



CLOZE PASSAGES
GRAMMAR CLOZE
VOCAB CLOZE
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The Write Tribe



EXERCISE 1

Read the passage carefully. From the list of words given, choose the suitable word for each blank. Write the letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 x 1 = 10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) however	(E) never	(J) instead	(N) forth
(B) just	(F) such	(K) fro	(P) in
(C) when	(G) though	(L) would	(Q) and
(D) upon	(H) around	(M) should	

Have you ever heard of a snake that plays dead? This snake, which is good at pretending, is called the hognose. It is found in abundance **1** [] the eastern coast of North America. It is a non-poisonous, slow-moving reptile with an enormous head. If a person chances to come **2** [] such a snake in the forest, it puts on quite a performance. **3** [] of retreating as most snakes **4** [] do, the hognose holds its ground. It hisses menacingly and sways its head back and **5** [] as if it is preparing to strike. Its very actions are enough to scare off most intruders.

6 [], if the intruder confronts it, the hognose will go into the second part of its theatrical act. It twists its body as **7** [] it is in

great agony. Then, it rolls over on its back and lies perfectly still with its mouth open. Its tongue will appear limp. **8** [red box] drama gives the impression that the snake has just died a horrible death. It will remain limp and lifeless even if it is picked up and carried **9** [red box]. The hognose will never attack a person, even **10** [red box] it is provoked. It depends on its good acting to be left alone.

EXERCISE 2

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(A) after	(E) by	(J) although	(N) which
(B) to	(F) however	(K) in	(P) with
(C) away	(G) on	(L) when	(Q) since
(D) before	(H) for	(M) but	

The Chingay procession is held annually to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

1 [] it is held during the lunar new year, other races participate in the celebration too.

In 1990, the Chingay celebration was held 2 [] the first time.

The stretch of Orchard Road was brightly lit and gaily decorated 3 [] colourful red lanterns.

When I arrived at Orchard Road, both sides of the road were already lined with people. 4 [], I managed to get a vantage point in front of Wisma Atria. Punctually, at seven o'clock, the Chinese acrobats performed their feats

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the beats of the drums. This was followed 6

the traditional Chinese dance accompanied by Chinese music. The spectators were pleasantly surprised to see Indian and Malay items in the celebration. There were traditional Indian and Malay dances. The celebration was truly a Singapore cultural mosaic. The spectators showed their appreciation 7

each item with their warm and spontaneous applause.

When the crowd began to disperse after the final item, I lingered a while longer as I was still 8

a festive mood. Finally, I walked 9

from the place feeling tired 10

happy, as I had thoroughly enjoyed the Chingay procession.

EXERCISE 23

Read the passage. For each question from 1 to 5, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

After (1) pitching the tents, we reported to the camp warden who gave us various (2) jobs such as preparing the fireplace and digging the waste pits. We had to do them because they were (3) necessary for the maintenance of the campsite. We were all kept busy till dinnertime, after which we were briefed on the hike to a nearby hill which would take place the following morning.

Wakened by the whistle at dawn, we rose to (4) get ready for our trip. We started out on foot with a guide leading the way. Soon, we reached the foot of a hill covered by the early morning mist. We (5) climbed up the hill excitedly.

1	(1) setting up (2) setting off	(3) setting on (4) setting in	<input type="text"/>
2	(1) trades (2) missions	(3) projects (4) tasks	<input type="text"/>
3	(1) negligible (2) optional	(3) essential (4) worthwhile	<input type="text"/>
4	(1) prepare (2) adjust	(3) assemble (4) manage	<input type="text"/>
5	(1) mounted (2) escalated	(3) sprouted (4) ascended	<input type="text"/>

EXERCISE 24

Read the passage. For each question from 1 to 5, choose the word(s) closest in meaning to the underlined words. Write the correct number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

The sinking of the RMS Titanic has been (1) considered the worst maritime disaster ever to have (2) occurred. The Titanic, the largest and most luxurious ocean liner at that time, set sail on her maiden (3) journey from Southampton, England, in 1912. She was heading for New York, carrying about two thousand passengers who thought the ship was unsinkable as she had a double bottom and sixteen watertight compartments. Even if four of these were (4) filled with water, she could still stay afloat.

But late one night, a loud crash and a grinding sound woke the sleeping passengers. A huge iceberg had torn a hole measuring ninety metres in the hull. Water was filling up five of the compartments. Water had (5) started to seep into the ship.

1 (1) regarded as

(2) presumed

(3) classified

(4) credited to

2 (1) developed

(2) appeared

(3) happened

(4) commenced

3 (1) trek

(2) voyage

(3) crusade

(4) flight

4 (1) soaked

(2) drowned

(3) saturated

(4) flooded

5 (1) begun

(2) appeared

(3) embarked

(4) continued