



MAHA BODHI SCHOOL  
2006 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER (2)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Class: Primary 3 ( )

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Section A: Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. "Would it be too tiring for you to mow the lawn by \_\_\_\_\_?" Mrs Lim asked Mr Lim.  
(1) myself  
(2) herself  
(3) himself  
(4) yourself
2. The apron you are looking for is \_\_\_\_\_ the box which is on the shelf.  
(1) of  
(2) in  
(3) at  
(4) on
3. Meiling, the tallest girl in our dance group, is \_\_\_\_\_ than her younger sister.  
(1) short  
(2) shorter  
(3) shortest  
(4) very short
4. No one will be willing to help her \_\_\_\_\_ she continues to behave that way.  
(1) if  
(2) so  
(3) and  
(4) but

5. Our neighbour, Mr Goh, \_\_\_\_\_ his family to Japan for a holiday last May.  
(1) take  
(2) took  
(3) has taken  
(4) had taken
6. Yati, who worked for us last year, \_\_\_\_\_ all the three meals for us every day.  
(1) prepares  
(2) prepared  
(3) is preparing  
(4) was preparing
7. Detective Yacob suddenly remembered \_\_\_\_\_ he had met the suspect.  
It was at Eunos MRT station.  
(1) who  
(2) why  
(3) when  
(4) where
8. The participants \_\_\_\_\_ among themselves when the instructor entered the studio.  
(1) talks  
(2) talked  
(3) are talking  
(4) were talking
9. Mdm Suhani will go to her sister's birthday party at the chalet \_\_\_\_\_ bus.  
(1) at  
(2) in  
(3) on  
(4) by
10. Father decided to take the longer route so that he \_\_\_\_\_ not be caught in the traffic jam at the road junction in front.  
(1) can  
(2) will  
(3) would  
(4) could

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

For each of the following, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

11. Nora sneezed continuously when she entered the \_\_\_\_\_ room.  
(1) airy  
(2) cosy  
(3) musty  
(4) soggy
12. As more and more dark clouds gathered, the sky became \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) clear  
(2) bright  
(3) stormy  
(4) overcast
13. James loves doing all the \_\_\_\_\_ in the Science Laboratory because they are interesting and challenging.  
(1) projects  
(2) preparations  
(3) exercises  
(4) experiments
14. It was very \_\_\_\_\_ of Madeline to admit her wrongdoings to the Principal.  
(1) timid  
(2) brave  
(3) unreasonable  
(4) inconsiderate
15. When all the campers arrived at the campsite, they started to \_\_\_\_\_ their belongings at once.  
(1) undo  
(2) untie  
(3) unpack  
(4) unscrew

16. The drain is too \_\_\_\_\_ for the little boy to leap across it.

- (1) wide
- (2) high
- (3) long
- (4) deep

17. Many soldiers were captured and many more were \_\_\_\_\_ in the battle.

- (1) founded
- (2) wounded
- (3) encountered
- (4) remembered

18. The scouts could hear their scoutmaster from afar because his voice was as loud as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) rain
- (2) storm
- (3) thunder
- (4) lightning

19. Limin and her mother were tired as they had \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) paced around the escalator
  - (2) not been able to get a taxi
  - (3) just completed their shopping
  - (4) been shopping for a long time
20. Limin's mother told Limin to wait for her \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) at the noodle stall
  - (2) near the food court
  - (3) beside the escalator
  - (4) in front of the taxi stand
21. Who wanted the woollen socks ?  
\_\_\_\_\_ wanted the woollen socks.
- (1) Limin
  - (2) Limin's brother
  - (3) Limin's mother
  - (4) Limin's schoolmates
22. Why do you think Limin accepted Yawen and Meili's invitation ?
- (1) She was hungry.
  - (2) She was surprised.
  - (3) She was exhausted.
  - (4) She was guilty and sorry.
23. When Limin saw her mother pacing about the escalator, she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) nodded and followed sheepishly
  - (2) wanted her to return home in a taxi
  - (3) told her that she had already had her dinner
  - (4) realised that she had caused her mother all the worries

**Section C: Comprehension MCQ ( 5 X 2 marks )**

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the best answer and shade the correct oval ( 1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.**

Since ten in the morning, Limin and her mother had been shopping. They were exhausted and hungry. They decided to have dinner before going home.

As they were walking towards the food court in the basement, suddenly, Limin's mother remembered something. She had forgotten to buy the woollen socks that her son asked for. She told Limin to wait by the escalator while she went to buy the socks.

Shortly after her mother had left, Limin saw her schoolmates coming down the escalator. She waved and called out to them. Meili and Yawen were surprised to see her. They invited her to join them for dinner at the noodle stall. Limin accepted the invitation immediately and so the three girls moved off.

When Limin came out from the food court, she approached the escalator. She saw her mother, looking worried and pacing around the area. Limin felt guilty and sorry for what had happened. Instantly, she dashed forward to her mother and apologised to her. Her mother was terribly angry. She chided her and told her not to repeat the mistake in the future. Limin nodded and followed her sheepishly to the taxi stand.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze ( 7 X 1 mark )**

**Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box.**

**Use each word once only.**

**Passage 1**

choose	chooses	chosen	choosing	will choose
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Wen Han is going to represent the school in a badminton tournament. The coach (24) \_\_\_\_\_ him because he has good skills and great stamina. The coach will be (25) \_\_\_\_\_ a few more boys to join the school team. Those who are (26) \_\_\_\_\_ will need to train hard. The coach will (27) \_\_\_\_\_ four more boys from the Primary Three group.

**Passage 2**

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Yean Lian is trying out the recipe for making a cheese sandwich. The recipe is written (28) \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs Lee, her Home Economics Club teacher. First of all, she spreads some butter on two slices of bread. Then, she places a slice of cheese on one slice of bread. After that, she puts the other slice of bread (29) \_\_\_\_\_ it. Finally, she cuts the bread diagonally (30) \_\_\_\_\_ two triangular shapes. The sandwich is ready to be served.

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark )**

**Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box.**

**Use each word once only.**

shone	quietly	flashed	owner
burgled	crept	treasure	suddenly

It was a dark night. Nobody was around when the thief (31) \_\_\_\_\_ slowly and quietly into the house through the back window. He knew that the (32) \_\_\_\_\_ of the house was away on a holiday. He had heard that there was a mysterious (33) \_\_\_\_\_ in the basement of the house.

When he got into the house, he switched on his mini-torchlight and (34) \_\_\_\_\_ it around carefully. He made his way down to the basement. (35) \_\_\_\_\_, a huge dog barked at him ferociously. He wasted no time and sped out of the house empty-handed.



**Section F: Comprehension ( 5 x 2 marks )**

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

It was way past midnight. Michael had just finished his revision for his exam. He yawned, rubbed his eyes and stretched himself to ease his tired body. He decided to get himself a hot drink before going to bed.

When he was in the kitchen, he realised that he was not alone. He heard a very faint hiss. Without any hesitation, he switched on the light. To his horror, there was a snake, coiled around the laundry pole above the refrigerator. Michael froze for a moment. He realised that it was a python.

Slowly and carefully, he inched his way out of the kitchen. He sped to his parents' room to wake them up. In no time, the entire household was up. Michael's father called the police. Soon, the police arrived. One of the policemen came with a stick and a sack in his hands. The policeman uncoiled the snake expertly with the stick and dropped it into the sack. The police left with the python.

Michael and his family heaved a sigh of relief. It was almost two o'clock in the morning. Michael remembered he had to sit for an exam the following morning and went to bed without any delay.

36. What was Michael doing the whole night before he decided to make himself a hot drink?

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37. Where was the snake when Michael entered the kitchen ?

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38. Why did Michael have to inch out of the kitchen ?

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39. How did the policeman tackle the python?

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40. Why did Michael go to bed without any delay?

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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



**Answer Sheets**  
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- 1) 4    2) 2    3) 2    4) 1    5) 2    6) 2    7) 4  
8) 4    9) 4    10) 3    11) 3    12) 4    13) 4    14) 2
- 15) 3    16) 1    17) 2    18) 3    19) 4    20) 3    21) 2  
22) 1    23) 4
- 24) **choose**            25) **choosing**            26) **chosen**            27) **will choose**
- 28) **by**            29) **over**            30) **into**            31) **crept**            32) **owner**
- 33) **treasure**    34) **shone**            35) **suddenly**

- Q36. He was revision for his exam.  
Q27. It was at the laundry pole.  
Q38. He was scared of the snake.  
Q39. He used a stick to pick up the snake and dropped it into a sack.  
Q40. He wanted to rest as he had to take his exam the next following day.