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Time : 11.00am – 1.00pm Reading Time : Nil

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**Special Instructions :**

Answer All the questions. Write your answers in the answer booklet provided.

Materials permitted : Nil

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**Note:** Answer **ALL** the questions in the answer booklet provided.

**Question 1 (25 marks)**

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

- 1 I can still remember the day I left home for university. I had packed and repacked a hundred times the night before. Mother had bought me a new flask and a bottle of Tiger Balm. For headaches, she said. She really had thought of everything. She also gave me some money and an ATM card for me to withdraw my fees later on. I felt happy and sad at the same time. I felt like hugging her, instead, we just exchanged smiles. I couldn't even tell her I was going to miss her.
- 2 This was my first trip to Kuala Lumpur alone. I had lived a sheltered life. Father would never allow me to go anywhere alone. I was the **apple of his eye** and he was constantly worried about my safety. The trips that I had taken were usually church camps or school trips. Thus, I was really afraid and excited at the same time.
- 3 My neighbour was kind enough to take me to the train station in her car. She was always chauffeuring us around as we did not have our own car. I looked conspicuous in my new red pants that I bought in my last minute shopping. In my eagerness to look an undergraduate, I realized too late that I had overdone things a little with a new hairdo and an oversized handbag that was a hand-me-down from my aunty.
- 4 Chee, my boyfriend, came to send me off at the station. My parents had to man the shop so I was alone after my neighbour left me at the station. I felt like an adult for the first time in my life. I was going to embark on a journey, both physically and mentally. I was afraid but I kept telling myself that this was the dream I'd had all my life and it was really coming true. I could see the sadness in my boyfriend's eyes but somehow, I did not feel as affected as I thought I would. I was anxious to get over the farewell that I had rehearsed for so many nights. When it finally came, I felt strangely relieved. The pain that I had anticipated was somehow shadowed by the excitement of my journey. It was a year later that I discovered that the parting was also the beginning of the end of our relationship.
- 5 On the train, I quickly settled down. I discovered that I had brought too many bags as I struggled to put them below my seat. I dared not to sleep even though the chugging and humming of the engine was beginning to lull me to sleep. Furthermore, the sleepless night before was beginning to take its toll on me. A distant cousin of mine had told me that she

knew of some who had missed a stop at Kuala Lumpur and ended up down south because the train did not stop for long. I was also worried, how I would manage my luggage alone. I regretted then for bringing my favourite bear and my security blanket.

- 6 Halfway through the journey, I managed to make friends with an elderly man who was also on his way to Kuala Lumpur. He asked about my destination as he could probably see the excitement written all over my face. I found out that he was a lecturer. What a coincidence! So, that kept me occupied for an hour. I offered him a packet drink that I had brought along. Looking back, I think one could say that I had brought everything except the kitchen sink from home.
- 7 Then the train was delayed for three hours. It felt like an eternity, not knowing when I'd be reaching Kuala Lumpur. I kept worrying about my brother who was waiting to pick me up. What if he gave up and decided to go home? A thousand worries raced through my mind. I was unable to concentrate on my friend's attempts in engaging me in an intelligent conversation. Finally, the train started to move again. I wanted to shout hooray. The cool breeze from the window was exhilarating. The night seemed so promising and exciting again.
- 8 When we finally reached Kuala Lumpur, my friend helped me with my luggage. I was really grateful to him. He wished me luck and went eagerly to meet his relatives. The train was hurrying on its journey again. My distant cousin had been right. Suddenly I felt so small and alone in the crowd. I settled down on the bench and contemplated my next move. My heart leapt when I spotted my brother. I felt like hugging him but we never did that. I hardly knew him since he had left home for Kuala Lumpur when I was still a baby. We managed to exchange a few words instead about my studies. I was so tired that I slept like a baby on the way to his house in Petaling Jaya. When I woke up, I found myself in the midst of a garden party. I had forgotten that it was my brother's birthday. Poor man! He had spent half the night waiting for the train.

1. In paragraph 1, the author writes, '*I had packed and repacked a hundred times*'. (2 marks)  
What does this action tell us about the author's feelings at that time?
2. From the passage, what kind of a person do you think is the author's mother? (1 mark)
3. What does the phrase, '*the apple of his eye*', in paragraph 2 tell you about the author's relationship with her father? (2 marks)
4. According to the author, she was too enthusiastic about leaving home. Why does she think so? (2 marks)
5. Where were the author's parents at the time of departure? (1 mark)
6. What is the author's intended meaning in paragraph 4, when the author writes, '*I felt like an adult for the first time in my life.*' (2 marks)

7. Why was the author worried about saying goodbye to her boyfriend? (2 marks)
8. Why was the writer afraid to sleep during the journey to Kuala Lumpur? (2 marks)
9. What is the 'coincidence' that the author talks about in paragraph 6? (1 mark)
10. In paragraph 7, the writer mentions, '*A thousand worries raced through my mind*'. Name **two** of them. (2 marks)
11. What was the 'distant cousin' right about? (1 mark)
12. In your own words, describe the relationship between the two siblings. (2 marks)
13. Find a word or phrase from the passage that has the same meaning as provided (5 marks) below.
- (a) to be protected (paragraph 2)
- (b) used item (paragraph 3)
- (c) to set out or start out (paragraph 4)
- (d) to feel sorry about something (paragraph 5)
- (e) something that feels like a long time (paragraph 7)

## Question 2 (25 marks)

### Part A (10 marks)

Each of the sentences below contains an error in subject-verb agreement. Identify the error and correct it. An example has been provided.

(10 marks)

E.g. My father don't like people who lie.

**Answer: don't → doesn't**

1. He appear very young although he will be turning 50 this year.
2. Mathematics are his most hated subject in school.
3. A crowd gather to watch the lion dance troupe welcome the new year.
4. Someone – perhaps Alex or Suresh – know the way to her house.
5. There are too much crime in the world.
6. Neither of the sharks circling the raft look hungry enough to bite.
7. Asteroids and comets slamming earth worries Jane therefore she stays home as much as possible.
8. Between 1450 to 1700, about one hundred thousand people were executed for witchcraft in Europe; eighty percent of the victims was women.

9. Thanks to the After Dark project, people from all around the world has the opportunity to tour London's Tate Museum from the comfort of their homes.
10. The jewellery Dad gave Mei for graduation cost more than the leather wallet that Lin got as his reward for finishing high school.

**Part B (5 marks)**

Read the paragraph below and identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.

An Indian(1) woman killed a leopard that attacked her near her village. Kamala Devi, 56, was fetching water when the cat jumped on her. She fought for 30 minutes and finally(2) the cat died. She is now recovering in hospital from(3) many bites and cuts. She also has three fractures on her hands. Devi said, "I thought I was dead but I did not lose patience(4) and courage. I fought with it." She stabbed (5) the leopard and smashed some of its teeth. Doctors are surprised she survived. Most people do not survive a leopard attack.

**Part C (10 marks)**

Change the following sentences into the passive voice.

1. The relevant authority is looking into the matter now.
2. My uncle washes the car once a week.
3. We sell tickets for all shows at the box office.
4. Someone built this house 200 years ago.
5. The police will arrest the robbers.
6. People throw away tons of rubbish every day.
7. The devotees will carry kavadis during Thaipusam.
8. The cleaner should take the rubbish away.
9. People don't use this road very often.
10. They have changed the date of meeting.

**Question 3 (25 marks)****Part A (8 marks)**

Rewrite each of the following pairs of simple sentences into either a simple, compound or complex sentences as instructed in the bracket.

1. Helen keeps him asking to be quiet. He doesn't listen to her. (COMPOUND)
2. Harry must run fast, otherwise he cannot catch the school bus. (SIMPLE)
3. He must return the money, or he will be punished. (SIMPLE)
4. I need to go to the rest house. I am feeling too sick to drive. (COMPOUND)
5. Jack went to play football. He had a lot of work to do. (COMPLEX)
6. He believes that God exists. (COMPLEX)
7. A man who is dead has no worries. (SIMPLE)
8. I didn't do my home work. My parents punished me. (COMPOUND)

**Part B (10 marks)**

Fill in the correct conjunctions and linking words from the list. There may be more than one possibility!

as well as	during	because	either ... or
neither.. nor	when	although	Unless
which	so that	then	so
despite	while	such as	however

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Dad comes home from work he lies down on the sofa  
\_\_\_\_\_ he is tired.
2. Max had a headache yesterday, \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't come to  
basketball practice.
3. This is Toby's new mountain bike, \_\_\_\_\_ he got from his  
parents. He locks it up every evening, \_\_\_\_\_ nobody can  
take it.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Samantha was very tired, she watched TV until well after midnight.
5. First, cut out the pictures, \_\_\_\_\_ glue them into your album.
6. I would like to learn Japanese, \_\_\_\_\_, I don't know anyone who can teach me.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ we were driving through the countryside we saw many nice villages.
8. He likes all kinds of sports, \_\_\_\_\_ skiing, hockey and volleyball.
9. You can have \_\_\_\_\_ tea \_\_\_\_\_ coffee for breakfast.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ his injury, the boy desperately wanted to play for his team in the finals.

**Part C (7 marks)**

Put the words in the brackets in the appropriate form. Use prefixes or suffixes.

1. She listened \_\_\_\_\_ when the band sang the song. She started to cry.  
(happy)
2. After many seasons, the team finally won the \_\_\_\_\_. (champion)
3. Although I \_\_\_\_\_ with what you're saying, I will support your choice.  
(agree)
4. The concert was a failure. There were only a \_\_\_\_\_ of people who came.  
(hand)
5. Perhaps you should \_\_\_\_\_ your decision. They are offering a good deal.  
(consider)
6. Have they told you of their \_\_\_\_\_ date? (arrive)
7. Those two boys look alike and act alike. The \_\_\_\_\_ is amazing.  
(similar)

**Question 4 (25 marks)****Part A (15 marks)**

Complete the sentences with the suitable tense.

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (break) my glasses three times so far this year. One time I dropped them on a cement floor. Another time I sat on them.
2. It \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) when I left the house this morning, so I opened my umbrella.
3. Australian koala bears are interesting animals. They \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) practically their entire lives in trees.
4. It's raining hard. It \_\_\_\_\_ (start) an hour ago.
5. The phone rang, so I \_\_\_\_\_ (pick) it up.
6. I can't come with you. I need to stay here. I \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for a phone call.
7. When my mother \_\_\_\_\_ (come) back, I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) in my room.
8. Nelly \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a great time in New York at the moment.
9. Four years \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a long time to spend away from home.
10. Don't \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) any food for us. We \_\_\_\_\_ (take) our dinner already.
11. Neither of my daughters \_\_\_\_\_ (look) like me.
12. Some of the questions \_\_\_\_\_ (require) students to \_\_\_\_\_ (apply) their understanding of the topic.

**Part C (10 marks)**

Fill in the blanks with the suitable answer from the box below.

should	could	can	would	may
shouldn't	wouldn't	couldn't		

1. This is a hospital. You \_\_\_\_\_ smoke here.
2. I think the management \_\_\_\_\_ give all the workers a pay raise.
3. His excuse \_\_\_\_\_ be true, but I no longer trust him.
4. I was not feeling well yesterday. I \_\_\_\_\_ eat anything.
5. " \_\_\_\_\_ I take a photo of you?" he asked her.

6. We had to take the bus. Dad \_\_\_\_\_ lend us his car.
7. “\_\_\_\_\_ you speak French?” – “Only a few words, but my Spanish is pretty good.”
8. You \_\_\_\_\_ look at me when I’m talking to you. That’s good manners.
9. Even as a child, Mozart \_\_\_\_\_ play the piano beautifully.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ you mind holding the lift for me?

~THE END~

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