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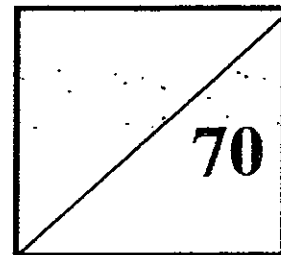
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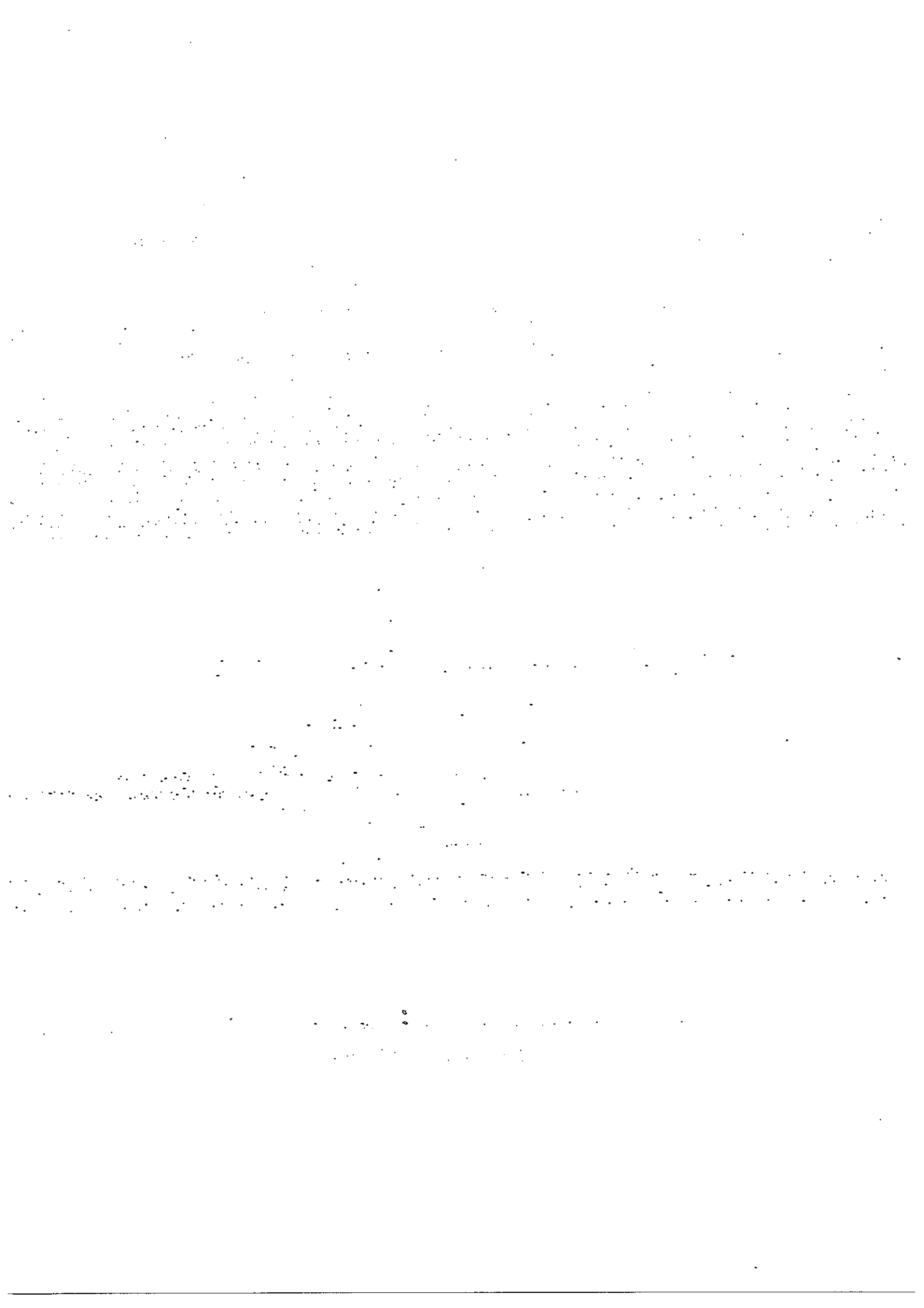
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1: Write your name, class and register number.
- 2: Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
- 3: Follow all instructions carefully.
- 4: Answer all questions.
- 5: For questions 1 to 30, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.







Section A (5 x 1m)

Graphic Stimulus

Study the following advertisement and answer questions 1 to 5.



Beach Sports Championship 9 November 2012

Take part in these sport competitions and stand a chance to win an all-expense paid trip to Maldives!

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS!
(Register before 20 October 2012)
50% OFF the registration fee!

Rugby

Venue: Court C

- Fixed group of 6
- Aged 15 and above
- **Time:** 9am to 12pm
- **Fee:** \$20/person

Soccer

Venue: Court A

- Fixed group of 5
- **Group A:** Children aged 9 to 12
- **Group B:** Aged 13 and above
- **Time:** 12pm to 3pm
- **Fee:** \$20/person

Volleyball

Venue: Court B


- Fixed group of 5
- Aged 15 and above
- **Time:** 9am to 12pm
- **Fee:** \$20/person

Frisbee

Venue: Court A

- Fixed group of 6
- **Group A:** Children aged 9 to 12
- **Group B:** Aged 13 and above
- **Time:** 9am to 11am
- **Fee:** \$20/person

The top team of each sport gets a chance to participate in a lucky draw. Hurry! Register now. Many attractive prizes to be won!



- Registration starts on 6 October 2012
- Register online at www.ssya.com.sg
- For enquiries, call Ann at 6333 2212 or email ann@ssya.com.sg

Please note that participants have to be present for the whole duration of the games.

Closing date for registration: 2 November 2012
This event is proudly sponsored and brought to you by Singapore Sporting Youths Association (SSYA).

For each question from 1 to 5, 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. The 'Beach Sports Championship' will be held _____ of November.

- (1) in the beginning
- (2) in the middle
- (3) towards the end
- (4) throughout the month

2. The _____ competition is held in the afternoon.

- (1) rugby
- (2) frisbee
- (3) soccer
- (4) volleyball

3. George is 14 years old. He can only take part in _____.

- (1) soccer and rugby
- (2) soccer and frisbee
- (3) rugby and volleyball
- (4) frisbee and volleyball

4. Which one of the following statements is **false**?

- (1) You can register online at ann@ssya.com.sg.
- (2) The organiser of 'Beach Sports Championship' is SSYA.
- (3) You can get a discount if you register before 20 October 2012.
- (4) The top team of each sport gets to participate in a lucky draw.

5. A family, consisting of four adults and two children aged 15 and 16, are only available from 9am to 11am. They can take part in _____ only.

- (1) rugby
- (2) frisbee
- (3) rugby and frisbee
- (4) volleyball and frisbee

Section B (10 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 6 to 15, 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. "You will come to my birthday party tonight, _____ you?" Nicole asked Clare hopefully.

- (1) will
- (2) can
- (3) can't
- (4) won't

7. "Children! Behave _____!" boomed the teacher.

- (1) herself
- (2) yourself
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

8. I am very sure that the pile of magazines _____ on the shelf just now.

- (1) isn't
- (2) aren't
- (3) wasn't
- (4) weren't

9. I _____ my wallet last night at the party, and still have not found it.

- (1) misplace
- (2) misplaced
- (3) had misplaced
- (4) have misplaced

10. No one is to be blamed. Neither the swimmers nor their coach _____ about the closure of the pool.

- (1) know
- (2) knew
- (3) knows
- (4) known

11. Wei Ming, as well as his brothers, _____ down with flu. They are now resting in bed.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
12. The marathon runners had to run _____ the seashore for the first part of their race.
- (1) on
 - (2) along
 - (3) across
 - (4) beside
13. Not wanting it to be too creamy, Susie reminded the waitress to add _____ milk to her dessert.
- (1) much
 - (2) a few
 - (3) a little
 - (4) several
14. Instead of going to the movies with her family, Sharon is staying at home to study _____ she has a test tomorrow.
- (1) so
 - (2) as
 - (3) but
 - (4) unless
15. The thief waited for the opportunity patiently. When no one _____ he stole the envelope of money on the table.
- (1) looks
 - (2) looked
 - (3) is looking
 - (4) was looking

Section C (10 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 16 to 25, 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.

16. Timmy took a _____ at the room, and found that there was no one.

- (1) gaze
- (2) glare
- (3) peer
- (4) peep

17. There are many participants in this race but the top two _____ for the grand prize are from Japan and Russia.

- (1) opponents
- (2) contenders
- (3) contestants
- (4) competitors

18. Take some lozenges. They will _____ your sore throat.

- (1) calm
- (2) pacify
- (3) soothe
- (4) subdue

19. The villagers were _____ to a temporary shelter after their houses had been destroyed in the earthquake.

- (1) shifted
- (2) placed
- (3) housed
- (4) evacuated

20. "We've caught the _____ who vandalised the boys' toilets," reported the prefect.

- (1) culprit
- (2) witness
- (3) convict
- (4) criminal

21. The excursion to Marina Barrage was very _____. The pupils learnt a great deal about the need to conserve water.

- (1) functional
- (2) inspirational
- (3) educational
- (4) motivational

22. Benjamin's laughter was so _____ that all of us started laughing with him.

- (1) hysterical
- (2) menacing
- (3) outrageous
- (4) contagious

23. Leslie took off his shoes and _____ his toes.

- (1) jerked
- (2) writhed
- (3) wiggled
- (4) twitched

24. The detective said that he had new evidence but refused to _____ any further.

- (1) enlarge
- (2) expand
- (3) enhance
- (4) elaborate

25. Crows were seen pecking at leftover food which was _____ near the rubbish bin.

- (1) strewn
- (2) spread
- (3) displayed
- (4) deposited

Section D (5 x 1m)

Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. Your answer must be based on the passage.

The kitchen was a **hive of activity**. Liza and Alice were hurrying to prepare dinner. The salty brown smell of frying ham made Alvin's stomach rumble.

Alvin stood at the pantry door. Mother's back was towards him. The shelves on both sides were loaded with delicious snacks. Big blocks of cheese were stacked there, four large cakes and one whole shelf full of apple pies. 5
One of the pies was cut. A little piece of pie crust was temptingly broken off and Alvin knew without a doubt that it would never be missed.

However, Alvin was wrong. Before he could even move a muscle, Liza cried out, "Alvin! Stop that!"

Mother did not turn around, but she said, "Leave it alone, Alvin. You'll 10
spoil your dinner."

Hearing that made Alvin angry. In retaliation, he stuck out his tongue at Liza who could not do anything as her hands were full. Quickly, he darted out of the dining room. "One little bite wouldn't spoil my dinner," Alvin muttered to himself. He was starving and yet **they** would not let him eat anything until dinner 15
was ready. Alvin found that silly.

By the fireplace, Father was reading the newspapers. His face was towards the dining table and Alvin knew better than to touch anything on it.

The dining room was cosy and well-furnished. There were green stripes and rows of tiny red flowers on the chocolate-brown wallpaper. Mother had 20
woven the carpet to match. The tall corner cupboards were full of fascinating ornaments and figurines. At that moment, the most beautiful sight to Alvin was his mother, bringing in the big silver platter full of sizzling ham.

Adapted from 'Farmer Boy'

For each question from 26 to 30, 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.

26. The kitchen was 'a hive of activity' because _____.

- (1) Liza, Alice and Mother were busy preparing dinner
- (2) the shelves were filled with mouth-watering snacks
- (3) Mother told Alvin to wait patiently for dinner to start
- (4) Alvin was planning to steal the little piece of pie crust

27. What was Alvin so certain of **at first**?

- (1) He should wait for everybody to start dinner.
- (2) Liza would stop him from taking the piece of pie crust.
- (3) No one would notice him taking the piece of pie crust.
- (4) No one would notice if the piece of pie crust was missing.

28. What would spoil Alvin's dinner?

- (1) Alvin moving a muscle
- (2) Alvin eating the pie crust
- (3) Alvin noticing the pie crust that had broken off
- (4) The big blocks of cheese that were stacked on the shelves

29. 'they' in line 15 refers to _____?

- (1) Liza and Alice
- (2) Alvin's parents
- (3) Liza and her mother
- (4) the children and their parents

30. According to the passage, which statement is **not true**?

- (1) Alvin was impatient to begin dinner.
- (2) Alvin's mother was good at handicrafts.
- (3) The children's father did not help out in the kitchen.
- (4) Liza stuck out her tongue at Alvin as her hands were full.

Section E (5 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|-----------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|
| (A) about | (B) at | (C) for | (D) if | (E) in |
| (F) on | (G) to | (H) under | (J) when | (K) with |

The Shark Book: Fish With Attitude by Dr Mark Norman

Dr Mark Norman is a research scientist at Museum Victoria. He has dived (31) _____ many sharks species around the world. His book is chock-a-block with fascinating information (32) _____ sharks, from the smallest one, the smalleye pygmy, a little thicker than the human thumb, (33) _____ the whale shark, the biggest fish on Earth. The doctor gives his information (34) _____ a unique and tantalising way. For instance, (35) _____ talking about how good a shark's nostrils are for smelling, he said, "They could sniff a drop of blood in an Olympic-sized pool." Every page is a learning experience. So, grab a copy and read it for yourself.

Reviewed by Merie Morcum

Section F (8 x 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words below in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) appears	(B) carrying	(C) else	(D) fingers	(E) identical
(F) investigated	(G) invisible	(H) leave	(J) looks	(K) solved

Our fingerprints are very special. You might have the same eye colour as someone (36) _____, the same shaped nose and, if you are an (37) _____ twin, you might even have a face that (38) _____ the same, but not a single person on Earth has the same fingerprints as you.

Fingerprints are the patterns on the pads of your (39) _____. It is common knowledge that fingerprints can help us catch criminals. Every time you touch something, you (40) _____ sweat and oil prints which are the same pattern as your fingerprints. Criminals often leave very clear fingerprints because the stress of (41) _____ out a crime causes them to sweat more than usual. While these fingerprints are normally (42) _____, police can make them visible by dusting them with a fine powder.

Once a fingerprint is developed, it can be compared with images on police files. Many famous crimes have been (43) _____ using fingerprints. Unlike people, fingerprints don't lie.

Section G (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 44 to 47, 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 sentences.

44. Sky-diving is an unforgettable experience. Sky-diving is nerve-wrecking.

Though _____

45. That poster was autographed by a famous singer. That poster is now hung on the wall.

_____ which

46. "Shall I wait here for you after school this afternoon?" Mrs Ho asked her son.

Mrs Ho asked her son _____

47. Jane was resourceful. Jane was able to raise funds for the orphanage within a short period of time.

_____ because of her _____

Section H (7 x 1m)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPG)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical mistake. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the box.

"We're finally here!" shouted Jim as he jumped up and down joyously.

(48)

Stepping into the Universal Studios for the first time was like a dream coming

(49)

true for Jim. He had earned this reward from his parents after studying aeligenly

for his examinations and passing with flying colours.

(50)

The sights and sounds of the theme park triled him. "I want to ride on the

(51)

(52)

'Battlestar Galactica' exclaimed Jim excitedly. Being xpirienced

with roller-coaster rides, Jim's father agreed but told him to be careful.

"Jim, you don't want to end up with your breakfast all over your shirt do

(53)

you Jenna, Jim's sister, teased.

(54)

Jim threw Jenna an annoyed look before marching konfidantli towards

the queue with his head held high. He was determined to prove his sister wrong.

Section I (6 x 2 m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 55 to 60. Your answer must be based on the passage.

"Daddy's home!" shouted my sister, Maria, at the sight of the big truck with mud-caked wheels parked in front of our house. Excitedly, she jumped off her bicycle and ran up the steps. Father worked as a truck driver and would be away for weeks. He collected goods and delivered them to a faraway town in the North.

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Father had promised to take us on a holiday one day, but that never materialised. We simply could not afford one. We never once complained. Mother said that if Father kept working hard, we would not be poor for long, and life would soon be more comfortable.

"Michael, where have you been all day? What happened to your sister's glasses?" chided Father. I knew he was not really angry for when he really was, his eyes would bulge like a toad's. Father was happy to be home.

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My sister looked at me, biting her lip. "Maria tripped and broke her glasses when we were fishing by the stream," I explained, hoping that I sounded convincing.

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"That's it! No more glasses. That'll teach you to be more careful," Father said. My sister was speechless. She would be blind like a bat without her glasses. Mother then brought a cardboard box over. Father opened it and took out its contents.

"You'll have to beat me at arm-wrestling to get the presents, Michael," Father challenged. I clenched my teeth and gripped Father's hand. I pushed hard but he did not budge. It was like bending an iron bar. Maria helped me and together, gritting our teeth, we managed to get him to lower that arm.

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"Yippeee! We won!" Maria cried ecstatically. Laughing, Father handed the pair of glasses with brown plastic frames to Maria and the story book to me. "You're the best, Daddy!" Maria and I chorused, throwing our arms around him while Mother looked on indulgently. To me, it was not the presents, but the love which my parents showered on my sister and me.

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Adapted from 'I'm Not Scared'

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

55. How did Maria know that her father was home?

56. What does 'one' in line 7 refer to?

57. Which sentence shows that the children were thoughtful?

58. How could Michael tell that his father was pretending to be angry ?

59. What was in the cardboard box?

60. How do we know that Father was being lenient in the arm-wrestling game?

End of Paper

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2012

SCHOOL : TAO NAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE

TERM : SA2

Booklet A

1) 1	2) 3	3) 2	4) 1	5) 2	6) 4	7) 3	8) 3	9) 2	10) 3
11) 1	12) 2	13) 3	14) 2	15) 4	16) 4	17) 2	18) 3	19) 4	20) 1
21) 3	22) 4	23) 3	24) 4	25) 1	26) 1	27) 4	28) 2	29) 3	30) 4

31) K 32) A 33) G 34) E 35) J 36) C 37) E 38) J 39) D 40) H 41) B

42) G 43) K

44) Though sky-diving is nerve-wrecking, it is an unforgettable experience.

45) That poster, which is now hung on the wall, was autographed by a famous singer.

46) Mrs Ho asked her son if she should wait there for him after school that afternoon.

47) Jane was able to raise funds for the orphanage within a short period of time because of her resourcefulness.

48) come. 49) diligently 50) thrilled 51) !” 52) experienced 53) ,”

54) confidentially

55) She saw the big truck with mud-caked wheels parked in front of her house and her father worked as a truck driver.

56) It refers to the writer and his family going on a holiday.

57) We never once complained.

58) Micheal could tell that his father was pretending to be angry if his eyes did not bulge like a toad's.

59) There were Maria's pair of glasses with brown plastic frames and Micheal's story book in the cardboard box.

60) He allowed Maria to help her brother.