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Singapore Chinese Girls' Primary School
Second Semestral Assessment 2005
Primary 3
English Language

Name: _____

Date: _____

Class: Primary 3

Time: 1 hour 15 min

Marks _____ / 55

Section A

Parent's Signature: _____

For each question from 1 to 18, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (18 marks)

1. Last Monday, we went to visit the _____ where aircrafts were housed and repaired.
 - 1) hangar
 - 2) platform
 - 3) runway
 - 4) shack

2. We lost our balance and fell off our seats as the bus suddenly _____ forward and came to an abrupt stop.
 - 1) assembled
 - 2) jerked
 - 3) tilted
 - 4) wrenched

3. The short and _____ girl was all skin and bones as she had been starved for many days.
 - 1) burly
 - 2) fat
 - 3) muscular
 - 4) scrawny

4. The audience were so _____ by her story telling that they did not realise that time had passed so quickly.
 - 1) charmed
 - 2) distracted
 - 3) indifferent
 - 4) restless

5. "Please pay attention and listen! I have an important announcement to make!" said Mrs Lim _____.
- 1) attentively
 - 2) hesitantly
 - 3) reluctantly
 - 4) sternly
6. We _____ stay indoors if there is lightning during a heavy downpour. It is dangerous to play in the open field as we may get struck by lightning.
- 1) can
 - 2) shan't
 - 3) should
 - 4) won't
7. We asked our mother for permission to go to the playground. She said that we _____ if we had finished our homework.
- 1) could
 - 2) must
 - 3) should
 - 4) would
8. The boy was hungry _____ thirsty as he was lost in the jungle for three days.
- 1) and
 - 2) but
 - 3) or
 - 4) while
9. The principal told the girls to leave the classroom and _____ briskly and orderly to the open field if they heard the alarm bell ring.
- 1) walk
 - 2) walked
 - 3) walking
 - 4) walks

10. Mr Muhammed _____ at the mischievous boys who were vandalising the wall at the void deck.
- 1) is shouting
 - 2) shouted
 - 3) shouts
 - 4) were shouting
11. His sister _____ the goat farm every year.
- 1) visits
 - 2) visited
 - 3) visiting
 - 4) visit
12. While Mr Wong _____ his dinner, he heard a loud crash.
- 1) ate
 - 2) eats
 - 3) is eating
 - 4) was eating
13. Timothy was _____ than the other two boys.
- 1) as tall as
 - 2) tall
 - 3) taller
 - 4) tallest
14. Kenneth was _____ the playground just now. He was playing the see-saw with Surati.
- 1) at
 - 2) beside
 - 3) over
 - 4) under
15. There is _____ milk left in the jug. I need to go to the supermarket to buy some more.
- 1) a few
 - 2) a little
 - 3) many
 - 4) much

16. Despite the man's old age, he is very independent and he lives all by _____ in a flat.

- 1) herself
- 2) himself
- 3) itself
- 4) themselves

17. Ali and Mei Chin _____ good friends. They usually play together at the playground in the evenings.

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

18. There _____ a group of pupils eating at the canteen this morning.

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

Section B

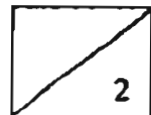
Rewrite the following sentences in the reported speech. (2 marks)

19. Mrs Lim said, "I want to go to the market to buy some fruit."

Mrs Lim said that _____

20. "There is a stray cat at the bus stop," said John.

John said that _____



Section C

Choose the most suitable word from the box to fill in the passage.
Use each word **ONLY ONCE**. (10 marks)

faster	on	asleep	nest	swooped
feeling	puzzled	knocked	proud	you
we	is	awake	ashamed	up

It was early morning in the jungle. The only animal awake was one angry bird looking for elephants. She saw a family of elephants (21) _____, far below.

The little bird (22) _____ down just as Baby Jumbo, the baby elephant was waking up. "You ought to be (23) _____ of yourself," the bird told a startled Jumbo. "You big, clumsy elephants have (24) _____ down my tree completely."

The bird flew off, leaving Baby Jumbo very (25) _____. A parrot, which had been woken up by the noise, flew down to him. "What tree have (26) _____ knocked down?" Jumbo asked the parrot.

"The tree where the bird had built her (27) _____," the parrot explained.

The parrot flew back up to its tree as Baby Jumbo, who (28) _____^{was} upset, stood up and said, "We don't mean any harm."

"That may be so," said the parrot, "but you elephants do knock down trees. I'll show you." He flew off.

Although Baby Jumbo had done nothing wrong, he was beginning to feel that it was his fault. He began to follow the parrot but with his little elephant legs, he found it difficult to keep (29) _____

The parrot flew much (30) _____ than Baby Jumbo could run. Soon the little elephant was alone. He had no idea which way he should go!

Adapted from Animal Stories by Barbara Hayes

Section D

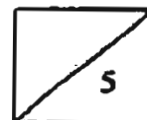
For Passage 1, choose the most suitable word from the box to fill in the blanks.

Use each word **ONLY ONCE**. (5 marks)

Passage 1

over	in	since	at
under	for	from	into

Two fishermen were flung out of their boat when a huge wave crashed (31) _____ it last night. The heavy storm had left them stranded in the sea (32) _____ three hours. A rescue helicopter received an SOS signal from a passing ship and it went to their rescue (33) _____ about three o'clock in the morning. The rescue helicopter flew (34) _____ the choppy sea and took them back to land safely. Fortunately, the two fishermen are now being treated (35) _____ the hospital and their condition is stable.



For Passage 2, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets.

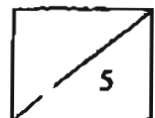
(5 marks)

Passage 2

Once upon a fairy time, there was a beautiful fairy named Madam Vu. Madam Vu was one of the few fairies who (36) _____ (love) visiting our world. The three things she (37) _____ (like) doing most when she came visiting, were (38) _____ (~~listen~~) to our secrets, ~~tasting~~ our fruits, and smelling our flowers. She always came alone though because she could never find another fairy who wanted to (39) _____ (come) anywhere close to the Gremah Deen. (That's what the fairies call that hazy place where their world meets ours).

One day, Madam Vu went out to the woods for a walk and came back to meet her children a few hours later.

"Mother! You (40) _____ (be) back! We hope that you have brought something back for us!" they both squealed as they flew to greet her.



Section E

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (5 marks)

Rabbits are herbivores (plant eating animals) and they breed easily. They have long ears, powerful hind legs with long feet and short, furry, upturned tails.

Rabbits are most active at dawn and dusk and often nap during the day.

Rabbits can be kept outside or indoors as they make good house pets, being easily litter trained.

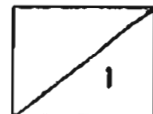
A rabbit has a very delicate digestive system that can be upset quite easily by eating the wrong things leading to diarrhoea. In the wild, rabbits live in areas with a lot of low quality vegetation. They have to spend a lot of time eating and have a digestive system that would extract maximum goodness out of what they eat. If you have a pet rabbit at home, it is the same and so its diet should consist mainly of grass and hay.

As with any pet, keeping a rabbit requires a commitment to care for it during its life which could be five to ten years or longer. The commitment required includes not only routine feeding, care and time spent with the rabbit but also the provision of veterinary treatment if the rabbit becomes ill which can be costly.

41. Rabbits are most active at _____.

- 1) twelve noon
- 2) five o'clock in the morning
- 3) three o'clock in the afternoon
- 4) eleven o'clock in the morning

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42. The rabbits make good house pets because they _____.
- 1) only eat grass and hay
 - 2) can only be kept indoors
 - 3) often nap during the day
 - 4) can be easily litter trained
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43. What happens when the rabbits eat the wrong kinds of food?
- 1) They will have diarrhoea.
 - 2) They will spend a lot of time eating hay and grass.
 - 3) They will try to maximize the goodness out of what they eat.
 - 4) They will have to live in areas with a lot of low quality vegetation.

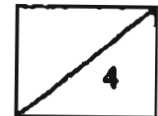
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44. What is the life span of a rabbit?
- 1) They can live for only ten years.
 - 2) They can live for only five years.
 - 3) They can live for up to five years or longer.
 - 4) They can only live between five to ten years.

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45. To keep a rabbit as a house pet, we must commit by _____.
- 1) feeding them regularly
 - 2) keeping them indoors all the time
 - 3) spending time with them only during our free time
 - 4) treating them ourselves as veterinary treatment is costly

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Section F

Read the passage below and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

(10 marks)

Long time ago in a village, there lived a little boy called Ming. His parents were farmers. Farming was hard to do on a mountainside. Although Ming was poor, he was contented as he loved to paint. In the fields, Ming drew animal shapes in the dirt. By the river, Ming drew fish and plants on rocks with his wet finger.

One night, a white owl appeared at Ming's window. "Whooo," the owl cried as it flew into Ming's bedroom. In a flash, the owl changed into an old man. Ming hid behind his bed, trembling. The old man laughed and said, "I've been watching you, Ming. You're a very talented artist. I've brought a gift from the gods. It's a magic paintbrush. Use it, and it'll make many people happy." Then the old man turned back into the white owl, flying out the window and into the night.

Ming blinked his eyes, and blinked them again. The brush was on the table, waiting for the boy to pick it up. Ming was excited. He had to try out his gift. He unrolled a torn piece of cloth, mixed some ash with water to make ink, and then drew a bird. Nothing happened for a moment but then Ming could not believe his eyes. The bird blinked, and then ruffled its feathers. With a stretch of its wings, the bird came to life and flew off the paper. Ming fell to the ground! He tried again, but this time with a turtle. The turtle came to life with a hard shell and a head that popped in and out of that shell. All night, Ming drew little animals that came to life.

Adapted from Chinese Tea Stories, by Colette Choo

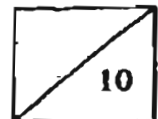
46-47) What did Ming's parents do for a living?

48-49) How did Ming spend most of his time?

50-51) Which word in the passage tells you that Ming was frightened when the old man appeared before him?

52-53) Why did Ming blink his eyes when the owl flew out of the window?

54-55) What was so 'magical' about the paintbrush?



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09.	1	
10.	2	

19) Mrs Lim said that she wanted to go to the market to buy some fruits.

20) John said that there was a stray cat at the bus stop.

21) asleep 42) 4 43) 1 44) 3 45) 1

22) swooped 46-47) Ming's parents farmed for a living.

23) ashamed 48-49) Ming spent most of his time drawing on grass and rocks with his wet finger.

24) knocked

25) puzzled

26) we 50-51) The word is "trembling".

27) nest

28) feeling 52-53) He thought how an owl could turn into an old man.

29) up

30) faster 54-55) Whatever Ming drew, it would come to life.

31) into

32) for

33) at

34) over

35) in

36) loved

37) liked

38) listening

39) come

40) are

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