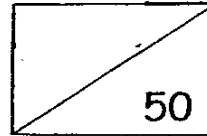


Henry Park Primary School  
Final-Year Examination 2006  
English Language  
Primary 2



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (       )

Class: 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Duration: 1 hour

Section A: Vocabulary (10 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the bracket provided.

1. David waits excitedly as he watches his dinner \_\_\_\_\_  
in the frying pan.

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|---------|-----------|--------|
| 1) bang | 3) sizzle |        |
| 2) drip | 4) munch  | (    ) |

2. The farmers captured the fox by setting traps around its  
\_\_\_\_\_.

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|-----------|----------|--------|
| 1) den    | 3) eyrie |        |
| 2) stable | 4) coop  | (    ) |

3. "Use this \_\_\_\_\_ to dig a hole in the flower bed," Mr  
Lim instructed his student helpers.

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|----------------|-----------------|--------|
| 1) wheelbarrow | 3) watering can |        |
| 2) spade       | 4) flower pot   | (    ) |

4. Elephants in the world are in danger because hunters kill  
them for their \_\_\_\_\_.

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|----------|----------|--------|
| 1) tusks | 3) skin  |        |
| 2) ears  | 4) teeth | (    ) |

5. Sammy and Devi love sea activities. One of their favourite \_\_\_\_\_ is sailing at Changi Beach.

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|----------------|----------------|-----|
| 1) collections | 3) occupations |     |
| 2) festivals   | 4) hobbies     | ( ) |

6. Cynthia took one week to sew her daughter's \_\_\_\_\_ for her ballet performance.

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|-----------|------------|-----|
| 1) tutu   | 3) uniform |     |
| 2) jersey | 4) dress   | ( ) |

7. Ice cream sundaes are great when they are \_\_\_\_\_ with a variety of toppings.

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|-----------|--------------|-----|
| 1) sliced | 3) sprinkled |     |
| 2) peeled | 4) chopped   | ( ) |

8. Ronaldo \_\_\_\_\_ the ball towards the goal post and scored the winning goal for Brazil.

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|-----------|-------------|-----|
| 1) swung  | 3) missed   |     |
| 2) served | 4) dribbled | ( ) |

9. In the past, most homes did not have electricity. They used the \_\_\_\_\_ to brighten their homes at night.

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|---------------|------------------|-----|
| 1) light bulb | 3) electric lamp |     |
| 2) lightning  | 4) kerosene lamp | ( ) |

10. Lisa scraped her knee when she \_\_\_\_\_ over a stone.

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|------------|------------|-----|
| 1) kicked  | 3) dropped |     |
| 2) tripped | 4) dived   | ( ) |

Section B: Grammar (10 X 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and write its number in the bracket.

11. We have to pay attention when our teacher is \_\_\_\_\_.

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|----------|------------|-----|
| 1) talk  | 3) talked  |     |
| 2) talks | 4) talking | ( ) |

12. Even though Tortoise ran the race \_\_\_\_\_, he managed to beat Rabbit.

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|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1) slow  | 3) slowed |     |
| 2) slows | 4) slowly | ( ) |

13. \_\_\_\_\_ bag do you prefer to buy? The brown one or the yellow one?

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|----------|----------|-----|
| 1) Which | 3) Where |     |
| 2) What  | 4) Why   | ( ) |

14. Can you please move \_\_\_\_\_ bags from here to the back of the classroom?

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|---------|----------|-----|
| 1) this | 3) these |     |
| 2) that | 4) those | ( ) |

15. Do you \_\_\_\_\_ playing X-box games?

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|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1) like  | 3) liked  |     |
| 2) likes | 4) liking | ( ) |

16. Scoring a hundred marks is \_\_\_\_\_ than eighty marks.

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|-----------|----------|-----|
| 1) good   | 3) best  |     |
| 2) better | 4) worst | ( ) |

17. My younger sister, Susie can feed \_\_\_\_\_.

- |             |            |     |
|-------------|------------|-----|
| 1) myself   | 3) himself |     |
| 2) yourself | 4) herself | ( ) |

18. I do not have \_\_\_\_\_ sugar left, could you please buy some for me?

- |         |           |     |
|---------|-----------|-----|
| 1) many | 3) more   |     |
| 2) much | 4) little | ( ) |

19. Mdm Fatimah places the needle and thread \_\_\_\_\_ the sewing box:

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|-------|----------|-----|
| 1) in | 3) over  |     |
| 2) at | 4) above | ( ) |

20. We \_\_\_\_\_ the championship match yesterday because one of our players were sent off the field.

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|----------|-----------|-----|
| 1) lose  | 3) lost   |     |
| 2) loses | 4) losing | ( ) |

Section C: Comprehension (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions.

In a ~~dessert~~<sup>desert</sup>, rain may not fall for many months. Even though water is very important for plants to live, ~~dessert~~ plants have managed to survive in such weather conditions for centuries.

An example of a ~~dessert~~<sup>desert</sup> plant is the cactus. The cactus spreads its underground roots over a large area. When it rains, the roots takes in the water as fast as they can.

The cactus swells with the water it has absorbed. When the rain stops, the cactus lives on the water it has stored. It can do this for years.

People who have been lost in the desert have been saved by the cactus. They cut open the plant and drink the water in it.

21. In a desert, there is hardly any \_\_\_\_\_  
1) sun  
2) sand  
3) rain  
4) wind ( )
22. Unlike normal plants, desert plants can survive in \_\_\_\_\_ weather.  
1) cold  
2) wet  
3) dry  
4) damp ( )
23. The roots of the cactus spread over a large area to \_\_\_\_\_  
1) help the plant make food  
2) take in more water from the ground  
3) hold the branches up  
4) spread the seeds ( )
24. The cactus can survive without frequent rainfall in the desert by storing \_\_\_\_\_  
1) air  
2) water  
3) fruits  
4) sunlight ( )
25. Those who are lost in a <sup>can</sup> ~~dessert~~ <sub>desert</sub> could find water by \_\_\_\_\_  
1) digging a hole in the sand  
2) cutting a rain tree  
3) digging for a cactus root  
4) cutting a cactus plant ( )

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 X 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box Use each word once only.

minutes	boring	Boring	advises	favourite
hours	variety	Variety	shows	interesting

Mabel loves watching the Disney Channel. The channel provides young viewers with a (26) \_\_\_\_\_ of programmes which includes cartoons and comedies. Mabel spends (27) \_\_\_\_\_ in front of the television watching these programmes.

One of her (28) \_\_\_\_\_ shows is 'The High School Musical'. She likes it because the music and story line presented in the programme <sup>are</sup> (29) \_\_\_\_\_.

However, Mabel's mom always (30) \_\_\_\_\_ her to complete her homework first before she gets too carried away with all the exciting programmes on the channel.

Section E: Grammar Cloze (5 X 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box Use each word once only.

Passage A

wait	waits	waiting	waited
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Devi is very upset with John. She has been  
(31) \_\_\_\_\_ for him since four o'clock. She decides to  
(32) \_\_\_\_\_ for him at the library until five o'clock but  
not any later.

Passage B

lose	losing	lost	smallest	smaller
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Ms Lim is getting thinner <sup>every</sup> ~~very~~ month. She has set her mind  
to (33) \_\_\_\_\_ weight for her wedding.

She has (34) \_\_\_\_\_ so much weight that she  
had to buy new clothes to fit her (35) \_\_\_\_\_ body.

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Section F: Comprehension (5 X 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions in complete sentences.

Barry, the bat was only three months old. Sometimes when Barry slept upside down in his cave, he would wake up suddenly.

The light frightened him and he would give out a short chirp. His mom would come flying over right away, using her sonar power to avoid bumping into the walls of the cave.

Sonar power helps bats to see in the dark. Bats are able to fly around in the dark without any difficulties. They are literally blind in the day! That is why bats only come out at night.

"Are you afraid of the light? You don't need to be afraid. Here, why don't we move you over to a darker part of the cave so that you can feel a little safer," his mom asked in her lovely high-pitched voice.

"But Mom, can you leave the darkness on all night?" chirped Barry.

"Sure, honey, I'll leave the darkness on all night," comforted his mom. She hugged and kissed Barry before leaving him.

*Adapted from: Barry the Bat by Phil Shapiro (<http://www.his.com/~pshapiro/barry.the.bat.html>)*

36. Why was Barry woken up from his sleep?

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37. What kind of sound would Barry make when he became frightened?

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38. How do bats fly around in the dark?

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39. Why do bats stay away from the light?

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40. Which word in the last paragraph has the same meaning as 'no light'?

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End of paper.  
Have you checked your work?

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Answer Sheets

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5
3	1	2	1	4
Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	3	4	4	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15
4	4	1	3	1
Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	2	1	3

Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
3	3	2	2	4
Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
variety	hours	favourite	interesting	advises
Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35
waiting	wait	lose	lost	smaller

36. He was afraid of the light.
37. Barry would make a short chirp.
38. They used sonar power to fly around in the dark.
39. They are blind in the light and will have difficulty flying around.
40. The word is "darkness"