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### Section A Grammar

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

1. Benson sees his father only once a month. He wishes his father \_\_\_\_\_ in Singapore instead of Hong Kong.

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| (1) work   | (2) works   |     |
| (3) worked | (4) working | ( ) |

2. The children saw a man \_\_\_\_\_ a bottle of drink out of the shop without paying just now.

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| (1) take | (2) takes |     |
| (3) took | (4) taken | ( ) |

3. I bathe my dog two times a week \_\_\_\_\_ it will be clean and free of ticks.

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| (1) so that | (2) although |     |
| (3) but     | (4) unless   | ( ) |

4. Edison told his friends that the film he had watched the night before \_\_\_\_\_ very thrilling.

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

5. I have not visited my grandparents for weeks. I really should \_\_\_\_\_ by to see them.

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| (1) drops    | (2) drop    |     |
| (3) dropping | (4) dropped | ( ) |

6. You should not feel so dejected. It could have been \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) bad

(2) worst

(3) worse

(4) badly

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### Section B Grammar Cloze 1

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.

(A) sings

(B) sing

(C) sang

(D) sung

(E) singing

(F) were singing

(G) are singing

Taufik loves singing. He (7) \_\_\_\_\_ whenever he is happy. Every day, he would (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the bathroom at the top of his voice.

One day, he decided to take part in a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ competition organised by Mediacorp. In order to prepare for the competition, he (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for two hours daily.

On the day of the competition, he had a sore throat but he was determined to do his best. Taufik's hard work paid off as the song which he had (11) \_\_\_\_\_ brought in the most votes and he became the 'Singapore Idol'.

### Grammar Cloze 2

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

(A) through

(B) at

(C) into

(D) over

(E) along

It was Russell's first day at the new school. He was feeling anxious. His father cheered him up on the way there. A boy who looked very friendly greeted them (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the school gate and then introduced herself as Russell's form teacher. She led him to his classroom.

(13) \_\_\_\_\_ the way, Russell passed many rooms which were painted with many colourful murals on the outside. He took a peek (14) \_\_\_\_\_ one of the windows



20. The victim gave a vivid \_\_\_\_\_ of the robber to the police and as a result, they managed to hunt him down within two hours.

- (1) description (2) encounter  
(3) demonstration (4) conclusion ( )

### Section D Vocabulary Cloze

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

- (A) many (B) weather (C) control (D) place  
(E) people (F) existed (G) protect (H) things  
(J) cover (K) health

Mother Earth is in a bad shape. (21) \_\_\_\_\_ rainforests around the world have disappeared. (22) \_\_\_\_\_ are logging and clearing more and more land. Dry (23) \_\_\_\_\_ in some countries have also caused rainforest fires. These sometimes go out of (24) \_\_\_\_\_. As a result, many animals that live in those forests are destroyed and our (25) \_\_\_\_\_ is also affected by the haze produced.

Although rainforests (26) \_\_\_\_\_ only a small part of the Earth, more than half of the animal and plant species on our planet are found in them! Timber, charcoal, gums, rubber, oils, fruit, coffee, cocoa, spices and medicines are just some of the (27) \_\_\_\_\_ we use every day which come from the rainforest.

We need to do more to make sure that there are still rainforests in the future. One way is to set up nature reserves to (28) \_\_\_\_\_ them. Another is to recycle paper and other things whenever it is possible to do so. It should be everyone's duty to care for and about the environment.

## Section E Comprehension Cloze

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

One day when Heidi the porcupine went out in search of her lunch, she met a one-eyed raccoon. She was going to walk straight by him (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the one-eyed raccoon said, "Wont you stop for a few moment and talk to me?"

Heidi's (30) \_\_\_\_\_ skipped a beat. "You want to talk to me?" she asked in amazement.

"Yes, please," said the one-eyed raccoon.

"Why?" asked Heidi.

"Because I have nobody (31) \_\_\_\_\_ in the whole wide world to talk to," said the sad-looking one-eyed raccoon. "Nobody."

(32) "\_\_\_\_\_ have I," cried Heidi. "There are no other porcupines around here and all the other animals say I am much to prickly to be their friend. I don't know (33) \_\_\_\_\_ they should say that, because underneath I'm not prickly at all."

## Section F Visual Text Comprehension

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

### SINGAPORE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

The Open Zoo

This week's attractions:

#### NOCTURNAL FRIENDS

- 3 baby koalas and 1 wombat from Australia  
(for a limited period only)

#### ACTIVITIES GALORE!

##### 1. *ANIMAL SHOWS*

Primate and Reptile Show: 10.30 a.m. & 2.30 p.m.

Elephant & Sea Lion Show: 11.30 a.m. & 3.30 p.m.

##### 2. *ANIMAL FEEDING*

Learn interesting facts about animals and watch them being fed during feeding times throughout the day.

##### 3. *ANIMAL RIDES*

Sit on an elephant or ride a pony for free!

##### 4. *CHILDREN'S WORLD*

A unique experience for the young with a fun ride on a miniature train and special performance by farm animals.

#### **SPECIALS!!!**

Breakfast or Tea with an Orang Utan

Breakfast: 9.00 a.m. daily

Tea: 4.00 p.m. daily

(except Sundays and Public Holidays)

#### **OPERATING HOURS**

Open daily: 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

#### **ADMISSION FEES**

Adults: \$10.00

Children (above the age of 6):  
\$\$4.50

#### **DISCOUNTS**

20% discounts for each group of 10 people

*LUCKY DRAW* for those who sign up to be Friends of the Zoo!

34. The zoo is open to visitors \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) from 8.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.      (2) from 11.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.  
(3) from 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.      (4) from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
- (      )
35. A visitor to the Zoo can choose to have breakfast or tea with an orangutan \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) on Sundays only      (2) from Mondays to Fridays only  
(3) on weekdays only      (4) from Mondays to Saturdays only
- (      )
36. Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) Visitors who go to the zoo in a group of ten will enjoy a free breakfast.  
(2) Visitors who go to the zoo in a group of ten will enjoy a 20% discount on the admission fees.  
(3) Visitors who go to the zoo in a group of ten will enjoy a free animal show.  
(4) Visitors who go to the zoo in a group of ten will enjoy a free train ride.
- (      )
37. Visitors to the zoo is eligible for a lucky draw if they \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) feed the animals  
(2) eat along with the animals  
(3) bring along ten other people  
(4) sign up to be Friends of the Zoo
- (      )
38. Which of the following animals can visitors ride on in the zoo?
- (1) elephants and sea lions      (2) koalas and wombats  
(3) reptiles and primates      (4) ponies and elephants
- (      )

## Section G Comprehension Open-Ended

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

Barry took little notice of the new school near his home at first. However, when he overheard his parents saying he would study there when it was completed, he decided to check out the place with Ray, his best friend.

“What’s that?” Barry asked as he poked at a brick with his fingers. Suddenly, it slipped partly out from the wall. One strong pull and it was in his hands. “They’ve forgotten to put the cement round this one,” Barry said, laughing. “I told you it was no good,” said Ray. “I bet you the whole structure will fall down in a few years.”

“It would be a perfect place for messages,” said Barry. “I agree. Let’s leave a message for the school and the new Principal!” Ray said excitedly, “What shall we say?”

“You thought the school might fall down one day so we could leave a warning about that. Since a lot of words will be spoken in his school, especially by the Principal, let’s say that it will fall down after he has spoken a million words,” Barry suggested. “Good idea,” agreed Ray. “But we won’t make the message easy to read. Let’s put in code.” He started writing the message in block capital letters: ENWH ETH INCIPALPR FO ISTH HOOLSC SHA...

When the whole message was finished, they looked at **it** with pride. Then, Barry folded the paper and placed it into the hole where the brick had been. The brick was then pushed back in after it so that no one passing by could tell that it was loose.



39. What was being constructed near Barry's house?

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40. How did the builders hold the bricks of a wall together?

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41. Which sentence tells you that Ray was convinced that the building was poorly built?

42. Why did the boys decide to write the warning in code?

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43. What does the word "it" in the last paragraph refer to?

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Answers:

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| 1. 3  | 14. A | 27. H       |
| 2. 1  | 15. 2 | 28. G       |
| 3. 1  | 16. 1 | 29. when    |
| 4. 2  | 17. 3 | 30. heart   |
| 5. 2  | 18. 3 | 31. else    |
| 6. 3  | 19. 4 | 32. neither |
| 7. A  | 20. 1 | 33. why     |
| 8. B  | 21. A | 34. 1       |
| 9. E  | 22. E | 35. 4       |
| 10. C | 23. B | 36. 2       |
| 11. D | 24. C | 37. 4       |
| 12. B | 25. K | 38. 4       |
| 13. E | 26. J |             |
39. A new school was being built near his house.
40. The workers put cement around the bricks to hold the bricks of the wall together.
41. I bet you the whole structure will fall down in a few years.
42. They did not want the message to be easily read.
43. It refers to the piece of paper containing their message.