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West Spring Secondary School

MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

1128/01

Paper 1 Writing

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SECONDARY 3 EXPRESS

Name _____ () **Date** 6 May 2019

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READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

This insert contains **Section A**.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

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Setter(s) Mr Israel Tan

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Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about safety for women in Singapore. The first and last lines are correct. For eight of the lines, there is one grammatical error in each line. There are two more lines with no errors.

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consistently scored well on global indices. This indicates that Singapore and New Zealand 6.....

have "low levels of internal and international conflicts, suffer minor gender inequality but see 7.....

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the study, both countries have low crime rates and existing law against domestic assault and 9.....

sexual harassment. Singapore even has "one off the lowest homicide rates in the world", it 10.....

added.

Adapted from <https://www.businessinsider.sg/singapore-is-the-safest-asian-country-for-women-to-live-in>



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Writing Paper

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Answer **Section A** and **Section B**.

Section A is an Insert.

For **Section A** write your answers in the space provided on the Insert.

For **Section B** write your answers on the writing paper provided.

At the end of the examination, submit your answers for Section A and Section B separately.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Setter(s) Mr Israel Tan

[Turn over

Section B [30 marks]

You are advised to write between 250 and 350 words for this section.

You should look at the printout of the school webpage on page 3, study the information carefully and plan your answer before beginning to write.

The Principal of your school has announced that there will be an enrichment programme in replacement of mid-year examinations for Secondary Three students from 2020 onwards. This is in line with MOE's announcement that formal assessments will be reduced to free up time for students to experience the joy of learning. Three enrichment programmes have thus been shortlisted and posted on the school website. Before making the final decision, the Principal has invited any student who would like to express their preference to write an email to him to explain their views.

Write an email to your Principal to explain your choice. In it you should explain:

- which enrichment programme you like best and why
- how this programme will give students the joy of learning
- how parents can be involved and add value to the programme.

Write your email to your Principal in clear, accurate English. Your tone should be polite and persuasive, showing your enthusiasm for this new direction in education.

You may add any other details you think will be helpful.

You should use your own words as much as possible.

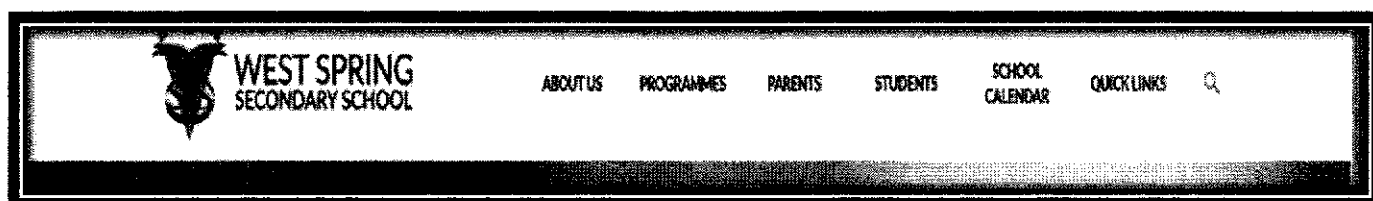
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<https://www.gifted-school.com/public-speaking-interview-skills/>

<http://www.tedxsingapore.sg/speaking.php>

<https://www.codinglab.com.sg/our-classes/singapore-secondary/>

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/creativity-entrepreneurship>



SECONDARY THREE ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES 2020 FOR CONSIDERATION



Option A

ORACY PROGRAMME

Our coaches have very strong corporate experience and credentials, several of whom are successful entrepreneurs, experienced corporate leaders and senior media trainers. Our comprehensive curricula will prepare the students for the following:

- Ceremonial and impromptu presentations
- Negotiation skills
- Problem solving and conflict resolution skills
- Managing & facilitating group discussions.

Option B

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (A.I.) PROGRAMME

Ever wondered how Siri was programmed? Want to learn about the self-driving cars which are poised to replace all drivers in the world? Students will learn:

- How A.I. works
- How machines learn
- How to analyse machine data
- How to create your own self-learning robot.



Option C

ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME

This is entrepreneurship you won't learn at a business school but, instead, in a music studio!

What you'll learn:

- Why entrepreneurship, like singing, is a human instinct
- How to approach your business start-up like learning a musical instrument
- How applying the 'musician mindset' solves problems creatively
- Why product development is like songwriting.

End of Paper



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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2 Comprehension

1128/02

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SECONDARY 3 EXPRESS

Name _____ () **Date** 6 May 2019

Class _____ **Duration** 1 hour

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

This Insert contains Text 1 only.

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Setter(s) Ms. Veronica Aw

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Text 1

The text below is about Kleptomania, a type of habitual stealing. Read it carefully and answer Questions 1 – 8 in the Question Paper Booklet.

- 1 As early as 1911, an article on The Psychology of Kleptomania appeared in The Lancet, one of the world's oldest and most respected medical journals. The author highlighted cases of theft that took place during the season of major sales in shops, commenting that a few of the incidents "present very puzzling features, so motiveless in the criminal act". In 1926, again in the Lancet, yet another writer noted that a "pathological impulse to steal really exists." Kleptomania was seen as a distressing and disabling disorder. After a century, what more have we uncovered about this affliction? 5
- 2 The term "Kleptomania" is of Greek origin. To the moralists, "Kleptomania" does not exist. To them, it is "greed and dishonesty". However, over and over time, we witness a group of people who repeatedly steal for no apparent reason, other than to carry out their urges or impulses to steal, and to relieve themselves of the tension and compulsion. In fact, some of the thefts are so senseless that they drive mental health professionals to take a closer look at the phenomenology to try to understand it better. 10
- 3 Kleptomania is characterised by repetitive and uncontrollable impulses i.e. stealing of items not needed for personal use, not out of anger or vengeance. The individual feels tense before the theft and feels relieved and satisfied after the deed. They steal for symptomatic relief rather than for personal gain. A long-standing condition (course), the causes of Kleptomania are unknown. There are no specific predictors as to who are more likely to develop Kleptomania, but research findings indicate a high prevalence of family history of psychiatric disorders. It is also more common in women. 15
20
- 4 The typical age of onset is late adolescence or early adulthood, though it is also seen in individuals of a wide age range from children to the elderly. It is indeed a rare condition as it is estimated less than five percent of identified shoplifters are kleptomaniac. Fears of being apprehended are common, so are depression and feelings of shame and guilt about the theft.
- 5 Individuals with Kleptomania usually also have some other co-existing conditions like mood and anxiety disorders, eating disorders, substance abuse disorders, personality disorders and another impulse control conditions. Being apprehended for their stealing behaviour is more a norm than an exception in this group. 25
- 6 Researchers have also identified another group of shoplifters who display senseless shoplifting behaviour. They are usually referred by lawyers who feel perplexed by the shoplifters' offences, and want them sent for forensic psychological assessment. They usually steal when they are under stress, as doing such is their way of coping with negative emotions and losses in life. 30
- 7 However, despite multiple arrests and convictions, individuals with these disorders tend to maintain their behaviour, unless treatment and intervention are put in place and in time. In terms of treatment, it has been found that cognitive behavioural therapy, when used in combination with medication (e.g. Selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors [SSRIs] that target impulsivity, anxiety and depression) is effective in managing the condition. Educational programmes also have a role to impart knowledge and understanding. 35
- 8 Individuals suffering from the disorder will need to watch out for their triggers, patterns and high-risk situations, e.g. time, place, people and respective mood. They have to learn more effective and appropriate skills to cope and deal with negative emotions, as well as stress-relieving techniques. 40
- 9 If there is another comorbid psychiatric condition, like depression or eating disorder, these comorbidities will also need to be treated and managed. The prognosis of treated kleptomania

usually is quite promising. Having supportive family members who understand the condition and facilitate treatment is also important, e.g. accompanying the individuals when shopping. 45

- 10 Whether it is kleptomania or senseless stealing, other than being distressing to the sufferers, also poses serious legal repercussions to the afflicted, and seriously affects their study, work and family life. While treatment is available and highly successful, early detection or identification of the condition, and concurrent treatment of comorbid psychiatric disorders are important. 50

*Adapted from 'Kleptomania' by Dr Munidasa Winslow
The Read, Asian Geographic, Issue 7, 2012*



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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE Paper 2 Comprehension

1128/02

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Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the spaces provided in the Question Booklet.

The Insert contains the text for all the questions.

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Total

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Setter(s) Ms. Veronica Aw

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[25 marks]

Refer to text in the Insert for Questions 1 – 8.

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- 1 What is the writer suggesting about Kleptomania when he uses "As early as 1911" (line 1)?

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[1]

- 2 From Paragraph 1, why do you think early psychologists find it hard to understand Kleptomania?

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[1]

- 3 From lines 8 – 9, explain **in your own words** why the moralists feel that Kleptomania does not exist?

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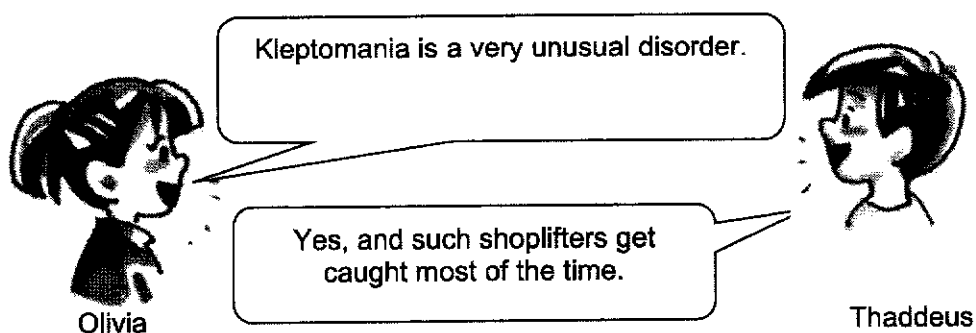
[2]

- 4 From Paragraph 3, which word suggests that Kleptomania is a need or desire represented by a strong and unreflective action to steal?

.....

[1]

- 5 Below is part of a conversation between two students and their opinions of Kleptomania and shoplifters who have this disorder.



- (i) Pick out **two** details from Paragraph 4 that Olivia can give to support her view.

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[2]

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[1]

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[1]

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[1]

- There are several treatment and intervention measures such as undergoing*

[illegible]

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ANSWER KEY

Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about the stress that students face. The first and last lines are correct. For eight of the lines, there is one grammatical error in each line. There are two more lines with no errors.

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- (1)...safest(sup)
- (2)...joint(adj)...
- (3)...safety(wf)...
- (4)...✓...
- (5)... have(sva)...
- (6)... ✓...
- (7)...and(conj)...
- (8)...said(t)...
- (9)...laws(plu)...
- (10)..of(pre)...

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[25 marks]

Refer to Text 1 on page 5 of the Insert for Questions 1 – 8.

- 1 What is the writer suggesting about Kleptomania when he uses “As early as 1911” (line 1)?

It is to indicate that Kleptomania is not a new discovery / is a condition that has plagued victims for a very long time (even before 1911). [1]

(Other possible answers: existed since many years ago)

(X: old condition)

- 2 From Paragraph 1, why do you think early psychologists find it hard to understand Kleptomania?

People who have this illness have no motive / intention to steal. [1]

(Other possible answers: steal for no reason)

- 3 From lines 8 – 9, explain in **your own words** why the moralists feel that Kleptomania does not exist?

They attributed the cause of stealing to simply a desire to have [covet] for [more] wealth [1] and having an intent to cheat [1]. [2]

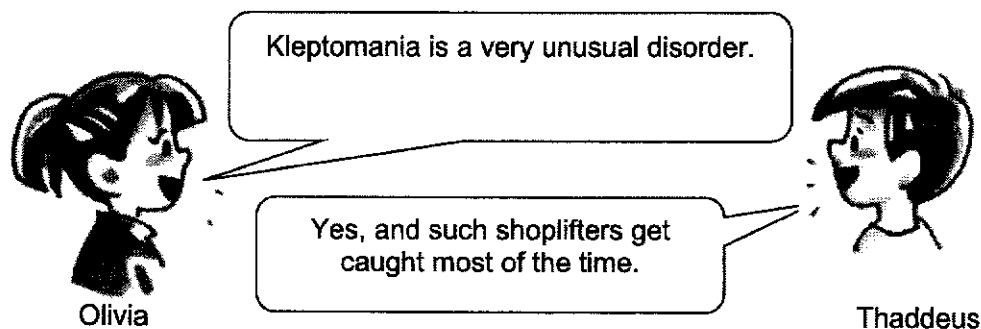
(Other possible answers: a desire to possess more wealth, want everything, hunger for more wealth, deceitful, untrustworthy, liars, no integrity)

(X: “greed” / “dishonest”/ money-driven / possess more money)

- 4 From Paragraph 3, which word suggests that Kleptomania is a need or desire represented by a strong and unreflective action to steal?

The word is “impulses”. [1]

- 5 Below is part of a conversation between two students and their opinions of Kleptomania and shoplifters who have this disorder.



- (i) Pick out **two** details from Paragraph 4 that Olivia can give to support her view.

It is indeed a rare condition as it is estimated less than five percent of identified shoplifters are kleptomaniac. [2]

(ii) Which expression in Paragraph 5 can Thaddeus use to support his view?

The phrase is "apprehended for their stealing behaviour is more a norm [than an exception]". [1]

6 In Paragraph 5, we are told that individuals with Kleptomania usually have some other "co-existing conditions" (line 25). What does this mean?

These individuals also have other [psychological] disorders/conditions at the same time. [1]

7 With reference to Paragraph 6, give **one** reason why some people steal.

They steal as they are under stress / it is their way of coping with negative emotions in life. [1]

- 8 **Using your own words as far as possible**, summarise the treatment and intervention strategies for individuals with Kleptomania.

Use only information from paragraphs 7 to 9.

Your summary must be in continuous writing (not point form). It must not be longer than 80 words, not counting the words given to help you begin.

There are several treatment and intervention measures such as undergoing...

	From Text	Own Words (75 words, Pt 1 – 10)
1	cognitive behavioural therapy, when <u>used in combination</u> with medication	cognitive behavioural therapy <u>together with</u> giving medicine to the patients . (10) (X combining)
2	Educational programmes also have a role to <u>impart knowledge and understanding.</u>	Patients also <u>need to have information</u> about the illness through educational campaigns / Patients also <u>need to be aware</u> of their condition through education efforts.(12) (Answers must have the element of "learning + Educational programme")
3	<u>Individuals suffering from the disorder</u> will need to <u>watch out</u>	<u>Patients</u> need to be <u>alert</u> to (5)
4	for their <u>triggers, patterns and high-risk situations</u>	the <u>causes of their illness, trends and dangerous contexts.</u> (9)
5	They have <u>to learn more effective and appropriate skills</u>	<u>Useful and suitable coping strategies must be mastered.</u> (12)
6	to <u>cope and deal</u> with negative <u>emotions</u>	to <u>handle</u> negative <u>feelings.</u> (4)
7	as well as <u>stress relaxation techniques.</u>	<u>They also should find ways to relax.</u> (7)
8	If there is another <u>comorbid</u> psychiatric condition,	If they have <u>co-existing</u> mental conditions, (5)
9	these comorbidities will also need to be <u>treated and managed</u>	such illnesses need to be <u>addressed</u> (6) (accepted: suppressed)
10	Having <u>supportive family members</u>	Having <u>encouraging family members.</u> (4)
11	<u>who understand the condition</u>	<u>who comprehend the illness</u> (4)
12	and <u>facilitate</u> treatment is also <u>important</u>	and <u>assist</u> in the treatment is <u>crucial.</u> (7)

[15]

