

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2010
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 3 . ()

Date : 11 May 2010

BOOKLET A

30 Questions

30 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 20 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
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Part 1 : Vocabulary (11 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 1 Aminah was delighted when her father gave her a _____ to watch the performance.
- (1) bill
 - (2) label
 - (3) ticket
 - (4) receipt
- 2 The lioness strokes her newborn _____ lovingly.
- (1) kid
 - (2) cub
 - (3) pup
 - (4) foal
- 3 The newly opened flower shop is having a sale to attract more _____.
- (1) observers
 - (2) customers
 - (3) spectators
 - (4) passersby
- 4 Every year, Muthu visits his grandparents in India. He looks forward to visiting them _____.
- (1) weekly
 - (2) monthly
 - (3) annually
 - (4) fortnightly
- 5 Jones needed an operation as he had _____ his ankle during his soccer training.
- (1) bruised
 - (2) pinched
 - (3) fractured
 - (4) scratched

- 6 Timothy wears thick glasses. Without them, he is _____.
- (1) as blind as a bat
 - (2) as happy as a lark
 - (3) as fierce as a tiger
 - (4) as graceful as a swan
- 7 The _____ owl kept us awake the whole night
- (1) calling
 - (2) hooting
 - (3) howling
 - (4) squeaking
- 8 Matthew was asked to look up the meaning of the words with a _____.
- (1) manual
 - (2) directory
 - (3) dictionary
 - (4) catalogue
- 9 Jasmine was quite _____ of passing as she could answer all the questions in the examination.
- (1) proud
 - (2) careful
 - (3) confident
 - (4) determined
- 10 Collin took ten days to _____ his strict parents to let him go on the overnight camping trip.
- (1) advise
 - (2) remind
 - (3) persuade
 - (4) encourage
- 11 The discipline master could see that Ryan was afraid because he kept _____ as he spoke.
- (1) puffing
 - (2) panting
 - (3) chattering
 - (4) stammering

Part 2 : Grammar (11 marks)

Choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

12 Harry went to the market after he _____ to his mother on the telephone.

- (1) speak
- (2) speaks
- (3) has spoken
- (4) had spoken

13 The children were shocked when the cat suddenly leapt _____ the room.

- (1) at
- (2) into
- (3) over
- (4) through

14 The actor waved goodbye to all his fans _____ he boarded his plane.

- (1) as
- (2) since
- (3) because
- (4) although

15 The cook was careful to sprinkle _____ salt over the french fries so that they would not be too salty.

- (1) much
- (2) many
- (3) a little
- (4) a lot of

16 I have lost _____ kilograms since I started to exercise. I weigh 55 kg now as compared to 58 kg a week ago.

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

17 How many children _____ Mr and Mrs Lim have?

- (1) is
- (2) do
- (3) are
- (4) does

18 "Did you _____ the fireworks at the parade?" asked Devi.

- (1) see
- (2) saw
- (3) sees
- (4) seen

19 My sister _____ to go ice skating with me later.

- (1) want
- (2) wants
- (3) has wanted
- (4) have wanted

20 Thomas will _____ Australia by this time tomorrow.

- (1) reach
- (2) reaches
- (3) reached
- (4) reaching

21 Every morning, _____ take the bus to school together.

- (1) my brother and I
- (2) I and my brother
- (3) me and my brother
- (4) my brother and me

22 Sandra and I packed the cookies in the bags _____ as there was no one around to help us.

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

Part 3 : Punctuation (3 marks)

Read the passage carefully. For questions 23 to 25, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

Out of the corner of one eye, James watched the seagull as it came swooping down towards the Earthworm. The beak was open (23) ready to grab a nice piece of flesh out of the Earthworm's back.

"Pull!" shouted James.

The Old-Green-Grasshopper and the Ladybird gave the Earthworm (24) s tail an enormous tug. At the same time, up went James's hands and the seagull flew right into the loop of silk that he was holding out. The loop tightened just the right amount around its neck, and the seagull was captured.

"Hooray (25) shouted the Old-Green-Grasshopper, peering out of the tunnel. "Well done, James!"

(Adapted from "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl, 1961)

23. (1) [:] colon
(2) [,] comma
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
24. (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) ['] apostrophe
(4) ["] inverted commas
25. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [? "] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [! "] exclamation mark and inverted commas

Part 4 : Comprehension MCQ (5 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 26 to 30.

Baxton, a reporter, disappeared mysteriously in his sleep a week ago. When he woke up, he found himself in a strange place. He wandered around for three days till he met Abixon who kindly allowed him to stay in his house.

One day while Baxton was still at Abixon's house, three strangers suddenly called on Abixon. At first Baxton thought they were detectives as they spoke to Abixon in a business-like tone. However, they turned out to be government officials in charge of planning visits to other planets like Mars and Mercury. One of them, a tall, dark man, came forward and spoke to Baxton.

"We brought you here to Popfrita because we wanted to find out about your Earth people. My colleague had been watching you closely. When he chased and questioned you, he was actually putting you to the test. We now know you are a person with the qualities we need to promote our friendship with Earthlings. We want you to accompany us to Earth so that we can be friends with your people. If you agree to help us, you will be able to return home."

Baxton was pleased. He agreed immediately. A week later, he waved goodbye to Abixon and boarded a spaceship.

For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

26 Baxton thought that the three strangers were detectives because they _____.

- (1) chased him
- (2) questioned him
- (3) arrested Abixon
- (4) sounded serious

27 The three strangers who called on Abixon were _____.

- (1) Earthlings
- (2) tour agents
- (3) Abixon's friends
- (4) government officials

28 Baxton was from _____.

- (1) Earth
- (2) Space
- (3) Popfrita
- (4) Mercury

29 How did the three strangers find out about the people of Earth?
They _____.

- (1) chased Baxton
- (2) sent Baxton to Earth
- (3) had someone to observe Baxton
- (4) asked Abixon many questions about Baxton.

30 Why did Baxton cooperate with the three strangers?
He wanted to _____.

- (1) return home
- (2) please them
- (3) leave for Popfrita
- (4) escape from Abixon

END OF BOOKLET A

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BOOKLET B

25 Questions

35 Marks

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A		30	
B	Grammar Cloze	5	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	5	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	5	
	Comprehension OE	10	
	Total		35
TOTAL for Booklets A and B		65	

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Part 5: Grammar Cloze (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the boxes and write its letter (A to K) in each blank.

Each word can be used only once.

(A) spent	(C) although	(E) feel	(G) for	(J) ate
(B) was	(D) against	(F) spends	(H) eating	(K) felt

Wilbur liked Charlotte the spider better and better each day. Her war (31) _____ insects seemed sensible and useful. Hardly anybody around the farm had a good word to say for a fly. Flies (32) _____ their time pestering others. The cows hated them. The horses detested them. The sheep loathed them. Mr. and Mrs. Zuckerman were always complaining about them, and putting up screens.

Wilbur admired the way Charlotte managed. He was particularly glad that she always put her victim to sleep before (33) _____ it.

"It's real thoughtful of you to do that, Charlotte," he said.

"Yes," she replied in her sweet, musical voice, "I always numb them so they won't (34) _____ any pain. It's a little service I throw in."

As the days went by, Wilbur grew and grew. He (35) _____ three big meals a day. He spent long hours lying on his side, half asleep, dreaming pleasant dreams. He enjoyed good health and gained a lot of weight.

Adapted from *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White

Part 6 : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (5 marks)

Read the letter carefully. The words with spelling errors are in bold and the words with grammatical errors are underlined. Write the correct spelling or form in each box.

They left their daughter on the bicycle seat to go for a quick dip. Srimathi waded
36 waste deep into the cool water while Bandara immersed himself fully. But after only a

few dips, he heard a scream. Jumping up, he saw that his daughter was fine but there

37 was no sign of his wife. He shouted her name but there is no response.

Then Bandara spotted churning water and bubbles nearly three metres away.

Splashing his way towards the disturbance, a sharp object struck his leg and his worst

38 fear was confirmed: A crocodile had taken his wife. Bandara dive into the two-metre-

deep pond, searching blindly until he found its slimy tail. He grabbed hold but the

39 three-metre-long kreacher shook him off. He tried again, catching the crocodile around

its body.

40 Bandara became dessparate when the crocodile would not let go of his wife.

He then remembered a local belief that tickling the crocodile's belly would make it open

its mouth.

Adapted from *Croc Attack* by Vijitha Yapa

Part 7: Synthesis and Transformation (10 marks)

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).

41. The concert was postponed. We did not attend the concert.

as

42. Ethan rushed to the shopping mall. He was meeting his friends for a movie.

where

43. Tom is the new boy in class. He is from England.

Tom, who

44. The mall was packed with many shoppers. There was a sale.

45. Glen is reading the new book. He won it in a storytelling contest.

which

Part 8: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Greetings to you, the lucky finder of this Golden Ticket, from Mr. Willy Wonka! I shake your (46) _____ warmly! Tremendous things are in store for you! Many wonderful surprises await you! For now, I do invite you to come to my factory and be my guest for one whole day – you and all others who are (47) _____ lucky enough to find my Golden Tickets.

I, Willy Wonka, will conduct you around the factory myself, showing you everything that there is to see, and afterwards, when it is time to leave, you will be (48) _____ home by a procession of large trucks. These trucks, I can promise you, will be loaded with enough delicious eatables to last you and your entire household for many years. If, at any time thereafter, you should (49) _____ out of supplies, you have only to come back to the factory and show this Golden Ticket, and I shall be happy to refill your cupboard with whatever you want.

This is by no means the most exciting thing that will happen on the day of your visit. I am preparing other surprises that are even more marvelous and more fantastic for you and for all my beloved Golden Ticket (50) _____. It will entrance, delight, intrigue, astonish and perplex you beyond measure. In your wildest dreams you could not imagine that such things could happen to you! Just wait and see!

Adapted from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

Part 9: Comprehension Open- Ended (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 51 to 55.

Button quails originate from India, China, Southeast Asia and Australia. They are noisy, active and hardy. They are the smallest of the quail species. They can be kept indoors or outdoors but must be sheltered from the rain if placed in the garden aviary as they cannot tolerate damp conditions.

To keep them healthy, the adults must be fed a diet of seeds, fresh greens, mealworms and crickets. Once a week, vitamin supplements must be added to their water. Also, their drinking water must be changed daily.

Unlike other birds, they have feet that are made for walking rather than perching. So, the flooring of their enclosure should not be made from wire. Wood shavings or other soft surfaces can be used to make the flooring instead. As button quails tend to be shy, they like to have places to hide within their enclosure. They are also easily startled and may fly straight up instinctively. As such, the roof of the enclosure cannot be too hard as well.

Newly-hatched button quails are called chicks. They are extremely small and require special care. To prevent their drowning in water containers, marbles should be placed in a shallow dish. The added benefit is that the chicks tend to peck at the marbles and hence, end up drinking more water.

Write your answers in complete sentences.

51. Why must button quails be sheltered from the rain?

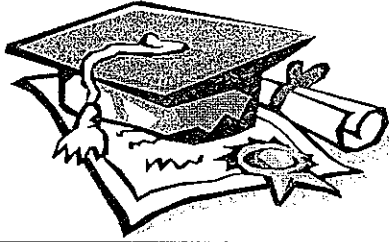
52. What do adult button quails eat?

53. How do you feed vitamin supplements to button quails?

54. From the third paragraph, describe two features of the button quail's enclosure.

55. Which word in the last paragraph tells us that it is good for button quail chicks to drink more water?



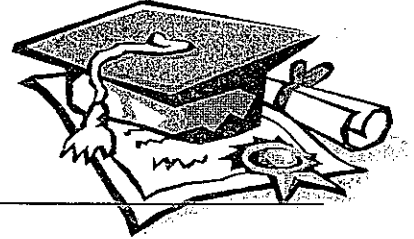


ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

**SCHOOL : ACS (JUNIOR) PRIMARY
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH**

TERM : SA1



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33	Q34
1	2	1	1	3	2	3	4	4	4	1	3	1	D	A	H	E

35)J 36)waved 37)was 38)dove 39)creature

40)desperate

41)We did not attend the concert as it was postponed.

42)Ethan rushed to the shopping mall where he was meeting his friends for a movie.

43)Tom, who is the new boy in class, is form England.

44)The mall was packed, with many shoppers since there was a sale.

45)Glen is reading the new book which he won in a storytelling contest.

46)hand 47)really 48)sent 49)run 50)finders

51)Button quails must be sheltered from the rain as they cannot tolerate damp conditions.

52)Adult button quails eat seeds, fresh greens, mealworms and crickets.

53)I can feed vitamin supplements to button quails by giving them food.

54)The flooring of the button quail's enclosure should be made of wood shavings or other soft surface. The root should also be made of sofa.

55)The word is "benefit".

