

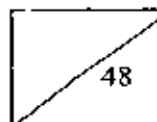
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Primary 4

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Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Keep away from the spider! Its sting may be _____ and result in death.

(1) frantic

(2) tearful

(3) inconvenient

(4) fatal

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2. Mindy is scared of everything. It is no wonder she _____ when we were heading towards the haunted house.

(1) wolfed down

(2) crowed about

(3) fished for

(4) chickened out

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3. Peihua _____ needs to raise some money for her grandmother who is stricken with cancer in order to allow her to get the best medical treatment as soon as possible.

(1) reluctantly

(2) desperately

(3) miserly

(4) freely

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4. Look! There is a _____ of cattle grazing in the meadows.

(1) parliament

(2) herd

(3) swarm

(4) school

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5. I would be a fool if I were to _____ on this chance to join the team.

- (1) pass up (2) pass over
(3) pass out (4) pass off ()

6. The couple hired a professional _____ to take their wedding photographs.

- (1) illustrator (2) photographer
(3) sculptor (4) painter ()

Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. We were planning on going to the beach today _____ one of our friends fell sick.

- (1) but (2) if
(3) or (4) so ()

8. I would like _____ sugar for the cup of tea. It is not sweet enough.

- (1) more (2) most
(3) many (4) any ()

9. The pride of lions _____ ~~is resting~~ under the tree this very moment.

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

10. All the pupils at the field _____ watching a soccer match an hour ago.

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

11. Deyi panted breathlessly because she had just _____ ten laps in the pool.

(1) swims

(2) swimming

(3) swum

(4) swam

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12. These books belong to Ahmad and I. We bought them with _____ money.

(1) him

(2) her

(3) our

(4) me

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) as	(C) by	(E) of	(G) to
(B) at	(D) from	(F) on	

Some dogs are trained as guard dogs (13) _____ peacetime by the United States Army and other military services. As a result of their keen sense of smell, dogs are used (14) _____ police to track down escaped prisoners. Law enforcement agencies also rely (15) _____ the dog's acute sense of smell to uncover illegal drugs. Specially trained dogs serve (16) _____ the "eyes" of the blind, guiding the steps of their sightless masters around obstacles and hazards.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) although	(C) however	(E) since	(G) when
(B) but	(D) or else	(F) that	

Simple Simon is a very gullible man. He is not smart, (17) _____ he is very lucky. He is so lucky (18) _____ he manages to strike lottery at least once every year. With such luck, he should be a millionaire by now.

(19) _____, Scheming Steven always manages to cheat him of his winnings. Poor Simple Simon! He has to be wary of Scheming Steven, (20) _____, he will be a poor man for the rest of his life.

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

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

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) beat	(D) diseased	(G) process	(K) survival
(B) check-up	(E) injured	(H) refilled	(L) treatment
(C) damaged	(F) material	(J) restored	(M) updated

A few months ago, a turtle in Thailand was seriously (21) _____ when it was run over by a truck. The animal hardly seemed to have any chance of (22) _____. However, with the immediate help of the Thai Animal Guardians Association, it did survive. The Association admitted the turtle to Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University for medical (23) _____. (22) _____

The plucky little survivor was named Jikko and the Bangkok Post (a local newspaper) kept readers (24) _____ on the animal's progress. According to veterinarian Nantarika Chansue, Jikko is now quite fit and a fibre-glass shell has been placed over its outer shell which was (25) _____ in the accident. This was to speed up the healing (26) _____.

This means that Jikko is the ~~only~~ only turtle in Thailand (and possibly in the world) to have a fibre-glass shell! This artificial shell is made from a (27) _____ that would crack and fall off when the natural shell is fully (28) _____.

Section E: Comprehension MCO (5 x 2marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

A creek runs through the bush near our house. On summer afternoons, my brother John and his friend Lucas – and me, of course – go down there to see what we can do.

One Saturday morning, we took some sheets of tin from our old house, some pine from the crate that our new piano came in, some nails, a hammer and a saw and went down to the creek to make a canoe. I had prepared the drawings for the vessel during the week, getting my inspiration from the book *Robinson Crusoe*. 5

We did not finish the boat that day since I had to play the piano at our school concert and Lucas had to visit his grandmother. However, the next day, which was Sunday, we got up early. We made some sandwiches and lime cordial with ice cubes. 10 We went straight back to the creek to get on with the job.

By the time all the sandwiches were gone, we were ready to launch the boat. I had brought a tin of azure blue paint that my mother did not want and a brush from my water-colour set, so I painted the name 'Joy' on the side. I named it after myself since it was my idea to build it. 15

The three of us pushed the Joy into the water, waiting for her official launching. Then we all got in. We did not settle to the bottom, or tip over, as Lucas said we would. "The Joy floated beautifully," I thought.

We passed our swimming hole beneath the trees. We passed the storm-water pipe that Lucas reckoned was a sewer. However, around the next bend, the creek narrowed suddenly and bubbled and splashed over a little weir* made out of rocks. It was misty there. A rainbow shimmered in the sunlight, arching right across the creek from one bank to the other. 20

*weir – a low structure built across a river or stream to control the flow of water

29. What did Lucas do on Saturday?

- (1) He visited his grandmother.
- (2) He played the piano.
- (3) He read *Robinson Crusoe*.
- (4) He went to a school concert.

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30. Who is the narrator of this passage?

- (1) Lucas
- (2) John
- (3) Joy
- (4) Joy's mother

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31. The children saw the rainbow _____.

- (1) before they reached the swimming hole
- (2) as they launched the boat
- (3) as they reached the weir
- (4) after they had crossed the rocky beach

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32. The word from the passage that means "glistened" is _____.

- (1) inspiration
- (2) shimmered
- (3) bubbled
- (4) splashed

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33. Which of the following statements is supported by evidence in the passage?

- (1) Lucas thought that the canoe would not float.
- (2) John helped draw up the plans for the canoe.
- (3) Joy's mother did not approve of the canoe.
- (4) The canoe was built using pine from the old shack.

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Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

My name is Geoffrey Hobbes-Smith. I am an expert in antique musical instruments. I live in Oxford where I have a small but important business. I buy and sell antique musical instruments. It is necessary for me to travel a lot because of my work. I frequently visit France, Italy and Germany, and sometimes I go as far as America or even Japan.

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Six months ago, I was in Italy. I had been invited to attend a festival of early music on the island of Ischia. Ischia in the spring was beautiful. An island as green as an emerald, and around it, a sea as blue as the sky above. I stayed in an enormous villa, which once belonged to a famous English composer. It had a huge garden, with hundreds of lemon trees. The lemons in Ischia were as big as footballs. I do not like travelling, but sometimes being in a different place is a pleasure.

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The music festival was very boring. There were a lot of enthusiastic students there, but there were not any famous or important musicians. I only like listening to famous and important musicians. Students should stay at home and practise – not play their instruments in public! After one or two concerts, I was bored. I preferred to stay in my lovely garden and look at the deep blue sea and the dark green trees.

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When the last night of the festival arrived, I was happy. "Tomorrow, I will be able to go back home!" I thought. As I had not been to many of the concerts, I thought that I should at least attend the final one. I arrived when the small orchestra was tuning up, and mentally prepared myself for another boring evening. I even closed my eyes and thought about sleeping.

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Unfortunately, things became more complicated. The organiser of the music festival noticed my presence. Before I knew it, my name was announced and I was invited to play a piece on the violin. The crowd applauded as they waited for me to make my way up the stage. I felt queasy as I dragged my reluctant body towards the violin which they had prepared especially for me. I took a deep breath and played my favourite self-composed piece.

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The crowd loved it. Various shouts for an encore echoed through the concert hall. The organiser was delighted. In fact, he was so delighted that he invited me to play for his personal party which was to be held two days later. I could not reject his offer, ~~for~~ for it would have been rude. However, I knew I wanted to return home where my heart was. So it was with a heavy heart that I accepted his offer.

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Answer in complete sentences.

34. What did the author do for a living?

35. Which sentence from the passage tells you that the author is **not completely** against travelling?

36. Write down the word from the passage which has a similar meaning to:

(a) difficult to deal with : _____

(b) uninteresting : _____

37. What would the author have preferred to watch at the music festival?

38. Why did the author stay on to watch the final concert even though he thought the music festival was boring?

The End

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ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (1)

- 1.4 34)The author bought and sold
2.4 antique Musical instruments.
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9.1 b)boring
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11.3 37)The author would have preferred
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13.B musicians.
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17.B he should attend the final one.
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