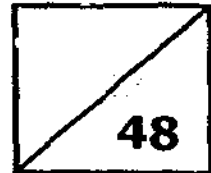




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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 3

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Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

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Grammar & Vocabulary	28	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension (MCQ)	5	
Comprehension (OE)	10	
Total	48	

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Section A: Grammar (14 marks)

For questions 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and write the number in the brackets provided. (6 x 1 mark)

1. I did not attend your birthday party as I _____ not feeling well.

(1) am

(2) was

(3) are

(4) were

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2. Please help Mrs Li to carry _____ pile of newspapers at the far corner to the recycling bin.

(1) that

(2) these

(3) this

(4) those

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3. James _____ down the stairs when he slipped and fell last night.

(1) run

(2) is running

(3) ran

(4) was running

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4. My cousin watched a magician _____ tricks in a circus when he was in Russia.

(1) perform

(2) performed

(3) performs

(4) was performing

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5. Vijay is _____ than his sibling. He always achieves excellent results.

(1) intelligent

(2) least intelligent

(3) more intelligent

(4) most intelligent

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6. Rahim said that he _____ to the library to borrow some books the next day.

(1) will go

(2) is going

(3) has gone

(4) was going

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For questions 7 to 10, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to E) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 x 1 mark)

~~(A)~~ collect ~~(B)~~ collects ~~(C)~~ collector ~~(D)~~ collecting ~~(E)~~ collection

Having a hobby is fun! I started (7) _____ a variety of key-chains four years ago. An aunt who had returned from Thailand gave me some key-chains to keep as souvenirs. I was fascinated by them. Since then, whenever I travel overseas with my family, I will make sure that I buy unique key-chains to add to my (8) _____. So far, I have about fifty key-chains from all over the world. There are key-chains from Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia and many other countries. I am not the only avid key-chain (9) _____ in my family. My sister shares my passion for keeping key-chains too. She only (10) _____ key-chains that have names of countries printed on them.

For questions 11 to 14, read the poem carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to ^F~~G~~) in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

(A) by	(B) on	(C) in	(D) from	(E) over	(F) between
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My Elephant is Missing

I cannot find my elephant.

He must have run away.

He isn't (11) _____ the sofa
where he promised he would stay.

I've searched (12) _____ the two pillars
Towering in the hall.

My elephant is missing
and I'm not sure who to call.

I'll need to get a dog
who can track him (13) _____ his scent,
or hire a house detective
to discover where he went.

He isn't (14) _____ the basement
or the attic or the yard.

You'd think, to find an elephant
would not be quite so hard.

(Adapted from *My Elephant is Missing* by Kenn Nesbitt)

Section B: Vocabulary (14 marks)

For questions 15 to 20, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)

15. If you go to the Sungei Buloh Nature Park, you can see birds from as far away as Europe only during the _____ months.

- (1) feeding (2) migratory
(3) resting (4) travelling ()

16. Jill enjoyed her visit to the zoo because she was able to see the animals in their _____.

- (1) places (2) reserves
(3) jungles (4) enclosures ()

17. The tinikling or bamboo dance is a folk dance that is unique to the Philippines. It is the _____ dance of that country.

- (1) early (2) national
(3) modern (4) fashionable ()

18. The hungry children _____ into the meal heartily and did not stop eating until they had finished all the food.

- (1) ate (2) bit
(3) lucked (4) chewed ()

19. Although Brunei is bigger than Singapore, its _____ of 300 000 people is the smallest in Southeast Asia.

- (1) tribes (2) collection
(3) grouping (4) population ()

20. During the dance competition, Liz was the only one who had danced beautifully. The judges said that she was as _____.

(1) sweet as candy

(2) fit as a fiddle

(3) swift as an arrow

(4) graceful as a swan ()

For questions 21 to 28, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word 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. USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE. (8 X 1 mark)

(A) cages	(B) energy	(C) visit	(D) less
(E) prey	(F) pool	(G) number	(H) door
(I) tricks	(K) more		

Many tourists will find the Jurong Bird Park a surprising place. This is especially true if they come expecting to see a lot of birds kept in

(21) _____. Instead, the bird park is actually like a huge garden stretching over hills and valleys, with rocky cliffs for birds of (22) _____ like eagles and hawks and even a large (23) _____ for penguins.

If visitors have the (24) _____, they can walk around the bird park as they marvel at the great (25) _____ of beautiful birds. There are over three thousand of them! However, for the (26) _____ energetic, there is a panorail that takes visitors around the park in ten minutes.

The Jurong Bird Park is definitely worth a (27) _____. Not only do visitors get a chance to see so many birds in just one place, but they can also watch spectacular bird shows where specially trained birds perform amazing (28) _____. Visitors will leave the park fully satisfied!

Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

For questions 29 to 33, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

I have a great memory. Not only do I know all my multiplication tables, I also can tell you the first and last names of all my classmates. I never (29) _____ the birthday of anybody in my family. That is why it is so hard to believe that last year, I actually forgot my own (30) _____ !

At breakfast that day, my siblings were acting a little weird. They probably (31) _____ I was the one acting weird because I did not mention my birthday. I did not know that their big birthday surprise for me would happen during school hours.

When I walked into my classroom, there were birthday decorations everywhere. My (32) _____ were ready to celebrate my birthday. Still, I did not think it was all for me. Finally, I (33) _____ it was my birthday when my teacher brought in a big chocolate cake with my name on it.

(Adapted from *Writing* by M. T. Nobleman)

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)

Read the following passage carefully.

Mimi visited Sentosa last week. According to her, the scenery was beautiful and there were many tourist attractions to visit. There was the Underwater World, the Surrender Chambers Museum and many others. On that day, the Surrender Chambers Museum was not open, so she went to the Underwater World, Fort Siloso and Musical Fountain.

The Underwater World was near Fort Siloso. Mimi was taken through the Underwater World on a traveller. It was not the first time that she had stood on a traveller. There were about two hundred and fifty types of fascinating marine creatures, many of which she did not even know existed. It was really an eye-opener. Mimi enjoyed observing the attractive marine creatures tremendously.

However, Mimi said that she preferred the experience at Fort Siloso. Going through the old and dark underground war tunnels was a great experience as it allowed her to understand what the soldiers had gone through during World War Two. Along the way a tour guide talked about what had happened during the Japanese Occupation which made the visit a more enriching experience for her.

In the evening, Mimi visited the Musical Fountain. The water "dancing" to the music was a delightful sight. Many visitors stood rooted to the ground, absorbing the rare beauty of the Musical Fountain. There were even a few children sitting in their strollers beside the adults. It was amazing how a computer programme could control the water spurts so well. They really seemed to be swaying to the music.

For questions 34 to 38, choose the most suitable option and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (5 x 1 mark)

34. Mimi only visited the _____ in Sentosa.

- (1) Underwater World and Fort Siloso
- (2) Underwater World, Fort Siloso and Musical Fountain
- (3) Surrender Chambers Museum, Underwater World and Fort Siloso
- (4) Surrender Chambers Museum, Underwater World, Fort Siloso and Musical Fountain

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35. The visit to the Underwater World was an eye-opener for Mimi as _____

- (1) it was near Fort Siloso
- (2) the scenery was beautiful
- (3) she had the opportunity to stand on a traveller
- (4) she now knew more about the different species of sea creatures

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36. Which word in the ³rd paragraph tells us that Mimi liked the visit to Fort Siloso more than the Underwater World?

The word is "_____".

- (1) great
- (2) allowed
- (3) preferred
- (4) enriching

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37. The visit to Fort Siloso was meaningful for Mimi because of the _____

- (1) old and dark tunnels
- (2) underground war tunnels
- (3) soldiers who fought in World War Two
- (4) tour guide's commentary about World War Two

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38. The delightful _____ made many visitors stand rooted to the ground.

- (1) children in the strollers
- (2) "dancing" water of the musical fountain
- (3) people controlling the computer programme
- (4) music that was played at the Musical Fountain

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Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the following passage carefully. Write the answers for questions 39 to 43 in complete sentences. (5 x 2 marks)

Alex took the envelope from the postman and ran into the house. It had come from his pen-friend in England and he knew he was going to see a lot of stamps inside. Eagerly, he tore it open.

Alex was right! He poured them out and they made a heap on the table. He looked at the colourful and beautiful stamps and was pleased. 5

He could tell that all the stamps were used ones. They had postmarks stamped on them. Some had just been cut off from the corners of envelopes and had not been removed yet. To remove such stamps, Alex had to first soak them in a bowl of water for some time to soften the glue. After that, he would carefully peel the stamps off the paper before spreading them on a clean sheet of paper to dry. 10

Alex took up stamp-collecting as a hobby two years ago. He enjoyed sorting the stamps according to the countries they came from. When he did not know the country from which a particular stamp came, he would ask his father for help. He would then arrange the sorted stamps in a stamp album. While he was doing that, he always took care not to dirty or tear the stamps when he handled them. 15

His collection had increased over the years. He used to have stamps of Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia only. Now, he has stamps of far away countries as well. 20

Adapted from *Adventures in Reading* (McGraw Hill)

Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the following passage carefully. Write the answers for questions 39 to 43 in complete sentences. (5 x 2 marks)

39. Who had sent Alex an envelope?

40. Why was Alex eager to receive the envelope?

41. Which phrase in the text has the same meaning as 'a pile'?

42. How did Alex know that the stamps he had received were used ones?

43. How did Alex organise his collection of stamps?

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Have you checked your work?

ANSWER SHEET

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
3	4	4	A	E	F	B	G	D	C	J

29)forget 30)birthday 31)thought 32)classmates

33)remembered 34)2 35)1 36)3 37)4 38)2

39)Alex's pen-pal had sent him an envelope.

40)Alex was eager to receive the envelope because he knew there were lot of stamps inside and he could not wait to see them.

41)The phrase is "a heap".

42)All the stamps had postmarks on them.

43)He sorted the stamps according to the countries they came from and arranged them in a stamp album.