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CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 3

Continual Assessment 1

24 February 2012

English Language

Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 15 min

Instructions to Candidates:

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions on the Optical Answer Sheet.

This booklet consists of 13 printed pages.



Section A: Picture Matching (5 x 1 mark)

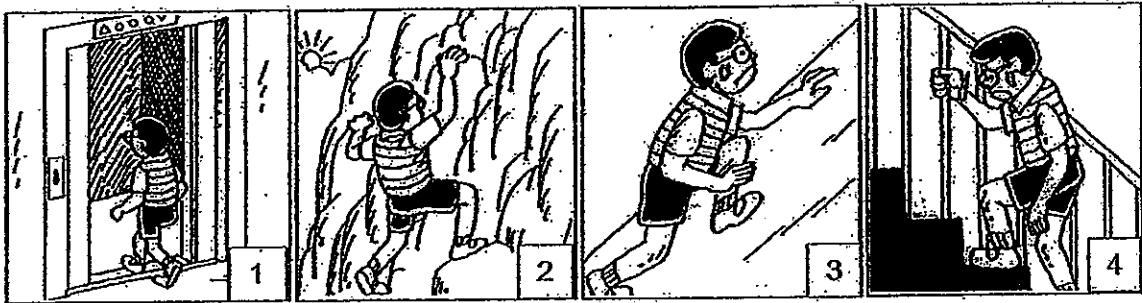
Look at the set of pictures. Listen carefully to your teacher and choose the picture that best describes the statement read. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

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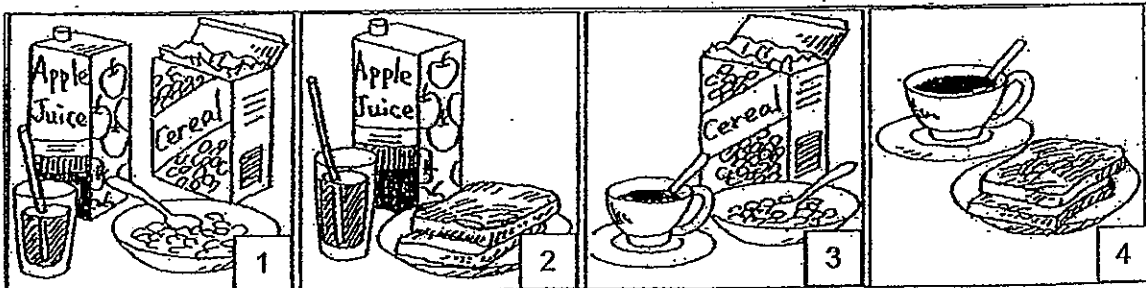
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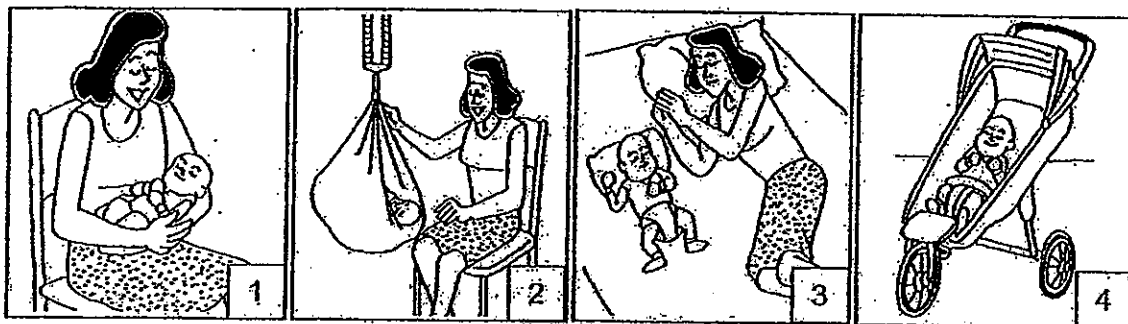
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Section B: Vocabulary Multiple-Choice Questions (12 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

6. Sally is a _____ girl. She always shares her things with her classmates.
- (1) humble
 - (2) sincere
 - (3) thankful
 - (4) generous
7. Mrs Lim is offering a \$600 _____ to anyone who can find her missing cat.
- (1) prize
 - (2) award
 - (3) reward
 - (4) donation
8. A boat with three fishermen on board _____ in the sea during the thunderstorm last night.
- (1) rolled
 - (2) shifted
 - (3) tumbled
 - (4) capsized
9. I spent a week _____ at home after I fractured my arm in an accident.
- (1) relaxing
 - (2) refreshing
 - (3) rejuvenating
 - (4) recuperating

10. My aunt's flight from Japan was _____ owing to the bad weather conditions.
- (1) belated
 - (2) delayed
 - (3) forwarded
 - (4) discontinued
11. The children found the clown rather _____ because he could not make them laugh.
- (1) boring
 - (2) amusing
 - (3) charming
 - (4) threatening
12. The trekker _____ on the fallen branches and twisted his ankle as he was walking through the thick forest.
- (1) rumbled
 - (2) tumbled
 - (3) stumbled
 - (4) grumbled
13. A loud cheer _____ from the crowd as the fireman carried the crying child out of the burning building.
- (1) arose
 - (2) began
 - (3) evolved
 - (4) occurred

14. The toddler accidentally spilled the glass of hot water and was _____ quite badly.
- (1) charred
 - (2) scalded
 - (3) overcooked
 - (4) electrocuted
15. The _____ man piled his plate with more food than he could eat at the buffet.
- (1) frugal
 - (2) greedy
 - (3) jealous
 - (4) envious
16. John's tooth was so badly decayed that the dentist had to _____ it.
- (1) pull
 - (2) drill
 - (3) grind
 - (4) extract
17. Tom was as hungry as a _____ as he had not eaten anything the whole day.
- (1) fox
 - (2) pig
 - (3) lion
 - (4) wolf

Section C: Grammar Multiple-Choice Questions (12 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

18. Mr Lim looks strict _____ he is a kind and gentle man.

- (1) or
- (2) so
- (3) but
- (4) and

19. Jane _____ read the instructions. She is now ready to play the game.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) having

20. "How _____ time do you need to finish your homework?" asked Tim's father.

- (1) much
- (2) many
- (3) more
- (4) most

21. "You must take good care of _____ when we are not around," Mr and Mrs Tan told their children.

- (1) yourself
- (2) ourselves
- (3) yourselves
- (4) themselves

22. Kathy pulled the blankets _____ herself to keep warm.

- (1) on
- (2) into
- (3) over
- (4) above

23. The puppy ran to the door the moment the doorbell _____.

- (1) ring
- (2) rang
- (3) rings
- (4) ringing

24. We saw a _____ of elephants walking in a single file when we went on safari last June.

- (1) herd
- (2) flock
- (3) troop
- (4) school

25. _____ children on the other side of the road are waiting for their school bus.

- (1) This
- (2) That
- (3) These
- (4) Those

26. "I can't remember _____ pen this is," said Mei as she scratched her head.

- (1) who
- (2) who's
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

27. We had _____ difficult time trying to find _____ way to the zoo.

(1) a an

(2) an a

(3) a the

(4) the the

28. Ling did not _____ to school as she was not feeling well.

(1) go

(2) goes

(3) gone

(4) going

29. Jane and her sister _____ in the garden yesterday evening.

(1) play

(2) played

(3) is playing

(4) was playing

Section D: Graphic Stimulus (5 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement below carefully and answer questions 30 to 34.

RATMATAZZ

based on stories by
Kenneth Burrows

written by
Grahame Rodentia

directed by
Ratty Huang

music by
Xiao Lao Shu

PERFORMANCES
29 FEB to 28 MARCH 2012
Mon - Fri 11am, 3pm
Sat 11am, 3pm, 7.30pm

TICKETS (per person)

Single	\$30
Family of three	\$26
Family of five	\$22
Groups of 15 or more	\$15
School groups	\$10

BOOKINGS
Rattic Hotline: 0810 15423
Online : www.ratticmaster.com
Theatre Box Office : cash only sales
Self-Automated Machines (SAM)

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

30. The person who wrote this play is _____.

- (1) Ratty Huang
- (2) Xiao Lao Shu
- (3) Kenneth Burrows
- (4) Grahame Rodentia

31. There are no performances on _____.

- (1) Sundays
- (2) Mondays
- (3) Tuesdays
- (4) Wednesdays

32. There are _____ performances on each weekday.

- (1) 2
- (2) 3
- (3) 4
- (4) 5

33. To pay by cash, tickets must be purchased _____.

- (1) online
- (2) through the Rattic hotline
- (3) through the Theatre Box Office
- (4) using Self-Automated Machines

34. My parents, my brother, my sister and I want to watch the performance on 13 March 2012. We will pay _____ each.

- (1) \$15
- (2) \$22
- (3) \$26
- (4) \$30

Section E: Comprehension Multiple-Choice Questions (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 39.

There was an old woman who lived in a village. She had a bag of beans and wanted to cook them. She filled her pot with some water. Then, using some coal, she prepared a fire in her fireplace. To make the coal burn faster, she added a handful of straw. While she was pouring the beans into the pot, one of them fell unnoticed to the floor, coming to rest next to a piece of straw. A while later, a glowing coal jumped out of the fireplace and landed next to them. 5

The straw said, "Friends, where do you come from?"

The coal answered, "I jumped from the fireplace. If I had not forced my way out, I would have burnt to ash."

The bean said, "I too saved my skin. If the old woman had me in the pot, I would have been cooked to mush." 10

The straw sighed, "As for me, the old woman sent all my brothers up in fire and smoke. She grabbed sixty at once and killed them. I slipped through her fingers."

The three friends then decided that because they had so fortunately escaped death, they would stay together and set off to find a new home. 15

Soon, they came to a small stream. The straw agreed to lie across it, so the others could walk across him. When the coal got to the middle, he stopped as he was scared to go any further. Then, the straw caught fire and fell into the stream. The coal slid after him, hissing as he fell into the water. The bean who had stayed by the river laughed till he burst. A wandering tailor resting by the stream used a needle and black thread and sewed the bean back together. That is why all beans now have a black seam. 20

Adapted from Straw, Coal and Bean by the Brothers Grimm

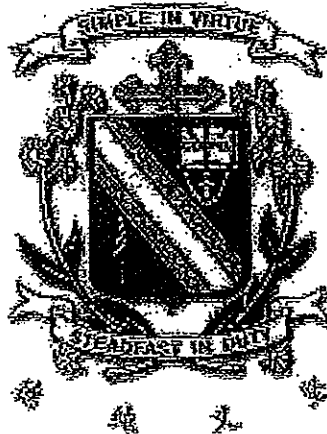
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35. What did the old woman want to do with her bag of beans?
- (1) She wanted to boil them.
 - (2) She wanted to burn them.
 - (3) She wanted to use them to make her coal burn faster.
 - (4) She wanted to use them to prepare a fire in her fireplace.
36. In the phrase 'one of them fell unnoticed to the floor' (line 4-5), the underlined word means _____.
- (1) without being seen
 - (2) without being burnt
 - (3) without being cooked
 - (4) without being washed.
37. The straw escaped from the old woman by _____.
- (1) hopping out of the pot
 - (2) jumping from the fireplace
 - (3) grabbing hold of his brothers
 - (4) slipping through the old woman's fingers
38. Which of the following statements is true?
- (1) The three friends worked together to escape death.
 - (2) The three friends fell into the stream while trying to cross it.
 - (3) The three friends found a new home and stayed together in the end.
 - (4) The three friends tried to have a new life together but did not succeed.
39. A suitable title for this story is '_____.'
- (1) The bean
 - (2) The clever bean
 - (3) How the bean got its seam
 - (4) How the bean saved its life

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Primary 3

Continual Assessment 1

24 February 2012

English Language

Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 15 min

Instructions to Candidates:

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Booklet A	39
Booklet B	31
Total	70

Parent's Signature: _____

This booklet consists of 6 printed pages and 1 blank page.

Section F: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. Use each word ONCE only.

(A) dry	(C) lost	(E) muddy	(G) remembered	(J) stepped
(B) forgotten	(D) missed	(F) recovered	(H) shrieked	(K) unconscious

Once there lived a farmer. He had a large farm on which he worked day and night. One day, the farmer and his son were working in the fields. The farmer asked his son to get him a hoe. The ground was (Q40) _____, as it had not rained for days.

The boy accidentally (Q41) _____ on a snake. The snake that had been sleeping, angrily bit the boy. "Ouch! I have been bitten," (Q42) _____ the boy in pain.

The father heard his son's screams and rushed to the spot. There, he found his son lying (Q43) _____. He saw the snake and immediately grabbed his axe and brought it down hard on the snake. He (Q44) _____ the snake's head and cut off its tail instead. The snake quickly slithered away.

The farmer carried his son home and called for a doctor. The farmer's son (Q45) _____ shortly afterwards and went out to play.

Unknown to them, the snake had not (Q46) _____ what the farmer had done. It was angry because it had (Q47) _____ its tail.

"I must take revenge on that farmer," it hissed.

Adapted from The Farmer and The Serpent, Aesop's Fables



Section G: Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer in the box and write its letter (A to H) in each blank. Use each word ONCE only.

(A) because	(C) in	(E) of	(G) out
(B) but	(D) into	(F) on	(H) so

Sea turtles are large turtles that live in the ocean. They remain in the sea for most of their lives, except for adult female turtles that come ashore to lay their eggs. The female turtles crawl up the beach at night, dig a nest and lay their eggs. The eggs are leathery and elastic (Q48) _____ they do not break as they fall into the nest. These eggs are then covered up with sand and left to hatch. After they hatch, the baby turtles have to take care (Q49) _____ themselves. The parents do not look after the hatchlings.

The hatchlings usually crawl (Q50) _____ of the nest at night and make their way to the sea. However, their journey to the sea is perilous (Q51) _____ dogs, wild pigs and seabirds all hunt them. In addition, the newborns are only the size of a biscuit. Thus, small obstacles such as footprints in the sand will seem like huge sand mountains and valleys to them.

The hatchlings which make it to the sea will spend the rest of their lives (Q52) _____ the open sea. However, the female hatchlings will return to the same area in 15 years' time to lay their own eggs.

Adapted from Elders of the Oceans, Asian Geographic Junior



Section H: Comprehension Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

James was playing with his racing cars when the doorbell rang. It was the postman. Just like the first one last week, it was (Q53) _____ a heavy parcel. James asked the postman to (Q54) _____ it down before going to the room to inform Father.

"It's a heavy parcel, like the first one!" said James, and led Father into the hall.

"It is, indeed," said Father, picking it up.

Carefully, Father carried the parcel into the living room, and placed it on the table. He (Q55) _____ the string, tore the brown paper and opened the box. Then he took out all the crushed paper, removed the bubbly material and lifted up the beautiful (Q56) _____ lamp.

"And that, James," he said, "is how you open a parcel (Q57) _____ breaking the contents."

As he said that, he turned (Q58) _____ from the table, and his right foot landed on James's blue racing car. The car and the foot both skidded forwards, while the rest of Father seemed to go (Q59) _____. The next moment, his bottom hit the living room carpet with a (Q60) _____ thud. Meanwhile, the glass lamp had flown high in the air and fallen to the floor with a shattering crash!

Adapted from Making Mischief with Jeremy James by David Henry Wilson



Section I: Comprehension Open-ended Questions (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 61 to 65.

Khalid knew something was wrong as soon as he entered the house. Looking up, his mother smiled nervously at him, but he could see that she had been crying.

"Where have you been?" Naira asked.

Before Khalid had time to reply, his uncle was standing at the doorway.

"Your father is no longer around, and no one else is going to stop me," his uncle said. "Developers will come and blow up the mountain and fill their trucks with stone. They know the rock from this mountain is good building material. They will pay a good price for it. Now do you understand?"

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"But what will become of our village?" Naira sobbed. "Our forefathers are buried here, and I will not leave the grave of my husband."

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"Then you are more of a fool than I thought," his uncle answered sharply. Khalid wanted to open his mouth to say something but his uncle silenced him. "I don't want to hear another word from you. In three days' time, as headman of this village, I shall go ahead with my plan. After that, there will be no turning back."

Grabbing hold of Khalid, he added, "Until then, you will be locked up." He had no intention of allowing his nephew to thwart his plan with any nonsense. If things went according to plan, he would soon be rich. No more staying in an old, wooden house for him!

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Adapted from The Leopard Boy by Julia Johnson

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

61. How is Naira related to Khalid?

62. Why would the developers pay a good price for the mountain?

63. What does the phrase 'Your father is no longer around, ...' in line 5 tell you about Khalid's father?

64. Why did Khalid's uncle plan to lock him up?

65. How do you think Khalid's uncle was going to spend his money when he became rich?

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ANSWER SHEET

CHIJ ST. NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)
Continual Assessment (1) 2012
Primary 3 - English

Section A: Picture Matching				
1. (1)	2. (4)	3. (4)	4. (1)	5. (3)

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ							
6. (4)	7. (3)	8. (4)	9. (4)	10. (2)	11. (1)	12. (3)	13. (1)
14. (2)	15. (2)	16. (4)	17. (4)				

Section C: Grammar MCQ							
18. (3)	19. (1)	20. (1)	21. (3)	22. (3)	23. (2)	24. (1)	25. (4)
26. (4)	27. (3)	28. (1)	29. (2)				

Section D: Graphic Stimulus				
30. (4)	31. (1)	32. (1)	33. (3)	34. (2)

Section E: Comprehension MCQ				
35. (1)	36. (1)	37. (4)	38. (4)	39. (3)

Section F: Vocabulary Cloze							
40. A	41. J	42. H	43. K	44. D	45. F	46. B	47. C

Section G: Grammar Cloze				
48. H	49. E	50. G	51. A	52. C

Section H: Comprehension Cloze					
53. again	54. put	55. untied	56. glass	57. without	58. away

59. backwards	60. loud
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Section I: Comprehension Open-ended	
61	Q: How is Naira related to Khalid?
	A: Naira is Khalid's mother.
62	Q: Why would the developers pay a good price for the mountain?
	A: They knew the rock from the mountain was a good building material.
63	Q: What does the phrase "Your father is no longer around,...' in line 5 tell you about Khalid's father?
	A: It tells us that Khalid's father had passed away.
64	Q: Why did Khalid's uncle plan to lock him up?
	A: Khalid's uncle did not want Khalid to spoil his plans.
65	Q: How do you think Khalid's uncle was going to spend his money when he became rich?
	A: He was going to buy a new house.