

"Do what you can, with what you have,
where you are." ~Theodore Roosevelt

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Section A Grammar

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

1. She is _____ at home. I'm surprised she is in today.
 - 1) often
 - 2) always
 - 3) seldom
 - 4) usually()

2. Linda can _____ well. Her specialty dish is curry.
 - 1) cook
 - 2) cooks
 - 3) cooked
 - 4) cooking()

3. Mr Li and his family _____ for a taxi when they met an old friend.
 - 1) wait
 - 2) waited
 - 3) was waiting
 - 4) were waiting()

4. Aziz wants a hamster _____ not a parrot as a pet.
 - 1) or
 - 2) but
 - 3) though
 - 4) because()

5. Look! The birds _____ a nest on the tree.
- 1) build
 - 2) built
 - 3) are built
 - 4) are building ()
6. Every pupil _____ to school in their home clothes on Be Yourself Day. It is really a fun day.
- 1) come
 - 2) came
 - 3) comes
 - 4) coming ()
7. If you don't know the meaning of a word, look it _____ on the dictionary.
- 1) up
 - 2) for
 - 3) down
 - 4) through ()
8. I think you are mistaken. This file is _____, not yours.
- 1) my
 - 2) our
 - 3) mine
 - 4) their ()
9. The boy _____ you always talk about showed us the way to the canteen.
- 1) who
 - 2) which
 - 3) whom
 - 4) whose ()

10. "I will go _____ the revision paper with you now. Please do your corrections after that," Miss Tan instructed.
- 1) in
 - 2) for
 - 3) about
 - 4) through ()

Section B Vocabulary

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

11. I threw up my hands in _____ after spending two hours trying to solve a Mathematics problem sum.
- 1) alarm
 - 2) shock
 - 3) frustration
 - 4) embarrassment ()
12. Clara was sent to the _____ after her parents died in a car accident. She was well looked after there.
- 1) palace
 - 2) theatre
 - 3) mosque
 - 4) orphanage ()
13. As a form of goodwill, Chinese like to present _____ such as hampers to their friends and relatives during the Chinese New Year period.
- 1) gifts
 - 2) prizes
 - 3) rewards
 - 4) souvenirs ()

14. Jennifer was swimming at the swimming pool when she felt a cramp in her legs. She waved her hands frantically to attract the _____ of the lifeguards.
- 1) action
 - 2) attention
 - 3) direction
 - 4) distraction ()
15. Sir Stamford Raffles founded Singapore. The people _____ him by building a statue of him.
- 1) praised
 - 2) thanked
 - 3) admired
 - 4) honoured ()
16. Melvin felt _____ as he came in first in class. He was so happy that he called his mother immediately.
- 1) elated
 - 2) grateful
 - 3) victorious
 - 4) responsible ()
17. We were _____ by the teacher that we would be going to the Sungei Buloh Nature Park. She would tell us the details later.
- 1) briefed
 - 2) advised
 - 3) lectured
 - 4) informed ()
18. Jamilah was so shocked that she could not _____ what she had witnessed in the earlier bus accident.
- 1) recall
 - 2) sense
 - 3) predict
 - 4) imagine ()

Section C Comprehension

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

Patrick never did his homework. "It is not easy at all," he complained. He played baseball and basketball and Nintendo instead. His teacher told him, "Patrick, do your homework or you won't learn a thing."

One day, he saw his cat playing with a little doll and he grabbed it. To his surprise, it was not his doll but a man of the tiniest size. He had a little wool shirt with old-fashioned pants and a high tall hat much like a witch's. He yelled, "Save me! Don't give me back to that cat. I'll grant you a wish. I promise you that."

Patrick could not believe how lucky he was! **Here was the answer to all his problems.** So he said, "Only if you do all my homework until the end of the semester. If you do a good enough job, I could even get As."

The little man frowned. He kicked his legs and clenched his fists and he scowled and pursed his lips, "Oh, how unlucky! But I'll do it."

And true to his words, the little elf began to do Patrick's homework. Except there was one problem. The elf did not always know what to do and he needed help. "Help me!" he would say. And Patrick would have to help – in whatever way.

"I don't know this word," the elf squeaked while reading Patrick's homework. "Get me a dictionary. No, what's even better. Find the word and sound it out by each letter."

When it came to Math, it was just as bad. "What are times tables?" the elf shrieked. "We elves never need that."

Patrick wanted to tear his hair out. Was the elf helping him or was he helping the elf? He had to work much harder now. What he did not know was that he was learning and improving every time he helped the elf.

19. Patrick never did his homework as he _____.
- 1) found it too easy
 - 2) found it too difficult
 - 3) was busy playing with his cat
 - 4) did not like his teachers nagging at him ()
20. Patrick grabbed something from the cat. He did that because he _____.
- 1) pitied the elf
 - 2) wanted to play with the elf
 - 3) thought the cat was playing with his doll
 - 4) could get the elf to grant him his wishes ()
21. "Here was the answer to all his problems" (Paragraph 3) What was the "answer" Patrick was referring to?
- 1) the little doll that he got
 - 2) the good luck that he had
 - 3) the cat playing with the elf
 - 4) the elf helping him to do his homework ()
22. In Paragraph 4, we know that the elf was _____ to grant Patrick his wish.
- 1) glad
 - 2) eager
 - 3) selfish
 - 4) unwilling ()
23. Which one of the following statements is **true**?
- 1) Patrick did not help the elf.
 - 2) The elf did not keep his promise.
 - 3) Patrick had to help the elf do his homework.
 - 4) The elf was most happy to help Patrick do his homework. ()

Section D Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the boxes and write its answer in each blank.

Passage 1

bought buy buys buying had bought

Last weekend, Li Ann and Lin went to the shopping mall. They went to a furniture shop to (24) _____ a study table. After (25) _____ it, they proceeded to a boutique to buy clothes.

After browsing for an hour, Li Ann finally (26) _____ a bright red outfit.

Passage 2

in from over
around towards on

There was once a man who earned a living by looking after sheep. One day, as he was tending his sheep (27) _____ the fields, he suddenly heard a howl. He grew frightened and looked (28) _____. Then, he saw a big black wolf standing (29) _____ a hilltop. He yelled for help and within minutes, several villagers came running (30) _____ the man to help him. The villagers made a lot of noise and soon, the wolf was nowhere in sight.

Section E Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the boxes and write its answer in each blank.

horror	admiring	turned	gestured
fear	shivered	viewing	alert

Kate and her father went on a fishing trip out at sea. After catching a few fish, they took a rest in the boat, (31) _____ the scenery of the sea.

Suddenly, Kate gasped in (32) _____. She saw a triangular fin encircling the boat. Not wanting to (33) _____ the animal in case it attacked them, she (34) _____ to her brother to start the motor. However, it was stuck! The two siblings (35) _____ in fright. They did not know what to do.

Section F Comprehension Open-Ended

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

For many years, an old apple tree stood in the middle of a farmer's garden. As it had stopped bearing fruit, the farmer thought it was useless. He decided to cut the tree down. With a sharp axe in his hand, the farmer struck at the roots of the tree.

At once, the tree shook violently and grasshoppers, sparrows and squirrels immediately came out of the tree. They surrounded the farmer, startling him. "Please, Sir," they begged him. "Do not cut down this tree. It is our only home."

However, their cries were in vain. The farmer raised his axe one more time and struck at the trunk of the tree. Suddenly, golden-yellow liquid began to drip out of the tree trunk. The farmer touched the liquid with his finger and cautiously tasted it, "Yummy, honey!"

The farmer realised that the tree was not so useless after all. Its hollow trunk had become the ideal home for bees to make honey. He searched for a bottle to fill it with the delicious honey. His eyes twinkled at the thought of having honey every day for breakfast. He knew that the bees would make even more honey after he had taken some that day.

"Hey," he announced as he threw away the axe. "Since it is your home, I shall be kind and spare the life of this tree. You can live in peace now."

The sparrows, grasshoppers and squirrels breathed a deep sigh of relief. Although they knew he was lying, they were glad he had changed his mind about cutting the tree down. They immediately went into the hollows of the trunk to thank the bees.

Adapted from "The Apple Tree" by Aesop's Fables

36. Why did the farmer think that the apple tree was useless?

37. Why do you think the farmer was startled (Paragraph 2)?

38. When did the farmer realise that the apple tree was not useless after all?

39. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as “perfect”?

40. Was the farmer a kind man? Why do you say so?

Answers:

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| 1. 3 | 13. 1 | 25. buying |
| 2. 1 | 14. 2 | 26. bought |
| 3. 4 | 15. 4 | 27. in |
| 4. 2 | 16. 1 | 28. around |
| 5. 4 | 17. 4 | 29. on |
| 6. 3 | 18. 1 | 30. towards |
| 7. 1 | 19. 2 | 31. admiring |
| 8. 3 | 20. 3 | 32. horror |
| 9. 3 | 21. 4 | 33. alert |
| 10. 4 | 22. 4 | 34. gestured |
| 11. 3 | 23. 3 | 35. shivered |
| 12. 4 | 24. buy | |
36. It had stood at a spot for many years and had stopped bearing fruit.
37. He was startled to see animals coming out of the tree.
38. The farmer realised it when he tasted the honey from the hollow of the tree.
39. ideal
40. No, he was not. He only agreed not to cut down the tree when he found honey.