



Maha Bodhi School
2017 Semestral Assessment 1
English Language (Paper 2)
(Booklet A)

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 4 May 2017

Total Duration for Booklets A and B: 1 h 20 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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4. Shade your answers in the Optical Mark Sheet (OMS) provided.

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Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

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

1. Jamie pointed excitedly and asked, "Do you see _____ balloons in the distance, Mummy?"

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

2. "The colours that make up the Singapore flag _____ red and white," Mr Ong told his students.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

3. Shu Han _____ and hurt her knee during recess last week.

- (1) trip
- (2) trips
- (3) tripped
- (4) was tripping

4. Ken asked the waiter, "_____ I have some water, please?"

- (1) Will
- (2) May
- (3) Must
- (4) Shall

5. Min Sze needs to alight _____ the next station if she wants to go to Botanic Gardens.

- (1) in
- (2) at
- (3) by
- (4) on

6. Javier and Fahil borrowed my colour pencils because they did not bring _____.

- (1) his
- (2) mine
- (3) yours
- (4) theirs

7. Mrs Lim only had _____ sweets, so not everyone in the class received one.

- (1) many
- (2) much
- (3) a few
- (4) a little

8. Liming was disappointed with _____ for not doing well in his spelling test.

- (1) myself
- (2) himself
- (3) yourself
- (4) ourselves

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1 mark)

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

9. The kind woman had a lot of _____ for the orphans and promised to visit them more often.

- (1) grief
- (2) regret
- (3) sympathy
- (4) heartbreak

10. The _____ coming from the house next door makes me feel like throwing up.

- (1) scent
- (2) aroma
- (3) stench
- (4) fragrance

11. Mr Lam had sprained his right foot. He _____ in pain as he clutched it tightly.

- (1) sighed
- (2) groaned
- (3) grumbled
- (4) stammered

*12. Ken could not find his way out of the huge park and _____ around worriedly.

- (1) strolled
- (2) trekked
- (3) marched
- (4) wandered

*13. No matter what I say to him, he refuses to listen to me. He is _____!

- (1) as meek as a lamb
- (2) as fresh as a daisy
- (3) as cunning as a fox
- (4) as stubborn as a mule

*14. "This is _____! How can this small bottle of mineral water cost \$20?" the man said angrily.

- (1) a lion's share
- (2) daylight robbery
- (3) a burning question
- (4) beating about the bush

*15. The water droplets on the spider's web _____ beautifully in the soft light of the setting sun.

- (1) glowed
- (2) flashed
- (3) flickered
- (4) glistened

**Words are taken from Word Bank Book, Vocabulary Enrichment List, Spelling Lists and Revised Primary English Primary 4*

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Read the poster carefully then answer questions 16-20.

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.



The poster is titled "Wonder Water Park Holiday Promotion" and features a central illustration of a water slide. It is divided into several sections: "Special Admission Fees" (Adult: \$12, Child: \$8), "FREE RIDES on the water slide (for children only)" (Every Monday and Thursday, Venue: Mega Slide), "Wave Pool Party" (Every Saturday, 3 pm to 8 pm), "Opening Hours" (Monday to Friday: 10 am to 7 pm, Saturday & Sunday: 8 am to 9 pm, Wednesday: Closed), and "Terms and conditions" (valid from 26 May 2017 to 25 June 2017, subject to weather, proper attire required).

Wonder Water Park

Holiday Promotion



Special Admission Fees
Adult: \$12 (Usual fee \$15)
Child: \$8 (Usual fee \$10)

FREE RIDES on the water slide
(for children only)
Day: Every Monday and Thursday
Venue: Mega Slide
Collect 2 free tickets for each child at the ticketing booth next to the main entrance.

Wave Pool Party
Day: Every Saturday
Venue: Wave Pool
Time: 3 pm to 8 pm
(You can come anytime between 3 pm and 8 pm.)
Collect free goodie bags at the main entrance by 7 pm.

Opening Hours
Monday to Friday: 10 am to 7 pm
Saturday & Sunday: 8 am to 9 pm
Wednesday: Closed for maintenance

Terms and conditions:

- Promotional activities are valid from 26 May 2017 to 25 June 2017.
- Wonder Water Park reserves the rights to cancel or postpone the activities during bad weather.
- Only swimmers in proper attire will be allowed to take part in the water activities.

16. Aminah is ten years old. She has to pay _____ for admission to the water park during the promotional period.
- (1) \$8
 - (2) \$10
 - (3) \$12
 - (4) \$15
17. Jia Ming is interested in the free rides on the water slide. He can visit the water park on _____.
- (1) Friday
 - (2) Monday
 - (3) Saturday
 - (4) Wednesday
18. What time does the water park close on weekends?
- (1) 3 pm
 - (2) 7 pm
 - (3) 8 pm
 - (4) 9 pm
19. Mrs Lee can collect free tickets for her children for the rides on the water slide at the _____.
- (1) Wave Pool
 - (2) Mega Slide
 - (3) main entrance
 - (4) ticketing booth
20. Which of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) The water park is open daily.
 - (2) Rani's father can ride on the water slide for free.
 - (3) Visitors can attend the Wave Pool Party at 7 pm.
 - (4) Mr Koh has to pay \$12 if he visits the water park on 25 May 2017.

- End of Booklet A -



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2	A		20
	B		30
Total			50

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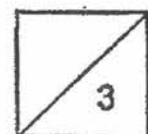
Section D: Grammar Cloze (7 x 1 mark)

Read the passages carefully. Fill in the blanks with the correct word(s) from the box. Use each word(s) once only.

Passage 1

climb	climbs	was climbing
climbed	were climbing	

Yesterday, my classmates and I went to the community centre for a rock climbing activity. First, we learnt about the different rock climbing gear. Next, we (21) _____ the rock wall with the help of the instructors. As the girls (22) _____ the boys cheered for them. Rock climbing was really an exciting sport. We hoped that we could (23) _____ the rock wall again next time. We really looked forward to the next rock climbing activity.



Passage 2

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on	inside	from

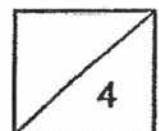
Arthur was down with chicken pox. The doctors told him to stay (24) _____ bed. Arthur felt bored as he could not even play with his friends.

His parents tried all kinds of ways to brighten up his days. Nothing pleased Arthur. His mother thought of an idea. She went to a pet shop (25) _____ Eunos Road.

Suddenly, she heard a purr coming (26) _____ a cage behind her. It was a brown spotted kitten, just the perfect pet for Arthur. She took it home and hid it (27) _____ Arthur's bed while he was sleeping.

When he woke up, he heard a purring sound. Excitedly, he looked around his room. Arthur laughed in glee when he finally found his perfect pet.

Adapted from *A Kitten for the King* by Brenda Parkes



Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Use each word once only.

dusk	fear	strange	terrifying
dawn	afraid	rumbling	tremendous

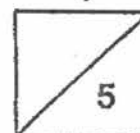
After a long climb, Phil was finally reaching the summit of the mountain. It was almost (28) _____ but Phil was determined to trek up the mountain to see the morning sun. However, he was really tired, so he sat down to rest. His stomach started (29) _____

He took out his bag of potato chips from his backpack. He had to use (30) _____ force to rip the bag. While he was crunching on the potato chips, a (31) _____ lion roared and emerged from the trees.

However, Phil did not shake with (32) _____. He shouted at the lion and said, "You can't scare me!" He flexed his muscles. They were as big as the rocks in the river.

The poor lion bolted down the mountain path. Indeed, Phil was fearless.

Adapted from *Fearless Phil* by Jill Eggleton



Section F: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

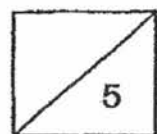
Uncle Chan had been working as a school attendant in our school for ten years. During his free time, he would teach us how to (33) _____ the canteen tables with a rag and sweep the classroom floors. Once, he did something really amazing. He caught a rat that was (34) _____ across the canteen with his bare hands!

When our principal announced that Uncle Chan was going to retire at the end of the year, we knew we were going to miss him. We decided to bid him (35) _____ by throwing a party for him.

We bought a cake for Uncle Chan. We even made him a (36) _____. We gathered our crayons and markers to decorate a big coloured paper.

The next day, we (37) _____ our gifts to Uncle Chan. He was touched by our kind gesture. His face broke into a wide smile.

Adapted from *Thank You, Mr. T!* by Laura Edlund



Section G: Sentence Manipulation (3 x 1 mark)

Combine the sentences into one sentence using the word given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

38. Mulan fought bravely in the war. Mulan returned home as a great general.

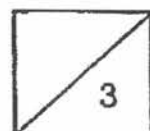
After _____

39. Hank's friends asked for more tomatoes. Hank's tomatoes were delicious.

_____ so

40. I did not have proper lunch. I was hungry.

_____ because



Section H: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in complete sentences. Your answers must be based on the passage read.

Remember to use the comprehension strategies and skills you have learnt.

Camille lived in a town where sunflowers grew tall and they looked like real suns. Every day after school, he ran across the sunflower garden to meet his father, who was a postman. He had to help his father carry the heavy sacks of letters down from his van.

One day, a strange man arrived in Camille's town. "I am Vincent, the painter," he said, smiling at Camille. Vincent moved into a yellow house at the end of the street where Camille lived. He had no money and no friends.

Camille and his father helped him look for furniture for the yellow house. They dusted the entire house. Camille picked a huge bunch of sunflowers for the painter. Vincent was very pleased to have made two good friends.

To show his appreciation for them, Vincent painted a picture of sunflowers. Camille and his father saw the sunflowers appear like magic on the canvas. Camille loved the bright colours Vincent had used and the strong smell of paint.

The next day, Camille took the painting to his school as he wanted his friends to see it. His friends looked at the picture and began to laugh. They thought that the picture looked funny. Camille felt very sad. After school, some older children saw Vincent walking along the street. They started to point and laugh at him. They ran along behind Vincent as he was going out to paint. Even the grown-ups joined in and teased him. Camille was angry as he was unable to stop them from laughing at Vincent. Camille ran home in tears.

"Listen, Camille," said his father. "People often laugh at things that are different. I have a feeling that one day they will learn to love Vincent's paintings."

Adapted from Camille and the Sunflowers by Laurence Anholt

41. How did Camille help his father daily? [1]

42. What were two things Camille and his father did to help Vincent? [2]

43. What does "it" in line 16 refer to? [1]

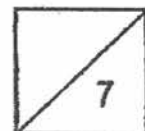
It refers to

44. Why did Camille run home in tears? [2]

45. Which adjective best describes Camille?

Put a tick (✓) next to the correct answer.

<input type="checkbox"/>	honest
<input type="checkbox"/>	generous
<input type="checkbox"/>	compassionate



46. State whether each statement below is True or False. Then, give one reason why you think so. [2]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) Vincent was grateful for what Camille and his father had done.		
(b) Camille was proud of Vincent's painting.		

47. The statements below show the events in the story. Put them in the right [1] sequence, according to the flow of the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines.

_____ The children laughed at Vincent.

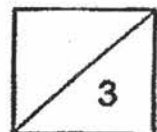
_____ Vincent painted a picture of sunflowers.

_____ Camille gave Vincent a bunch of sunflowers.

- End of Paper -

Please remember to check your work thoroughly.

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

Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29
climbed	were climbing	climb	in	on	from	under	dawn	rumbling

Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34	Q35	Q36	Q37
tremendous	terrifying	fear	wipe	running	goodbye	card	gave

Q38)	After Mulan had fought bravely in the war, she returned as a great general.
Q39)	Hank's tomatoes were delicious so his friends asked for more.
Q40)	I was hungry because I did not have proper lunch.
Q41)	He had to help his father carry the heavy sacks of letters down from his van.
Q42)	Camille and his father helped him look for furniture for the yellow house and dusted the entire house.
Q43)	The painting
Q44)	Camille was and as he was unable to stop the grown-ups and children from laughing at Vincent.
Q45)	√ compassionate
Q46)	True → Vincent painted a picture of sunflowers to show his appreciation for what Camille and his father had done. True → Camille took the painting to his school as he wanted his friends to see it.
Q47)	3, 2, 1