



Maha Bedhi School
2015 Semestral Assessment 1
English Language (Paper 2)
Primary Three

Name : _____ ()
Class : Pr 3 _____
Duration : 1 h 20 min (Booklets A & B)
Date : 11 May 2015 -

Booklet A	20
Booklet B	30
Total Marks	50
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BOOKLET B

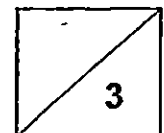
Section D: Grammar Cloze (7 x 1 mark)

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

Passage 1

paint	paints	painting
am painting	was painting	was painted

I love painting. Two weekends ago, we celebrated Easter. I took part in an Easter Egg Decorating Contest. I (21) _____ my egg with the most beautiful colours. When I (22) _____, some contestants came and admired the colourful egg. They said I had done a good job. Feeling heartened, I continued to (23) _____. When the results were announced, I jumped for joy. I had won the first prize!



Passage 2

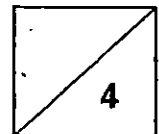
you	them	it
us	they	we

Once there were three fish living in a pond. One evening, two fishermen, Tom and Peter, passed by the pond and saw the fish.

"We have never fished here before. Should (24) _____ come back tomorrow with our nets to fish?" Tom asked.

When the eldest of the three fish heard this, (25) _____ was very troubled. It asked the other two fish, "Did you hear what the fisherman said? We must leave this pond at once!" The second fish agreed immediately.

However, the youngest fish laughed and told the two fish, "I am sure that (26) _____ are wrong." It did not think that the fishermen would return. The youngest fish refused to leave with (27) _____. In the end, the fishermen really came and caught the youngest fish in the pond.



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.

country	damaged	defend	invaders
injured	emergencies	neighbours	trouble

Clad in uniform, the men and women of Singapore's armed forces protect the nation every day. They patrol our airports and MRT stations and handle (28) _____ and dangerous situations such as terrorist attacks.

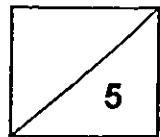
One of my uncles is a soldier. He has been involved in training so that he is prepared to (29) _____ Singapore in times of war.

I wish I could do my part to protect my (30) _____ even though I am still young. My uncle told me that we can make a difference through our small actions in our daily lives.

Firstly, we can help our (31) _____ who need our assistance so that we can make Singapore a friendlier and nicer place to live in. Secondly, with my knowledge in first aid, I can help my friends when they are (32) _____.

We can contribute to the total defence of our country.

Adapted from *There's a part for everyone* in *Little Red Dot*, February 2015



Section F: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

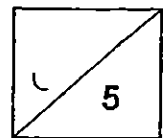
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Stray dogs are not a big problem in Singapore today. However, many years ago, they were quite a nuisance. When there were many stray dogs, they would come together to (33) _____ and injure humans. It was common in the past to hear people saying that dogs chased and bit people when they were jogging or riding a (34) _____.

Thus, the Singapore government took steps to (35) _____ people from dog attacks, which not only caused injuries but also health problems such as rabies.

The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) is in charge of controlling the number of stray dogs. It wants to (36) _____ sure that the number of stray dogs does not keep increasing. It has the right to catch the stray dogs and put them in (37) _____ shelters, together with the other stray cats and rabbits that AVA has caught. Animals that are healthy and friendly are put up for adoption.

Adapted from Stray Dogs in Singapore
in *What's Up*, September 2014



Section G: Sentence Manipulation (3 x 1 mark)

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

38. Mrs Wong always reminded Ben to do his homework. Ben was forgetful.

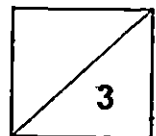
_____ but

39. Alicia was an hour late for the test. Alicia had missed the train.

_____ because

40. I like to read Science magazines. Jessie likes to read Science magazines.

_____ and



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.

Long ago, there lived two friends, Harry and Raju in the same village. One day, they had to trek through the forest, the only way for them to get to the other village. Knowing that the forest was full of ferocious creatures, and anything dangerous could happen, Harry and Raju promised each other that they would help each other out no matter what danger they faced.

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When they were walking uneasily through the forest, they heard a large growl. To their horror, they saw a large bear walking towards them. Seeing the bear, Harry ran to the nearest tree and started to climb. Raju, who did not know how to climb trees, followed suit but he failed. Raju cried, "Help me, Harry! Help!" However, Harry ignored Raju's pleas and continued to climb up the tree for his own safety.

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Just then, Raju got an idea. Immediately, he lay on the ground, held his breath and pretended to be dead. The bear came over and sniffed his face. Soon, it went away, thinking that Raju was dead.

Harry slowly came down from the tree and prodded Raju. "Was the bear talking to you? What did he say?" Harry asked, curious.

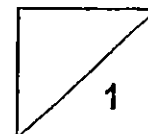
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"Yes, the bear bent down and whispered an advice in my ears," said Raju coolly. "It told me that it was not wise for someone to travel with friends who left you when you were in danger. I have learnt a good lesson."

Adapted from *Two Men and the Bear*
<http://www.storyit.com/Classics/Stories/twomenbear.htm>

41. Where did Harry and Raju want to go?

[1]



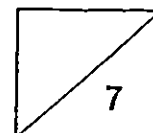
42. What did the two friends promise each other? [2]

43. Which two-word phrase in paragraph 2 tells you that Harry and Raju were worried? [1]

44. How did Raju protect himself from the bear? [2]

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

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) Harry wanted to help Raju up the tree.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
(b) The bear really talked to Raju.		<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



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

_____ Harry asked Raju what the bear told him.

_____ Harry made a promise with Raju.

_____ Harry climbed down the tree.

47. Which adjective best describes Harry? [1]

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

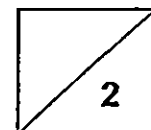
<input type="checkbox"/>	selfish
<input type="checkbox"/>	cunning
<input type="checkbox"/>	stubborn

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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



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EXAM PAPER 2015

LEVEL : PRIMARY 3

SCHOOL : MAHA BODHI SCHOOL

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

Q21 painted	Q22 was painting	Q23 paint	Q24 We	Q25 it
Q26 you	Q27 them	Q28 emergencies		Q29 defend
Q30 country	Q31 neighbours	Q32 injured	Q33 attack	Q34 bicycle
Q35 protect	Q36 make	Q37 animal		

Q38. Mrs Wong always reminded Ben to do his homework but he was forgetful.

Q39. Alicia was an hour late for the test because she had missed the train.

Q40. Jessie and I like to read Science magazine.

Q41. Harry and Raju wanted to go to the other village.

Q42. They promised to help each other out no matter what danger they faced.

Q43. Walking uneasily

Q44. Raju lay on the ground, held his breath and pretend to be dead.

Q45a. FALSE – Harry ignored Raju’s pleas and continued to climb up the tree.

Q45b. FALSE – The bear sniffed Raju’s face.

Q46. 1 – Harry made a promise with Raju

Q46. 2 – Harry climbed down the tree.

Q46. 3 – Harry asked Raju what the bear told him.

Q47. Selfish.