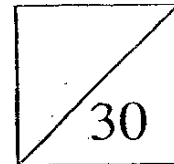




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## Booklet A

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Study the advertisement and answer Q1 to Q 5. ( 5 marks)

## LISTEN TO KRISOUND AND WIN A COMPLETE SET OF SIX GEORGE MICHAEL'S CDS



At Singapore Airlines, we bring you the very best in audio programmes with KrisSound.

This month, we bring you a special celebrity interview. Listen to the fabulous two-hour Hot Shots show on Channel 6 on flights out of Singapore for an exclusive interview with George Michael. Tune in and you could win one of five complete sets of his solo studio albums on CD, courtesy of Atlantic Records.

### Tune In And Win- Special Lucky Draw For June 2007

Listen to Hot Shots show on KrisSound Channel 6 on flights out of Singapore and answer the question below.

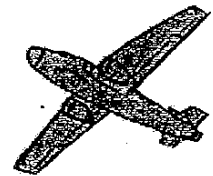
*Before his solo career, which major band was George Michael with?*

Write your answer on a postcard.  
Add your name, address, flight number and the date of your flight.  
Send it to:

KrisSound Competition (2007)  
Manager Inflight Entertainment  
Singapore Airlines  
06-C Airline House  
25 Airline Road  
Singapore 819829

### ATTRACTIVE PRIZES:

We are giving away George Michael CDs-*Dance into The Light-Bui Seriously, Both Sides, Face Value, Hello, I Must Be Going and No Jacket Required.*



The first five correct entries will each receive a special set of six CDs by Phil Collins, courtesy of Atlantic Records.

Passengers may submit only one entry. This competition is not open to employees of SIA, Inflight Productions and Atlantic records or their friends or relatives.

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 two-hour Hot Shots show on Channel 6 can be heard on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) all the airlines flight
  - (2) all the airline's flights in Asia
  - (3) flights arriving in Singapore
  - (4) flights departing from Singapore
  
2. To win the contest, one has to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) obtain a postcard
  - (2) know George Michael's band
  - (3) submit as many entries as possible
  - (4) know the titles of George Michael's solo album
  
3. There can be as many as \_\_\_\_\_ winners of George Michael's complete set of solo albums on CD.
  - (1) three
  - (2) four
  - (3) five
  - (4) six
  
4. All entries must include \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) name, age and address
  - (2) name, address and flight number
  - (3) name, address, flight number and date of flight
  - (4) name, address, date and George Michael's flight number
  
5. Which of the following statements is correct?
  - (1) Atlantic Records sponsors the prizes.
  - (2) KrisSound interviews famous celebrity.
  - (3) KisSound offers CDs as prizes every month.
  - (4) Every passenger departing from Singapore can take part in the contest.

For each question from 6 to 12, 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. They saw a suspicious character loitering \_\_\_\_\_ here earlier.

- (1) at
- (2) aside
- (3) along
- (4) around

7. The little boy is crying because he \_\_\_\_\_ his way.

- (1) loses
- (2) has lost
- (3) is losing
- (4) has been losing

8. If Tom \_\_\_\_\_ that you were here then, he would not have gone out.

- (1) knew
- (2) knows
- (3) has known
- (4) had known

9. I know the woman \_\_\_\_\_ daughter won the first prize for the story-telling competition.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) whose

10. \_\_\_\_\_ students blamed each other for the incident.

- (1) All
- (2) Both
- (3) Each
- (4) Every

11. Your uncle sells sports equipment, \_\_\_\_\_ he?

- (1) isn't
- (2) don't
- (3) hasn't
- (4) doesn't

12. Jamie, ~~together with her sisters,~~ \_\_\_\_\_ to join the band when they start school next year. *extra information*

- (1) intend
- (2) intends
- (3) intended
- (4) intending

For each question from 13 to 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (3 marks)

The two little sisters carried the canaries in their cage out into the balcony. "It's such a lovely day (13) said Lillian with excitement. "They'll love the sun and the fresh air."  
"But won't it make them feel worse about having to live in a cage (14)" wondered Meg. They anxiously bent over the two chirping yellow birds. The birds flapped their tiny wings and tails and hopped from perch to perch (15) excited by the cooling breeze.

13. (1) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas  
(2) [ " , ] inverted commas and comma  
(3) [ ! " ] exclamation mark and inverted commas  
(4) [ " ! ] inverted commas and exclamation mark

14. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ? ] question mark

15. (1) [ : ] colon  
(2) [ , ] comma  
(3) [ . ] full stop  
(4) [ ? ] question mark

For each question from 16 to 20, 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. Jeremy wants to buy a second hand car. He is looking up the \_\_\_\_\_ section in the newspaper.

- (1) Finance
- (2) Lifestyle
- (3) Classified
- (4) Entertainment

17. You need to be more \_\_\_\_\_ in your revision if you want to do well. Don't wait till the eleventh hour!

- (1) consistent
- (2) immediate
- (3) continuous
- (4) intermittent

18. Cindy enjoys spending her weekend reading the \_\_\_\_\_ for movies updates.

- (1) report
- (2) review
- (3) preview
- (4) preface

19. My best friend encourages me to \_\_\_\_\_ to this magazine as it is very informative.

- (1) inscribe
- (2) describe
- (3) prescribe
- (4) subscribe

20. Having been friends for years, you should \_\_\_\_\_ and forget about the misunderstanding.

- (1) sit on the fence
- (2) bury the hatchet
- (3) have the last laugh
- (4) get in the same boat

For each question from 21 to 25, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

Danny, now in his fifties, has been collecting diecast cars since he was twelve. Now, he owns about three thousand diecast cars that he keeps on rows of custom-made shelves behind locked cabinets in his study room. He spends much of his time going through car magazines (21) and polishing his diecast cars. Since Danny cannot afford the real cars, he is satisfied to have (22) the miniature replicas of real models. Many of the diecast cars in his collection are so old that (23) they are no longer collectors' items. He paid between \$20 to \$2000 for a model. The more unique cars are generally more expensive. Sometimes, to save some money, he (24) buys parts and puts them together to construct the models himself. (25)

21. (1) buying  
(2) reading  
(3) collecting  
(4) discussing
22. (1) glad  
(2) delirious  
(3) contented  
(4) exuberant
23. (1) copy  
(2) sample  
(3) original  
(4) example
24. (1) rare  
(2) strange  
(3) branded  
(4) common
25. (1) creates  
(2) gathers  
(3) invents  
(4) assembles

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

Ninety-four year-old Charlie Osborne has earned an unenviable place in the Guinness Book of World Records. Calling it the longest-ever recorded attack of hiccups, the book claims that Mr Osborne has hiccupped 430 million times over a period of 66 years. His hiccups are painful and disruptive. They make it impossible for him to work or sleep peacefully at night. He also has to avoid eating solid food because of the ever-present danger of choking. Milk 5  
comprises the bulk of his full diet.

However, Mr Osborne is by no means the only victim as a result of this malady. The members of his family had to put up with his constant hiccups throughout the night. On numerous occasions, they were deeply alarmed when Mr Osborne had a severe attack and had difficulty in breathing. 10

Mr Osborne's ailment has puzzled scores of doctors. They could not find an explanation for his hiccups, let alone a cure. Many of the doctors suspect that he has an allergy but are puzzled because they cannot tell what he is allergic to. Others feel that the hiccups may be due to some muscular disorder of the chest. (Mr Osborne himself thinks that his malady) is the result of nerve damage suffered 66 years ago when he over-exerted himself while lifting a 15  
sheep on his farm.

About a year ago, Mr Osborne told reporters that he would pay a ten-thousand dollar reward for a cure. A report on the offer subsequently appeared in several newspapers. The response was overwhelming. Suggested remedies included homespun concoctions, vinegar, massage therapy and nerve treatments. Some remedies bordered on the ridiculous. A German 20  
suggested pressing the right thumb against the little finger. A Canadian recommended that pinching the nose while blowing air out with the mouth shut would stop the hiccups. Unfortunately, none of the remedies brought any relief.

26. What has earned Charlie Osborne a place in the Guinness Book of World Records?

- (1) He has been unable to sleep for 66 years.
- (2) He hiccups constantly throughout the night.
- (3) He has a longest-ever recorded attack of hiccups.
- (4) He is willing to pay ten thousand dollars for a cure.

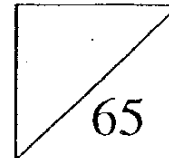
27. Which of the following is not an effect of Mr Osborne's hiccups?
- (1) He is in pain.
  - (2) He has to drink milk only.
  - (3) He is unable to go to work.
  - (4) He is unable to sleep at night.
28. Who does the word "others" in line 13 refer to?
- (1) It refers to Mr Osborne's family members.
  - (2) It refers to a few of Mr Osborne's doctors.
  - (3) It refers to the reporters who wrote about his offer.
  - (4) It refers to the people who offered him suggestions.
29. Which word below has the same meaning as the word 'malady' in lines 7 and 14?
- (1) The word is "crisis".
  - (2) The word is "illness".
  - (3) The word is "wellness".
  - (4) The word is "difficulty".
30. In Mr Osborne's opinion, what is the cause of his hiccups?
- (1) He is allergic to something.
  - (2) He has difficulty breathing.
  - (3) He has muscular disorder of the chest.
  - (4) He has over-exerted himself while lifting a sheep on his farm.



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## Booklet B

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**Grammar Cloze (10x1 mark)**

There are 10 blanks, numbered 31 to 40, 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.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.**

<del>(A)</del> either	<del>(B)</del> so	<del>(G)</del> that	<del>(K)</del> with	<del>(N)</del> down
<del>(B)</del> for	<del>(E)</del> such	<del>(H)</del> both	<del>(L)</del> these	<del>(P)</del> up
<del>(C)</del> however	<del>(F)</del> its	<del>(J)</del> it's	<del>(M)</del> this	<del>(Q)</del> while

Cahyo Alkantana is a volunteer doctor in the quake prone area of Aceh in Sumatra, \_\_\_\_\_ (31)

driving his jeep along the winding dirt roads in the region, he often encounters roadblocks set \_\_\_\_\_ (32)

by villagers who are desperate to raid any vehicle for food supplies it may be carrying. He has found a

solution to keep \_\_\_\_\_ villagers at bay. He would roll \_\_\_\_\_ the window of his jeep and say, (33) (34)

"Doctor, I am a doctor." This is the only way \_\_\_\_\_ Cahyo could reach the quake victims. (35)

Villagers block the roads with wooden planks and other items \_\_\_\_\_ as used furniture in the (36)

hope of slowing the convoy trucks. They then line the streets on \_\_\_\_\_ ~~side~~ of the trucks to ask for (37)

food and water. Cahyo is deeply troubled by what he sees and has written a letter to plead \_\_\_\_\_ (38)

the government to step up \_\_\_\_\_ efforts to bring aid more quickly to the remote villages. (39)

\_\_\_\_\_, the success of Cahyo's letter has yet to be seen. He still sees scores of homeless and (40)

and hungry people on his routine drives around the region every day.

**Editing for Spelling and Grammar (10x1 mark)**

Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

Have you ever wondered just how much work gets into the copy of newspaper that arrives at your  
(41)   
doorstep every morning? Indeed, the speed in which yesterday's news and even news received via the

(42)   
internet in the wee hours of the morning becomes print is simply **amasing!**

(43)   
The editor of a newspaper makes sure that the paper is ready to be **pubished** by looking over the  
(44)

draft before it is sent for printing. He also pens his opinion in the **aditoriel** on certain issues. However,  
(45)   
before he gets the final draft, it is the sub-editor who correct the language mistakes made.

Why then, you might ask, are there still errors and misprints? Often, the time between the receipt of  
(46)   
the write-ups from the journalists or the e-mailed reports from the **everseas** **politikal** correspondents

the time to correct everything is so short that these cannot be avoided.

(47)   
After the draft has been editing, it will be sent for printing. Once the newspapers are ready, the main  
(48)   
distributors will deliver it to the newsagents or newspaper vendors and they in turn will make sure that

their subscribers get them in time for their early morning reading.

(49)   
Now you know how tough it was to get that copy of newspaper to you on time. Let us all then be  
(50)   
**payshen** when that newspaper is sometimes a little late on arrival at your door.

**Comprehension Cloze (15 x 1 mark)**

Fill in each blank with a suitable word .

One of the main functions of the media, whether print or electronic, is to entertain. \_\_\_\_\_ (51)

most of the newspaper centres on providing factual accounts of events of the day, a large percentage of the newspaper is often devoted \_\_\_\_\_ comics, puzzles, advice and general entertainment. — (52)

The entertainment content of television varies widely \_\_\_\_\_ that of radio. This is because television has the added advantage of having the \_\_\_\_\_ effect while radio centres mainly on (53)

the auditory. Comedy shows on television are popular. They often pull in an increase in viewership.

From the \_\_\_\_\_ to the old, people of all ages can appreciate the \_\_\_\_\_ in shows (55) (56)

such as 'Mr. Bean' and 'Phua Chu Kang'.

On the \_\_\_\_\_ hand, magazines are entertaining in a different way. Magazines like (57)

Reader's Digest and The Times Magazine usually mix entertaining features \_\_\_\_\_ their (58)

usual report of world news.

Then there are the storytellers of old who pass on information through word-of-mouth and this comes absolutely \_\_\_\_\_! Not a cent needs to be spent unless you wish to tip a good story (59)

teller. These storytellers would not mind \_\_\_\_\_ a little money for their part anyway. (60)

The media, no matter what form it takes, is clearly able to \_\_\_\_\_ entertainment to a (61)

large group of people at a relatively low cost. Print media, like newspapers, often try to outdo one another to increase their \_\_\_\_\_ by including some film-star trivia or gossip. However, the newspapers in the country stay away from such \_\_\_\_\_. They usually concentrate on reporting \_\_\_\_\_ is truly newsworthy. In a country like Singapore, there are usually strict \_\_\_\_\_ on what may or may not be printed or advertised.

Be it print or electronic, media plays an important role in our lives.

**Synthesis And Transformation (5x2 marks)**

For each of the questions 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).

66. John likes his meals served piping hot. ~~His~~ sister likes hers served piping hot too.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

67. Stella does not exercise regularly. George does not exercise regularly either.

Neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

68. The class will go to the East Coast Park if it does not rain.

\_\_\_\_\_ unless \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

69. Mrs. Li decided to accept the job although the salary was low.

Despite \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

70. "Would you like a cup of tea while you are waiting?" asked the receptionist.

The receptionist asked \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Comprehension Open-Ended (10 X 2 marks)**

Read the passage below carefully and then answer Questions 71 to 80.

Mr. Lee is sixty-nine years old this year. When Jason, our reporter from *Today*, visited him for this interview, he was seated along the corridor, outside his tenth floor one-room flat in Ang Mo Kio enjoying the afternoon breeze. On seeing Jason, he managed a toothless grin, got up shakily and extended a hand that twitched visibly. Mr. Lee moved slowly with the help of a walking stick and had to pause for breath even as he took the few steps into his flat. When they were comfortably seated on the single sofa inside, he began to give an account of that fateful day twenty years ago. His mind was clear, as he recounted in Cantonese, the collapse of Hotel New World on Serangoon Road. 5

“I shall never forget 15 March 1986. I had just dropped off a passenger at Orchard Road when the shocking announcement came over the radio. I made up my mind to go over to Serangoon Road to take a look.” 10

“The first thing I saw was a huge crowd. Some people were crying and others were just standing around. **Traffic had come to a standstill**. The policemen were trying to push everyone away from the site. I was able to recognise the people from the Singapore Civil Defence Force, the Fire Service and of course, the Singapore Police Force.” Mr. Lee then had parked his taxi about three streets away and walked back to the site. Suddenly, he heard a woman screaming and trying to get closer to the huge mound of rubble, saying her daughter was under there. 15

At first sight, Mr. Lee thought that nobody could have survived that collapse, let alone be alive under all that massive rubble after being buried and deprived of air. Mr. Lee had offered to help but a police officer told him that there were enough hands as it were and he would only get in the way. So, Mr. Lee had stood aside and watched the heavy cranes lift slabs of concrete off the pile. Meanwhile, engineers dug tunnels and sent men to try and locate any survivors. “It was terrible...parts of bodies...arms...legs...” Mr. Lee, refusing to continue, ended the interview abruptly. 20 25

The relating of the whole incident left a deep impression on our reporter, Mr. Jason Koh. He was deeply saddened and yet glad in a way because he had “seen” through the old man’s eyes how Singaporeans, who had been complete strangers, come together in a spirit of care and toiled through a round-the-clock rescue effort. 30

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

71. Why did the reporter from *Today* want to interview Mr. Lee ?

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72 How do we know old Mr. Lee had trouble moving around?

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73. What do you think Mr. Lee's occupation was in the 1980s ?

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74. Explain what the writer meant by "Traffic had come to a standstill." in *Line 14*.

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75. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "unexpectedly" ?

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76. Why was the woman hysterical ?

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77. What does the phrase 'he would only get in the way' in *Line* <sup>23</sup> ~~22~~ mean?

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78. How was the rescue work carried out ?

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79. According to the passage ,what were the two factors that possibly reduced the number of survivors?

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80. After hearing Mr. Lee's story, why was the reporter deeply saddened but glad ?

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|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 41. at        | 46. political | 51. Although | 56. entertainment | 61. provide    |
| 42. amazing   | 47. edited    | 52. to       | 57. other         | 62. popularity |
| 43. published | 48. them      | 53. from     | 58. with          | 63. news       |
| 44. editorial | 49. is        | 54. visual   | 59. free          | 64. what       |
| 45. corrects  | 50. patient   | 55. young    | 60. earning       | 65. rules      |

66. Both John and his sister their meals served pip hot.
67. Neither Stella nor George exercises regularly.
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71. The reporter wanted Mr Lee to give an account of the collapse of Hotel New Would on Serangoon Road.
72. He moved slowly with the help of a walking stick and had to pause for breath even as he took a few steps.
73. I think Mr Lee's occupation was a taxi driver in the 1980s.
74. The crowd probably blocked the way and traffic could not move.
75. The word is "Suddenly".
76. The woman was hysterical as her daughter was under a huge mound of rubble.
77. It means that he would only hinder the rescue workers from doing their job properly.
78. Heavy cranes lifted slabs of concrete off the pile while engineers dug tunnels and sent men to try and locate any survivors.
79. The mass of heavy rubble and the lack of.
80. He was saddened by the tragic loss of lift of collapse and glad that the strangers come to help out in the rescue effort.