



HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL  
2014 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION ONE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY THREE

PART I	14
PART II	36
TOTAL	50

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CLASS: 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

**PART I**

**Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)**

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Can you see the orange bird on that tall tree? Let's have a closer look at it with our \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) binoculars
- 2) glasses
- 3) magnifying glass
- 4) spectacles

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2. Remember to check the \_\_\_\_\_ if you are going to the park for a walk.

Bring along an umbrella in case it rains.

- 1) climate
- 2) temperature
- 3) thermometer
- 4) weather

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3. Elephants use their long pointed \_\_\_\_\_ to fight their enemies.

- 1) ears
- 2) feet
- 3) tusks
- 4) warts

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4. The artist bought a \_\_\_\_\_ to do his oil painting.

- 1) camera
- 2) canvas
- 3) gallery
- 4) museum

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5. If you jog regularly, your leg \_\_\_\_\_ will be strong and you will be able to run longer distances.

- 1) discs
- 2) chemicals
- 3) muscles
- 4) prickles

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6. You look \_\_\_\_\_ in this dress. I'm sure you're going to win in the Best Dressed Contest.

- 1) gorgeous
- 2) grumpy
- 3) hideous
- 4) nasty

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**Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)**

**Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.**

7. The children finished \_\_\_\_\_ the delicious cupcakes. Many of them asked for more.

- 1) all
- 2) any
- 3) none
- 4) several

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8. Please walk carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the floor is slippery.

- 1) as
- 2) before
- 3) but
- 4) so

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9. Moles can dig \_\_\_\_\_ the soil very quickly and create many underground tunnels.

- 1) above
- 2) from
- 3) onto
- 4) through

( )

10. That was the \_\_\_\_\_ show I have ever watched.

- 1) funny
- 2) funnier
- 3) funniest
- 4) very funny

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11. Thomas had a very deep cut on his arm. The doctor had to \_\_\_\_\_ the wound.

- 1) stitch at
- 2) stitch in
- 3) stitch on
- 4) stitch up

( )

12. "Did you make the card \_\_\_\_\_?" Mrs Tan asked her children.

- 1) herself
- 2) themselves
- 3) yourself
- 4) yourselves

( )

13. The robber \_\_\_\_\_ from the bank before the police arrived.

- 1) flee
- 2) flees
- 3) fled
- 4) is fleeing

( )

14. Stella is a very responsible cleanliness monitor. She always \_\_\_\_\_ to make sure that the classroom is neat and clean.

- 1) check
- 2) checks
- 3) checked
- 4) is checking

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**Part II**

**Section C: Grammar Cloze**

**Part I (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

but	of	over	with
by	for	of	in

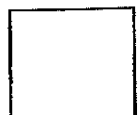
Van Gogh was born in Holland. He lived 15) \_\_\_\_\_ his parents and eight brothers and sisters. He took on many jobs 16) \_\_\_\_\_ did not stay on the jobs for long. He went on to study the art 17) \_\_\_\_\_ the great masters and became an art dealer. His job was to sell paintings 18) \_\_\_\_\_ a living. He had to guide his customers in choosing the art pieces wisely. However, he would often tell his customers that certain paintings were junk so he sold very few pieces.

**Part II (4 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

painting	paint	paints
will paint	painted	

Gina and Sally are twins and share the same hobby. They have just 19) \_\_\_\_\_ a picture. They enjoy 20) \_\_\_\_\_ portraits of themselves. They 21) \_\_\_\_\_ the portraits in their favourite colours. Gina 22) \_\_\_\_\_ during the weekends while Sally works on her paintings on weekdays. They aspire to be just like Vincent Van Gogh.

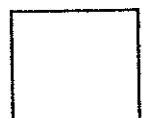


**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

boat	point	sand	night
sea	clean	comfortable	hot

It was the weekend that we longed for. The modern pleasure boat was waiting for us at the wharf. We were off for a 23) \_\_\_\_\_ of whale watching. We boarded the boat and were led across the sparkling 24) \_\_\_\_\_ deck and shown to 25) \_\_\_\_\_ seats. Soon the captain started the 26) \_\_\_\_\_ and moved it slowly out through the narrow harbour into the rough 27) \_\_\_\_\_. We felt excited as we looked forward to see the whales.



**SECTION E: Editing (5 x 1 mark)**

Each of the underlined word contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Camille and Stephanie were on their way home from tuition. They were walking

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past their neighbour's house when they spotted a sucpisciuoz looking man peering through the window of the house.

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Stephanie, who loves to read misstiry novels, decided to investigate the

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matter. Camille, on the other hand, suggested that they head strait home so that

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she could watch her favourite movie 'Night at the Muezium'.

The two sisters decided to approach the man. He told them he was an

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electrishen. Mrs Brown, their neighbour, had asked him to fix some cables.

**SECTION F: Sentence Manipulation-Combining (2 x 1 mark)**

**Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence without changing the original meaning.**

33. The field was muddy. The boys could not play football.

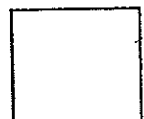
\_\_\_\_\_ because

\_\_\_\_\_

34. Sam broke his mother's teapot. She did not scold him.

\_\_\_\_\_ but

\_\_\_\_\_





**SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (8 x 1 mark)**

**Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 42.**

The lion, as king of the animals, instructed the monkey to gather an army of animals and line them up for a parade. The leopard, the black bear, the wolf, the wildcat, the donkey and the wild rabbit made up the team.

When the animals were lined up, the lion began the inspection. When the lion reached the end of the line, he saw the donkey and the wild rabbit. He started to laugh.

The monkey was surprised and asked the lion, "Your Majesty, what are you laughing at?"

"I am laughing at you, Monkey! This is silly! How can you include these two small animals in my team? If we were at war, they could not help us to fight!" said the lion.

The monkey replied, "Your Majesty, you underestimate them. It's true the donkey does not know how to kill but he is a great trumpeter. With his loud braying, he could call out to the team to warn them of enemies. When our team becomes separated in the mountain or valley, the wild rabbit will be our messenger because he is such a fast runner."

The lion was impressed with the monkey's views. "You are right. Each of them has his own talent!"

Lion apologised to the donkey and the wild rabbit and they proudly joined the lion's team.

*Adapted from Roger Jenkins "Stories for Moral Education – Juniors"*

35. The lion asked the monkey to \_\_\_\_\_.

[1m]

- 1) form two armies of animals
- 2) get all the animals to form a parade
- 3) line all the animals up and inspect them
- 4) round up some animals to form an army

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36. Why did the lion laugh when he was examining the animals?

[1m]

- 1) The monkey had gathered too little animals.
- 2) The lion was amused to see the donkey and the wild rabbit.
- 3) The monkey had asked the wolf and the donkey to surprise him.
- 4) The lion thought the bear and the wild rabbit should not be in the line.

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37. How could the wild rabbit help the Lion's army?

[1m]

He could \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) gather food for the rest of the animals
- 2) fight in a war alongside the other animals
- 3) help the animals send messages if they were separated
- 4) keep the team together by teaching them to make loud noises

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For questions 38-40, state whether the sentence is true or false. Write T if the sentence is true and F if the sentence is false.

[3m]

		T / F
38.	The lion was happy that the leopard, the black bear, the wolf and the wildcat were in his army.	
39.	The monkey was excited that the lion agreed with his choice of animals immediately.	
40.	The donkey would be able to warn the team of any enemies with his loud braying.	



41. Order the sentences below according to what happened in the story.  
Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided.

[1m]

i)	The lion inspected the animals to ensure they were suitable to be in his army.	
ii)	Several animals assembled for an inspection by the king of the animals.	
iii)	The lion disagreed with some of the monkey's choice of animals.	

42. Why did the lion apologise to the two animals?

[1m]

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**SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)**

Read the passage below and answer questions 43 to 48.

Joseph was terrified of birds and he did not know why. If a bird came anywhere near him, his hands would shake, his head would feel dizzy and his legs would wobble.

Birds in the distance were fine and even those close up in a cage were all right as long as he did not have to look too closely at their little eyes. He could talk about birds and the different species he had read about on the Internet were fascinating as long as they kept their distance.

Joseph managed to keep his secret successfully until his class went on a learning journey to the zoo. Their teacher told his class that one of the activities at the zoo was to enter the Lory Loft where tame lorries would come close and the class could feed them. He was so worried that he told his best friend, Justin, who confessed that he felt the same way about snakes. However, he loved birds and even had a pet parakeet.

The dreaded day arrived and it was fun until they reached the Lory Loft. Joseph was terrified that if he went in, he would collapse and make a fool of himself. He let the other students and teachers go into the loft first. He was standing outside the gate when he felt his teacher's hand on his arm.

His teacher looked at him for a few seconds and asked if he would mind helping him to carry the snacks from the bus to the picnic area. Joseph thought that it was his luckiest day.

43. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "afraid"?

[1m]

44. Order the sentences below according to what happened in the story. Number the sentences (1, 2 and 3) in the boxes provided. [1m]

i)	His teacher asked him to help him carry the snacks from the bus to the picnic area.	
ii)	Joseph was fascinated about what he read about birds in the Internet but was terrified of them.	
iii)	During the learning journey to the zoo, Joseph dreaded going into the Lory Loft and stood outside the gate.	

For Q45-46, decide whom each statement refers to. Tick ✓ your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statements		Joseph	Justin
Example	If a bird cme near, his hands would shake	✓	
45.	Terrified of snakes		
46.	Interested in birds		

47. How did Joseph feel when his teacher told the class about the activity at the Lory Loft? [2m]

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48. Why did Joseph think that day was his luckiest day?

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	4	3	2	3	1	1	1	4	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
4	4	3	2						

Q15) with

Q16) but

Q17) of

Q18) for

Q19) painted

Q20) painting

Q21) paint

Q22) paints

Q23) night

Q24) clean

Q25) comfortable

Q26) boat

Q27) sea

Q28) suspicious

Q29) mystery

Q30) straight

Q31) museum

Q32) electrician

Q33) The boys could not play football because the field was muddy.

Q34) Sam broke his mother's teapot but she did not scold him.

Q35) 4

Q36) 2

Q37) 3

Q38-40)

		T/F
38.	The lion was happy that the leopard, the black bear, the wolf and the wildcat were in his army.	T
39.	The monkey was excited that the lion agreed with his choice of animals immediately.	F
40.	The donkey would be able to warn the team of any enemies with his loud braying.	T

Q41)

i)	The lion inspected the animals to ensure they were suitable to be in his army.	2
ii)	Several animals assembled for an inspection by the king of the animals.	1
iii)	The lion disagreed with some of the monkey's choice of animals.	3

Q42) The lion realized that each animal has its own talent and was embarrassed that he laughed at the two animals at first and he had underestimated them.

Q43) terrified

Q44)

i)	His teacher asked him to help him carry the snacks from the bus to the picnic area.	3
ii)	Joseph was fascinated about what he read about birds in the Internet but was terrified of them.	1
iii)	During the learning journey to the zoo, Joseph dreaded going into the Lory Loft and stood outside the gate.	2

Q45-46)

Statements	Joseph	Justin
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<b>Example</b>	<b>If a bird came near, his hands would shake.</b>	✓	
<b>45.</b>	<b>Terrified of snakes</b>		✓
<b>46.</b>	<b>Interested in birds</b>	✓	

**Q47) Joseph felt worried when his teacher told the class about the activity at the Lory Loft,**

**Q48) Joseph was happy that he did not need to go into the Lory Loft.**

