PAYA LEBAR METHODIST GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
WEIGHTED ASSESSMENT 2 2024
PRIMARY 5 ENGLISH

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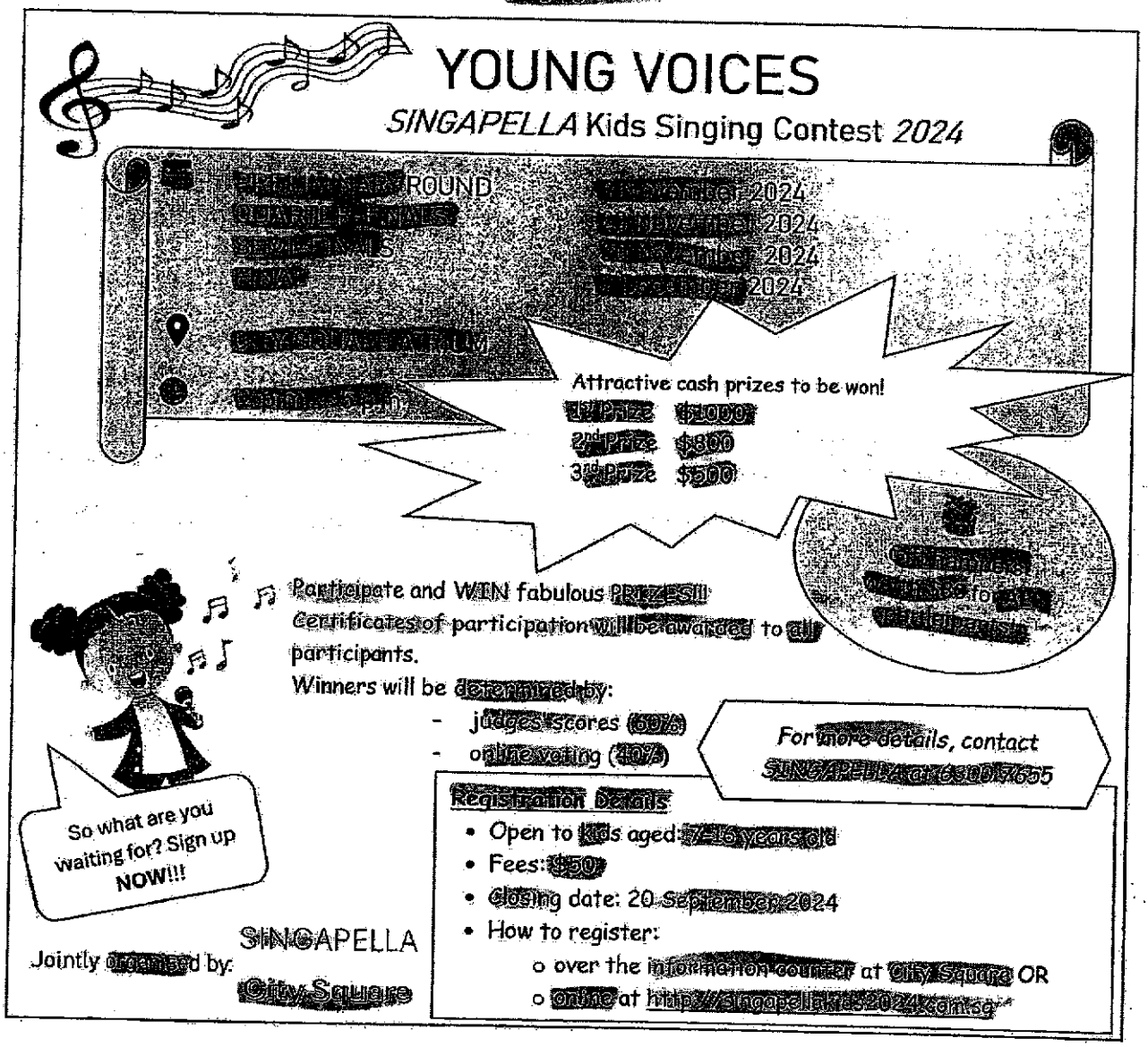
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Section A: Visual Text Comprehension (5 x 1 mark = 5 marks)
Study Text 1 and Text 2, and then answer questions 1 to 5.

Text 1
The text below shows a poster for a singing contest.



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Text 2

The extract below is from an article describing one girl's experience in a singing competition.

If you are up for some live singing and are not afraid to show off your talent in front of an audience, you should definitely try participating in a singing contest! It will certainly be an unforgettable experience! Let me share with you my experience...

Some are naturals at performing in front of a crowd, but this experience was slightly intimidating for me at the start. But it wasn't too long before the adrenaline hit me and I was enjoying every moment of the spotlight. Of course, if you're shy, just pick a duet and sign up with a friend — that's what I did.

In addition to challenging yourself with a new experience and enjoying music while you sing, there is also the opportunity to win cash prizes or even be spotted by talent scouts who are looking out for the next superstar.

Now I can't wait to sign up for my next singing contest!

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For each question from 1 to 5, choose the most appropriate option (1, 2, 3 or 4). Write the correct answer in the brackets provided. **(5 marks)**

1 What is the **main** purpose of Text 1?

(1) to inform people of the singing contest
(2) to encourage children to pick up singing
(3) to show people how to register for the singing contest
(4) to persuade children to participate in the singing contest

( )

2 Which of the following is **true** of the singing contest in Text 1?

(1) The contest is only for primary school students.
(2) Finalists in the contest will have to sing on all four dates.
(3) Contest winners are determined solely by contest judges.
(4) Participants must get their friends to support them at the contest venue.

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3 Despite making it past the preliminary round, Wei Han did not advance to the semi-finals. What will be his takeaway from the contest in Text 1?

(1) a $50 cash prize
(2) a gift hamper worth $80
(3) a certificate of participation
(4) a gift hamper worth $80 and a certificate of participation

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4 Rachel wants to find out if she and her sister, Janice, can sign up for the singing contest to sing together as a duo. What should she do?

(1) call City Square *at* 6300 7655
(2) call *SINGAPELLA at* 6300 7655
(3) check out the *SINGAPELLA* website
(4) visit City Square and ask over the information counter

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5 The singing contest's attractiveness is correctly portrayed in Text 1 because Text 2 says contestants _____.

(1) can win cash prizes
(2) can enjoy music while they sing
(3) can challenge themselves with a new experience
(4) can be spotted by talent scouts who are looking out for the next superstar

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Section B: Comprehension Cloze (10 x 1 mark = 10 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

There was once a river that flowed through the heart of Singapore. (6) _____ its waters, children played, people fished, and birds built their (7) _____.

The river was a source (8) _____ life to the early settlers. Living in stilt houses on its banks, villagers drank from the river water, washed in its banks and cooked by the river shores. But... garbage, sewage and toxic waste were emptied into the river. And the river swallowed it all.

The river's edges were soon bursting with market life. Delicious smells and loud cries from vegetables sellers and street hawkers (9) _____ the air. At the (10) _____ of each day, sellers threw their rotten vegetables into its ripples. Hawkers scraped leftovers out and washed their bowls in its waves. And the river swallowed it all.

The river attracted farmers and their animals. Pigs rolled in the river mud and ducks dove deep to find tasty treats. Dung was washed away daily. Diseased animals were (11) _____ in a watery grave. And the river swallowed it all.

The river groaned as merchant ships came from afar with goods to (12) _____. Oil-streaked drums, broken ropes and rotten wooden planks bobbed at (13) _____ edges. And the river swallowed it all.

Slowly, but (14) _____, the river began to change. Its once clear waters was (15) _____ foul and murky. The river lay lifeless, choking on all it had swallowed.

Finally, the people of Singapore became concerned about its beloved river. Something needed to be done now!

Adapted from *The River That Brings Us Life* by Sarah Ang

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Section C: Comprehension (15 marks)

Read this passage below and answer the questions 16 to 23 that follow.

My brother Jose and I were playing outside. Jose looked up and saw something that did not look real. "Look, Maria!" Jose said to me and pointed. We were both looking at the biggest cloud of grey smoke we had ever seen. There were flocks of birds flying away from the cloud. We knew it had come from the old volcano. We both ran inside shouting for Grandma. She did not even move.

"Oh, that old impostor! Don't you know why it's called the **fiery dragon** that sleeps? It's because it snores but it never wakes up!"

The fiery dragon kept **snoring** for two months, breathing out smoky clouds.

Some people decided to leave the village, mostly on foot. They had to spend hours walking to the nearest shelter. We were lucky enough to have a truck. Our neighbors were poorer than us and did not have a truck so we decided that when the time came, we would take them with us. It meant we could not take as many possessions but we all knew that did not matter. Things were getting serious now.

Then, it finally happened that morning... at least, I think it was morning, although it was difficult to tell what time of day it was. The volcano had **woken** and started to churn out thick, dark smoke and ash.

Boom! The loudest noise I had ever heard. The noise was the volcano throwing out a cloud of ash, miles and miles into the sky. The sky, that had been dark and gray for so long, was lit up by lava exploding from the top of the mountain. That was when my mom and dad decided to leave. The air started to smell weird and made me choke. My dad gave us all pieces of cloth to wrap around our mouths and noses. We all got in the truck — me, Jose, Grandma, Mom and Dad. Our neighbors got in too with their children. We were all squashed up close together but no one complained. I got very sad when we set off. We had to leave all our animals behind.

It was complete chaos as we left. People were leaving carrying whatever they could. The ash was raining down on everything. Some were carrying sheets of metal over their heads, cardboard if they could not find metal. You could not really hear noises properly. The ash made everything sound muffled. I do remember hearing lots of crying. I thought the cries came from children but when I looked over, I saw Mom crying. I realised that the adults were just as scared as we were.

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Driving through the ash was not easy — the truck was slipping and sliding all over the road. The windshield wipers could not keep up with the speed the ash was falling. Pieces of rocks were now falling from the sky. I assumed the fiery dragon was throwing them down upon us! I do not know if Dad knew where we were going; nothing was recognisable. We just followed whatever tail lights we could see.

The ash just kept falling. The dragon continued grumbling. The roofs of many houses started caving in under the weight of all that ash. We did eventually reach some kind of shelter. After a couple of days, the volcano breathed out one last dragon's breath of ash and went back to sleep.

We returned to our village after a couple of months. We looked for our house but there was nothing left. I started crying when I realised all our animals were probably dead. Some of the other families came back but not all. I hoped and prayed that they were safe somewhere and that life could somehow get back to normal.

Adapted from *The Fiery Dragon That Sleeps* by National Geographic

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12/15

16 What were **two** things Jose and Maria saw that worried them? [2m]

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17 From the first paragraph, pick out a four-word phrase that tells us Grandma was **not worried**. [1m]

18 What were **two benefits** Maria's family had because they had a truck? [2m]

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19 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. [2m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer to
a) fiery dragon (line 7)	
b) woken (line 17)	

20 Circle **one** word that best describes the personal quality that Maria's family possessed from their decision in lines 12-15. DO NOT CIRCLE MORE THAN **ONE WORD**. [1m]

generous / optimistic / pessimistic / selfish

21 "Then, it finally happened that morning... at least, I think it was morning, although it was difficult to tell what time of day it was." (lines 16-17).

a) Why did Maria use ellipsis (...) in the sentence? [1m]

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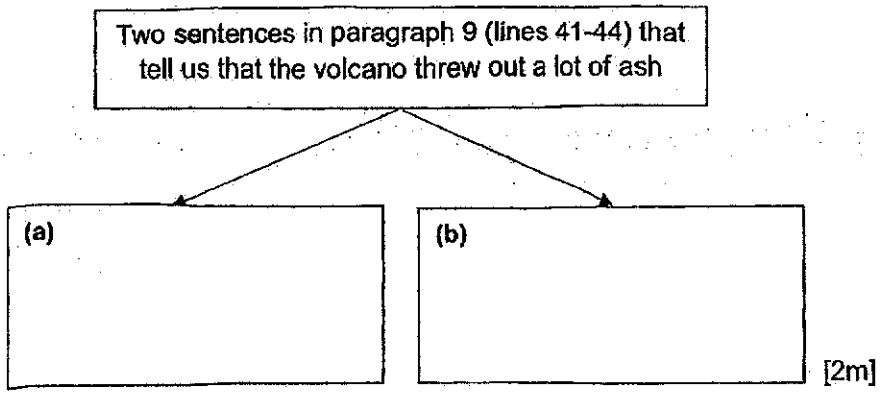
b) Why was it difficult to tell what time of day it was ? [1m]

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[2m]

23 Based on lines 32-49, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
a) Only the children were scared when the volcano started throwing out ash.		
b) The volcanic eruption ended a few days later.		
c) Normal life resumed once Maria and her family returned to their village.		

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Q6)	By / Along
Q7)	nests
Q8)	of
Q9)	filled
Q10)	end
Q11)	thrown
Q12)	sell
Q13)	the
Q14)	surely
Q15)	now
Q16)	Jose and Maria saw the biggest cloud of grey smoke they had seen and flocks of birds were flying away from the cloud.
Q17)	did not even move
Q18)	They would not have to spend hours walking on foot to find a shelter and they could take many possessions.
Q19)	a) the volcano b) erupted
Q20)	generous
Q21)	a) she was not sure if it was morning. b) Maria could not see the sun because the volcano ash filled the air and make it too dark to see.
Q22)	a) The ash just kept falling b) The roots of many houses started caving in under the weight of all that ash.
Q23)	a) False / Maria's Mom was crying the adults were just as scared as the children were

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	b) True / After a couple days, the volcano breathed out one last dragon's breath of ash and went back to sleep. c) False / There was nothing left of Maria's house when they returned and Maria hoped and prayed that life could get back to normal.

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