promising
- 3) prominent
- 4) peripheral

17. As we have been walking for many hours, my legs finally _____ just as we approached the town.

- 1) gave in
- 2) gave up
- 3) gave out
- 4) gave away

18. The detectives checked every _____ of the crime scene once they arrived.

- 1) lock and key
- 2) tooth and nail
- 3) part and parcel
- 4) nook and cranny

19. We marvelled at the _____ statue of the king which dominated the entrance of the hall.

- 1) colonial
- 2) colossal
- 3) conspicuous
- 4) controversial

20. This old building will not be pulled down but will be _____ to its former glory at the end of the year.

- 1) revived
- 2) restored
- 3) reinstated
- 4) refurbished

Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

For each question, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

Last week, my editor sent me on a trip to Africa. My stay among the (21)indigenous people turned out to be a mixture of both success and failure. They were friendly to me from the start and did not show any signs of unfriendliness. I felt indignant when I thought of the terrible way they had always been (22)portrayed in films and books and felt sorry for them.

However, my trip was not a bed of roses. I had been warned many times that when I stayed with a tribe, I had to make an effort to (23)live like them. I should not be afraid to try anything new, especially the food they considered as delicacies. Unfortunately, I did not (24)take their advice and I choked on a piece of meat they offered me. They felt (25)put out from that day onwards and many of them were not as friendly as they used to be.

21. 1) native
2) original
3) primitive
4) traditional
22. 1) depicted
2) produced
3) projected
4) displayed
23. 1) sow the seed
2) start from scratch
3) call a spade a spade
4) do as the Romans do
24. 1) heed
2) listen
3) accept
4) receive
25. 1) rejected
2) opposed
3) offended
4) redundant

Section F – Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Eggs have always been symbols of birth, re-birth, fertility, fortune and even witchcraft. The Easter egg for instance, is a symbol of spring and new life.

Nowadays, however, it is chiefly regarded as a basic and versatile food. It can be cooked as it is or cooked with other food. It is high in protein and fat as well as in calcium, iron and some vitamins.

Hen's eggs come in different sizes. They have either brown or white shells, but colour is of no significance since the amount of nutrition in all eggs is somewhat dependent on what the hen has been fed.

Eggs eaten on their own should be as fresh as possible but for most cooking, they need to be at least three days old. If you cook very fresh eggs, they will be difficult to peel and will turn slightly greenish. When you beat them, they will not retain air well and will fail to reach proper volume.

You can tell if an egg is fresh by placing it in cold water. Lay it horizontally in the bowl. If it stays that way, it is fresh, but if it stands vertically, it is too stale to eat. Do not store stale eggs with fresh ones or the latter will turn bad too.

Eggs keep best under refrigeration at a temperature below 7°C and preferably below 5°C. At these temperatures, they will keep for as long as two months. Since they pick up odour, keep them away from strong-smelling foods. Store eggs round ends up (the way they are packed in egg cartons) as this keeps the yolk suspended in the right place surrounded by the white. This positioning retards spoilage since the less perishable white part surrounds and protects the yolk. An egg left on its side will lose this protection as the yolk comes into contact with the shell. Never wash an egg, even if it is dirty, before storing it. Washing will remove the protective film over the shell that keeps air out,

Not everyone has mastered the art of breaking eggs. If you hit them too hard or on the wrong surface, they shatter, leaving a mass of egg and shell in some inconvenient places. Instead, tap the egg sharply, but not hard on an edge or rim. A sharp right-angled corner is ideal. The edge of the kitchen counter is preferred over the rim of a cup, bowl or the edge of a pan as it tends to be too wide or too thin. The tap should crack the egg but not shatter the shell. Hold the cracked egg over the bowl. Gently force the shell apart, allowing the contents to fall in.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and shade the corresponding ovals on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

26. According to the information in the text, the egg is considered "versatile food" (line 3) because it _____.
- 1) is a basic food
 - 2) can be cooked as it is or used as an ingredient in cooking
 - 3) contains protein and fat as well as calcium, iron and some vitamins
 - 4) has been symbols of birth, re-birth, fertility, fortune and even witchcraft
27. The food value of an egg varies according to _____.
- 1) its size
 - 2) its colour
 - 3) how it is kept
 - 4) the hen's diet
28. The word "this" in line 19 refers to _____.
- 1) storing eggs in cartons
 - 2) placing the round end up when storing eggs
 - 3) keeping eggs away from strong-smelling foods
 - 4) having eggs refrigerated at a temperature below 7°C
29. According to the passage, the more ideal way to crack an egg is over the _____.
- 1) rim of a cup
 - 2) rim of a bowl
 - 3) edge of a pan
 - 4) edge of the kitchen counter
30. Which one of the following statements about the passage is **TRUE**?
- 1) The egg white will usually go bad before the yolk.
 - 2) It is better to use eggs that are a few days old for cooking.
 - 3) The eggs will turn slightly greenish if fresh ones are put together with the stale ones.
 - 4) The protective film over the shell of eggs will be destroyed if eggs are kept at low temperatures.

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Section G – Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40 in the passage below. From the list of words in the box, choose the most suitable answer for each blank and write its letter (A to Q) in it. "I" and "O" have been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

Use each word only ONCE.

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| A) a | B) at | G) for | K) through | N) which |
| B) an | E) before | H) it | L) to | P) will |
| D) as | F) by | J) the | M) who | Q) with |

Jet engines enable large aircrafts to fly long distances in a short time. A jet engine is one which is powered 31) _____ a jet of air or gas.

At the front of a jet engine is a large fan, which sucks in air as the plane flies along. Once inside the engine, the air is 'compressed'. This causes 32) _____ air pressure to build up. The compressed air is then mixed 33) _____ jet fuel inside a special chamber and set alight. The temperature of the fuel quickly rises 34) _____ 2000°C.

The burning fuel produces gases called 'jet exhaust', which are blasted out of the back of the engine 35) _____ high speed. As the jet exhaust leaves the engine, 36) _____ passes through a turbine. The turbine 37) _____ then drive the large fan. Most importantly, the action of the jet exhaust leaving the engine causes a force called 'thrust', 38) _____ helps to drive the jet engine forward. 39) _____ example of thrust is when you blow up a balloon and then let it go. You will see that the escaping air helps to drive a jet engine forward.

Jet engines are likely to be around for a long time to come. 40) _____ knows what the next improvement will be?

Section H – Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

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

As a child, Kraisintu was deeply influenced by her grandmother, a Buddhist nun. She

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would sit outside the house and buy all the **weaks** of the vanders who went by so that they

43)

did not have to walk all the way to the market. Kraisintu said, "She often telling me, "If you

44)

have the **opurchewny** to do good, you should."

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However she was studying for her chemistry degree, Kraisintu regularly travelled to

46)

remote hill districts giving villagers vitamin tablets that she and other students has made in

47)

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the **lerboratory**. After getting her doctorate at the United Kingdom, Kraisintu returned to

49)

Thailand in 1981. In 1989, Kraisintu was ehooing by the government to head its newly

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created research and **devalopement** institute. She was thirty-seven.

Section I – Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Steven Spielberg is one of the most influential film personalities. He is the most successful director Hollywood has 51) _____ seen. Spielberg has countless achievements to his 52) _____, as a producer, director and writer. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1946. He went to California State University Long Beach, but dropped 53) _____ to pursue his entertainment career. When he was a child, he sneaked into the lot of Universal Studios during a tour and befriended an editor who 54) _____ him a few things about filmmaking.

Spielberg is responsible for some of the most popular movies 55) _____ history such as *E.T* and the *Jurassic Park*. Spielberg first 56) _____ into the limelight with his movie, *Jaws*, the story of a man-eating great white shark. He also 57) _____ with George Lucas in the production of *Star Wars*, which is about the struggle between good and evil in space. This theme of good 58) _____ evil is the focus of most of his movies. Perhaps it is because his films have such simple 59) _____ that he has failed time and again to get an award at the annual Academy Awards until the movie, *Schindler's List*.

The 60) _____ was about the murder of millions of Jews in Nazi Germany and one man's courageous attempts to save some of them. It was brilliantly shot in 61) _____ and white. It gives the 62) _____ a sense that what he is seeing in the cinema is actually unfolding right before his 63) _____. The movie is very well-directed with memorable scenes by leading actors that give the film depth. The Jews are not just faceless victims but are revealed 64) _____ human beings with hopes and desires. Similarly, the Nazis are not monsters but men 65) _____ weaknesses whom one can actually feel sorry for.

Finally, this was a movie that the Academy could not ignore. Spielberg won best director and *Schindler's List* was voted best picture for 1994.

Section J - Synthesis / Transformation (5 x 2 mark)

For questions 66 to 70, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the words provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the given one(s).

66. Meiling was served the ice-cream. She was served the cake too.

not only

67. "Are you the one who drew the picture on the wall?" my sister asked me.

My sister asked me

68. The prefects could not solve the problem. They tried very hard.

No matter

69. Richard was not invited. Yet he turned up at the party.

without

70. Mr George was offered a high salary. Yet he was not tempted to take up the job.

Even the

Section K – Comprehension (10 x 2 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80.

Rattling towards town in my old, rickety truck, I could think of little but my customary fast-food breakfast. It was a cold morning and I could hardly wait to sit down to a cholesterol-laden sausage-and-egg burger and a cup of coffee.

Thus, I was not exactly looking for complications in my life when I noticed the blonde cocker spaniel at the road's edge. I could tell by her low-hanging belly and teats that she would be nursing young ones soon. Her ribs protruded from lack of food.

As my truck rolled onwards, I fought with my conscience. I had two dogs. How would I be able to feed another? But the image of that face was burned in my mind.

While drinking my second cup of coffee, I made the decision. Ordering two extra sausage burgers, I returned to the spot where I had first seen her. I waited, calling out to her several times. Nothing. Leaving a burger, I drove off, knowing I would be back. I returned that afternoon and the burger was gone, but she never reappeared.

That night, I was unable to sleep. I kept visualising those sad eyes. Something told me I had missed the chance to ease pain in a suffering world.

I had to find that dog. I heated the extra sausage burger in the microwave and stepped out into the insufficient light of a cold dull-grey dawn. Stinging drops of rain hit my face.

Alone in the roadside thickets, warm burger in hand, I called out to her. However, my voice was swept away by the wind. I turned to leave.

Then I heard a rustle. There peeping through the bushes, was the sad, frightened face. For a few frozen seconds, we looked into each other's eyes. I held out the burger. Her pitiful whine revealed her dilemma.

I spoke to her softly. She lay on her belly, reluctant to come closer. I left the burger and made a slow retreat. Crawling forward warily, she grabbed the burger with a snap of her jaws. Then she was gone but reappeared with her litter in tow. We went home.

As the days passed, the dogs thrived. A bond of trust and goodwill formed between us. I also discovered that the young mother responded to the name 'Molly'.

Molly and the pups liked to sit in the bed of the truck when I went to town. I would buy them lollipops and stick them in their mouths. It caused quite a stir wherever we went.

Meanwhile, I continued my ritual of going to McDonald's each day for breakfast. One morning, I was happily eating my sausage burger, when I glanced at the notice board. A chill of apprehension coursed through my body. There was a picture of a dog which looked just like Molly.

For each question 71 to 80, write your answer in the space provided.
ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Which word in the first paragraph tells us that the narrator was used to fast food for breakfast?

72. Explain clearly what the narrator meant by "complications" in line 4.

73. What does the sentence "I could tell by her low-hanging belly and teats that she would be nursing young ones soon." (lines 5 & 6) tell you about the dog?

74. Explain fully what the narrator was struggling with when he "fought with his conscience" in line 8.

75. What decision did the narrator make in line 11?

76. What was the weather like when the narrator went out to look for the dog that night?

77. Explain clearly the "dilemma" the dog was experiencing in line 25.

78. Which *sentence* shows that the relationship between the narrator and the dogs grew?
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79. What does the word "them" in line 33 refer to?
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80. Why did the narrator feel a "chill of apprehension" go through his body when he saw the picture of a dog which looked like Molly? (line 37)
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