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2009 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY FOUR

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SECTION A: VOCABULARY (5 x 1 mark)
Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS given.

1. Derrick cried out in pain when he spilled his hot Milo and _____ his hand.

   (1) burnt
   (2) injured
   (3) scalded
   (4) scorched ( )

2. When Mrs. Tan heard that her only son was injured in a car accident, she was _____ and stood frozen in shock.

   (1) annoyed
   (2) ashamed
   (3) disappointed
   (4) traumatised ( )

3. Unlike in the past, my brother seems to have undergone a complete _____ recently when he started studying very hard.

   (1) transformation
   (2) transfusion
   (3) translation
   (4) transition ( )

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4. Halfway through the race, the _____ was thrown off his horse.

(1) athlete
(2) jockey
(3) peddler
(4) racer ( )

5. Although Wendy was having a headache, she _____ on going for her tuition lesson.

(1) insisted
(2) intended
(3) preferred
(4) persuaded ( )

SECTION B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)
Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS given.

6. Sally was very proud to see that her daughter could cycle all by _____.

(1) herself
(2) himself
(3) itself
(4) myself ( )

7. Neither John nor his sisters _____ aware that their dog had disappeared.

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

8. Tom _____ his little sister when the accident occurred.

(1) carry
(2) carried
(3) is carrying
(4) was carrying ( )

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9. David and his sister _____ for their favourite chicken rice in the canteen right now.

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

10. "Did you _____ your wallet during recess?" Mrs Ang asked Ali.

(1) lose
(2) loses
(3) lost
(4) losing ( )

11. _____ the children were playing happily in the field.

(1) All
(2) Many
(3) Most
(4) Some ( )

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SECTION C: Comprehension MCQ (4 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

There are more than 3,000 types of mushroom that are grown around the world. They come in various shapes and sizes.

About 5,000 years ago, Egyptians regarded mushrooms as 'magic food'. They believed that they could achieve immortality by eating them. Only the pharaohs had the privilege to eat mushrooms. Common people were not able to enjoy this food like their kings.

In other ancient civilisations, people believed that mushrooms had a special ingredient that could produce superhuman strength. Over the years, the demand for mushrooms had gradually increased. This led to the establishment of mushroom farms which cultivated and grew these fungi in a special environment.

By the 1940s, most of the mushrooms came from the Far East, mainly China and Japan. During the second World War, American soldiers tasted many delicious mushrooms and learned about mushroom farming. They brought this knowledge back to the United States of America after the war. Since then, the country has become one of the world's major mushroom producers.

Not all mushrooms are edible. Some are poisonous. Mushrooms that are found in grocery stores are safe to eat. These mushrooms are highly recommended by nutritionists because they are fat free, cholesterol free and low in calories.

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Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS given.

12. Egyptians believed that mushrooms _____.

(1) were rare and special
(2) could produce superhuman strength
(3) were able to help one to achieve immortality
(4) contained many nutrients and worked like magic to cure illnesses

( )

13. In the passage, the pharaohs refer to the _____.

(1) rulers of Egypt
(2) soldiers of Egypt
(3) common people of Egypt
(4) mushrooms from Egypt

( )

14 Two countries in the Far East were _____.

(1) Mexico and China
(2) China and Japan
(3) Russia and Mexico
(4) America and Mexico

( )

15. Which of the following statements is TRUE?

(1) Everyone in ancient Egypt enjoyed eating mushrooms.
(2) Mushrooms could only be grown in China, Japan and United States of America.
(3) All American soldiers started growing mushrooms in America after World War 2.
(4) United States of America only became the world's largest producer of mushrooms after World War 2

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SECTION D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

Most families buy newspaper daily. Many people have developed a habit of (16) _____ the newspaper every day, so that they can keep abreast with world news.

Centuries ago, news of important happenings was passed by word of (17) _____ and did not always provide the full details. Giving (18) _____ information was quite common as people tended to distort the truth.

Now, we are able to read about the important events that have occurred in distant countries in the (19) _____ of our own homes. The newspaper gives us a lot of other useful (20) _____ such as weather reports, entertainment reports, advertisements and much more. As news is ever changing, it is important that we read the newspaper daily.

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SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

(A) Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) itself	(B) himself	(C) herself
(D) yourself	(E) myself	(F) themselves

Edward had his legs amputated when he met with an accident at the age of seven. Since then, he has to move around on a wheelchair by

(21) _____

Every morning, his mother would send him to school before she set off to work in a hawker centre. Seeing that his mother had to handle the stall all by

(22) _____, Edward would make it a point to help her after school. Despite his disability, Edward would always try to do things on his own. Some of his friends were ashamed of (23) _____ for being overly dependent on their parents and domestic helpers.

Edward always tells his friends, "It's alright to fail. All you have to do is to pick (24) _____ up after that." Edward's optimistic attitude to life is indeed worthy of admiration.

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(B) Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with an appropriate word.

Sally carried her radio to a bench at the park. She turned the volume to full while she did her warm-up exercise. Sally's friend, Jason walked up quickly to (25) _____.

"Why did you turn the volume to full?" asked Jason.

"Why not? This is my favourite music," said Sally. "I don't get a chance to listen to (26) _____ often. It is my radio and I have the right to listen to (27) _____ kind of music."

"Yes, you may but your favourite music may not be everyone's favourite music," replied Jason.

Sally looked around and saw many people glaring at her and some were even shaking (28) _____ heads in dismay. Sally hurriedly walked over to her radio and lowered the volume before continuing with her exercise routine.

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SECTION F : Editing(4 x 1 marks)
Each of the underlined words contained either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in the boxes provided.

A 67-year-old man pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to

(29) [ ]

the cats that he kept in his 2-room flat. Neighbours reportedly complain about the

terrible conditions in which the cats were kept and the horrid stench coming from the

flat. They were also irritated by the cats as they mewed through the night.

(30) [ ]

Despite all these complaints, the man was unwilling to do anything to solved

(31) [ ]

the problems. Finally, a fustrated neighbour decided to call the police.

The police got in touch with the SPCA and an inspector was sent to

(32) [ ]

investegate. At first, the man tried to prevent the inspector from entering his house

but he relented later due to the officer's persistence.

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SECTION G : SYNTHESIS (2 x 2 marks)
Join these sentences with the given word.

33. I cannot eat seafood. I cannot eat spicy food too.

_____ neither

_____

34. We went to the food court. We ate a lot of delicious food.

_____ where

_____

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SECTION H: Comprehension Open-Ended (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

In the 19th century, there lived a poor goldsmith with his twelve children. The goldsmith worked very hard but still barely earned enough to feed his children. Life was difficult for him and his twelve young children.

However, poverty did not prevent his two sons, Albert and Adam from having dreams of becoming artists. The two boys wanted to pursue their talent in art. They knew that their father would never be able to save enough money to send the two of them to the renowned Art academy in the city. After many nights of discussions, the brothers came to a decision. They would toss a coin and the loser would work in the nearby mines to support his brother's studies in the Art academy. The other brother would then in turn, support his brother after graduating from the academy. Adam, the younger of the two, won the toss and went off to pursue his dream.

Albert, the older brother, worked hard to finance his younger brother's education. Four years later, the young artist returned with glorious results. His family held a lavish dinner to celebrate Adam's homecoming. After the meal, Adam announced that he would fulfil his promise to his self-sacrificing brother.

Upon hearing this, tears flowed from Albert's eyes. "No, brother, it is too late for me to pursue my dream now. These four years of working in the mines have done a lot of damage to my hands. The bones in each finger have been smashed more than once. The injuries are so bad that I can hardly hold a glass for a toast without shivering now, much less to draw delicate lines with a paint brush or pen. It is too late for me."

To show his gratitude for Albert's love and sacrifice, Adam painstakingly drew his brother's injured hands. Adam named his drawing - 'Hands'. This drawing soon became a great masterpiece and was later renamed 'The Praying Hands' to honour Adam's tribute of love to his brother.

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35. How many siblings did the brothers have?

_____

_____

36. What was Adam's and Albert's dream?

_____

_____

37. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'harm'?

_____

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38. What was the price Albert had to pay for working in the mines?

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39. Why did Adam draw Albert's hands?

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16)reading 17)mouth 18)wrong 19)comfort 20)information

21)B 22)C 23)F 24)D 25)her 26)it 27)any

28)their 29)complained 30)solve 31)frustrated 32)investigate

33)I can eat neither seafood nor spicy food.

34)We went to the food court where we ate a lot of delicious food

35)The brothers had ten siblings.

36)Adam's and Albert's dream was to become artists.

37)The word is 'damage'.

38)A lot of damage had been done to his hands and he could not fulfil his dream of becoming an artist.

39)Adam drew Albert's hands because he wanted to show his appreciation for Albert's love and sacrifice and to also honour his tribute of love to Albert.

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