

"It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters." ~ Epictetus

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### Section A Grammar

Choose the most suitable word and write its number in the bracket provided.

1. All the girls except Sally \_\_\_\_\_ made to stay back during recess yesterday.

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

2. Mother's coffee tasted salty because she had added \_\_\_\_\_ salt in it by mistake.

- (1) much
- (2) some
- (3) many
- (4) several ( )

3. Rachel complained \_\_\_\_\_ a headache and was taken to the sick bay.

- (1) at
- (2) of
- (3) with
- (4) about ( )

4. I want to finish all my homework by today \_\_\_\_\_ my cousins will be coming to my house tomorrow.

- (1) but
- (2) and
- (3) since
- (4) when ( )

5. These books are not \_\_\_\_\_. They belong to Jane.

- (1) us
- (2) his
- (3) our
- (4) him

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6. Last night, Tom wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ some water but he could not see in the dark and ended up falling on a chair.

- (1) drink
- (2) drank
- (3) drunk
- (4) drinks

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### Section B Vocabulary

Choose the most suitable word and write its number in the bracket provided.

7. The burglar and his \_\_\_\_\_ were finally caught when they tried to sell the valuables they had stolen.

- (1) ally
- (2) colleague
- (3) companion
- (4) accomplice

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8. Whenever we do our grocery shopping, my sister would volunteer to push the trolley along the \_\_\_\_\_ in the supermarket.

- (1) aisle
- (2) track
- (3) route
- (4) corridor

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9. Many \_\_\_\_\_ would queue to buy the chicken rice from Kai Restaurant as the restaurant specially imports its ingredients from Japan.

(1) client

(2) patrons

(3) patients

(4) commuters

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10. Ming Seng \_\_\_\_\_ many interesting people from all over the world while he was touring Europe.

(1) confronted

(2) conquered

(3) enchanted

(4) encountered

( )

11. It is very relaxing to watch the fish in the tank \_\_\_\_\_ in and out of the seaweeds.

(1) trot

(2) glide

(3) flutter

(4) weave

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12. My grandmother is a \_\_\_\_\_ person. She does not spend money on unnecessary things.

(1) frugal

(2) stingy

(3) difficult

(4) calculative

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### Section C Vocabulary Cloze 1

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the boxes and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

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|--------------|--------------|------------|---------------|
| (A) argument | (B) chat     | (C) crafty | (D) direction |
| (E) distance | (F) harmless | (G) pack   | (H) troop     |

A sly cat wanted to trick a bird into coming down from its perch.

“Brother Bird,” the cat said. “Come down for a friendly (13) \_\_\_\_\_ with me.”

“No,” said the bird. “I’m sure you’d eat me.”

“Oh, I wouldn’t,” said the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ cat with a sly smile. “Haven’t you heard? Everyone has agreed to live in harmony.”

“Is that so?” said the bird, who was just as smart. Stretching its neck, the bird pretended to look at something in the (15) \_\_\_\_\_.

“What are you looking at?” asked the curious cat.

“Oh, just a (16) \_\_\_\_\_ of hungry wolves headed right this way.

On hearing this, the cat quickly turned around and headed off.

“Come back!” chirped the bird. “Why are you running away? I thought you said that everyone had agreed to live in peace.”

“Well, perhaps those hungry wolves haven’t heard of it yet,” said the cat as he bounded away.

## Section C Vocabulary Cloze 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the boxes and write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

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|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| (A) ability | (B) creativity | (C) draw       | (D) impressive |
| (E) object  | (F) paint      | (G) remarkable | (H) thing      |

Many people love to engage in some form of art.

Some people love to simply use a pencil to draw. Some people love to (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the world they see in different colours while others love to use their hands to make or create objects. Some people are able to create or draw an (18) \_\_\_\_\_ within a short time while some struggle even with a simple sketch.

However, is (19) \_\_\_\_\_ a talent or can it be taught? Some people believe that with some training and time, everyone will be able to discover the innate talent in themselves and produce an (20) \_\_\_\_\_ piece of artwork. They believe that everyone can be an artist. Do you have what it takes to be one?

## Section D

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the boxes and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

### Grammar Cloze 1

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|-------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| (A) dance   | (B) danced     | (C) have danced | (D) dances |
| (E) dancing | (F) is dancing | (G) will dance  |            |

One of my favourite hobbies is dancing. I started learning dancing when I was three years old. I always (210) \_\_\_\_\_ in a studio. My teacher, Madam Wong, teaches me the different movements. In these last three years, I (220) \_\_\_\_\_ in many of my school concerts.

Last night, I (230) \_\_\_\_\_ in my school for the end-of-the-year celebrations. Everyone said that they enjoyed my performance very much. I am very proud of my talent.

Next year, I (24) \_\_\_\_\_ in the primary one orientation concert. I have started practicing for it already.

### Grammar Cloze 2

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|---------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| (A) and | (B) although | (C) because | (D) however |
| (E) so  | (F) since    | (G) unlike  |             |

Many tourists come to Singapore throughout the year.

Most of the time, they are taken to places like Chinatown, Little India (25) \_\_\_\_\_ Kampong Glam. The attractions in our country tend to be man-made (26) \_\_\_\_\_ our neighbour, Malaysia which is famous for her long stretches of beaches and hill resorts. (27) \_\_\_\_\_, we do have nature reserves like Sungei Buloh Nature Park and Bukit Timah Forest Reserve. Tourists may visit such places (28) \_\_\_\_\_ that they can enjoy not only Singapore's cultural heritage but natural attractions as well.

That is why Singapore is one of the favourite tourist destinations.

## Section E Comprehension

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer for each question and write its number in the bracket provided.

A great problem many countries in the world face is lack of food. Starvation kills thousands of people each day. Singapore is very blessed that it does not have this problem. Instead, the people in Singapore have too much to eat. Most of the food centres are packed during peak hours. You are considered lucky if you can find a table at a restaurant. Most of the time, people have to stand in line or make reservations for a table.

Singaporeans love to eat and they are fussy about what they eat. They are willing to travel from one end of the island to the other just for the sake of food. They do not mind the long waiting time and distance. In Singapore, food is available **round the clock**.

Singaporeans have to watch what they eat as they are eating a lot of fried food and sweet desserts. Eating such rich food can result in health problems. Many people are suffering from diseases associated with obesity. In Singapore, heart disease is one of the top killers. People suffer from heart attacks and strokes due to their unhealthy diet and the lack of exercise.,

According to doctors, we need to change our eating habits if we wish to live a longer and healthier life. We should ask for less salt and sugar whenever we order our food. We should also eat two servings of fruits and vegetables every day and cut down on animal fats as they clog up the arteries. We should cultivate the habit of including fish, vegetables, soya bean products and unpolished grain in our diet.

29. Singaporeans are blessed because they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) can be fussy with their food
  - (2) are fussy about what they eat
  - (3) can travel within the island to find food
  - (4) do not mind the waiting time for good food ( )
30. Singaporeans have to eat \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) different types of food
  - (2) less variety of sweet desserts
  - (3) less fried food and sweet desserts
  - (4) more fried food and sweet desserts ( )
31. The word “**round the clock**” in paragraph 2 means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) at night
  - (2) in the day
  - (3) all the time
  - (4) everywhere ( )
32. Which one of the following statements about stroke is **false**?
- (1) It is the top killer.
  - (2) It can be caused by unhealthy diet.
  - (3) People who are obese tend to get it.
  - (4) It can be caused by lack of exercise. ( )
33. If Singaporeans wish to live a longer and healthier life, they should \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) eat less
  - (2) eat richer food
  - (3) eat a great variety of food
  - (4) look around to find good food ( )



## Section F Comprehension Open-Ended

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

A long time ago, in a small village in China, there was a friendly boy, Yu Gong. Yu Gong always did his very best to be helpful to his old mother. However, his old mother was always complaining to herself. “How I wish my son, Yu Gong, can do things right for once.”

One day, Yu Gong’s old mother wanted to have fish for dinner. She gave Yu Gong a fishing rod and asked him to go to the river. Yu Gong was excited and was hoping to catch a big fish to please his mother. He waited for long. Suddenly, he felt something heavy tugging at the end of the line. When he pulled the rod, instead of a fish, he caught an old shoe. Just as he wanted to throw the old shoe away, he saw a big silver coin inside it. He was very surprised. Excitedly, he took the coin home to look for a safe hiding place for it.

“I must not let anyone know about my precious silver coin,” he said. “Oh! Where can I possibly hide it?” Just then, he had an idea. He took a small shovel and started to dig a hole in his backyard. When he thought that the hole was big enough, he put the silver coin inside and carefully covered up the hole. After he had done that, he took a step back and looked at the ground. There was no trace that the ground was dug up! Yet, Yu Gong was not happy. “What happens if someone finds my precious silver coin?” he asked himself.

He thought hard. He had another idea. “I know! I know!” he cried with excitement. He quickly took a piece of paper. He wrote some words on it. Carefully, he pasted the paper over the hole. The word on the paper read, “This is NOT the hiding place of my silver coin.”

Can you imagine anyone being as silly as Yu Gong?

34. What was Yu Gong mother unhappy about?

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35. Why was Yu Gong surprised?

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36. Which sentence tells us that he had hidden the coin well?

37. What was Yu Gong worried about?

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38. Explain why Yu Gong was silly to write the words on the paper and paste it over the hiding place?

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Answers:

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| 1. 4  | 12. 1 | 23. B |
| 2. 2  | 13. B | 24. G |
| 3. 2  | 14. C | 25. A |
| 4. 3  | 15. E | 26. G |
| 5. 2  | 16. G | 27. D |
| 6. 1  | 17. F | 28. E |
| 7. 4  | 18. E | 29. 3 |
| 8. 1  | 19. B | 30. 3 |
| 9. 2  | 20. D | 31. 3 |
| 10. 4 | 21. A | 32. 1 |
| 11. 4 | 22. C | 33. 3 |
34. She was unhappy that Yu Gong was always doing things wrongly.
35. He saw a big silver coin in an old shoe.
36. There was no trace that the ground was dug up.
37. He was worried that someone might find his silver coin.
38. The note would give away the hiding place of the silver coin.