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PAPER 2
(BOOKLET A)

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Section A: Grammar (8 marks)

For each question from **1 to 8**, 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.

1 My friends and I helped _____ to the food on the table after the game ended.

(1) myself

(2) himself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

2 The woman, as well as her children, _____ rescued from the rubble of the devastating earthquake last night.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

3 You _____ very kind when you helped the elderly lady carry the heavy bags of groceries.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) was

(4) were

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4 "Don't disturb your sister now. She _____ for her oral examination tomorrow," said Mother.

1) prepares
2) prepared
3) is preparing
4) has prepared

5 The tourists _____ some souvenirs before they boarded the bus to the next sightseeing destination.

1) buy
2) bought
3) have bought
4) were buying

6 While Mrs Lee _____ a stroll, she noticed several new houses along the street.

1) takes
2) will take
3) has taken
4) was taking

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7 _____ new recruits standing there have completed their drill.

1) This
2) That
3) These
4) Those

8 _____ of the antique furniture was sold to an avid collector.

1) Many
2) Much
3) Few
4) Little

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Section B : Vocabulary (6 marks)

For each question from **9 to 14**, 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.

9 The flood victims were _____ to the relief centre after the raging waters had swept their houses away.

1) expelled
2) elevated
3) evacuated
4) excavated

10 The audience roared with laughter when the comedian told the _____ joke.

1) hilarious
2) hysterical
3) refreshing
4) invigorating

11 Every summer, hordes of holidaymakers _____ to the seaside to enjoy the sun, the sea and the breeze.

1) swarm
2) stream
3) overwhelm
4) congregate

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12 Intense training helps astronauts gain confidence so that they will react _____ in an emergency.

1) accurately
2) appropriately
3) discreetly
4) deceitfully

13 Everyone has a part to play in the _____ of endangered animals so that they will not be extinct.

1) salvation
2) preservation
3) conservation
4) maintenance

14 The members of the Environmental Club have devised an _____ machine for sorting recyclables. What a brilliant idea!

1) inventive
2) ingenious
3) industrious
4) imaginative

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Section C : Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer the questions 15 to 19.

Our environment is threatened by various factors from air and water pollution to deforestation, robbing us of precious natural resources. You can make a difference by caring for the environment today. Start with the basic three Rs – reduce, reuse and recycle – and you will find that even the little things go a long way.

Bring your own reusable bag with you when you go shopping. Plastic bags may be convenient, but they take a huge toll on the environment. As they take around 300 years to break down naturally, they are not easily disposed of and end up cluttering the landfill sites. Some end up polluting the oceans and killing marine life that get entangled in them.

Throwing a can into the recycling bin instead of the rubbish bin may seem like a small gesture, but in the long run, a lot of harm to the environment can be avoided. If thrown away and left in landfills, the aluminium can takes more than 400 years to naturally decompose and incinerating it releases toxins into the environment. So spare a thought for the environment the next time you finish a can of soft drink – recycle it

Use a fan instead of the air-conditioner when you sleep at night. Instead of leaving your computer on standby mode when not in use, turn it off completely. Your parents will certainly be happy when they see the electricity

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bill for the month. By saving energy, you reduce the impact on the environment caused by the production of that energy. Greenhouse gases are released by burning fossil fuels to create energy. This is why Earth Hour is commemorated annually by turning off lights worldwide.

There are many things in life we take for granted and, as a result, end up wasting. Wasting paper, for example, will lead ro more trees being cut down to produce more paper. Food wastage is also particularly prevalent in Singapore. A study by Nanyang Technological University (NTU) students in 2010 revealed that Singaporeans threw out about 600 million kg of food waste. When you consider the environmental impact food production has – meat and beef in particular have been blamed for contributing to global warming – this figure is more than a little frightening. So be mindful of what you consume and make sure you do not make more food than you need.

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For each question from **15 to 19**, 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.

15 Which of the following is **not** a threat to the environment?

1) Throwing plastic bags into the sea
2) Burning fossil fuels to create energy
3) Cutting down trees to produce more paper
4) Throwing the aluminium cans into a recycling bin

16 Shoppers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags because _____.

1) it is more convenient
2) plastic bags are needed for landfill
3) they are able to decompose naturally
4) plastic bags are harmful to the environment

17 The word 'it' (line 16) refers to _____.

1) the soft drink
2) the empty can
3) saving energy
4) a small gesture

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18 If we do not reduce our usage, more trees will be needed to cut down _____.

1) to make paper
2) for incineration
3) for food production
4) to curb global warming

19 Which of the following statements is **true**?

1) Greenhouse gases are only released when we use electrical appliances at home.
2) Earth Hour is commemorated by disallowing vehicles on the road.
3) Waste should be disposed of in appropriate landfills to clean the environment.
4) We should reduce the wastage of things we use every day.

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)
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 EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A)	he	(B)	it	(C)	us
(D)	them	(E)	they	(F)	we

Dear Wei Ming,

Do you know that most inventions are discovered by accident? The inventors sometimes do not realise _____ **(20)** have found something useful until years later!

In 1886, John Pemberton, a pharmacist, mixed carbonated water with a syrup _____ **(21)** had invented. He sold it as a health tonic for five cents per glass. He also gave _____ **(22)** to people who felt nauseous and it calmed their stomachs. After eight years, the drink became popular enough to be sold in bottles.

The drugstore's bookkeeper, Frank Robinson, came up with the product's name and created the cursive letter logo which is still used today. Now, the company sells more than 1.3 billion drinks every day in 200 countries. How I wish _____ **(23)** could be inventors too! Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Your cousin,
Sam

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. **UNDERLINE** the correct word from the words given in the brackets **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

Dolphins are social animals. They [live lives] in groups called pods. **(24)**

They often join others from different pods to play games and have fun – just like

people. In fact, playing together [is / are] something only intelligent animals do. **(25)**

Dolphins and humans are similar in another way. Both [make / makes] **(26)**

plans to get something they want. In the seas of southern Brazil, for example, a pod

of dolphins [use / uses] an interesting strategy to get food. When fishes are near a **(27)**

boat, dolphins signal to the fishermen to put their nets in the water. Using this method,

the men can catch a lot of fishes. This way, the dolphins also get to eat some of the

fish.

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

For each of the questions 28 and 29, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

28 Despite telling the truth, nobody believed Jane.

Although _____

_____

29 Ali is not taking part in the competition. His sisters are also not taking part in the competition.

Neither _____

_____

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Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (6 marks)
Read the passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The story of silk starts in China over 4 000 years ago. One

_____ says a silkworm's cocoon fell into a woman's teacup. It then
(30)

opened into a single, unbroken thread. This was an important _____
(31)

The Chinese learned they could use the cocoons to make cloth that was both beautiful

to _____ at and soft to touch.
(32)

Making silk was a protected _____ in China for many years.
(33)

In other countries, silk was very rare and valuable. Often it was worth more than

gold. Legend tells us the secret finally got out when a princess left China to go to

India. In her hair, she hid many silkworms.

Nowadays, people around the world still make many beautiful items from

silk. Silk looks delicate but it is actually very _____ For example, it
(34)

has been used to make bicycle tyres. Some doctors even use silk threads in hospital

operations. Silk is also lightweight and warm. This makes it _____ for
(35)

clothes like winter jackets, pants and boots.

All of this from a little creature – the silkworm. That is the miracle of silk.

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (10 MARKS)

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

Lloyd watched his son intently. His fears of Garrett getting injured were always floating in the back of his mind but he knew Garrett was very good at keeping safe and not overextending himself. He watched as Garrett rode the vert ramp doing all the tricks he had learned since he had begun riding skateboards with Lloyd eight years ago. Some tricks Lloyd had taught him and other tricks Garret had taught himself by wacthing other skaters and reading" Thrasher"a popular skateboarding magazine. Lloyd knew that someday Garrett would be competing in skateboard competitions all over the world.

Garrett knew he was one of the best skateboarders in town but he never tried anything that he knew would get him seriously hurt. He was thirteen years old and a typical teenager – baggy, oversized pants hanging below his hips and overly gelled hair that spiked to points all over his head However, one thing set him apart from the other skaterboarders:his shoes - old school, black and white checkered Vans that both he and his father were wearning. They were like two peas in a pod and the only two people wearing shoes like that in the whole skate park.

"Dad! Watch this!" yelled Garrett.

Garrett was beginning his second time on the vert ramp and had just learnt a new trick. He grabbed his front foot and pulled the skateboard as far forward as possible. His back foot hung in the air while his back hand grabbed the tail of the skateboard . He then pulled the skateboard back under his feet. He began with a few basic tricks and then it was time. He got speed down the vert of the ramp and took off the other side with a lot of air, looking like a rocket soaring into outer space. He completed the trick flawessly landing with his hand pumping in the air like he had just won the biggest race of his life.

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Lloyd was very proud. That was the moment that Lloyd knew he had succeeded as a father. bHe had successfully passed on his love of skateboarding and Garrett had taken it a step further. Garret was a confident young man and based on this moment, Lloyd would forever be proud of his son.

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

36 How were Lloyd and Garrett related?

_____

_____

37 Explain clearly how Garrett learnt his skateboarding tricks.

_____

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38 How was Garrett different from the other skateboarders?

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39 Which word from lines 18 to 25 has the same meaning as "perfectly"?

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40 Why was Lloyd proud of Garrett?

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24)live 25)is 26)make 27)uses

28)Although Jane told the truth, nobody believed her.

29)Neither Ali nor his sisters are taking parting the competition.

30)legend 31)discovery 32)look 33)secret 34)strong

35)suitable

36)They were father and son.

37)Lloyd had taught Garrett some trick and other tricks he had taught himself by watching by watching other skaters and reading "Thrasher", a popular skate boarding magazine.

38)He wore old school, black and white checkered rang.

39)The word is "flawlessly".

40)Lloyd had successfully passed on his love of skate boarding to Garrett and he had taken it further by being a good skate boarder.

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