

PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 3

Name: _____ ()

Class: Primary 3 ()

Date: 14 May 2013

Subject Teacher: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks obtained	Maximum marks for each component
Paper 1 (Writing)		20
Paper 2 (Language Use and Comprehension)		50
Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)		14
Total marks for all components		84

Note: There is no Paper 4 (Oral Communication) for Semestral Assessment 1.

Section A: Vocabulary MCO (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Mr Brown used a thread and a needle to _____ the sunflower onto Ben's shirt pocket.

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| (1) stitch | (2) glue | |
| (3) hammer | (4) mend | () |

2. "I do not trust that salesman. He is as _____ as a fox," said my father.

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| (1) fresh | (2) funny | |
| (3) crafty | (4) strong | () |

3. That actor _____ his arm muscles to show everyone how strong he was.

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| (1) flexed | (2) jabbed | |
| (3) wrenched | (4) prodded | () |

4. After two years, the detectives are still unable to solve the _____ of the stolen jewels.

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| (1) report | (2) mystery | |
| (3) stakeout | (4) investigation | () |

5. The man _____ out of the way when he saw two bulls charging towards each other.

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| (1) crumbled | (2) trembled | |
| (3) grumbled | (4) scrambled | () |

6. The police could not find the thief as he had _____ himself by wearing a wig and putting on a fake moustache.

- (1) wrapped (2) changed
(3) disguised (4) camouflaged ()

Section B: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. I flipped _____ the pages of one of my favourite books.

- (1) on (2) into
(3) along (4) through ()

8. You can use the rooms because _____ of them are occupied now.

- (1) all (2) none
(3) most (4) several ()

9. "Could you help me get _____ book over there?" asked Kumar.

- (1) this (2) that
(3) these (4) those ()

10. After Fandi had put on his helmet and knee pads, he got on his bicycle and set _____ to meet his father at the park.

- (1) on (2) up
(3) off (4) back ()

11. Our teacher told us that _____ feet are fully webbed while toads' feet are only half webbed.

- (1) frog
- (3) frogs

- (2) frog's
- (4) frogs'

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12. "Don't worry, Mother. We will take care of _____ during the camp," Siling and Shumei promised her.

- (1) herself
- (3) ourselves

- (2) himself
- (4) themselves

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13. I was pleasantly surprised _____ the principal praised me for helping to keep the school clean.

- (1) so
- (3) but

- (2) if
- (4) when

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14. Every morning, the pupils _____ at the field for their jog.

- (1) assemble
- (3) assembled

- (2) assembles
- (4) were assembled

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given 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) catch	(C) noticed	(E) sight	(G) sudden	(J) tracked
(B) come	(D) pursue	(F) stroll	(H) suspicion	(K) unfinished

Steve, a taxi driver, was driving back to the city. He had just driven a tourist to the Changi Airport. On his way home, he stopped at a hawker centre for supper. As Steve was enjoying his apple pie, he (15) _____ a young man following an elderly couple who were taking a (16) _____ in the park.

The young man aroused Steve's (17) _____ so he decided to keep an eye on the elderly couple. Then, all of a (18) _____, the young man snatched the old lady's handbag and fled. Steve immediately threw away his (19) _____ food and gave chase.

The thief ran very fast. Steve knew that he could not (20) _____ up with him on foot. He decided to (21) _____ the thief in his taxi. The thief dashed across the road and was almost knocked down by a car. Then he ran into a crowd and Steve lost (22) _____ of him. He continued to search for the thief and nabbed him eventually.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

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

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) her

(C) my

(E) their

(B) me

(D) our

(F) we

One evening, I accompanied my mother to the hawker centre. She was going to buy chicken rice for dinner and wanted (23) _____ to help her carry it.

When (24) _____ arrived there, the hawker centre was crowded. It was just after seven o'clock and many people were there to have (25) _____ dinner.

After paying for the chicken rice, (26) _____ mother went to the dessert stall to get three cups of soya bean drink. Then, we took a taxi home.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) from	(C) on	(E) to
(B) into	(D) over	(F) with

Toads are amphibians. There are more than 300 different species found naturally throughout the world.

Toads have dry, warty skin. Most of them live (27) _____ land. They have short, stubby bodies (28) _____ short hind legs and even shorter front legs. They are often not fast enough to escape (29) _____ their enemies, so they defend themselves by producing poison on their skin.

The toads' eggs look like long strings of black beads held together with a jelly-like substance. The eggs hatch within a few days. The tadpoles gradually change (30) _____ young toads. They feed on insects and grow into adult toads quickly.

Section E: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

Wild elephants are found in Africa and Asia. They are the largest land-living mammals in the world.

Both female and male African elephants have tusks but only the male Asian elephants have tusks. They use their tusks for digging and finding food.

Elephants have large, thin ears. Their ears are made of numerous blood vessels which help to regulate the elephant's temperature and to cool them down in hot climates. 5

The elephant's trunk enables it to sense the size, shape and temperature of an object. An elephant uses its trunk to suck up water before pouring it into its mouth. Its trunk can grow up to 2 metres long and weigh up to 140 kilogrammes. 10
When an elephant swims, it uses its trunk to breathe, like a snorkel in deep water.

Elephants are herbivores. Their diet consists of plants, fruits and roots. Female elephants spend their entire lives living in large groups called herds while male elephants leave their herds when they are about 13 years old.

Sometimes, elephants may attack humans when their young ones are being threatened. An angry elephant will normally pick up its enemy with its trunk and throw him hard against the ground. 15

Elephants are facing extinction in the near future. One of the reasons is because they are killed by hunters for their ivory tusks.

31. Besides male Asian elephants, which other elephants have tusks?

- (1) Female Asian elephants
- (2) Male African elephants
- (3) Female African elephants
- (4) Male and female African elephants

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32. Elephant trunks are used _____.

- (1) for digging and finding food
- (2) to help regulate its temperature
- (3) to sense the size, shapes and temperature of an object
- (4) to help the elephant to float when they are swimming

33. The word "snorkel" in line 11 refers to the elephant's _____.

- (1) ear
- (2) tusk
- (3) trunk
- (4) mouth

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34. The word "threatened" in line 16 tells us that the young elephants are _____.

- (1) naughty
- (2) being harmed
- (3) leaving the herd
- (4) attacking humans

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35. Which sentence in the passage tells us that elephants do not eat meat?
The sentence is "_____".

- (1) Elephants are herbivores.
- (2) Elephants are facing extinction in the near future.
- (3) They use their tusks for digging and finding food.
- (4) They are the largest land-living mammals in the world.

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

Read the passage carefully.

Blackie barked excitedly as it watched Peter walking towards the gate. It wagged its tail and licked its owner's face to show its affection towards him.

"Let's go for a walk together!" Peter exclaimed.

Without hesitation, Blackie ran towards him and barked loudly as if it was telling Peter to hurry up. They strolled and enjoyed the peacefulness of the park. The greenery was lush and beautiful. Peter pointed out a fish to Blackie as they came to a pond to take a closer look at it. 5

Meanwhile, two boys were running towards them. One of them tripped and accidentally bumped into Peter. Peter lost his balance and fell into the pond. When Blackie saw its master thrashing wildly in the water, it barked anxiously to alert passers-by. When no one came to their aid, it jumped into the water to rescue him. It grabbed its master's collar immediately and dragged him to the side of the pond where the two boys were. They helped to pull Peter out of the water. 10

Peter was gasping and spluttering as he lay weakly on the grass. Blackie whined sadly and licked him a few times. As soon as Peter felt better, he struggled to sit up and thanked the boys. 15

"Thank you, Blackie, for saving my life," Peter said to Blackie as he hugged it.

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

36. Which two actions showed that Blackie was happy to see its owner?

37. Where did Peter plan to take Blackie?

38. What caused Peter to fall into the pond?

39. Why did Peter struggle to sit up (line 17)?

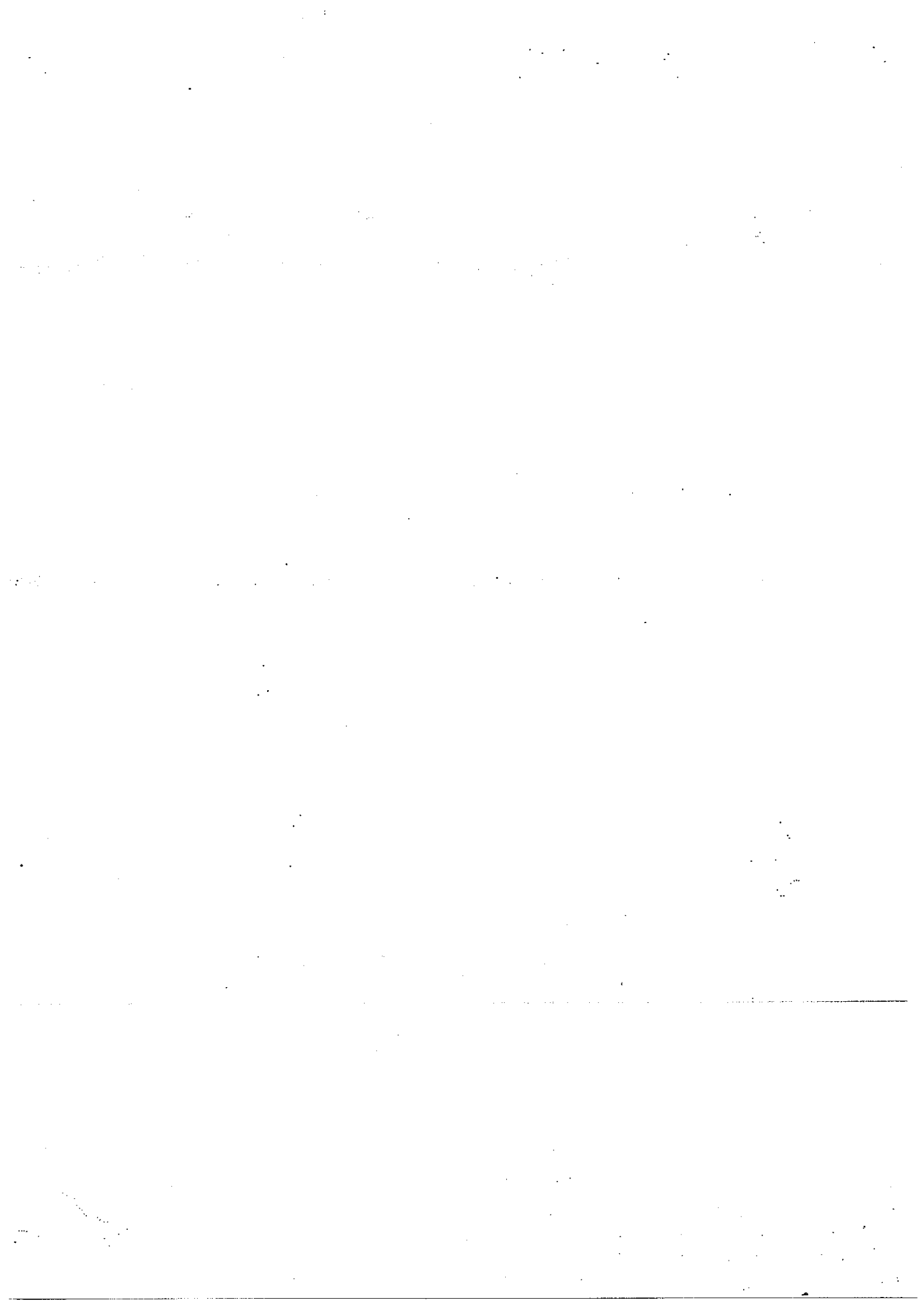
40. Find the word in the passage which has the same meaning as the following

a) worriedly : _____

b) making short unclear noises: _____

End of Paper

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Exam Paper 2013 Answer Sheet

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1) 1	6) 3	11) 4	16) F	21) D	26) C	31) 4
2) 3	7) 4	12) 3	17) H	22) E	27) C	32) 3
3) 1	8) 2	13) 4	18) G	23) B	28) F	33) 3
4) 2	9) 2	14) 1	19) K	24) F	29) A	34) 2
5) 4	10) 3	15) C	20) A	25) E	30) B	35) 1

36. The two actions were wagging its tail and licking its owner's face.

37. Peter planned to take Blackie to the park.

38. One of the boys tripped and bumped into Peter so he lost his balance and fell into the pond.

39. He struggled to sit up because he was feeling weak.

40. (a) Anxiously
(b) Spluttering

