

**PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
**SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 2, 2009**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**LANGUAGE AND COMPREHENSION**  
**PRIMARY 2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class: Primary 2 (      )

Subject Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 27 October 2009

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 1 h 30 min

Components	Marks Obtained	Maximum Marks
Composition		10
Language use and Comprehension		60
Listening Comprehension and Spelling		20
Oral		10
Total Marks		100

**Section A : Vocabulary (10 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number 1, 2 or 3 in the brackets provided.

1. The pancakes \_\_\_\_\_ in the frying pan.  
(1) sizzle  
(2) splish  
(3) splash ( )
2. Your pet dog is barking \_\_\_\_\_ and disturbing the neighbours.  
(1) noisily  
(2) quietly  
(3) sweetly ( )
3. A hen lives in a coop while a rabbit lives in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) lodge  
(2) eyrie  
(3) burrow ( )
4. The mice \_\_\_\_\_ happily at the plate of cheese on the table.  
(1) ~~(4)~~ hissed  
(2) ~~(5)~~ croaked  
(3) ~~(6)~~ squeaked ( )
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ king escaped when the enemy attacked his country.  
(1) lion-hearted  
(2) chicken-hearted  
(3) soft-hearted ( )

6. Tara is a \_\_\_\_\_ girl who likes to play tricks on her friends.

(1) polite

(2) timid

(3) naughty

( )

7. Alice waited \_\_\_\_\_ for her turn to see the doctor although there were many patients at the clinic.

(1) softly

(2) patiently

(3) loudly

( )

8. Butter, flour and eggs are the basic \_\_\_\_\_ for making cakes.

(1) menu

(2) ingredients

(3) recipe

( )

9. Liming has an unusual \_\_\_\_\_. He collects old socks and displays them in his room.

(1) hobby

(2) sports

(3) taste

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10. The forest is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the story of Little Red Riding Hood.

(1) character

(2) setting

(3) plot

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**Section B : Grammar (5 x 1 mark)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number 1, 2, or 3 in the brackets provided.

11. There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ soup left in the bowl.  
(1) some  
(2) little  
(3) any ( )
12. Meimei is \_\_\_\_\_ at swimming than Ben.  
(1) good  
(2) better  
(3) best ( )
13. \_\_\_\_\_ is the concert going to start?  
(1) What  
(2) Which  
(3) When ( )
14. The old man walked \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge to get to the other side of the river.  
(1) above  
(2) across  
(3) between ( )
15. Come here and look at \_\_\_\_\_ caterpillars!  
(1) these  
(2) those  
(3) this ( )

**Section C : Grammar Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box.

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

or	a	from	was
along	that	to	are

Mrs Ko had a four-year-old son, Joseph. One day, she  
(16) \_\_\_\_\_ trying to teach him how to walk safely on the  
road. Since there was no pavement (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the road  
near their house, she told Joseph, "If you see a car coming, you  
should move to either this side (18) \_\_\_\_\_ the other side  
of the road." When she saw a car coming from (19) \_\_\_\_\_  
distance, she asked him what he should do. Joseph replied  
confidently, "I should move from side (20) \_\_\_\_\_ side."

Text adapted from "Reader's Digest"(March 2007)

**Section D : Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box.

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

grow	water	sunlight	cotton
container	packet	flower	salt

**How to grow beansprouts**

Step 1 Buy a (21) \_\_\_\_\_ of mung beans.

Step 2 Put some damp (22) \_\_\_\_\_ wool in a container.

Step 3 Sprinkle the mung beans into the (23) \_\_\_\_\_.

Step 4 Put the container near a window where there is (24) \_\_\_\_\_.

Step 5 After two weeks, the mung beans will (25) \_\_\_\_\_ into beansprouts.

**Section E : Word Order (5 x 2 marks)**

Arrange the words in the correct order to form correct sentences or questions. Begin each sentence with a capital letter and end it with a full stop ( . ) or a question mark ( ? ).

26. likes my the sea uncle in to swim

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27. cried because favourite her Siti she sticker lost

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28. pet much lost very did Suping her miss

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29. the enjoyed at the food the guests delicious party

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30. some in Mr Ling fish his kept colourful guppies tank

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**Section F: Editing (5 x 1 mark)**

Read the sentences below. Wrong or missing punctuation marks are circled and grammatical mistakes are underlined. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the boxes provided. Indicate an apostrophe with 's or s'.

31. My cousins like to read stories about fairies and elfs.

32. These are the pupil (s) tickets to the zoo.

33. Does Tim has to write his journal today?

34. Miss Aishah, may I use the phone please (.

35. They bring a lot of food for the picnic last week.

**Section G : Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

Last year, my school held a funfair. My mother gave Jack, my four-year-old brother, two dollars to spend at the fair. He was very excited and he spent the two dollars on a necklace for our mother's birthday. When he got home, he could not wait to show it to me. He pulled out a red box and opened it. In it was a beautiful gold necklace. It had a little red flower next to the gold letters that spelled out 'Grandmother'. "Wow, it's beautiful!" I said. 5

As my brother was just learning to read, he did not realise that the word was 'Grandmother' instead of 'Mother'. The next day, I took it back to school and exchanged it for a necklace for 'Mother'. I got home that day and put the necklace back to where my brother had kept it. 10

When my mother opened the box on her birthday, her eyes were filled with tears of joy. I knew I had done the right thing. My brother did not know what I had done but he will hear about it many years later. 15

Adapted from "Chicken Soup for the Kid's Soul 2"

36. What did Jack give his mother for her birthday?  
He gave her a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) gold letter
  - (2) red flower
  - (3) necklace ( )
37. How much did the present cost?  
It cost about \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) twenty- two dollars
  - (2) twenty dollars
  - (3) two dollars ( )
38. Why did the writer need to exchange the present the next day?
- (1) Jack had bought the wrong present.
  - (2) The writer knew that their mother would like it.
  - (3) The writer did not like the colour of the present. ( )
39. Why did Jack's mother cry when she opened her present?  
She was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) very sad
  - (2) overjoyed
  - (3) not feeling well ( )
40. When will Jack get to know the truth?  
He will get to know it when \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) he grows up
  - (2) he hears the truth the next day
  - (3) his mother opens the present ( )

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

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. **Answer in complete sentences.**

Dylan and his grandpa have always been very close. His grandpa visits Dylan every weekend to play with him. Dylan telephones his Grandpa every night to tell him about his day.

When Dylan was five years old, his grandpa had a heart attack and was warded in the hospital. At first he could not visit him as he was too young to be allowed into the ward. When his grandpa got better and was discharged from the hospital, Dylan visited him at home. He was so happy to see his grandpa that he ran over to give

him a bear-hug. Dylan asked him what had happened. He explained that he had been smoking for a long time and that was the main reason he was sick. Dylan told his grandpa that he would stop sucking his thumb if he stopped smoking. His grandpa agreed.

It was very difficult for them to get rid of their habits at first but it has been three years now and both of them have kept their promise. Dylan has learned that people can change if they really want to.

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41. How does Dylan spend his time with his grandpa every night?

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42. Why was Dylan not allowed to visit his grandpa at the hospital at first?

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43. What could have caused Dylan's grandpa to have a heart attack?

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44. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Dylan missed his grandpa very much?

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45. What would Dylan have to do to keep his promise with his grandpa?

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**EXAM PAPER 2009**

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- 16)was 17)along 18)or 19)a 20)to 21)packet 22)cotton  
23)container 24)sunlight 25)grow  
26)My uncle likes to swim in the sea.  
27)Siti cried because she lost her favourite sticker.  
28)Did Suping miss his lost pet very much?  
29)The guests enjoyed the delicious food at the party.  
30)Mr Ling kept some colourful guppies in his fish tank.  
31)elves 32)s' 33)have 34)? 35)brought 36)3 37)3 38)1 39)2 40)1  
41)He would call him and tell him about his day.  
42)It is because Dylan was too young.  
43)Smoking for a long time could have caused his grandpa to have a heart attack.  
44)The sentence is "He was so happy to see his grandpa that he ran over to give him a bear-hug."  
45)He would have to stop sucking his thumb.