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## QUESTION BOOKLET

PAPER: **ENGLISH** (SAMPLE)

LEVEL: YEAR **5**

DURATION OF TEST: **60** MINS

### PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1.) THIS TEST COVERS THE MAIN ASPECTS OF READING, GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY CORRESPONDING TO THE LEVEL STATED ABOVE.
- 2.) EACH QUESTION CARRIES 1 MARK, THE FULL SCORE OF THE TEST IS 40. TRY TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS WITHIN THE GIVEN TIME.
- 3.) YOU CANNOT ASK THE INVIGILATOR TO READ ALOUD, EXPLAIN THE MEANINGS OR SPELL OUT ANY WORDS / PHRASES.
- 4.) BOTH THE QUESTION BOOKLET AND THE ANSWER SHEET MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE INVIGILATOR AFTER THE TEST.

## Part A. (READING)



**Kelly is watching the news. Read the news report and answer Questions 1-6.**

Earlier this morning, someone was attacked outside a train station. It was the train station in the CBD during rush hour, so as you can imagine, there were many people around.

A middle-aged woman, Mrs. Nelson, was robbed and mildly injured. Her silver necklace and mobile phone were stolen. Mrs. Nelson recalled during the interview that "it was in the blink of an eye, and as soon as I realized that my stuff was gone, the thieves were nowhere to be seen." She first started yelling "thieves, thieves..." The people around her all turned their heads to see what was going on.

She then noticed that three suspicious men wearing face masks were starting to run towards the other end of the street. She then kept on screaming. Some pedestrians did run and try to help her catch the men, but they were too quick. They were seen jumping onto a van after turning into a side street.

The police arrived within a couple of minutes. They had asked the pedestrians that witnessed the whole incident, as well as Mrs. Nelson herself, for more details. The police officers noted that similar theft cases of smart phones have been on the rise in the same region, and they believed they were all done by the same group of people. They suggested pedestrians keep a close eye on their personal belongings, especially their phones, while walking on the busy streets in the CBD.

Police are now doing a full-scale search in the nearby area. "If anyone has seen these three men shown on the screen, please contact your nearest police station by dialling 999 or in person," the officers added.

Pick the best option and write your answer in the box or on the line provided on the **Answer Sheet**.

1. When did the incident take place?  
**A** morning                      **B** afternoon                      **C** evening                      **D** midnight
2. How many suspects were involved in this theft?  
**A** one                      **B** two                      **C** three                      **D** four
3. Which item has been the target of the thieves recently?  
**A** jewellery                      **B** handbags                      **C** phones                      **D** wallets

4. Which of the following is most likely to be the reminder the police officers gave to the viewers of the news channel?
- A** lock the door whenever leaving      **B** check the traffic on both sides  
**C** don't play with fireworks      **D** avoid taking phones out in public
5. Read the second last line. Which of the following has the closest meaning to the word 'contact' in that line?

**contact**

*verb.*

- (1)** communicate with (someone), to give or receive information  
*-Anyone with any further information should contact the committee.*
- (2)** touch  
*-I felt so much pain as my blister contacted the floor.*

*noun.*

- (3)** the action of communicating or meeting  
*-He has little contact with some of his family members.*
- (4)** the state of physical touching  
*-The temperature and the state of the lava changes as soon as it makes contact with the air.*

**A** (1)

**B** (2)

**C** (3)

**D** (4)

6. In the last paragraph, find 1 word that can fit in the following sentence.

By the progression of this event, I think the department will soon have to launch a \_\_\_\_\_ investigation, and all of us will be called upon.

**Part B. (READING)**

 **Terry's dad is at the supermarket. He is texting Terry and Terry's mum. Read their texts below and answer Questions 7-11.**

The T Family  
Mum, Dad and You



I'm at the Rightz now. Which would you guys prefer to have for dinner, salmon or meatballs.

I want to have grilled salmon and fried meatballs, Dad.



You're still recovering from your sore throat, Terry! I think something steamed or stir-fried will be better for tonight, Steve.



How about we have stir-fried salmon and meatballs in white sauce to go with spaghetti? Maybe I can add some tomatoes and broccoli as well!



That sounds quite good. A healthy choice too, having some meat as well as some greens. I know Terry'll like the white sauce!

I always like the white sauce. Let's put a lot in the spaghetti!! I think I can eat 2 bowls tonight!



Terry, have you finished your cello lesson at Miss Mabel's? And when are you expecting to get home?

I've just finished the session. I shall catch the next bus, and if the traffic is smooth, it should be a 40-minute ride.



40 minutes, let's see, so is it ok if we are planning to have dinner at 6:45pm?

I shall be home by then, and I'll have a couple of minutes to have a quick shower before the meal, which is good.



Becca, do you need anything from the market? I remember you said we're running a bit low on our stock of kitchen towel and washing detergents.



Indeed, we need those two. And if you happen to spot lemons, please get half a dozen, I am planning to make a lemon tart for dessert.

Pick the best option and write your answer in the box or on the line provided on the

**Answer Sheet.**

7. What are the likely first names of Terry's Dad and Mum?

**A** Dad: David; Mum: Fiona

**B** Dad: Simon; Mum: Betty

**C** Dad: James; Mum: Jada

**D** Dad: Steven; Mum: Rebecca

8. What is the name of the supermarket that Dad's in at the time he's sending out the text messages and doing the food shopping?

**A** Terry

**B** Mabel

**C** Rightz

**D** Super

9. What type of musical instrument can Terry play?  
**A** string                      **B** keyboard                      **C** brass                      **D** percussion
10. Which of the following statements is **TRUE**?  
**A** The time should be around 5:00pm when these text messages were sent.  
**B** Terry'll be home before 6:45pm.  
**C** There'll surely be desserts for the T Family tonight.  
**D** Terry's still recovering from a recent fever.
11. In the second half of the text messages, find 1 word that can function as either a quantifier or a unit, and can fit in the following sentence.
- Justin is thinking of buying two \_\_\_\_\_ cans of soft drinks for the party this coming weekend. He's invited almost twenty guests to his house.

### Part C. (READING)

 **Owen is reading the back covers of the 2 books that his mum has just bought for him. Read both back covers and answer Questions 12-16.**

This book is all about a stubborn little fella who doesn't want to make a change, whose three hands of different lengths and thickness continue to move at a constant rate. The little fella is proud of being so consistent, despite many attempts from the millions of people trying to make it fast forward or slow down. "Even with the rapid technological advancement, no one is able to change the way that I move, I am still the stubborn little one..."

Comments from the critics:

*"This's another beautiful work from Rita and Margaret. Rita's witty rhymes are fun to read, and go perfectly well with Margaret's drawings. It's a five out of five for me."*  
---Charles T.

*"I like the fact that it is not just a common picture book, it is one with a crucial lesson to tell."* ---Elizabeth J.

This book will bring you to a totally different world. It's a reimagination of "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "The Wizard of Oz". For those who like fantasy and adventure, this will be a perfect choice for you! Through the different challenges that the protagonist is going to face, she'll learn the importance of perseverance and standing up for herself..."I may be small, but I have the courage of an ocean!"

Comments from the critics:

*"This is the first book in the Emerald trilogy by Ian Payne. I'm already hooked by the storyline and the magical characters. Can't wait for the next in the series to be out!"*  
---Scarlett R.

*"What a fun read! This book is more than 500 pages but I finished it within 2 days! It'll be the next biggest hit in the book market"* ---Portia O.

Pick the best option and write your answer in the box or on the line provided on the **Answer Sheet**.

12. Which of the following is likely to be the illustrator of the book on the left?

- A** Charles T.                      **B** Rita K.                      **C** Elizabeth J.                      **D** Margaret A.

13. By looking at the blurb of the book on the left, what do you think the "stubborn little fella" is in reality?

- A** car                      **B** clock                      **C** computer                      **D** calendar

14. How many books does the fantasy author Ian Payne plan to write for the "Emerald" series?

- A** One                      **B** Two                      **C** Three                      **D** Four

15. Who predicts that the children's fantasy book will be a bestseller?

- A** Portia O.                      **B** Scarlett R.                      **C** Elizabeth J.                      **D** Charles T.

16. On the back cover on the right, find 1 word that can fit in the following sentence.

The story's main \_\_\_\_\_ is a British teacher who travelled all the way to Australia to start her working holiday, working on a strawberry farm.

## Part D. (Grammar)



**This part is all about Grammar. Let's give it a go and pick the best option for each question.**

17. Clara was playing in the playground \_\_\_\_\_ the drone flew over her head.

- A** as                      **B** during                      **C** between                      **D** from

18. "We can buy **our favourite snacks** from that store, since we are going to return to the area afterwards." Which is the underlined part of the sentence?

- A** determiner                      **B** adjective                      **C** subordinate clause                      **D** noun phrase

19. The verb form of the word "solid" is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A** solided                      **B** soliden                      **C** solidify                      **D** solidity

- (1) (2) (3) (4)  
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20. "James, who is nine, is going to join the school choir, if his parents agree with the training hours." Which word is the relative pronoun of the sentence?  
**A** (1)                      **B** (2)                      **C** (3)                      **D** (4)
21. I never enjoyed learning new languages. \_\_\_\_\_, I still passed my Spanish assessment with great ease.  
**A** Despite this              **B** As a result              **C** Subsequently              **D** Although
22. Sakura is surely a stronger competitor than Lora in this race. Which word indicates the degree of possibility within the sentence?  
**A** surely                      **B** stronger                      **C** than                      **D** race
23. \_\_\_\_\_ 6 puppies in the park right now. \_\_\_\_\_ all very cute.  
(Choose the correct pair for this sentence)  
**A** They're / There      **B** There're / They      **C** There're / They're      **D** They're / They
24. **There are a lot of new facilities in the park**, like the slides, the swings, even the benches are newly designed. What is the function of the underlined part in the sentence?  
**A** subordinate clause      **B** adverbial              **C** main clause              **D** relative clause
25. What does the root **spect** mean in the word family here → inspection, spectators and spectacles?  
**A** ask                      **B** answer                      **C** smile                      **D** look
26. Pat has always been sporty and healthy. As a result, he's visited his doctors \_\_\_\_\_ in the last couple of years. (Choose the correct adverbial of number to make the sentence sensible.)  
**A** frequently              **B** only once                      **C** regularly                      **D** several times
27. Lydia walked \_\_\_\_\_ the door to enter the room for her final interview. She looked confident. (Pick the correct preposition)  
**A** in                      **B** through                      **C** onto                      **D** outside

28. New Zealand is the country \_\_\_\_\_ my friend Austin wants to study and live in.

- A** who                      **B** whose                      **C** where                      **D** which

29. Which sentence uses parenthesis accurately?

- A** Peter known (as Pete) went to the same school as me. We're in the same class.  
**B** Peter (known as Pete) went to the same school as me. We're in the same class.  
**C** Peter known as (Pete) went to the same school as me. We're in the same class.  
**D** Peter (known as) Pete went to the same school as me. We're in the same class.

30. "Mum said we could go to play in the field once we had finished our revision for the test." Which word is the modal verb of the sentence?

- A** said                      **B** play                      **C** finished                      **D** could

31. I have to \_\_\_\_visit the topic on \_\_\_\_hydration, I just realized I didn't fully grasp the causes and symptoms of it. (Choose the correct pair for this sentence)

- A** dis/de                      **B** re/de                      **C** mis/over                      **D** re/dis

32. "We received a parcel just now. We were hesitant to open it because it wasn't wrapped. Apparently, it wasn't addressed to any of us neither."  
Which word is incorrectly used in the sentence?

- A** hesitant                      **B** wrapped                      **C** Apparently                      **D** neither


33. Correct the order of the words in this sentence:

Unfortunately to sports poor be the them, had to day due for cancelled weather.

- A** Unfortunately the day had to sports poor be cancelled them, due to for weather.  
**B** Unfortunately poor sports cancelled to them, the to day had be for due weather.  
**C** Unfortunately for them, the sports day had to be cancelled due to poor weather.  
**D** Unfortunately cancelled them, poor had the to be due to day sports for weather.



## Part E. (Vocabulary)

 **This part is all about Vocabulary. It is going to cover mainly the meaning and spelling of some commonly seen/used words, as well as those that are a bit more challenging. Let's give it a go and pick the best option for each question.**

34. Dora walked \_\_\_\_\_ on the award ceremony's red carpet, it's her first red carpet appearance in three years.  
**A** gracefully      **B** very      **C** closely      **D** occasionally
35. All students are encouraged to partecipat in the school's annual sports day to showcase their sports talent.  
(Instruction: you need to correct the spelling of the underlined word)
36. "I am writing this letter of \_\_\_\_\_ to show my appreciation for the excellent service provided by the whole team when I was hospitalised in your ward."  
**A** complaint      **B** apology      **C** commendation      **D** resignation
37. How many misspelled words are there in the following short paragraph?  
(Instruction: answer by writing **ONLY** the number)  
**"Florence was standing in the canten, she looked lost and seemd unsertain as to what to do nest. It's her firs day at this school after all. Her classmate, Rainbow, gave her a smile of reasureance, and helped her to check out the manu for the day..."**
38. The new campaign launched by the department of technology aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the prolonged usage of tablets among children aged 15 or below.  
**A** disrupt      **B** dislocate      **C** dismiss      **D** discourage
39. I had to ask someone to in\_\_\_\_\_pret for me because I can hardly comprehend any Japanese.  
(Instruction: write the missing letters to complete the spelling of the word)
40. I always find Timmy to be very \_\_\_\_\_asive (hint: starts with "per") and articulate, I think he has a great potential to be a lawyer.  
(Instruction: write the correct spelling of the WHOLE word)