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**DUNMAN HIGH SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2020
Year 4 O-Level Programme**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 1

24 August 2020

Question Booklet

1 hour 50 minutes

Additional Materials: Writing Paper

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

Write your name, index number and class on all the work you hand in.

Write in dark blue or black pen.

Do not use correction fluid.

Answer **Section A** in this booklet and **Section B and C** on the writing paper provided.

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided.

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

For examiner's use only:

Section A	/10
Section B	/30
Section C	/30
Total	/70

This document consists of **5** printed pages.

[Turn over

Section A [10 marks]

Carefully read the text below, consisting of 12 lines, about TikTok. 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.

If there is NO error in a line, put a tick (✓) in the space provided. If the line is incorrect, circle the incorrect word and write the correct word in the space provided. The correct word you provide must not change the original meaning of the sentence.

Examples:

I arrived (to) my destination at 2 pm.

at

My mother always wears sensible clothes.

✓

TikTok, a platform known for short dance and comedy videos beloved by members of Generation Z, has been downloaded two billion times worldwide. Before India banned TikTok earlier this summer, it were available in 14 language and had an estimated 200 million users in the country — its large market outside of China. The move came after 20 Indian soldiers were killed in a border clash with Chinese troops in a Himalayas. Tensions spiked among the two countries, and India imposes bans on more than 50 Chinese apps, including TikTok, fashion and shopping app Shein or messaging app WeChat. Hundreds of millions of people, including perform and storytellers, relied on the app as a source of income. According to Forbes, TikTok may suffer a loss of up to \$6 billion as a result of the ban.

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10) _____

Section B [30 marks]

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

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

You have received an email from your Uncle, who lives in Malaysia. Due to the Covid-19 situation, your 16-year-old cousin will be staying with your family this school holidays instead of returning to Malaysia. Your uncle wants you to spend time with his son and bring him out to some exciting places in Singapore during this time. You have seen a printout about some unconventional activities that you and your cousin might enjoy.

Write an email to your Uncle to tell him what you have decided. In it, you should:

- suggest one activity shown on the printout
- give reasons for your choice
- another place not shown on the printout that your cousin can visit to learn more about Singapore
- one possible problem that your cousin might face during this time.

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

Write your email in clear, accurate English. Your tone should be polite and enthusiastic to convince your Uncle that your cousin will like the options you have chosen.

You should use your own words as much as possible.

THINGS TO DO

Uniquely Singapore: Cool and unconventional things to do in the city

by Honeycombers | Aug 14, 2020

Lose yourself in a countryside farm

Take a break from Singapore's cityscapes and feast your eyes on lush greenery. There are several farms in our far-out countryside to visit, including Quan Fa Organic Farm (for fresh veggies), Hay Dairies (for goat milk) and Jurong Frog Farm (to meet and greet the amphibians). One of our favourites is Bollywood Veggies, which is located in Kranji and rightly bills itself as 'paradise on earth'. It's been around since 2000 and houses a museum, bistro and shop on its premises.



Listen to a choir of exotic birds

At Kebun Baru Birdsinging Club in Ang Mo Kio, you'll watch exotic birds chirping beautiful melodies all at once – something relatively unheard of in Singapore. Perched on the foot of Ang Mo Kio Town Garden and Block 159, the popular (and largest!) songbird display in Singapore is quite a delight to the eyes and ears. Admire these songbirds in uniquely crafted cages hoisted 20ft up on poles as they showcase their tunes at this quiet, hidden heartland gem.

Make a date with offbeat museums

At the Intan, you can try out a new experience in getting your culture fix. The Intan collects all things Peranakan and displays them gorgeously in a home setting. Each tour includes a dive into the culture's history, heritage and traditions, complemented by tea and Nyonya light bites. It is also home to The Gem Museum where you can step into the world of gemstones, rocks and minerals at this space. Other intriguing spots include the Singapore Chinese Opera Museum and The Vintage Cameras Museum.



Section C [30 marks]

Begin your answer on a fresh page.

You are advised to write between 350 and 500 words on one of the following topics.

At the head of your composition, write the number of the topic you have chosen.

1. Describe how you celebrated an important school event. Why will this event always remain in your memory?
2. 'It was my saddest moment.' Write about a time when you felt like this.
3. 'Modern inventions have made us lazier.' Do you agree?
4. What are some challenges students are facing these days?

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