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SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2013
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PRIMARY THREE

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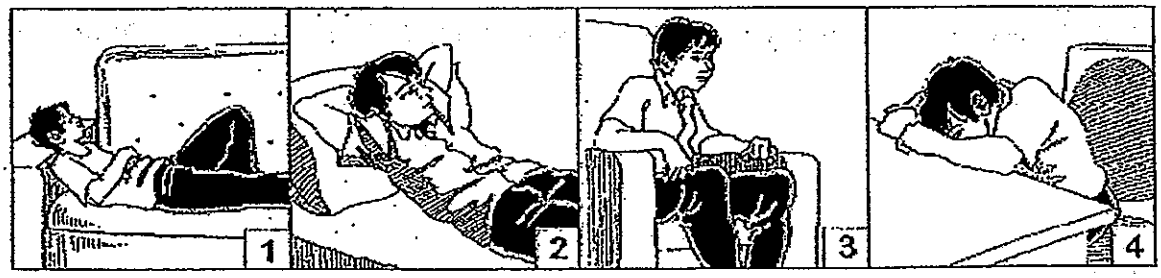
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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

SECTION A (4 marks)

Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that matches the statement/s that she is going to read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

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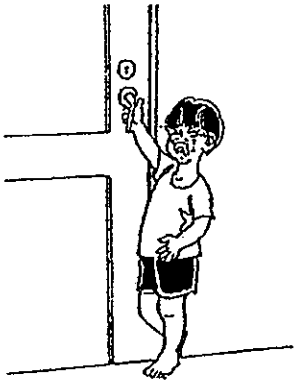
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Write a composition of **at least 100 words** about a day when you were left alone at home.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.



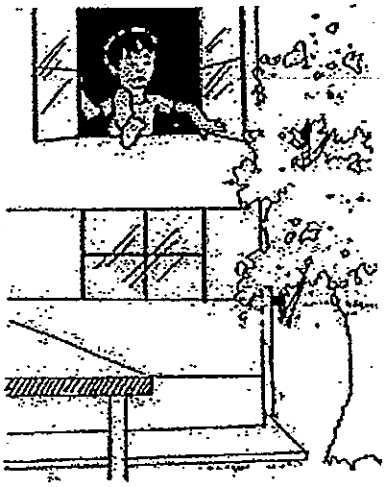
Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- Why were you alone at home?
- How did you feel when you could not open the door?
- What did you decide to do?
- What happened in the end?



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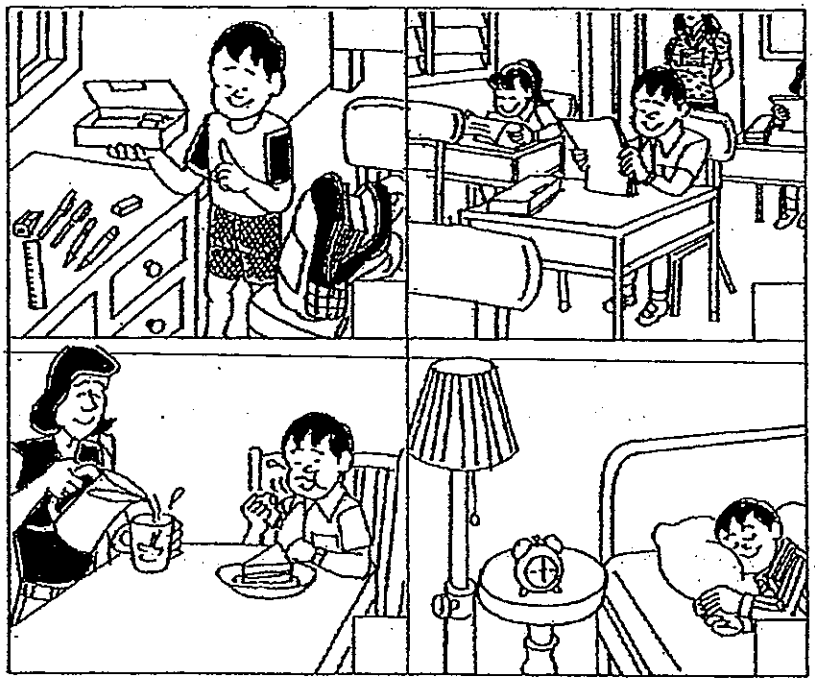
- woke up from nap
- searched the house
- left all alone
- locked in
- frightened
- cried uncontrollably
- called parents
- climbed out the window



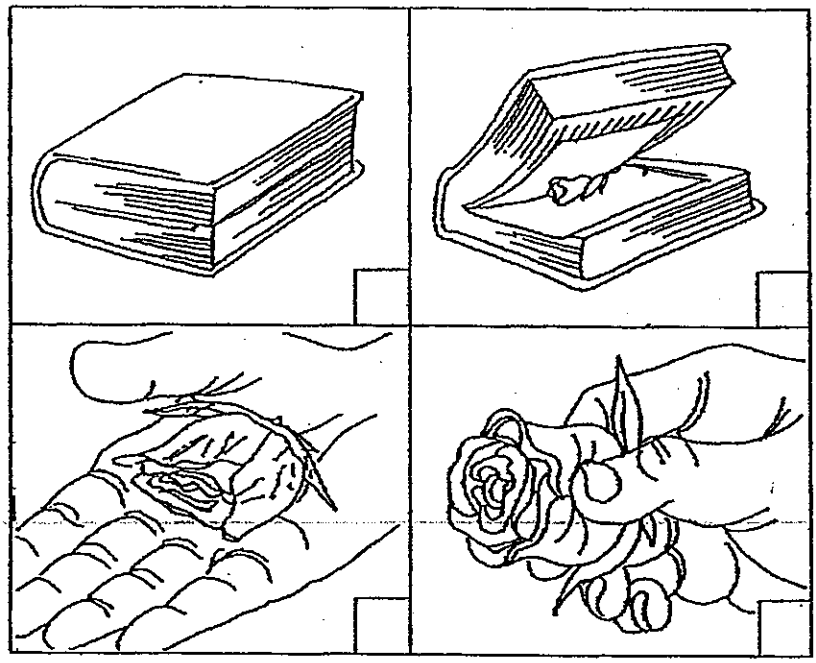
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For Q3 and Q4, look at the set of pictures. Your teacher is going to read to you a paragraph. Then choose the pictures that show the correct sequence of what she has read. Write the number 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the boxes provided.

3.



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Section B (5 marks)
Q5 to Q9 is a comprehension test

Your teacher is going to read to you a passage. Listen carefully to the passage and answer the questions that follow. For each question, choose the correct answer and write the correct number in the brackets provided.

5. What type of animals was the Night Safari especially built for?

(1) wild
(2) jungle
(3) nocturnal ( )

6. Which is the first country in the world to have a night safari park?

(1) China
(2) Thailand
(3) Singapore ( )

7. Where is the ice cream being served at?

(1) Bongo Burgers
(2) Ben and Jerry's
(3) Ulu Ulu Safari Restaurant ( )

8. What are the opening hours at The Night Safari?

(1) 6.00pm-10.30pm
(2) 7.30pm-10.30pm
(3) 7.30pm-12.00am ( )

9. How many shows are there every night?

(1) 2
(2) 3
(3) 4 ( )

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SECTION C (5 marks)
Q10 to Q14 is a note-taking test.

Your teacher is going to read to you a message. Listen carefully to the message. As your teacher reads, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q10 to Q14 with **one** word.

Note-Taking

10. Bryan is Jason's _____.

11. Mode of transport to Sentosa: _____.

12. Place of visit after Sentosa: _____ Road

13. No. of days Bryan is staying: _____ days

14. Jason's father will fetch Bryan at: _____.

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Marks: 14

Booklet A

Section A: Grammar

For each of the questions 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. (8 marks)

1. Although it is almost midnight, my parents _____ still not home from work.

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

2. My neighbour's young children can read these storybooks by _____.

   (1) myself
   (2) herself
   (3) ourselves
   (4) themselves

3. The market _____ packed with people when I visited it last weekend.

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

4. "Mum, Alan _____ tearing my favourite magazine!" I shrieked from my room.

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

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5. The audience _____ sighs of relief after watching the acrobat perform the dangerous stunt.

(1) heave
(2) heaves
(3) heaved
(4) has heaved

6. "When you are done with the durians, throw the seeds into _____ bag," Mother said while passing a black trash bag to me.

(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those

7. "Do not spend too _____ time on one question during the test," Mrs Gwee told her students.

(1) little
(2) many
(3) much
(4) some

8. My father was shocked to see _____ people queuing for the Hello Kitty dolls outside McDonald's restaurant this morning.

(1) any
(2) few
(3) many
(4) much

Section B : Vocabulary

For each of the questions 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. (6 marks)

9. Seeds that are planted on _____ soil will produce healthy plants.

(1) dry
(2) poor
(3) fertile
(4) tough

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10. Muslims do not eat pork because of their religious _____.

(1) wants
(2) beliefs
(3) actions
(4) behaviours

11. Rahimah _____ the passenger next to her with her elbow when he fell asleep on her shoulder in the MRT train.

(1) stuck
(2) nudged
(3) pierced
(4) wrenched

12. On her way home, Winnie saw someone behaving _____ outside her neighbour's house.

(1) actively
(2) suspiciously
(3) unknowingly
(4) enthusiastically

13. My parents _____ me when I did well for my examinations.

(1) chided
(2) praised
(3) consoled
(4) reprimanded

14. Mr Muthu travelled from India to Singapore in 1971 hoping to make a _____ here and he did.

(1) luck
(2) wealth
(3) fortune
(4) prosperity

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Component	Marks obtained	Possible marks
A		14
B		36
Total		50

Booklet B

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. You can only use each word once. *(4 marks)*

us	she	himself	their	his	them

Susan was just about to finalise the details for the surprise party she had been planning for her husband. (15)_____ had carefully prepared and designed every aspect of the party from the invitations to the food. It was going to be held at (16)_____ home on Saturday. She had invited families and friends and all of (17)_____ had agreed to attend. Susan was very confident that Ryan had no clue about the party. She could not wait to see the look on (18)_____ face when he walked in on such a big surprise.

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Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. *(4 marks)*

Kenn Nesbitt loves his job. As a poet for kids, he regularly (19) [visit / visits] schools around America to talk about poetry writing. Kenn Nesbitt (20) [loves / loved] poetry as a kid but when he grew older, he fell in love with computers. He then (21) [works / worked] in the computer industry for 20 years and had even started his own software company. Now, he (22) [is / are] enjoying writing as a second career.

Read the passage carefully. Fill each blank with a suitable word. *(4 marks)*

During the recent June holidays, a group of children started their school holidays in a unique way. They had spent two days and one (23)_____ at the world's largest aquarium, S.E.A. Aquarium.

It was the Resorts World Sentosa's first ever sleepover programme for children (24)_____ the age of 10 and 14 years old. The children took part in various fun and exciting (25)_____. Through the activities, they (26)_____ about caring for marine and freshwater environments and also working with other children.

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For each of the questions 27 to 30, 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). *(4 marks)*

27. The haze situation worsened. Everyone has been staying indoors.

_____ since

_____.

28. I came home late yesterday. My sister came home late yesterday.

Both _____

_____.

29. We can see the fireworks display from the balcony. We can see the fireworks display from the rooftop.

_____

or _____.

30. This is the mechanic. He repaired my father's car.

_____ who

_____.

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Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39. *(10 marks)*

The garden was big and full of huge trees and colourful birds. Suddenly, Rania saw a sparrow lying on the ground near a huge tree. One of its wings was badly broken and it could barely fly. The scared little sparrow was squawking loudly in pain. Rania picked it up and asked her mother if she could care for it. Her mother agreed.

She named it Mac. At first, Mac was very scared. It did not eat much and squawked all day. Rania spent all her time after school looking after it. Soon, Mac lost all its fears and boldly pecked at grains from Rania's hand. She was delighted. It had started hopping around the house and would even hop onto her hands and sit on her shoulders. Gradually, the wing healed.

One day, while Rania was feeding Mac, Rania's mother told her that it was time to set the bird free. Rania was reluctant and upset, but with a heavy heart, she set Mac free in the garden. It fluttered hesitantly to a nearby tree and then flew away into the open sky. Rania was sad the whole day. She did not eat much at night.

That night, she tried to sleep but could not. As she lay tossing and turning in her bed, she suddenly heard a sound. Something was fluttering outside her window but it was dark, Rania could not see what it was. She slowly opened the window and suddenly, something flew inside, chirping loudly. It was Mac! Mac had returned on its own.

Adapted from http://www.pitara.com/talespin/stories

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31. What kind of animal was Mac? It was a _____. (1m)

32. Which word has the same meaning as 'severely'? Circle either (a) or (b). (1m)

One of its wings was <u>badly</u> broken and it could <u>barely</u> fly. (a) (b)

33. Tick √ the chosen answer.

Mac could not fly because it _____. (1m)

☐	had injured its wing
☐	could not find its home
☐	was squawking loudly in pain

34. When Rania first brought Mac back home, Mac was scared. What two actions showed that it was scared? (2m)

i) _____ (1m)

ii) _____ (1m)

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For questions 35-37, read each statement and tick "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	Mac squawked all day because it was happy.		√
35	Mac grew less afraid of Rania after a while.		
36	Mac's appetite improved as its wings healed.		
37	Mac enjoyed hopping around Rania's house.		

38. Which word has the same meaning as 'unwilling'? Circle either (a) or (b). (1m)

Rania was reluctant (a) and upset (b) but with a heavy heart, she set Mac free in the garden.

For question 39, write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what happened first, next and last in paragraph 3. **(1m)**

_____ Something flew into Rania's room when she opened her window.

_____ Rania heard a fluttering sound.

_____ Rania could not see what was outside her window.

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Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 44. *(10 marks)*

A little boy lived in a small, old house on a hill. Whenever he was playing in his small garden, he was able to see over the garden fence and across the valley, a wonderful house high on the hill. The house had golden windows. It was so golden and shining that the boy would dream of growing up and living in that house instead of his. Although he loved his parents and his family, he yearned to live in such a golden house and dreamed all day about how wonderful it must feel to live there.

One evening, he asked his mother if he could go for a ride outside the gate and down the lane. After pleading with her, his mother finally allowed him to go. She reminded him to keep close to the house and not to wander too far as it was getting dark. The little boy knew exactly where he was heading. Down the lane and across the valley, he rode his bicycle until he reached the gate of the golden house.

He got down his bicycle and walked down the path that led to the house. To his disappointment, he saw that the windows were made of clear glass, like any other, and there was no gold anywhere. They were also plain and dirty. The house had clearly been neglected.

He was so sad that he did not go any further and turned away. When he glanced up, he saw a sight that amazed him. There, on his side of the valley, stood his little house. Its windows glistened golden as the sun shone on it.

Adapted from "The Golden Windows" by Laura E. Richards

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

40. Where was the boy when he saw the wonderful house on the hill?

41. Which word in Paragraph 1 has the same meaning as "longed for"?

42. Why did the boy's mother tell him to stay close to the house and not to wander too far off?

43. How did the boy feel when he finally saw the house up close?

44. What was the sight that amazed him?

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ANSWER SHEET

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TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14
2	4	3	1	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	3

Booklet B

Q15) She
Q16) their
Q17) them
Q18) his
Q19) visits
Q20) loved
Q21) worked
Q22) is
Q23) night
Q24) between
Q25) activities
Q26) learned
Q27) Everyone has been staying home since the haze situation has worsened
Q28) Both my sister and I came home late yesterday
Q29) We can see the fireworks display from the balcony or the rooftop
Q30) This is the mechanic who repaired my father's car
Q31) Sparrow
Q32) A

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Q33)

√	had injured its wing
	could not find its home
	was squawking loudly in pain

Q34) i) it did not eat much
ii) squawked all day
Q35) True
Q36) True
Q37) True
Q38) A
Q39)

3	Something flew into Rania's room when she opened her window
1	Rania heard a fluttering noise
2	Rania could not see what was outside her window

Q40) He was in his small garden playing
Q41) yearned
Q42) she did not want her son to get lost as it was getting dark
Q43) He felt very upset
Q44) The sight on his side of the valley, stood his little house. It windows glistened golden when the sun shone on it.

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