

Section A: Language Use [40 marks]

Part 1: Editing (10 marks)

Questions 1 - 10

Read the following passage carefully.

It contains ten language errors. Each of these errors is underlined with a number beside it.

Write the correction of each error in the numbered column on the right. Either write the correct word or write 'delete' if you want to delete the word.

Examples:

I was <u>please</u> when he let me ride his bicycle	<u>pleased</u>
She told <u>to</u> me the date of her party	<u>delete</u>

		Column for Corrections
As the Omicron wave and other variants appear, Singapore has implemented (1) <u>streamline</u> COVID-19 safe management	1	.....
measures, as announced (2) <u>to</u> the multi-ministry task force. The	2	.....
measures, (3) <u>covered</u> areas such as safe distancing, the	3	.....
number of household visitors allowed and (4) <u>the</u> event capacity	4	.....
limits were planned a (5) <u>many</u> months ago, but had to be	5	.....
postponed due to a spike in cases. (6) <u>Accorded</u> to Mr Gan Kim	6	.....
Yong, co-chair of the task force, (7) <u>this</u> measures not only will	7	.....
make it easier for businesses and individuals to (8) <u>be</u> understand	8	.....
and comply, (9) <u>and</u> it will also encourage a greater sense of	9	.....
personal (10) <u>individually</u> responsibility. The streamlined rules	10	.....
will focus on five main areas.		

Adapted from channelnewsasia.com

Part 2: Language in Spoken Context (10 marks)**Questions 11 - 20**

Adi and his friend, Muru, are discussing their plans for the evening. Complete the conversation. What does Adi say to Muru? Put the correct letter **A-O** in the space next to the question number. You will not need to use all of the options provided. **DO NOT USE ANY OF THE OPTIONS MORE THAN ONCE.**

Muru:	Adi, what shall we do later this evening? We have lots of free time since we have no homework this weekend!	A	I would really like to watch the movie "Jurassic Kingdom: Spirit Dinos", which has just been released. Are you game for some action?
Adi:	11 _____	B	That's right, it really is a lucky Friday! It's so rare not to have any homework. Well, I guess we could hang out at the arcade and catch a movie. What do you think?
Muru:	Well, I think that such a nice opportunity should not be squandered just like this. My idea of a nice evening is enjoying some hot Milo on a sofa while reading a nice mystery novel. We should visit the library!	C	Come on, Muru! It's hardly a horror movie but an action flick, the kind you and I love. Really there are no ghosts in this movie, I assure you.
Adi:	12 _____	D	Well, the movie is set in an alternate future where man created dinosaurs. Of course, plans go sideways and humankind band together to tame the wild reptiles. Expect lots of action and hold on to your seat during the movie, Muru!
Muru:	Well, yes I did borrow a lot of books, but I'm already mostly through with all of them.	E	Yes, of course! What are friends for? Of course I will support you and your ideas.
Adi:	13 _____	F	Do you have anything to suggest? After brainstorming for hours, I have to finally admit that I'm out of ideas.

Muru:	Oh well, it isn't that hard if you just read the beginning and end of each novel! it isn't the best way to read, but I just can't stand waiting to know how the story will turn out in the end!	G	I am insulted by what you just said. I'll show you tomorrow how many books I can read imaginatively.
Adi:	14 _____	H	Well, since there is nothing bad, in this idea I suggested, shall we get moving?
Muru:	Okay Master Adi, King of all movie buffs, which movie has caught your eye?	I	All right. We'll do what you say. After all, it's such a great idea! I can't wait to get started!
Adi:	15 _____	J	Muru, thanks for your suggestion. Among all, this is among the best. Now I can't wait to see the movie!
Muru:	Woah what kind of ghost dinosaur movie is this? You know I don't like horror movies very much. I'm not keen on watching this movie.	K	But we just visited the library last week! Didn't you just borrow enough books to fill your entire study?
Adi:	16 _____	L	What? You have already started reading so many of the books? How is that possible? You must have borrowed at least 12 novels the last trip!
Muru:	Then what is this movie really about then?	M	OK then, Master Muru the King of all bookworms. At least watch a movie with me first before we head to the library to satisfy your craving for a good story.
Adi:	17 _____	N	Well, that's very convenient! All you have to do is to sign up online and our movie tickets will be sent to us via email!
Muru:	Well OK, watching this movie doesn't sound like such a bad idea.	O	Most definitely, Master Muru, King of all bookworms. Hopefully, the special effects of the movie will show you the inadequacy of your boring books!
Adi:	18 _____		

Muru:	Sure, let's get going to the cinema and watch this movie. Just remember our deal - we are going to the library tomorrow, OK?		
Adi:	19 _____		
Muru:	Adi, my books are never boring It's just that you don't read with a sense of imagination.		
Adi:	20 _____		
Muru:	I'm looking forward to that, Adi. Bring it on! I bet you can't read as many books as I can!		

Part 3: Modified Cloze I (10 marks)**Questions 21 - 30**

Read the passage below very carefully and then fill in each blank with the most suitable word from the list of options provided. You will not need to use all of the words provided. DO NOT USE ANY OF THE OPTIONS MORE THAN ONCE.

emit	rare	choked	effects	culprit
standstill	aspiring	mission	leaving	exceeded
confined	motivated	beneficial	increase	clampdown

Cars Targeted due to Pollution

Like many European cities, London is once again being **(21)** by pollution, and road traffic is firmly in its sights. In 1952, the Great Smog of London suffocated the city for five days, bringing the city to a **(22)** as soot descended onto the streets and into residents' lungs, **(23)** more than 12,000 dead.

This crisis prompted **(24)** on the use of coal in the city. Decades on, pollution is still causing more than 9,000 premature deaths each year. This time, the key **(25)** is nitrogen dioxide. This gas is produced by cars and trucks, and particularly those with diesel engines, which **(26)** more than three times the amount than petrol vehicles.

Mr Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, is on a personal **(27)** to deal with what he calls "lethal air" in the city, which he blames for his adult-onset asthma. He announced plans this week for new charges for diesel cars and older petrol vehicles, which could see drivers pay S\$42 per day to enter central London by 2019. But the issue is not just **(28)** to the city centre, or indeed the capital itself. The nitrogen oxide limit is **(29)** in many major cities up and down the country.

Other major European cities are taking similar measures. Aside from cutting pollution, there could be other beneficial side **(30)**

Adapted from The Straits Times

Part 4: Modified Cloze II (10 marks)**Questions 31 - 40**

Read the passage below very carefully and then fill in each blank with the word that best suits the meaning for the passage as a whole. Use ONE WORD ONLY for each blank.

On any given weekday afternoon, seats at the Starbucks cafe at Bishan Community Club are occupied mainly by students, with papers and laptops strewn **(31)**..... the tables. They would study for hours, depriving other dine-in customers of a table. Many cafes and fast-food joints face the issue of seat-hogging by students, **(32)**..... years of measures to discourage them from doing so.

From **(33)**..... hints such as cleaning the empty dishes on their tables to not-so-subtle requests for them to leave, eateries popular with students have tried many ways. Some have signs stating that studying is **(34)**..... allowed while others remind students to be considerate to other customers.

However, they do not always comply. "40% of our customers are students. Some of them ask for multiple refills of iced water, and hog seats for **(35)**..... to eight hours," said operations manager, Nisa Leo. Ms. Leo stressed that students are welcome to study **(36)**..... non-peak hours. However, when they linger during the peak periods, it eats **(37)**..... the profits of the eatery. "When they hog seats, none of our other customers can dine in. As a result, we **(38)**..... 10% of our customers in this way. That's more than \$100 a day," she explained.

This problem has led to emergence of some cafes that cater to those who stay for longer periods of **(39)**..... . Teamin, for example, charges \$10 an hour, with free flow of snacks and drinks. Its outlets in popular malls provide free Internet access, games, magazines and space for customers to do their work. Mo Joe Li, an outlet manager, said, "We let customers pay according to the time they spend here, so that they can stay as **(40)**..... as they want without feeling pressured to leave."

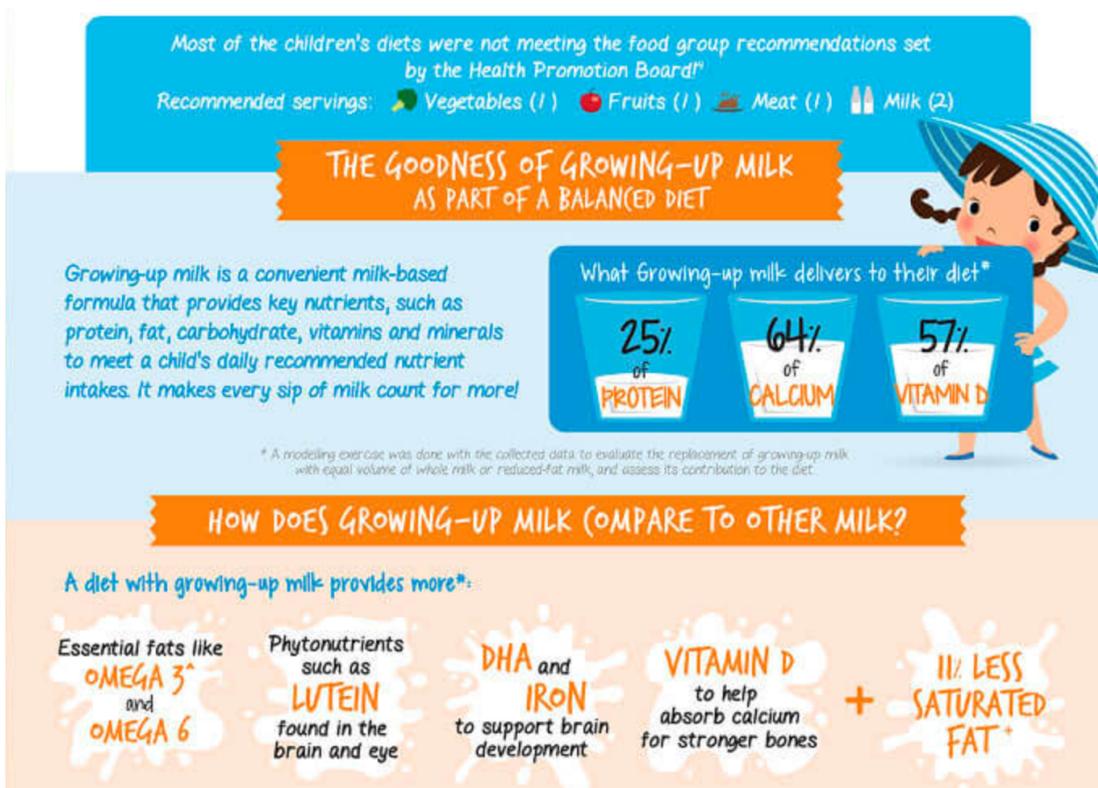
Adapted from The Straits Times

Section B: Reading Comprehension [40 marks]

Part 5: Comprehension I (10 marks)

Questions 41 - 50

The infographics below show some information from a study about “What three-year-old Singaporean kids are eating”. Study them carefully.



Now read each of the statements on page 8. Put a tick in the appropriate column to indicate if the statement is true or false. Put a tick in the last column if there is no evidence in the table for this statement.

		True	False	Not Stated
41	The study was conducted by students from the National University of Singapore.			
42	Four in five three-year-olds are eating enough vegetables.			
43	At least half of the children studied are eating too much meat.			
44	Less than half of three-year-olds do not drink enough milk.			
45	One serving of rice is recommended by the Health Promotion Board.			
46	Growing-up milk ensures that a child's daily recommended nutrient intake is met.			
47	Lutein is a phytonutrient found in the brain and eye.			
48	Only DHA and iron help to support brain development.			
49	Vitamin D prevents bones from absorbing calcium.			
50	All three-year-olds must drink growing-up milk.			

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Part 6: Comprehension II (30 marks)

Here is some information about travelling and stress. For Questions 51-58, please refer to the information printed on the following pages.

Two Short Getaway Ideas

Long weekends (and one-week school holidays) are the perfect opportunity for a short trip. And with midnight flights, more affordable air tickets and a range of budget airlines to choose from, Singaporeans need not limit themselves to neighbouring countries. You can even squeeze in a trip to China, Japan or Australia. Of course, do not expect to cover everything in four days, but you can still have a memorable and enjoyable trip with proper planning.

Osaka, Japan

Nicknamed “the Kitchen of Japan” for once playing a vital role in managing Japan's economy and distribution of goods, this city has also gained a reputation for its fine cuisine in recent years. There is no doubt that Osaka appears on the wish list of many first-time visitors to the Land of the Rising Sun. The allure of street food, fantastic night life and laid-back vibes are a huge draw.

Tip: If you are concerned that a long weekend is too short for a “foodie” trip there, certain airlines offer overnight flights there and back, leaving you with more time to eat! Buy as much time as possible. Numerous websites are dedicated to its must-visit restaurants and cafes.

Colombo, Sri Lanka

With various budget carriers flying to Colombo, this bustling city is an alternative to spending a long weekend at home, driving up Malaysia, or ferrying across to one of our neighbouring islands. The flight to Colombo takes less than four hours.

Among its many beautiful temples is the Gangaramaya Temple, which organises the city's famous annual cultural pageant, the Navam Perahera festival, in February. The event features hundreds of monks dressed in colourful robes solemnly walking in the procession accompanied by dancers, drummers and brightly decorated elephants.

Adapted from <https://www.femalemag.com.sg/culture/getaway-ideas-long-weekend-2018/>

How Taking a Short Break is Beneficial

Holidays are good for us. We all know this. If you asked a room full of people whether they would like to go on holiday more often, every hand would **shoot** up. Well there is a way to do this. The answer is to go on more short breaks. Sure it's nice to spend a month exploring as many European cities as possible, or cruising through the heart of the Nile River on a river boat, but it's not ideal (and most times, impossible) to use all of your annual leave in one chunk and not take short trips for the rest of the year. Taking short breaks, whether it is a simple weekend away or a three-day foodie adventure, is good for you. If you need more convincing as to why you should plan holidays more frequently, taking short breaks away from the bustle of work and life recharges you mentally, physically and emotionally. Below are some steps to take to maximise your short breaks.

Planning Ahead

The **anticipation** of and planning for a holiday away from your regular day-to-day life is proven to give us a mental boost. It is also good for motivating us to set reasonable, short-term goals. This in turn means that when we complete them, we feel a sense of achievement, further boosting our sense of self. To cut a long story short: plan short breaks more often. The process of planning itself keeps you motivated.

Forgetting Work

Those who find it difficult to disconnect from the office would benefit more from a short break as the stress of leaving office is not as **prolonged**. This also means you are more likely to **succumb** to switching your phone off because you know it will not be for too long. You will find it easier to completely leave your work behind and detach yourself from reality. And that's not a bad thing, at all!

Refreshing & Rejuvenating

Getting away from your desk and your devices allows mental space for creativity and clearer decision making. The more often you take short breaks, particularly to new destinations where you immerse yourself in new experiences, the more your brain is challenged and in turn, refreshed. It is a good idea too, to take a notebook or diary to jot down any ideas you have while you are away. This **liberates** your mind for more ideas while relaxing, and since they are written down, you can take action when you return home.

Adapted from <https://www.experiencegift.com/7-significant-benefits-of-going-on-a-mini-holiday/>

How Can We Control Stress?

Stress is a part of all our lives. Often it is what makes us get up in the morning. "I'm stressed" is a phrase often used to describe the feeling of having too much to do, a deadline to meet or a big life change to prepare for. It can be triggered by a busy job, the death of a loved one or financial problems - or even following a happy event such as the birth of a baby. It is something we all experience at some point - and it can make us feel irritable, tired and unable to relax. But when stress becomes a constant, overwhelming presence that affects how our bodies work and how we function, then it is time to take steps to manage it. Here are three steps you can take to help you control stress.

Step 1: Recognising stress

The first step is to recognise that you are stressed and then decide if you need to make changes to your life to control your feelings. The following symptoms are signs of stress: problems sleeping or excessive tiredness, lack of appetite or eating too much, feeling sad, irritable and tearful, losing your temper easily, and headaches and general pains.

Step 2: Identifying the source

It is important to be able to recognise the causes of stress. Once you have identified your sources of stress, you can work to begin to manage your stress effectively. Causes of stress can be broken down into four main categories: general, life, work and internal.

Step 3: Staying positive

It is often helpful to look at each stressful situation independently and determine what factors can be changed. Psychiatrists recommend talking to friends and family about your feelings, breaking down problems into smaller parts that are easier to deal with, and looking after your physical health. Making time for exercise is crucial - it is a way of venting emotions that have been internalised and producing hormones called endorphins that make you feel good.

Adapted from <https://psychcentral.com/stress/recognizing-and-dealing-with-stress>

Refer to the information given on pages 9 - 11 for Questions 51 - 58.

For Questions 51 - 54, read the information under the heading “Two Short Getaway Ideas”.

51 What are **TWO** reasons for Singaporeans to extend their short getaway destinations beyond neighbouring countries?

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52 Why has Osaka been nicknamed “The Kitchen of Japan”?

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53 List **TWO** reasons Colombo is a good alternative to spending a long weekend at home, or going to neighbouring countries?

(i)
 (ii)[2]

54 For each item below, find a word in the text that matches the meaning given.

	Meaning	Word from Text
(i)	a variety of options	
(ii)	absolutely necessary	
(iii)	available as another choice	
(iv)	a particular style of cooking	
(v)	devoted to a task or purpose	
(vi)	in a formal and dignified manner	

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For Questions 55 and 56, read the information under the heading “How Taking a Short Break is Beneficial”.

- 55** Choose the description that best fits each step to take to maximise short breaks. Write the correct letter **A - E** next to the name of each contributor. You will not need to use all the options provided.

	Descriptions
A	Short trips allow you to completely let go of your responsibilities and enjoy the trip for what it is.
B	Thinking ahead about your holiday drives you to achieve short term goals
C	New experiences trigger your imagination enabling creative ideas.
D	When on a short trip, it is best to leave your smartphones at home.
E	When on short trips, you are able to discover your inner self.

- (i) Planning Ahead
- (ii) Forgetting Work
- (iii) Refreshing & Rejuvenating

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56 Choose the answer which is closest to the meaning of each of the following words as it is used in the text. Put a tick in the appropriate box.

(i) **shoot**

	to direct a question or remark at someone
	to kill or wound with a bullet
	to extend sharply in a particular direction

(ii) **anticipation**

	to be in suspense
	to look forward to
	to be aware of

(iii) **prolonged**

	continuing for a long time
	extend the duration of
	extend the length of

(iv) **succumb**

	to give in to
	to resist temptation
	to die from the effect of a disease

(v) **liberates**

	to set someone free from imprisonment
	to steal something
	to free

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For Questions 57 and 58, read the information under the heading “How Can We Control Stress?”.

57 Decide if each of the statements below is True (T), False (F) or Not Stated (NS) and put a tick in the appropriate column.

		True	False	Not Stated
(i)	There are four main types of stress.			
(ii)	Going for short holidays is necessary to manage stress.			
(iii)	Everyone goes through stress at some point in their lives.			
(iv)	The first step of managing stress is to identify the source of stress.			
(v)	Excessive sleeping and increased appetite are symptoms of stress.			
(vi)	Stress needs to be managed when it becomes overwhelming to deal with.			

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58 Match the following descriptions to the various steps of controlling stress. Write the correct letter **A-C** next to each description.

- A** Recognising stress
- B** Identifying the source
- C** Staying positive

	Descriptions
	There are many different signs of stress
	Identifying symptoms to acknowledge stress
	Understanding the fundamental cause of stress
	Exercise being a way to release pent up frustrations
	Expressing your thought and feelings to your loved ones

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