



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 - 2009

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 3

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 3 . ()

Date : 12 May 2009

BOOKLET A

24 Questions

24 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
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Part 1: Vocabulary (16 Marks)

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

1. John is a _____ person as he always helps those in need.
 - (1) trusting
 - (2) foolish
 - (3) sincere
 - (4) cunning

2. Quentin Blake is a famous _____ who draws pictures for children's books.
 - (1) author
 - (2) illustrator
 - (3) publisher
 - (4) designer

3. Did you read the _____ in the newspaper yesterday about a factory fire in Jurong?
 - (1) article
 - (2) comics
 - (3) illustration
 - (4) advertisement

4. When the tsunami struck in 2004, many Singaporeans gave generous _____ to help the victims .
 - (1) money
 - (2) rewards
 - (3) charities
 - (4) donations

5. Unlike piranhas which kill their prey in groups, sharks usually _____ alone.
 - (1) hunt
 - (2) seek
 - (3) travel
 - (4) destroy

6. You need to cook raw meat _____ to ensure that it is well done and safe for eating.
 - (1) lightly
 - (2) quickly
 - (3) forcefully
 - (4) completely

7. The jaywalker was hit by an oncoming car as he _____ across the busy road without looking.

- (1) drove
- (2) cycled
- (3) dashed
- (4) paddled

8. Jason was _____ by his mother when she found out that he was fighting in school.

- (1) hollered
- (2) reminded
- (3) screamed
- (4) reprimanded

Part 2: Grammar (16 Marks)

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

9. The farmer managed to _____ the fox last night.
- (1) trap
 - (2) traps
 - (3) trapped
 - (4) has trapped
10. These bags do not belong to your team. They are _____.
- (1) they
 - (2) them
 - (3) theirs
 - (4) themselves
11. The robber managed to give the police the slip when he hid _____ the crowd.
- (1) from
 - (2) among
 - (3) against
 - (4) between
12. As the weather is hot, please drink _____ water to prevent dehydration.
- (1) most
 - (2) much
 - (3) many
 - (4) more
13. We _____ the football match at the National Stadium when it started to rain heavily.
- (1) is watching
 - (2) are watching
 - (3) was watching
 - (4) were watching
14. The police questioned the suspect, "_____ were you with at 10 pm last night?"
- (1) Who
 - (2) What
 - (3) When
 - (4) Where

15. In order for Carl to do well in his examinations, he must _____ very hard.
- (1) work
 - (2) works
 - (3) worked
 - (4) working
16. You must read _____ the lines to understand the clue before you can locate the hidden treasure.
- (1) inside
 - (2) across
 - (3) beyond
 - (4) between

Part 3: Punctuation (3 marks)

Read the passage carefully. For questions 17 to 19, choose the most suitable answer and shade the correct oval in the Optical Answer Sheet.

Jake and David looked at each other. Being good friends for many years, they knew that by looking at each other's face, they agreed that the camp's concert was getting long and boring.

David leaned over to Jake and whispered, "Let's sneak out of here or I am going to die of boredom(17)

"Where do you want to go(18)" Jake asked. "You know that the counsellors, are not going to let us out of this place."

"Let's pretend that we need to go to the washroom and I will meet you at the gate before the entrance to the woods(19) " David said in a hushed tone.

"That's not a good idea," Jake answered.

- 17 (1) [.] full stop and inverted commas
(2) [,] comma and inverted commas
(3) [?] question mark and inverted commas
(4) [!] exclamation mark and inverted commas
- 18 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark
- 19 (1) [.] full stop
(2) [,] comma
(3) [?] question mark
(4) [!] exclamation mark

Part 4 : Comprehension MCQ (5 Marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer the question 20 to 24

Once there were twenty-five tin soldiers, who were all brothers, for they had been made out of the same old tin spoon. They shouldered arms and wore splendid uniforms, in red and blue. The soldiers were exactly alike, except one, who had only one leg. He had been left to the last, and then there was not enough of the melted tin to finish him, so they made him to stand firmly on one leg.

The table on which the tin soldiers stood, was covered with other playthings, but the most attractive to the eye was a pretty little paper castle. In front of the castle, a few little trees surrounded a piece of looking-glass, which represented a transparent lake. Swans made of wax were on the lake. All this was very pretty, but the prettiest of all was a tiny little lady who stood at the open door of the castle. She was also made of paper and she wore a light blue chiffon dress. As she was a dancer, she stretched out both her arms and raised one of her legs so high. The tin soldier thought that she was like himself who had only one leg.

"That is the wife for me," he thought. "She lives in a castle, while I have only a box to live in. Still I must try and make friends with her." When evening came, the other tin soldiers were all placed in the box, and the people of the house went to bed. Then the playthings began to have their own games together. The tin soldiers rattled in their box but they could not open the lid. Only the tin soldier and the dancer remained in their places. She stood on tiptoe, with her legs stretched out, as firmly as he did on his one leg. He never took his eyes off her for even a moment. The clock struck twelve, up sprang the lid of the jack-in-the-box. Instead of a clown, out jumped a little black goblin.

The little black goblin grabbed the tin soldier and threw him out of the window. As the tin soldier fell, he wondered if he would ever see the dancer again.

Adapted from The Brave Tin Soldier by Hans Christian Anderson

For each question from 20 to 24, 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.

20 Why were the twenty-five tin soldiers known as brothers?

- (1) They had only one leg each.
- (2) They wore the same uniform.
- (3) They looked exactly the same.
- (4) They were made from the same old tin spoon.

21 How was the last tin soldier different from the other twenty-four soldiers?

- (1) He was the last soldier to be made.
- (2) He was made by a special toy maker.
- (3) He was able to stand firmly on one leg.
- (4) He was the ugliest-looking among his brothers.

22 The dancer by the castle door was made of _____.

- (1) tin
- (2) wax
- (3) paper
- (4) chiffon

23 The Tin Soldier wanted the dancer to be his wife because she _____.

- (1) was very pretty
- (2) stood on one leg
- (3) wore a beautiful dress
- (4) lived in a beautiful castle

24 How did you know that the tin soldier and the dancer did not play with one another?

- (1) The tin soldier and the dancer were shy.
- (2) They stood where they were for the evening.
- (3) They did not know what to say to each other.
- (4) The black goblin prevented them from speaking to one another.

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Name : _____)

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 Parent's Signature

BOOKLET B

25 Questions

40 Marks

Total Time For Booklets A and B : 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- 1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.
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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A		24	
B	Grammar Cloze	5	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	5	
	Synthesis and Transformation	10	
	Comprehension Cloze	10	
	Comprehension OE	10	
	Total		40
TOTAL for Booklets A and B		64	

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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) by	(C) is	(E) was	(G) into	(J) at
(B) can	(D) with	(F) could	(H) did	(K) on

Rama had never been to school. Like many of the other *dhobis*, he (25) _____ not read or write. He earned money by helping his Uncle Ganesan (26) _____ his washing business. He learnt how to collect the laundry from the big houses, how to behave while he (27) _____ there and how to listen carefully for instructions. He also learnt how to use the rocks for beating the dirt out, and how to spread the fabrics out (28) _____ the flat ground to dry.

Last of all, he learnt the skill of sorting and folding the dry washing (29) _____ bundles to be returned to the houses. This was probably the most difficult task. As they could not read or write, the *dhobis* had invented their own methods of marking the washing piles so they never got muddled up. One mistake in this could lose a *dhoby* his job.

Excerpt from Ramanujan and the Mixed-Up Washing

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.

Dear Mr Simpson,

I am writing to you regarding the safety record of the nuclear power plant.

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Since (30)**Febuary**, our health and safety department has been receiving many complaints from the Springfield residents.

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We were informed that residents have (31)spot a thjck, dark and smelly

sludge that flowed out the nuclear plant sewage pipe every day. Just last week,

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residents have noted that a thick reddish cloud (32)is emitted from one of your

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chimney at noon. Many cars that were parked near your plant were (33)**permenantly** stained with a reddish residue a few hours after the cloud was released.

Our health department has collected a water sample from the lake beside the

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nuclear plant. The results of the test (34)**indekates** that the water in the lake could no longer support any life.

We hope that you can address the issues immediately to prevent the nuclear plant from further damaging the environment in Springfield. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C. Crusty

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).

35. Mary may go to America during the June holidays. Mary may go to China during the June holidays

_____ or

36. He is typing on his keyboard. He is talking on his mobile phone.

_____ as

37. Jonathan went to bed. His brother went to bed before him.

_____ after

38. Lewis is the world racing champion. He collected the most number of points in the season.

_____ who _____

39. The dog ran across the road. At that time, a car swerved to avoid the dog and hit a tree.

When _____

Part 8: Comprehension Cloze (10 Marks)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The lights light up the track like shining gold against the dark evening sky. This is the first (40) _____ race for Singapore. All the racing teams have been (41) _____ for this race since the start of the season. As the many loud (42) _____ roar to life, spectators around the (43) _____ stand up to wait for the race cars to pass by. These expensive cars are worth millions of (44) _____ and they take mere seconds to complete their laps. Just the day before, the Ferrari team performed splendidly to become (45) _____ in the rankings. The team hopes that they can (46) _____ today's race to maintain their number one position. As the five lights blink, the cars slowly drive a warm up (47) _____ around the track. Under the special lights, the cars shine in magnificent colours as they make their (48) _____ back to the starting grid. Besides the sweet purr of the engines, there is absolute (49) _____. Everyone around the track stands in quiet anticipation. In a few minutes, when the five lights go off, the cars will compete in one of the most exciting night races in history.

Part 9: Comprehension Open- Ended (10 Marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 50 to 54.

My father was not what you would call an educated man and I doubt if he had read twenty books in his life. But he was a marvellous story-teller. He used to make up a bedtime story for me every single night, and the best ones were turned into serials and went on for many nights running.

It was impossible to be bored in my father's company. He was too sparky a man for that. Plots and plans and new ideas came flying off him like sparks from a grindstone. "It is windy today," he said one Saturday morning. "Just right for flying a kite. Let's make a kite, Danny."

So we made a kite. He showed me how to splice thin sticks together in the shape of a star, with some more sticks across the middle to brace it. Then we cut up an old blue shirt of his and stretched the material across the frame-work of the kite. We added a long tail made of thread, with little leftover pieces of the shirt tied at intervals along it. We found a ball of string in the workshop and he showed me how to attach the string to the kite so that it would be properly balanced in flight.

Together we walked to the top of the hill behind the filling-station to release the kite. I found it hard to believe that this object, made only from a few sticks and a piece of old shirt, would actually fly. I held the string while my father held the kite, and the moment he let it go, it caught the wind and soared upward like a huge blue bird.

"Let out some more, Danny!" he cried. "Go on! As much as you like!"

What I have been trying so hard to tell you all along is simply that my father, without the slightest doubt, was the most marvellous and exciting father any boy ever had.

Adapted from Danny, The Champion of the World by Roald Dahl

Write your answers in complete sentences.

50. In what way was Danny's father a good story-teller?

51. In the second paragraph, write down the sentence that tells you that Danny's father is creative.

52. What materials did Danny's father need to complete the kite?

53. Did Danny and his father manage to make the kite successfully? How did you know?

54. From the last paragraph, what is the word that has the same meaning as "wonderful"?

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

SCHOOL : ACS HIGH PRIMARY
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TERM : SA1

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29
3	2	4	3	3	2	2	F	D	E	K	G

30)February 31)spotted 32)was 33)permanently 34)indicates

35)Many may go to America or China during the June holiday.

36)He is typing on his keyboard as he talks on the phone.

37)Jonathan went to bed after his brother.

38)Lewis is the world racing champion who collected the most number of points in the season.

39)When the dog ran across the road, a car swerved to avoid it and hit a tree.

40)night 41)practicing 42)engines 43)track 44)dollars 45)first

46)win 47)lap 48)way 49)silence

50)He made up bed time stories for Danny every night, and the best ones were turned in serials and went on for many nights running.

51)The sentence is "plots and plans and new ideas came flying off him like sparks from a grindstone".

52)Danny's father needed many thin sticks, an old blue shirt a long tail made of thread and a ball of string to complete the kite.

53)Yes. Danny help the string and his father help the kite, and once Danny father let it go the kite went soaring in the sky like a big blue bird.

54)The word is "marvelous".