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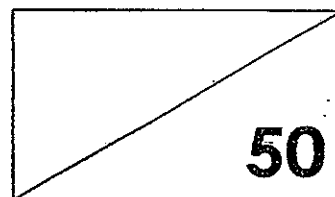
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

(LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
2. Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
3. Follow all instructions carefully.
4. Answer all questions.
5. For questions 1 to 15, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
6. For questions 16 to 39, write your answers in this booklet.

Section A (6 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. These freshly baked custard tarts are _____ as many customers would queue for hours to buy them.
(1) stunning
(2) delightful
(3) appealing
(4) delectable

2. After the massive earthquake, all the residents have left their homes so the buildings are now _____.
(1) spoilt
(2) sparse
(3) vacant
(4) hopeless

3. Smoking is _____ in this restaurant.
(1) refused
(2) blocked
(3) rejected
(4) prohibited

4. Michael waved frantically at John and _____ him to quickly hide behind the door to give their mother a surprise.
- (1) drew
 - (2) coaxed
 - (3) tempted
 - (4) beckoned
5. Gina _____ at Henry as he continued to irritate her.
- (1) glared
 - (2) peered
 - (3) peeked
 - (4) glanced
6. John had difficulty solving the Mathematics question as he found it really _____.
- (1) bothersome
 - (2) problematic
 - (3) troublesome
 - (4) complicated

Section B (8 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 7 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

7. The scouts _____ their tents and unpacked their gear when they arrived at the camp site.
- (1) pitch
 - (2) pitches
 - (3) pitched
 - (4) pitching
8. The ice cream _____ in two flavours. They are strawberry and chocolate.
- (1) come
 - (2) came
 - (3) comes
 - (4) coming
9. _____ the lack of training, John emerged as the winner in the Spelling Bee Competition.
- (1) Since
 - (2) Unless
 - (3) Due to
 - (4) Despite

10. Raju was busy with his wushu training and had _____ time to do his homework.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) many
 - (4) much
11. James said, "If you _____ a wealthy man, what would you buy?"
- (1) am
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
12. Mei Shan had to sit _____ the assembly talk as it was important.
- (1) in
 - (2) out
 - (3) with
 - (4) through

13. All the participants but one _____ the training over the past one week.
- (1) attend
 - (2) attends
 - (3) has attended
 - (4) have attended
14. "You went to the party, _____ you?" John asked his brother.
- (1) did
 - (2) have
 - (3) didn't
 - (4) haven't

Section C (10m)

Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer questions 15 to 22 based on the passage.

A moose went for a drink and saw his reflection in the water. "What magnificent antlers I have!" he exclaimed proudly. Then, he looked down at his legs and sighed.

"What's wrong?" asked a fish.

"I hate my long and thin legs. I would rather have no legs like you," 5 groaned the moose.

"I doubt it," replied the fish, but before it could say more, the forest was filled with the barking of hunting dogs.

The moose took to his heels and fled like the wind to safety. Just as he thought he was safe, his antlers got caught in the branches of a tree. 10 **They** caused a nest to fall off the tree.

"Don't struggle," called a bird, "or you'll become more tangled! The dogs will be here and those antlers will be the death of you."

Though the moose's every instinct was to struggle, he took the bird's advice. Calmly, he managed to free himself and return safely to his 15 family.

The moose heaved a sigh of relief and said, "I've just realised something. The part of me I was most proud of was nearly the death of me and the part I despised most has saved me."

Adapted from *The Stag and His Spindly Legs*

For question 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the answer (1, 2, 3, or 4) on the OAS.

15. The moose was at the river to admire his _____. [1m]

- (1) legs
- (2) face
- (3) body
- (4) antlers

For questions 16 to 20, write your answers in the space provided. Your answers must be based on the passage.

16. Write one word from paragraph 8 that has the same meaning as the word 'hated'. [1m]

Read each statement and tick ☒ 'True' or 'False'. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Sentence		True	False
Example	The moose disliked his pair of legs the most.	☒	☐
17.	The moose struggled to free himself.	☐	☐
18.	The moose and his family were trying to escape from the hunting dogs.	☐	☐

19. These are the moose's experience in the forest. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the boxes below to indicate the flow of the story. [1m]

	The moose listened to the bird's advice and remained calm.
	The moose was looking at his reflection and was dissatisfied with his legs.
	The moose remained calm and he managed to escape from the dogs.

20. Tick ☒ your chosen answer.

The bird gave the moose _____ advice.

[1m]

	wise
	foolish
	unreasonable

For Questions 21 and 22, write your answers in complete sentences. Your answers must be based on the given passage.

21. What does the word "**They**" in line 11 refer to?

[2m]

22. What made the moose change his thought about his legs?

[2m]

Section D (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 23 to 26, in the passage below. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) his	(B) it	(C) my
(D) our	(E) them	(F) your

Tortoise invited Baboon for supper. It was the dry season and many bush fires occurred in the area. To get to Tortoise's place, Baboon had to cross a field of blackened grass. When he arrived, Tortoise was stirring a pot of delicious food.

"Pleased to see you, (23) _____ friend," he said to Baboon. "Dear me, didn't (24) _____ mother teach you to wash your hands before meals?"

Baboon looked at (25) _____ paws. They were completely black.

"Run along to the river and give (26) _____ a rinse," chided Tortoise. "Then you may eat."

Adapted from *The Tortoise and the Baboon*

Section E (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 27 to 30, in the passage below. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Drinking bottled water is more convenient. Almost everyone (27) [believe / believes] that bottled water is safer than tap water.

In America, families (28) [buy / buys] more bottled water than any other nation in the world. Every year, about 29 billion water bottles (29) [contribute / contributes] to the waste problem in the United States.

Instead of drinking bottled water, we should drink water straight from the tap. Tap water (30) [is / are] safe in the United States. Bottled water is considered unsafe as some chemicals may be present in the bottles.

Adapted from *National Geographic Kids: Drinking Water: Bottled or From Tap?*

Section F (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 31 to 34, 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).

31. Ali was my classmate in primary school. Ali is now a famous national sailor.

_____ who

32. John ran very fast but he did not win the race.

_____ even though

33. Michelle was lazy. Michelle did not do well for the mid-year examination.

Due to her _____

34. Jane told her aunt, "We left the resort yesterday."

Jane told her aunt that _____

Section G (5 x 2m)**Comprehension Open**

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 39.

My cousin, Beatrice, and I had gone out to watch Queen Victoria's coronation procession. Everyone was jostling and shoving to get a better view. Beatrice was cross because her new silk dress was getting crumpled.

"I cannot put up with the crowd," grumbled Beatrice. "Let's go home." 5

I nodded. "We'll see better from your balcony." We hurried back to where Beatrice lived. As we reached her gate, Beatrice suddenly gripped my arm and pointed at something huddled in the garden. I peered over to where she was pointing. It looked like a pile of old rags.

"It's moving," Beatrice whispered. 10

To my astonishment, it was a boy scrambling to his feet. I had seen poor people before, but never so thin and dirty.

The boy stepped back, shielding his face with his hands and said, "Don't hit me. I have done nothing."

"We're not going to hurt you, I promise," I said. 15

Beatrice made a grab at my arm, "Come away, Olivia. He's crawling with lice."

I ignored her and stepped nearer to the boy. One thing that really drew my attention was a cut across his cheek.

"Who hurt you?" I asked. 20

The boy coughed, and replied, "Old Sam, the supervisor at the match factory where I work. He got the belt out and whipped me this morning."

Beatrice interrupted him, "He must have had a reason for beating you."

The boy turned to look at her. "He hit me because I fell. Old Sam 25 doesn't like anyone fainting, or getting sick." He coughed again. "I'll never go back to the factory. I want a better life for myself and find other work."

Adapted from *Not always a perfect day*

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

35. Why was the crowd jostling and shoving?

36. What does the word "It" in line 9 refer to?

37. How did the writer react after her cousin pulled her away?

38. Why did the boy have a cut across his cheek?

39. Which sentence in this passage tells you that the boy was positive despite his hardship?

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Q1	4	Q6	4	Q11	4
Q2	3	Q7	3	Q12	4
Q3	4	Q8	3	Q13	4
Q4	4	Q9	4	Q14	3
Q5	1	Q10	2	Q15	4

Q16 despised

Q17 TRUE

Q18 FALSE

Q19 2,1,3

Q20 wise

Q21 'They' refers to the moose's antlers.

Q22 His legs saved him from the hunting dogs.

Q23	C	Q25	A
Q24	F	Q26	E

Q27	believes	Q29	contribute
Q28	buy	Q30	is

Q31 Ali, who was my classmate in primary school, is now a famous national sailor.

Q32 John did not win the race even though he ran very fast.

Q33 Due to her laziness, Michelle did not do well for the mid-year examination.

Q34 Jane told her aunt that they had left the resort the previous day.

Q35 They wanted to have a better view of Queen Victoria's coronation procession.

Q36 It refers to the boy.

Q37 The writer ignored her and went near to the boy.

Q38 Old Sam, the supervisor at the match factory, got a belt out and whipped the boy that morning.

Q39 I want a better life for myself and find other work.

