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Booklet A

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Class: Pr 6____ Duration: 1h 50min

Date : 20 August 2020 Parent's Signature:

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For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(10 marks)

1 Almost all the shops located in this shopping centre _____ closed during the recent school holiday.

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

2 It's about time she _____ the family portrait on the wall in her bedroom.

(1) hang
(2) hung
(3) hangs
(4) hanged

3 _____ hungry I am, I never seem to be able to eat the food prepared by my sister.

(1) However
(2) Wherever
(3) Whenever
(4) Whichever

4 He was sure that the couple lived all by _____ in that remote island.

(1) itself
(2) himself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves

5 This area has been cordoned _____ by the police for investigation.

(1) of
(2) off
(3) out
(4) away

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6 The number of cars on the street _____ drastically since the lockdown.

(1) is reduced
(2) are reduced
(3) has reduced
(4) have reduced

7 If you had to choose, which country _____ you visit next?

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

8 The boys helped Mrs Tan _____ the books to her table.

(1) carry
(2) carries
(3) carried
(4) carrying

9 Kumar _____ a mat under a shady tree and read a book.

(1) lie
(2) lay
(3) lain
(4) laid

10 "She'd come in first in the competition, _____?" Mr Tan asked the teacher when he saw his daughter walking towards the stage to receive the prize.

(1) hasn't she
(2) hadn't she
(3) doesn't she
(4) wouldn't she

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For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet.

(5 marks)

11 Julie's birthday party was not _____ as she did not want her parents to spend too much money on her.

(1) lavish
(2) luxuriant
(3) bountiful
(4) abundant

12 To prepare yourself _____ for the interview, you should find out more about the secondary school.

(1) instantly
(2) dreadfully
(3) deplorably
(4) adequately

13 My mother realised that something was _____ when she noticed my younger brother behaving strangely.

(1) faulty
(2) amiss
(3) astray
(4) flawed

14 The heavy downpour did not _____ even after three hours.

(1) let up
(2) let off
(3) let out
(4) let down

15 My brother kept pestering my mother for a mobile phone until she _____ to his request.

(1) obliged
(2) acceded
(3) submitted
(4) surrendered

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For each question from 16 to 20, choose the word closest in meaning to the underlined word(s). Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Tom and his younger brother had just moved into a new house with their parents. A cockroach named Brownie was hiding at a corner of the house **observing** (16) them. He felt hopeful that he would not have to worry about **not having enough** (17) food to eat. Brownie noticed the children have the **habit** (18) of dropping their food and leaving their food crumbs all around the house. Brownie was so **elated** (19) one day when Tom dropped a piece of cake on the floor and did not pick it up. Just as Brownie was about to **make a move** (20) from where he was to pick up the cake, Tom seized it instead. He picked it up and threw it into a bin.

16 (1) studying
(2) identifying
(3) discovering
(4) acknowledging

17 (1) expired
(2) tasteless
(3) insufficient
(4) inappropriate

18 (1) impulse
(2) tendency
(3) weakness
(4) frequency

19 (1) animated
(2) delighted
(3) captivated
(4) triumphant

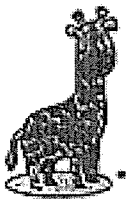
20 (1) react
(2) attack
(3) explore
(4) perform

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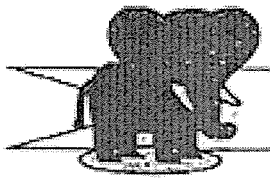
RUN FOR WILDLIFE



The Children's Wildlife Run is back again in Singapore for the 10th year! Like in previous years, the run will commemorate Singapore Zoo's most well-loved matriarch, Ah Meng the Sumatran Orangutan, who died of old age in February 2008.

Spend time with your family running through the Singapore Zoo.

Do your part to help raise awareness on conservation of our wildlife animals that are facing extinction.

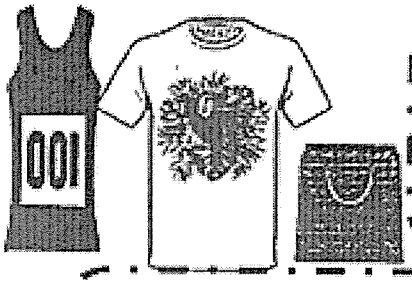


REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

you are strong encouraged to register online at our website.Alternatively, you may visit the information counter at the Singapore Zoo to regester.

CATEGORY		REGISTRATION FEE
5 km Safari Zoo Run	11 – 12 years old	$40
*1 km Safari Zoo Run	7 – 10 years old	$30

** For safety reasons, all young runners aged 7 to 10 have to be accompanied by at least one parent. Accompanying parent participates for free without any runner's entitlement.*

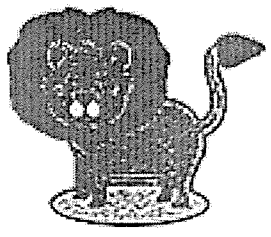


RUNNER'S ENTITLEMENT

Exclusive Children's Wildlife Run Race T-shirt
Exclusive Children's Wildlife Run Race Bib
Free admission to Singapore Zoo (on race day only)
Attractive goodies from our sponsors.

RACE DETAILS

Date : 29 August 2020, Saturday
Reporting Time: 6 a.m.
Flag-off Time : 7 a.m.
Starting Point : Zoo Entrance



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RULES AND REGULATIONS

REGISTRATION

- All participants are strongly encouraged to submit their registration online at www.singaporezoo.com.sg
- Registration is only confirmed upon successful payment and receipt of confirmation email
- There are limited slots available. All race entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis
- There will be water stations if you need a break before continuing with the race

RACE DAY

- Registered runners who miss the flag-off time will not be allowed to participate in the race
- Race bib and race T-shirt must be worn throughout the entire race. Not doing so will result in disqualification
- Registered runners who complete the race will receive a finisher medal each.



OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

- Parking at the Singapore Zoo is limited and traffic congestion is expected in the vicinity
- Participants are encouraged to use the free shuttle bus available from 5 a.m. to 7 a.m. at the Mandai Bus Terminal to get to the Singapore Zoo
- For advertising purposes, pictures of you may be taken when you run in the race. If you would like to withdraw the use of your pictures from our website, please write in to advertising@singaporezoo.com.sg.
- If you would like your photo printed, you may proceed to the Exit counter. An administrative fee apply.

Calling for Volunteers for the event!

- Ushers
- First aiders
- Photographers
- Packers for race packs

Call us now!

For more information on the Children's Wildlife Run, feel free to contarct us at 62253456 (Mon-Fri, 9.a.m. - 5 p.m.)

Organiser: Singapore Zoo
Co-organiser: WeCare Insurance

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21 Which of the following is not the objective of this event?

(1) encourage family bonding
(2) raise awareness of wildlife conservation
(3) remember Ah Meng, the Sumatra Orangutan
(4) celebrate the anniversary of the Children's Wildlife Run

22 How can parents benefit by accompanying their children to the event?

(1) They get complimentary race packs.
(2) They are given reserved parking lots.
(3) They do not have to pay the registration fee.
(4) They will have their family pictures taken for free.

23 The asterisk (*) is used in the flyer to _____.

(1) make it look appealing
(2) link the point to a piece of information
(3) highlight an interesting detail of the word beside it
(4) encourage readers to read carefully the phrase or sentence before it

24 Based on the flyer, which of the following is true of the Children's Wildlife Run?

(1) All children below the age of 12 can participate in the run.
(2) Confirmation of registration fee payment will be through email.
(3) Registration must be done through the Singapore Zoo website.
(4) Participants aged 7 to 10 can only be accompanied by a parent.

25 How do we know if a participant has completed the race successfully?

(1) He would have received a T-shirt.
(2) He would have received a race bib.
(3) He would have received a finisher's medal.
(4) He would have received a photograph of himself.

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26 What should Jasmine do if she does not want her photographs to be used purposes?

(1) call 62253456 before the event day
(2) write in to the co-organiser, WeCare Insurance
(3) email the advertising department of Singapore Zoo
(4) withdraw her photographs from the website herself

27 The shuttle bus service to the Singapore Zoo is provided _____.

(1) only at 6 a.m.
(2) for volunteers to the zoo
(3) to help prevent traffic congestion
(4) to promote the event to the public

28 A registered runner will be disqualified from the race if he _____.

(1) completes only half the running route
(2) takes a break in the midst of running before continuing
(3) arrives at the entrance of the Singapore Zoo before 7 a.m.
(4) wears his race bib over his school PE T-shirt throughout the race

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Booklet B

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 29 to 38, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE.

(A)	about	(D)	but	(G)	from	(K)	more	(N)	on
(B)	at	(E)	could	(H)	is	(L)	most	(P)	since
(C)	between	(F)	for	(J)	might	(M)	of	(Q)	was

Many people in the world would have heard of Harry Potter series written by J.K. Rowling. J.K. Rowling is one of the _____ (29) successful authors of all time. Her actual name _____ (30) Joanne Rowling. She was born on 31 July 1965 _____ (31) Yate General Hospital in England.

Rowling loves to write _____ (32) young. The idea for the book came _____ (33) when Rowling was delayed on a train _____ (34) Manchester to London King's Cross in 1990. At first, not everyone _____ (35) impressed with her plan to write a story about Harry Potter and his schooldays at Hogwarts. That _____ (36) be seen from the fact that twelve book publishers rejected her idea.

Finally, a small publishing firm decided to publish her book _____ (37) anticipated that boys might not want to read a book written by a woman. It suggested Rowling to pick a pen name with two initials. The 'J' stands for Joanne, her real name and as she has no middle name, she picked 'K' for Kathleen which is the name _____ (38) her paternal grandmother. Her first book, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, was published in 1997.

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Each of the underlined contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. **(12 marks)**

Singapore Botanic Gardens has been chosen by UNESCO as a world heritage

(39) [ ]

site. It is Singapore's first World Heritage Site. Anualy, Singapore Botanic

Gardens receives 4,4 million visitors.

(40) [ ]

The story of the Singapore Botanic Gardens begins in 1859. The Agri-

(41) [ ]

Horticultural Society got permission from British colonial goverment to build

(42) [ ]

gardens in the Tanglin area. In 1874, the authoritys decided to transform the area

(43) [ ]

into Singapore Botanic Gardens as it is knew today. 'Library and Herbarium' was set

up where it would showcase a collection of plant specimens. An 'Economic Gardens'

(44) [ ] (45) [ ]

where people could experement on how best to grow plants as moneymaking crops is

set up too.

From the 1920s onwards, Singapore Botanic Gardens also started cross-

(46) [ ]

breeding orchids to create beauty flowers that no one had ever seen before. 500

(47) [ ]

kinds of hybrid orchids have been created so far. These had turned around to be

(48) [ ]

wonderful and memorable gifts for promenent guests when they visited Singapore.

(49) [ ]

Hence, the Singapore Botanic Gardens is not just a place which you can enjoy

(50) [ ]

its scenery, it is also a place of knowlege. Do visit Singapore's Botanic Gardens if you

have not done so. You will surely love the place.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Gardens by the Bay is one of the many attractions in Singapore. _____ (51) by the Marina Bay Waterfront in the heart of Singapore, it is a sanctuary for nature lovers and budding horticulturalists alike. The park _____ (52) of Bay South Garden, Bay East Garden and Bay Central Garden.

It sits on 1 010 000 square metres of reclaimed land. The _____ (53) of having this Gardens by the Bay is to raise the quality of life by enhancing greenery and flora. The park has _____ (54) to be popular with locals, tourists and event planners. The demand is to use the park for events such _____ (55) weddings that it has to _____ (56) the number of events to three _____ (57) week.

The conservatory complex at Gardens by the Bay comprises two conservatories – the Flower Dome and the Cloud Forest. The Flower Dome is the larger of the two. It resembles that of a mild, dry climate and features plants from other parts of the _____ (58). Its temperature is maintained between 23°C _____ (59) 25°C. The Cloud Forest replicates the cool moist conditions found in tropical mountain regions. _____ (60) features a 42-metre Cloud Mountain and visitors can descend the mountain using a lift. On the _____ (61) hand, a 35-metre waterfall provides visitors _____ (62) refreshing cool air.

The Cloud Mountain is an intricate structure completely _____ (63) with plants such as orchids, ferns, peacock ferns and mosses. One will not be able to see the structure beneath it. There are a few levels, each with a different theme. In _____ (64), there is also a Children's Garden where children will _____ (65) treehouses and an adventure trail. Gardens by the Bay is indeed a place for everyone.

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For each of the question from 66 to 70, 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). (10 marks)

66 Jane was supposed to do her homework but she slept.

_____ instead of

_____

67 "Beth, did she threw those newspapers that she took from him the previous week?"asked Beth's father.

Beth's father asked her _____

_____

68 John is afraid of water. He took his family on a cruise.

In spite of his _____

_____

69 Jenny feeds and keeps her pet dogs in large cages.

Jenny's pet dogs _____

_____

70 The doorbell rang just seconds after Candy went into the bathroom.

No sooner _____

_____

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Booklet C

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Read the passage below and answer questions 71 to 80. (20 marks)

"Dad, can't we stop to get something else to eat? I'm starving," sulking, Brad asked his father as he sat back against his seat and folded his arms. They had been travelling for over three hours in the stuffy old car.

"Are you **really** hungry?" Brad's sister, Olivia, who was also sitting in the back of the beat up old Nissan car, pointed out as they just had something to eat half an hour ago. She had her sketchbook out on her lap, with a pencil in her hand to keep her occupied. She tried to draw but had difficulty **doing so**. She had to keep erasing her sketch work as the old car kept jerking.

"Are we there yet?" Olivia asked optimistically as she continued drawing.

"We'll be there in practically two minutes. The house is around here... somewhere," Dad answered with some uncertainty.

"I don't even see why we had to move in the first place," Brad rolled his eyes, "I was happy back in the old neighbourhood with many friends and being the most popular student in school. My life could not have been more perfect." Silence hung in the air as Dad refused to discuss it as he had already explained to him. Soon, they were driving through a huge area that contained many large houses. They were at least three or four storeys high, complete with balconies and towering pillars by the front door.

"This can't be it, right?" Olivia stared out the window elatedly. Brad was looking out of the window too, with a hint of excitement displayed on his face as he stared at one.

"The house is huge! I can't believe this is it!"

Suddenly, Dad broke the news that he could never afford such a house. Upon hearing that, Olivia was not in the mood to draw any longer. She closed her sketchbook and placed it on the seat next to her. She continued to look out of the window. Realising that he had missed an exit, Dad made a U-turn and drove away from the area. A few moments later, they were in a different road. The narrow road was lined with houses on both sides. Each one was ordinary and most disappointing than the last. It was a dramatic contrast to the one they had just seen. The car slowed down as it approached a house. Dad pulled into the driveway and paused for a second, breathing in the tense atmosphere that was brewing inside the car. Taking in the sight of the house as if it was a palace, Dad got out of the car.

"You have got to be kidding me," Brad scoffed, slamming the car door behind him and walked towards the house. "You traded our beautiful apartment for this old house?" Ignoring him, Dad jangled the keys cheerfully as he walked up to the front door.

Inside the house, it did not get much better. The paints on the walls had faded into a murky pale yellow. The rooms were empty as the carpets had been ripped up to expose the bare floorboard which made them seem even uglier.

"Well, this is nice," Olivia said plastering a superficial smile on her face which was so transparent that even Dad would be able to see through it.

"It will be a lovely home once we get the furniture in," Dad said, showing no sign of the disappointment that Oliva and Brad were feeling and continued wandering the house and peering around the room. Brad walked up to Olivia with his arms folded over his chest clearly brandishing his frustration that they had to move due to the fact that Olivia received a scholarship to a prestigious school. He shrugged loosely as he left the room after slamming the door behind him. Olivia was left in the room on her own and began to imagine the terrible life she would have in the dull house. Furthermore, with the misery she realised she had caused her brother, she had a change of heart and began to think whether accepting the scholarship was a good decision after all.

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71 From the first paragraph, what did Brad do to show that he was getting frustrated? [2m]

72 Why did Olivia use the word 'really' in line 4? [1m]

73 Fill in the following table by identifying the correct word(s) from the passage. [2m]

Question	Word(s) from the passage
a) Which word from lines 4 to 11 tells us that Olivia looked forward to seeing the new house?	
b) Which three-word phrase from lines 12 to 17 tells us that Brad was annoyed?	

74 Why was Brad unhappy about the move? [2m]

75 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Words from the passage	What each word refers to
doing so (line 7)	
it (line 18)	
that (line 22)	

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76 How did Dad react to Brad's outburst upon seeing the house? (2m)

_____

_____

77 The table below shows the causes and effects of the characters' actions. Fill in the blanks using the information from the passage. [2m]

Cause	Effect
Brad saw a huge house	
	Olivia kept erasing her sketch work

78 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. [1m]

_____ Dad could not find the house.
_____ Olivia was accepted to a prestigious school.
_____ Brad was angry with Olivia.

79 Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

Statement	True / False	Reason
Dad lost his way.		
The rooms in the new house were fully furnished.		
Olivia was happy about her new home.		

80 Why did Olivia have second thoughts about the move? [2m]

_____

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Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	2	1	4	2	3	3	1	4	2
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	4	2	1	2	1	3	2	2	1
Q 21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
4	3	2	2	3	3	3	4		

Booklet B

Q 29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37	Q38
L	H	B	P	A	G	Q	E	D	M

Q39)	Annually	Q43)	known	Q47)	out
Q40)	Began	Q44)	experiment	Q48)	prominent
Q41)	Government	Q45)	was	Q49)	where
Q42)	authorities	Q46)	beautiful	Q50)	knowledge

Q51)	right	Q56)	reduce	Q61)	other
Q52)	consists	Q57)	per	Q62)	with
Q53)	aim	Q58)	world	Q63)	decorated
Q54)	proven	Q59)	and	Q64)	addition
Q55)	as	Q60)	it	Q65)	see
Q66)	Jane slept instead of doing her homework.				
Q67)	Beth's father asked her if she threw away the newspapers that she took from him the previous week.				
Q68)	In spite of his fear of water, John took his family on a cruise.				
Q69)	Jenny's pet dogs are kept in large cages and fed.				

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Q70)	No sooner had Candy went into the bathroom , the doorbell rang.
Q71)	He sat back against his seat and folded his arms.
Q72)	She was doubtful as they had just eaten half an hour ago.
Q73)	a)optimistically b)rolled his eyes
Q74)	Brad was happy back in the old neighbourhood with many friends and being the most popular student in school.
Q75)	(line 7)--- Drawing (line 18) --- the large house (line 22)--- cannot afford such a house
Q76)	He ignored Bray and walked cheerfully towards the house
Q77)	a hint of excitement The old car kept jerking
Q78)	3 , 1 , 2
Q79)	True --- the house is around here somewhere ,dad answered them uncertainly. False --- The rooms were empty as the carpets had been ripped up exposed the bare floor board which made it more uglier. False --- Olivia imagine her miserable life she will be having in that large dull house.
Q80)	She caused her brother to feel miserable living in the large dull house.

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