



PRIMARY 3 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2013

Name : _____ () Date: 15 May 2013

Class : Primary 3 ()

Time: 8.00 a.m. – 9.15 a.m.

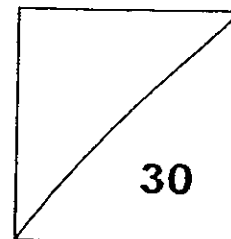
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION) BOOKLET A

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Write your name, class and register number.
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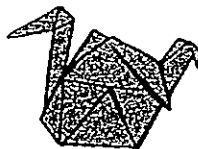


Art Factory's June Holiday Specials

Painting with Poster Colours

Every Tuesday
9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.
Age Group: 8 -12 year olds
Fees: \$150 for 4 lessons

Bring your own rag and plastic mug.



Origami

Every Wednesday
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Group A : 9 -12 year olds
Group B : Senior Citizens
Fees: \$35 for 4 lessons

Bring your own glue and scissors.

Pottery

Tuesdays and Fridays
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Group A : 9 -12 year olds
Group B : 16 - 21 year olds
Fees: \$250 for 8 lessons

Bring your own rag and plastic bag.



Sketching with Charcoal

Every Friday
9 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.
Age Group: Suitable for adults
Fees: \$120 for 4 lessons

Bring your own pictures and newspapers.

- Log on to www.artfactory.com.sg for registration forms.
- Register by 20 May 2013.
- All material costs are included in the course fees.
- Call Kimberly at 6444 2277 for enquiries.

Sign up as a group of 5 before 10 May 2013 and get \$4 off per person.

Sponsored by:



Just Arts Art House Arts 'R' Us

For each question from 1 to 5, 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 OAS.

1. The organiser of the holiday programmes is _____.
 - (1) Just Arts
 - (2) Art House
 - (3) Arts 'R' Us
 - (4) Art Factory

2. Molly is only free on Tuesdays. She can sign up for the _____ class.
 - (1) Pottery
 - (2) Origami
 - (3) Sketching with Charcoal
 - (4) Painting with Poster Colours

3. This advertisement is targetted at _____.
 - (1) teenagers
 - (2) senior citizens
 - (3) both the young and old
 - (4) all primary school pupils

4. Which one of the following statements is **true** about the advertisement?
 - (1) To register, call Kimberly at 6444 2277.
 - (2) If Sally wants a four-dollar discount, she must sign up before 10 May.
 - (3) Mr Li and his two teenaged sons can sign up for the pottery class.
 - (4) Participants do not have to make additional payment for the materials.

5. Participants of the Sketching with Charcoal class must bring along _____ for their lessons.
 - (1) glue and rag
 - (2) pictures and rag
 - (3) newspapers and pictures
 - (4) newspapers and plastic mug

Section B (10 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 6 to 15, 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 OAS.

6. Alice never gives up. She _____ persevere and complete the task no matter how difficult it is.
- (1) will
 - (2) must
 - (3) could
 - (4) should
7. _____ it was past midnight, Tommy was still watching television!
- (1) As
 - (2) Since
 - (3) However
 - (4) Even though
8. "Quick! Keep my iPad _____ the drawer. I don't want my brother to see it!" Mike exclaimed.
- (1) on
 - (2) by
 - (3) inside
 - (4) beside
9. "The customers are complaining that the soup is too salty. You should have added _____ salt to it," the waiter told the chef.
- (1) less
 - (2) few
 - (3) little
 - (4) some
10. The Drama Club members _____ excitedly in their meeting room when their teacher, Mrs Chan, entered the room with a smile.
- (1) chat
 - (2) chatted
 - (3) are chatting
 - (4) were chatting

11. The driver, as well as the tourists, _____ injured when their bus met with an accident.
- (1) is
 - (2) are
 - (3) was
 - (4) were
12. When Sally saw the wallet we had found, she said that she knew _____ it was.
- (1) who
 - (2) which
 - (3) whom
 - (4) whose
13. Jimmy used to enjoy skating, but now he would rather _____ computer games.
- (1) playing
 - (2) played
 - (3) plays
 - (4) play
14. Gerald has been chosen to _____ the responsibility of a monitor.
- (1) take in
 - (2) take on
 - (3) take over
 - (4) take after
15. Raymond, who has a special interest in football, _____ playing the game three years ago.
- (1) start
 - (2) started
 - (3) had started
 - (4) was starting

Section C (10 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 16 to 25, 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 OAS.

16. The police were called in to _____ the cause of the accident.
- (1) solve
 - (2) check
 - (3) survey
 - (4) investigate
17. My mother looked stunned but soon regained her _____ after taking a deep breath.
- (1) temper
 - (2) balance
 - (3) composure
 - (4) consciousness
18. The news of the approaching hurricane caused _____ among the people of the town.
- (1) pain
 - (2) grief
 - (3) panic
 - (4) remorse
19. Chicken pox is a disease that spreads very easily and quickly. It is very _____.
- (1) poisonous
 - (2) damaging
 - (3) destructive
 - (4) contagious
20. Two suspicious-looking men were _____ in front of my neighbours' house just now.
- (1) loitering
 - (2) ambling
 - (3) patrolling
 - (4) sauntering

21. Even the strongest man in the world can be injured. No one is _____.
- (1) superior
 - (2) invincible
 - (3) incredible
 - (4) outstanding
22. Inspector Justin used his _____ to examine the clues left behind by the culprit at the scene of the crime.
- (1) telescope
 - (2) binoculars
 - (3) view finder
 - (4) magnifying glass
23. William's performance was so _____ that his classmates clapped loudly.
- (1) massive
 - (2) luxurious
 - (3) charming
 - (4) impressive
24. When Susan was told that she had scored full marks for the Science test, she felt as _____.
- (1) busy as a bee
 - (2) happy as a lark
 - (3) hungry as a bear
 - (4) graceful as a swan
25. After the emcee had _____ the winner for the singing competition, the hall was filled with thunderous applause.
- (1) informed
 - (2) mentioned
 - (3) introduced
 - (4) announced

Section D (5 x 1m)

Comprehension MCQ

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30. Your answers must be based on the passage.

During the last school holidays, I went to a fast food restaurant at the beach to meet up with my friend, Amy. We were going to celebrate her birthday and breakfast was just an excuse. The morning was cool so I decided to walk to the beach. Before leaving, I quickly wrapped the gift, put it in a pretty pink carrier, grabbed my handbag and dashed out of the house. 5

Once I reached the beach, I was surprised to see how crowded it was in the morning. While walking up a slope, I was very engrossed in watching a group of people sailing. Suddenly, I noticed a young cyclist who had lost control of his bicycle and was heading towards me. With no time to react, he knocked into me. I fell with a thud on the ground, grazing my elbows and dropping my bags. Apologising profusely, the cyclist helped me up and handed my bags to me. 10

As I continued my way towards the fast food restaurant, I decided to check if my mobile phone was damaged. After all, it was a gift from my parents for my good performance during the recent examinations. 15

Instinctively, I checked the back pocket of my pair of jeans. My mobile phone was not there. Next, I checked the front pockets. Then, I frantically checked my handbag. How could I be so careless?

Just then, I caught sight of Amy and told her what had happened. She suggested that I call my mobile phone, and I did. To my relief, someone answered. Before I could say anything, the person said that he was resting on the grass when he heard the ringing sound of a phone. The kind jogger agreed to meet us at the main entrance of the fast food restaurant. 20

While waiting anxiously for the jogger to arrive, I realised that the phone must have dropped out of my pocket when I fell. I was very grateful to the kind man who had found and delivered my mobile phone to me. 25

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 OAS.

26. What was the writer's reason for going to the fast food restaurant at first?
- (1) She was meeting a friend there.
 - (2) It was to celebrate her birthday.
 - (3) It was to retrieve her mobile phone.
 - (4) She wanted to have breakfast there.
27. The writer's bags were on the ground because _____.
- (1) she placed them there
 - (2) a cyclist bumped into her
 - (3) a jogger bumped into her
 - (4) she was too engrossed in watching a group of people sailing
28. What did the writer do in order to find her mobile phone?
- (1) She called Amy.
 - (2) She searched the area.
 - (3) She called her mobile phone.
 - (4) She asked the joggers to help her.
29. Why was the mobile phone precious to the writer?
- (1) It was her birthday present.
 - (2) It was a reward from her parents.
 - (3) She would not be able to call Amy.
 - (4) She thought the cyclist had stolen it.
30. A suitable title for this passage is "_____".
- (1) Finders Keepers
 - (2) A Birthday Surprise
 - (3) What An Experience
 - (4) An Unfortunate Incident





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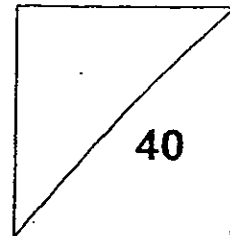
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Section E (5 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

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|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| (A) for | (B) from | (C) it | (D) of | (E) our |
| (F) over | (G) since | (H) their | (J) them | (K) with |

Chinese New Year is a festival celebrated by over one billion people around the world. The celebration lasts (31) _____ fifteen days. Many traditions are observed during this period. Making lots of noise is one of (32) _____ and that is how the Lion Dance originated. Dressed in costumes representing lions, the dancers dance away to the loud bangs of the drums, believing to ward off evil.

One of the most exciting parts of the celebration for children is the receiving of the red packet or 'hong bao'. According to stories (33) _____ the past, children received coins wrapped in red paper. These were then to be kept under (34) _____ pillows to ward off a demon that was believed to terrorise children.

A third tradition is enjoyed by even those who do not celebrate the festival. A huge array (35) _____ delicious goodies ranging from pineapple tarts and cookies to sweet, juicy mandarin oranges are available throughout this festive period. These are a must-have for every house you visit.

Adapted from ST- LRD

Section F (8 x 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words below in the box. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) damaged	(B) debris	(C) escape	(D) filling	(E) oblivious
(F) overflowing	(G) rose	(H) subside	(J) villagers	(K) water

Hundreds of people in a small village in Malaysia were left stranded on the roofs of their houses last Friday morning. They were up there as this was their only way to (36) _____ from the floods.

Some of the (37) _____ on the roofs seemed well-prepared for the emergency. Armed with backpacks that contained biscuits, bottled water, caps and even some magazines, these residents seemed rather calm, waiting patiently for the water to (38) _____

Drains and canals started (39) _____ with water within a few hours of a downpour. In low lying areas, the water levels (40) _____ to a height of about 1.2 metres.

A few young teenagers who were (41) _____ to the dangers, took this opportunity to turn the flooded area around them into a mini swimming pool. Taking turns, they somersaulted and jumped into the water.

Rescued house owners who were interviewed felt that cleaning up the (42) _____ that had been washed into their houses would be very unpleasant. To make matters worse, all their furniture was also (43) _____ That would mean extra expenditure for them.

Section G (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 44 to 47, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

44. Ali peeled the oranges. Then, Ali ate the oranges.

_____ before

45. Carol's rabbit escaped from a hole in the cage. Carol had locked the cage carefully.

Although _____

46. "We're going to the fish farm today," Mr Sim told his daughter.

Mr Sim told his daughter that _____

47. Mr Lee was grateful to Mary. Mr Lee bought Mary an ice cream.

To show his _____

Section H (7 x 1m)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPG)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical mistake. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the box.

Last month, Eric received a flyer about a lantern-making competition. He

(48)

looked forward to this day with great antusiásm. He even marked the day down on

(49)

his wall kalender and began counting down the days.

(50)

"The top prize is three hundred dollars cash Eric exclaimed. Daryl, his

younger brother, could not understand why Eric was so excited.

(51)

"How can you be so konfedent?" Daryl asked.

(52)

"Winning is not everything Eric replied.

(53)

In his mind, Eric told himself that as an elder brother, he had to gave good

advice, but secretly, winning the top prize was what he wished for.

On the day of the competition, Eric waited impatiently as the judges

(54)

deliberating over the winner. Those few minutes were the longest ever.

Section I (6 x 2 m)

Comprehension Open

Read the passage below and answer questions 55 to 60. Your answers must be based on the passage.

Joshua's interest in using Lego bricks to build small structures was kindled by his father who was an architect. Whenever possible, Joshua would watch his father and mimic him by building his own simple structures using between ten to thirty Lego bricks. Though only eleven years old, Joshua aspired to follow in his father's footsteps.

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One day, while watching a documentary on television about famous architectural buildings around the world, Joshua was awestruck upon learning about the Eiffel Tower of Paris. It was then that he decided that he would build a mini replica of it.

The next morning after breakfast, Joshua started on his creation. Three hours passed and he had only completed building half of the structure. Joshua was getting tired but he persevered.

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After another four hours, Joshua was left with the last piece to attach to the top of the tower. His hands trembled, holding the final piece above his artwork. He told himself not to work in haste during **this last crucial moment**. Doing so would send the whole formation crumbling down like a house of cards.

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Taking a deep breath to steady his nerves, Joshua successfully attached the last piece. "Yes!" Joshua's squeal of delight reverberated through the room.

Joshua then took two steps back and smiled at his first ever towering masterpiece. There before his eyes stood his finest work which stood at 1.5 metres high and was made with two thousand pieces of Lego bricks!

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Adapted from 'My Creation With Lego'

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

55. What did Joshua want to be when he grew up?

56. How did Joshua learn about the Eiffel Tower?

57. What was Joshua inspired to build?

58. What does 'this last crucial moment' (line 15) refer to?

59. Which five-word phrase in paragraph 4 tells you that Joshua should take his time to complete his model?

60. Why did Joshua regard his artwork as a masterpiece?

END OF PAPER



ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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3	4	1	2	4	4	2	4	1	2	3	2	3

Section E

Q31) A

Q32) J

Q33) B

Q34) H

Q35) D

Section F

Q36) C

Q37) J

Q38) H

Q39) F

Q40) G

Q41) E

Q42) B

Q43) A

Section G

Q44) Ali peeled the oranges before eating them

Q45) Although Carol had locked the cage carefully , her rabbit escaped from a hole in it.

Q46) Mr Sim told his daughter that they were going to the fish farm that day.

Q47) To show his gratefulness, Mr Lee bought Mary an ice cream.

Section H

Q48) Enthusiasm

Q49) calendar

Q50) !"

Q51) confident

Q52) ,"

Q53) give

Q54) deliberated

Section I

Q55) Joshua wanted to be an architect when he grew up.

Q56) Joshua learned about the Eiffel tower from a television documentary on famous architectural buildings around the world.

Q57) Joshua was inspired to build a mini replica of the Eiffel tower.

Q58) It refers to Joshua placing the final Lego brick on the top of his model.

Q59) The phrase is 'not to work in haste'.

Q60) Joshua regarded his artwork as a masterpiece because it was his finest work which stood at 1.5 metres high and was made with two thousand pieces of bricks.