

Anglo-Chinese School
(Junior)

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PRIMARY 3

ENGLISH

Booklet A

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INSTRUCTIONS TO PUPILS

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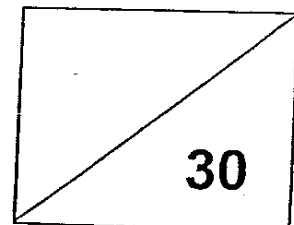
There are 25 questions in this booklet.

Answer ALL questions.

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This question paper consists of 8 printed pages. (Inclusive of cover page)

Part 1: Vocabulary (10 marks)

For each question from 1 to 8, choose the most suitable word to replace the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 1 Father brought back some travel _____ for us to plan for our family trip to india.
- (1) visas
 - (2) tickets
 - (3) post cards
 - (4) brochures
- 2 Mimi loves dancing. She was _____ by her parents to take up dancing lessons since she was five years old.
- (1) forced
 - (2) begged
 - (3) pestered
 - (4) encouraged
- 3 Our grandmother always tells us _____ from China as they teach us lessons about good and bad behaviour.
- (1) riddles
 - (2) legends
 - (3) folktales
 - (4) fairy tales

4 My mother and I are waiting for the _____ to carry our luggage into the hotel room.

- (1) potter
- (2) porter
- (3) butler
- (4) doorman

5 The judge found Tom guilty of drug-trafficking and _____ him to life imprisonment.

- (1) asked
- (2) ordered
- (3) sentenced
- (4) commanded

6 All drivers and motorists are advised to drive _____ especially in poor weather conditions.

- (1) hastily
- (2) stealthily
- (3) gradually
- (4) cautiously

7 The soldier _____ himself with green leaves so that the enemy would not detect his presence.

- (1) hid
- (2) deceived
- (3) disguised
- (4) camouflaged

For each question from 8 to 10, choose the most suitable word to replace the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

8 My grandfather washes his car once every two weeks.

- (1) weekly
- (2) monthly
- (3) annually
- (4) fortnightly

9 The driver who drove the car knocked the man who was crossing the road illegally and sped away.

- (1) jogger
- (2) pedestrian
- (3) jaywalker
- (4) commuter

10 The woman who writes for the newspapers interviewed my sister.

- (1) publisher
- (2) journalist
- (3) news caster
- (4) commentator

Part 2: Grammar (10 marks)

For each question from 11 to 20, choose the most suitable word to replace the underlined word(s). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 11 "Look at me when I am talking to _____," my mother said angrily to me.
- (1) I
 - (2) you
 - (3) him
 - (4) them
- 12 There is too _____ oil in the jar. I need to pour some away.
- (1) many
 - (2) much
 - (3) most
 - (4) more
- 13 Tom managed to pass his examinations _____ working really hard at it.
- (1) as
 - (2) after
 - (3) when
 - (4) before
- 14 The children _____ in the playground when the fire alarm sounded.
- (1) play
 - (2) played
 - (3) were playing
 - (4) was playing
- 15 She _____ the dentist every six months.
- (1) visit
 - (2) visits
 - (3) visited
 - (4) visiting

- 16 Last night, Ali _____ a slow walk in the garden.
- (1) take
 - (2) takes
 - (3) took
 - (4) taken
- 17 "_____ Sally _____ with me to the parade?" I asked Mrs Lim.
- (1) Is ... go
 - (2) Can ... go
 - (3) May ... goes
 - (4) Will ... goes
- 18 Christmas, _____ falls in December, is my favourite holiday of the year.
- (1) whom
 - (2) when
 - (3) which
 - (4) what
- 19 "_____ is the next match?" I asked my brother. He quickly looked at his watch.
- (1) When
 - (2) Where
 - (3) Who
 - (4) What
- 20 My friends _____ a huge sandcastle at the beach yesterday.
- (1) make
 - (2) makes
 - (3) made
 - (4) are making

Part 3: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 24 to 28.

Once upon a time in China, there were six suns in the sky. The heat from the suns made it impossible for crops to grow and thus, a famine broke out. Many people died of hunger. 1

The emperor became worried and immediately gathered all his wise men to think of a solution to the problem. One of the wise men suggested that he should get all the archers in the country to shoot the suns down with arrows. 5

The archers gathered together to shoot the suns but unfortunately, they were unsuccessful as the suns were so high up in the sky. Finally, a skilled archer by the name of Houyi came up with a brilliant idea. He began observing the reflections of the suns in the lake. 10

The very next day, as soon as Houyi saw the reflections of the suns in the lake, he took out his arrows and shot the first five suns. One by one, they disappeared into the lake.

The sixth sun quickly hid himself. With no sun in the sky, the earth became a terribly cold and dark place to live on. No matter what the people did, the sun refused to appear. One morning, the rooster crowed. The sixth sun liked the sound so much that he appeared from behind the mountains. That is why, according to a Chinese folklore, the rooster crows every morning. If it does not crow, the sun will not appear. 15 20

For each question from 21 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet(OAS).

- 21 According to the passage, the _____ was the cause of famine in China.
- (1) shortage of food
 - (2) huge number of deaths
 - (3) extreme heat from the six suns
 - (4) possibility of growing crops
- 22 The arrows which the archers shot could not _____ and thus, they failed to shoot the suns.
- (1) touch the sky
 - (2) gather together
 - (3) bring the suns down
 - (4) reach so high up in the sky
- 23 In line 14, 'they' refers to _____.
- (1) the archers
 - (2) the five suns
 - (3) the five arrows
 - (4) reflections of the suns
- 24 Houyi succeeded in his task by _____.
- (1) shooting the reflections of the suns
 - (2) admiring the reflections of the suns in the sky
 - (3) observing the reflections of the suns in the lake
 - (4) reaching for the reflections of the suns in the sky
- 25 According to the Chinese folklore, the _____ if the rooster does not crow in the morning.
- (1) sun will not set
 - (2) sun will not rise
 - (3) sun disappears into the lake
 - (4) sun makes it impossible for crops to grow

Part 4: Editing for spelling and grammar (5 marks)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammar error.
Put the correct spelling or form of the underlined word in each of the boxes.

26.

Wampum beads, made from several kinds of shell, were valueable to the

Indians who lived along the Atlantic Coast. Cut from the conch shell and quallog

27.

clam, these beads were used in various ways. They were string together to form

28.

necklaces and bracelets or used simply to decourate clothing, weapons and utensils.

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They also serfed as a form of money and when made into belts, they was used as

signatures to confirm agreements between tribes.

Part 5: Synthesis and Transformation (5 marks)

For each of the questions 31 to 35, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

31 We went for a picnic. It was a school holiday.

_____ since

32 Please make sure you are punctual. You will miss the flight.

_____ or

33 It is his birthday today. He has invited me to lunch.

_____ as

34 Dave wanted to go to the concert. His mother did not allow him to.

_____ but

35 Tom loves to play badminton. Andy loves to play badminton too.

Both _____

Part 6: Punctuation (3 marks)

For questions 36 to 38, choose the correct punctuation mark(s) for each sentence. Write its letter (J, K, L, M, N or P) in the brackets provided.

USE EACH LETTER ONCE ONLY.

J	?	question mark
K	!	exclamation mark
L	“	open inverted commas
M	,	comma
N	'	apostrophe
P	”	close inverted commas

36 “We can visit him, can't we _____” my sister said. ()

37 At the zoo, there are some deer, lions _____ polar bears and elephants. ()

38 I have passed my driving test. I ___m so happy! ()

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Part 7: Grammar Cloze (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its LETTER (A to H) in the blank.
USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

before (A)	as (B)	which (C)	then (D)
finally (E)	when (F)	first (G)	in (H)

Mrs Ong is teaching Julia how to make some garlic bread.

(39) _____, turn the oven on and cut each breadroll in half.

(40) _____ putting the garlic and butter into a small bowl to

be mixed together, the garlic must be crushed into smaller pieces first.

The garlic and butter are (41) _____ spread on the inside of

the rolls using a table knife after which these breadrolls are wrapped

(42) _____ a piece of foil before they are put in the oven to

be baked for 30 minutes. This is not the end yet. Using oven mitts,

the breadrolls are removed from the oven and (43) _____ the

foil is unwrapped before they are ready to be served. Julia is happy

that she has learnt how to make garlic bread.

Part 8: Vocabulary Cloze (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

When Humans Had Tails

The Saora tribals of Orissa, in eastern India, believe that there was a time when (44) _____ had tails. Wherever they went, their tails swished along, sweeping the ground.

Soon, they had a problem on their hands. As the number of humans increased, managing the tails became very (45) _____. At home and outside, in the market or at marriages, people were always stepping on each others' tails. Not a minute went by without tripping over another's (46) _____. Life went on in this painful manner.

One day, Kittung God visited a market. It was (47) _____ with people as usual. And before the God (48) _____ it, someone stepped on his tail. He (49) _____ in one big heap. As he fell against a stone, two of his teeth (50) _____. The people who were standing around him burst into (51) _____. It was a funny sight!

This made Kittung God angry. In one stroke he pulled off his tail and flung it away. Seeing this all the other tails got scared and fell (52) _____ on their own. They ran away at a fast pace. Kittung God's tail turned into a palm tree while the other tails (53) _____ blades of tall grass. People used them to make brooms. From then on, they used the brooms to sweep the ground instead of using tails!

(Retold by Chitra Padmanabhan)

Part 9 : Comprehension OE (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 54 to 58.

A Magic Paint Brush

Once upon a time, there was a young man called Ma Liang who liked to draw. One night, he dreamt that an old man had given him a magic paint brush to help the poor. When he woke up, the magic paint brush was on his desk! 1

From that day, he used the paint brush whenever people needed help. When the people had no water to use in the fields, he drew a river and it came to life. People could then channel the water to their fields more easily which helped them to conserve time and energy. 5

Soon a rich man came to know about the magic paint brush so he decided to steal it in order to make a profit from it. He sent some people to capture Ma Liang and put him in prison. The rich man then started to draw using the paint brush but the pictures did not become alive. 10

The rich man became angry and sent for Ma Liang. He told Ma Liang, "If you draw some pictures for me and turn them to life, I may set you free". Ma Liang had an idea. "I can help you," he said, "but you must keep your promise."

The rich man asked Ma Liang to draw a golden mountain so that he could go and gather gold. Ma Liang drew a golden mountain which was surrounded by sea. "Now draw a big ship so that I can sail there", the rich man shouted excitedly. 15

When the rich man and his friends jumped into the ship and it sailed to the middle of the sea, Ma Liang drew a huge wave which destroyed the ship. The rich man and his friends perished. With his magic paint brush, Ma Liang then continued to help the poor. 20

(Retold by Anna Luan Li Ning)

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

54 What was the main purpose of the magic paint brush?

55 In what way were the drawings made using the magic paint brush special?

56 Why did the rich man decide to steal the magic paint brush?

57 Do you think that the rich man would really set Ma Liang free?
Which word in line 13 tells you so?

58 From the passage, which word has the same meaning as "a person who has died in a sudden violent way?"

The word is "_____".

Answer Sheets
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| 1) 4 | 2) 4 | 3) 3 | 4) 2 | 5) 3 |
| 6) 4 | 7) 4 | 8) 4 | 9) 3 | 10) 2 |
| 11) 2 | 12) 2 | 13) 2 | 14) 3 | 15) 2 |
| 16) 3 | 17) 2 | 18) 3 | 19) 1 | 20) 3 |
| 21) 3 | 22) 4 | 23) 2 | 24) 3 | 25) 2 |
| 36) J | 37) M | 38) N | 39) G | 40) A |
| 41) D | 42) H | 43) E | | |

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|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 26) valuable | 27) strong | 28) decorate | 29) served | 30) were |
| 44) people | 45) hard | 46) tail | 47) busy | 48) noticed |
| 49) fall | 50) broke | 51) laughter | 52) off | 53) became |

- Q31. We went for a picnic since it was a school holiday.
Q32. Please make sure you are punctual or you will miss the flight.
Q33. He has invited me to lunch as it is his birthday today.
Q34. Dave wanted to go to the concert but his mother does not allow him.
Q35. Both of them love to play badminton.
- Q54. It was to help the poor.
Q55. The drawings could turn to life.
Q56. He wanted to make a profit from it.
Q57. No. It is 'I may set you free".
Q58. The word is '*perished*'