Comprehension (10 marks)

Singapore Zoological Gardens

One of the most popular places of interests in Singapore is the Singapore Zoological Gardens. It is situated in Mandai, next to the Seletar Reservoir. Unlike most zoos, most of the animals here are not kept in ugly cages but in large enclosures where they can roam freely. These enclosures are surrounded by barriers such as water and rock walls to prevent the animals from escaping. Only the most dangerous animals like panthers and leopards are kept in cages.

Over 170 species are kept in their enclosures, many of which are in danger of dying out. These animals include cheetah, the Siberian tiger, the Malaysian tapir and the leopard. These and other animals find their shelter here. The zoo is also famous for its breeding of orang utans.

A large number of snakes are exhibited at the Reptile House. Here, one can see many species of snakes in their glass cases.

The Animal Showtime, which is held daily, is a very popular zoo attraction. Taking part in the show are the animals which have been trained to perform tricks to entertain the audience.

Circle the correct answer.

1. The Singapore Zoological Gardens is well known as a _____.

a) business centre
b) tourist attraction
c) nature reserve
d) breeding ground for animals

2. The zoo in Singapore is _____ most other zoos.

a) run like
b) similar to
c) situated along
d) different from

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3. Most of the animals are _____.

a) kept in large enclosures
b) free to roam everywhere
c) contained in glass cases
d) kept in clean cages

4. Some of the endangered species are _____.

a) the tapirs and the snakes
b) the cheetahs and the Siberian tigers
c) the leopards and the orang utans
d) the panthers and the leopards

5. The animals taking part in the Animal Showtime _____.

a) are tricky and clever
b) have been taught to perform tricks.
c) are tame and domestic pets
d) have been trained in the wild

Write TRUE or FALSE for these statements.

1. Many of the species in the zoo are in danger of extinction. _____
2. The orang utans are members of the ape family. _____
3. The zoo is situated in Seletar Reservoir next to Mandai. _____
4. The glass cases prenvent the animals for escaping from their large enclosures. _____
5. Everyday, some of the animals perform tricks to entertain the audience. _____

Cloze Passage (10 marks)

During the June holidays, I went camping with the cadet scouts. It was _____(1) first camping trip and I was excited.

At the camp, the camp-leader came to address _____(2). He welcomed all the participants and said that he hoped we would enjoy _____(3) stay in the camp. He also reminded us to take good care of _____(4).

I shared a tent _____(5) four boys. One of _____(6) was Sam. He was a skinny boy and all of us liked him very much. That night, we were surprised to hear Sam crying.

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_____(7) on, we found _____(8) that he was homesick. We really felt sorry _____(9) him and tried our _____(10) to comfort him.

Write the words in brackets in the PLURAL form. (5 marks)

1. We need to buy some new _____ (furniture).
2. Could you give me some _____ (information) about the new project?
3. In this resort, _____ (family) are welcomed.
4. Some _____ (policeman) came to arrest him.
5. Muslims kill _____ (sheep) for religious ceremonies.

Write the ANTONYMS for the underlined words. (5 marks)

1. What is the answer to that _____?
2. The jelly should be _____, not solid hard.
3. He must be _____. No sane person will wear like that!
4. Mr. Ong is so plump but his wife is _____.
5. The shop replaced my old computer with a _____ one.

Write the SYNONYMS for the underlined words. (5 marks)

1. The courteous lady serves us at the reception. _____
2. It is foolish of you to believe that cheat. _____
3. There is a wide selection of food at the buffet. _____
4. I am certain that 'B' is the correct answer. _____
5. My beloved pet dog has been missing. _____

Tenses (20 marks): Simple Present Tense, Present Continuous Tense, Simple Past Tense, Simple Future Tense.

1. Mrs. Tan _____ (forget) to lock the gate when she left this morning.
2. Sometimes, Keith and I _____ (quarrel) over trivial matters.
3. Watch out! The motorcycle _____ (come) this way.
4. _____ we _____ (meet) up at the library tomorrow?
5. _____ Belle _____ (understand) Korean?
6. Ollie _____ (not wear) a dress to the party last Saturday.
7. Octopuses _____ (have) eight tentacles.
8. Angela _____ (not enjoy) fairy tales.
9. At the moment, the boys _____ (have) a great time in the pool.
10. Vivien _____ (help) me to post the parcel tomorrow.
11. Uncle Sam always _____ (lie) down on our sofa.
12. The hen _____ (lay) a golden egg yesterday.
13. There _____ (not be) 31 days in June.

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14. There _____ (be) so much work that all of us need to stay back to finish it.
15. _____ (Not be) you tired of eating rice everyday?
16. The cactus _____ (be) very common in deserts.
17. Everybody in the school _____ (know) Sam Seng because he is such a notorious gangster.
18. The dog _____ (die) after it was run over by the lorry.
19. Occasionally, Lilian _____ (wash) the dishes for her mum.
20. That flight of stairs _____ (look) dangerous.

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