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PAPER 2

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46 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

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Sections A-B	/ 14
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INSTRUCTIONS:

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all the questions.

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Section A – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. My baby brother was unwell _____ my mother took him to a doctor.

   (1) if
   (2) as
   (3) so
   (4) but

2. Richard _____ spell nearly all the words and won the Spelling Bee Competition.

   (1) must
   (2) could
   (3) might
   (4) should

3. An earthworm tried to _____ its way out of the ground after the rain.

   (1) wriggle
   (2) wriggles
   (3) wriggled
   (4) wriggling

4. When I did not _____ how to answer the question, my buddy taught me patiently.

   (1) knew
   (2) know
   (3) knows
   (4) knowing

5. "Did you see Gopal perform _____ stage today? His dance performance was amazing," Mrs Rahimah commented.

   (1) at
   (2) in
   (3) of
   (4) on

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6. "_____ bottle here is empty. Please refill it with water," Mother told Li Mei.

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

7. One of the players _____ injured when he fell down during the soccer match yesterday.

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

8. The boys _____ hide-and-seek when it started raining cats and dogs.

(1) play
(2) played
(3) was playing
(4) were playing

Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

9. The _____ of basketball players won the National Championships and did the school proud.

(1) set
(2) band
(3) team
(4) crowd

10. The police were on a/an _____ for three days in the neighbourhood before they managed to catch the drug dealers.

(1) task
(2) round
(3) stakeout
(4) assignment

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11. Andrea asked her teacher if she could _____ a pencil from her as she had forgotten to bring her pencil case.

(1) give
(2) lend
(3) return
(4) borrow

12. The firefighters took about three hours to _____ the fire.

(1) put on
(2) put up
(3) put off
(4) put out

13. Mrs Lim screamed when she saw a snake _____ across her path.

(1) trotting
(2) crawling
(3) slithering
(4) galloping

14. My little sister was _____ by the strange noises coming from the doorway and hid under the blanket, shivering uncontrollably.

(1) tickled
(2) spooked
(3) annoyed
(4) confused

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Section C – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank. Use each word **ONCE** only.

(A) for	(B) from	(C) in
(D) next	(E) to	(F) with

Michael was thankful to his dog, Alfie, for saving his life. It all happened when Michael, who lived alone (15) _____ a small flat, suffered a heart attack. Immediately, Alfie barked loudly (16) _____ help. The neighbours heard it and went over to check. They found Alfie standing (17) _____ to Michael and barking furiously. Michael was quickly sent (18) _____ the hospital. Luckily, Michael survived and was discharged after a few days.

Adapted from https://www.dogonews.com/2008/9/15/dog-saves-owner-by-calling-911

Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

The increased use of plastic is bad news for the sea creatures. This is because a huge amount of plastic (19) [end / ends] up in the ocean every year. Over 700 species of marine animals (20) [has / have] been reported to have eaten or been entangled in plastic. For example, a sea turtle swims through the water and (21) [spot / spots] a plastic bag. It (22) [mistake / mistakes] the plastic bag for a jellyfish and swallows it. Soon, it dies due to possible blockages in its digestive system. Many sea creatures have lost their lives in that way.

Adapted from https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/nature/kids-vs-plastic/pollution

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Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (3 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank. Use each word **ONCE** only.

add	combine	form
ingredients	parts	spray

Making Hawaiian pizza is easy. First, you have to get the ingredients like flour, warm water, a little yeast, some cooking oil and salt. Next, mix them up thoroughly until they (23) _____ a soft dough.

Leave the dough aside. Meanwhile, prepare the other (24) _____ like ham, mushrooms and pineapples. You should also get the tomato sauce ready.

Next, flatten the dough into a large circular shape. Then, spread the tomato sauce on it and (25) _____ the toppings over the sauce. Finally, sprinkle the shredded cheese all over. Bake the pizza for about 20 minutes. Your Hawaiian pizza is now ready!

Adapted from http://www.englishdaily626.com

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Section F – Editing (5 x 1 mark)

Correct the words in **bold** for spelling. Write the correct answer in the boxes provided.

Mrs Shelley had always been kind to her next-door neighbour. She (26) _____ would help to deliver **groseries** to the elderly woman. She even carried her newspaper from her gate to her doorstep so that she would not have to walk (27) _____ so far. One day, after **notising** that the newspaper had not been collected for (28) _____ two days, Mrs Shelley thought that something must be **amis**. She knocked on the neighbour's door but there was no answer. She called the police who (29) _____ arrived and **descovered** the elderly woman in her kitchen. She had fallen and (30) _____ could not get up for the past three days. She was dehydrated but **fortunatly**, was able to recover soon after being treated at the hospital. Mrs Shelley was happy that she was able to save a life.

Adapted from https://www.rd.com/true-stories/inspiring/being-a-good-neighbour

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Section G – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

Food waste is a growing problem in many countries, including Singapore. The National Environment Agency (NEA) hopes to get people to adopt good habits when they are eating outside so as to fight (31) _____ wastage.

The Zero Waste campaign was launched to encourage people to order only what they are able to finish. The public is reminded to (32) _____ for less rice or noodles if they are unable to eat big amounts. They can also choose to refuse the side dishes (33) _____ as fries if they do not want to eat them.

NEA aims to reach out to the people at hawker centres as well as (34) _____ the message to schools and other organisations. Last year, more than 150 schools organised food-waste reduction activities. Everyone was encouraged to play an active role in reducing food wastage.

Adapted from https://www.straitstimes.com/nea-launches-year-long-battle-against-food-wastage

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Section H – Comprehension – Selected Response and Open-ended (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There once lived a boy, Salim, who was fond of eating hamburgers. Every week, Salim and his friend, Leo, would meet at Burger Hut to eat their favourite Big Burger. The duo also enjoyed getting fizzy drinks.

One night, after a hearty meal, Salim went to bed. He fell asleep and soon started dreaming.

A gigantic burger appeared before him, carrying two enormous hamburgers. It said, "Eat these burgers. They're delicious!" Greedily, Salim took the hamburgers and wolfed them down. Soon, he felt like vomiting. He had not realised that overeating and gobbling could cause stomach discomfort. Salim looked down and saw that he had developed a belly as big as Santa Claus's tummy. He shrieked, "Oh no!"

Salim woke up with a start. He was relieved to know that it was just a dream. The next day was Salim's birthday. The boys met up at a playground by the park before making their way to Burger Hut. As they were walking briskly to the restaurant, they eagerly discussed where to go after eating. Salim also shared about his bad dream with Leo.

Just as they were about to enter the restaurant, Salim stopped at the door and said, "Leo, let's not order burgers today. Shall we have salad or an apple instead?" Although Leo felt disappointed, he agreed as he knew that it was time to adopt a healthy diet. They bought some salads and left the restaurant, feeling satisfied.

Adapted from http://www.shortstories.net/short-story-the-hamburger-boy

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35. What would Salim and Leo usually order at Burger Hut?

_____ [1 mark]

For Questions 36 to 38, read each statement and **tick** "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 1 to 3 to help you. An example has been done for you. [3 marks]

	Statement	**True**	**False**
Example	Salim had a nightmare.	✓	
36.	Salim and Leo would go to Burger Hut weekly.		
37.	Salim felt unwell as he ate too much and too quickly.		
38.	Salim screamed because the pain in his stomach was unbearable.		

39. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

On Salim's birthday, Salim and Leo met each other to go to the _____. [1 mark]

	park
	restaurant
	playground

40. Which phrase in the sentence below has the same meaning as **'quickly'**?

Circle either (A) or (B). [1 mark]

As they were walking **briskly** (A) to the restaurant, they **eagerly** (B) discussed where to go after eating.

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41. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what happened first, next and last in paragraphs 4 and 5. [1 mark]

_____ Salim told Leo about his bad dream.

_____ Salim suggested buying a salad or an apple.

_____ Salim and Leo met to celebrate Salim's birthday.

42. What did Salim and Leo eat in the end?

_____ [1 mark]

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Section I – Comprehension – Open-ended (4 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Mr Liam had to travel abroad for many days. He hid his money in a pot, put butter over it and covered it with a lid. He thought that nobody could see what was under the butter and asked his neighbour, Mr Foo, for help. Mr Liam asked, "Could you please keep this pot of butter for me until I return?" Mr Foo agreed.

Two months passed. Mr Liam did not return. Mr Foo thought, "I'm afraid the butter in the pot would have turned bad." He decided to open **it** and was shocked to see a lot of coins in the melted butter. He took the money out and put small stones to replace the money. When Mr Liam finally showed up, he asked his neighbour to return his pot.

Mr Liam was enraged when he saw the small stones instead of his coins. He confronted Mr Foo who claimed that his money could have turned into stones. Mr Liam left and started planning his revenge. A week later, Mr Liam went to Mr Foo's house and asked if Mr Foo's son could help him to carry his groceries from the market. Mr Foo agreed when Mr Liam said that he would pay his son. Mr Liam locked the boy up in his house. He went to the forest nearby, caught a monkey and brought it to Mr Foo's house.

"Here's your son," Mr Liam said. Mr Foo shouted, "Take back your monkey and give me my son!" Mr Liam replied, "If my money can turn into stones, then your son can turn into a monkey." The neighbour felt ashamed and apologised, "I'm sorry. I shouldn't have been greedy and taken your money. Here's your money. Please return my son." He had learnt his lesson. Mr Liam nodded and sent the boy back to his father.

Adapted from http://www.english-for-students.com/the-money-in-the-pot-of-butter

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Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. Why did Mr Liam put butter over his money?

_____

_____

44. What does "it" in line 6 refer to?

_____

_____

45. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as the word "angry"?

[ ]

46. What lesson did Mr Foo learn at the end?

_____

_____

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ANSWER KEY

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Q20 have
Q21 spots
Q22 mistakes
Q23 form
Q24 ingredients
Q25 add
Q26 groceries
Q27 noticing
Q28 amiss
Q29 discovered
Q30 fortunately
Q31 food
Q32 ask
Q33 such
Q34 spread
Q35 Big Burger and fizzy drinks
Q36 True
Q37 False
Q38 False
Q39 restaurant
Q40 briskly
Q41 2
3
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Q42 salad
Q43 Mr Liam wanted to hide the money
Q44 It refers to the pot filled with butter and Mr Liam's money
Q45 Enraged
Q46 Mr Foo learned never to be greedy again.

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