



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

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2009 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 3

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 3 / _____

Date : 26 October 2009

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Questions 1 - 22 are to be done on the OAS provided.
3. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.
4. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
5. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.

43 Questions

48 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 20 mins

ITEMS	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
MCQ		22
Qn 23 - 43		26
TOTAL		48

Parent's Signature: _____

SECTION A: Vocabulary (5 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

1 Mr Tan and his family _____ go to the Singapore Science Centre as it is ~~very far away~~ from their home.

- (1) often
- (2) rarely
- (3) frequently
- (4) always

2 My _____ to America was so long that I fell asleep in the ~~aeroplane~~.

- (1) mission
- (2) cruise
- (3) flight
- (4) venture

3 Siti _____ her sister for passing the ~~examination~~ *the examination with flying colours*.

- (1) apologised
- (2) congratulated
- (3) greeted
- (4) scolded

4 Mrs Li looked into her bag for the _____ *as proof that she had paid for her groceries at the supermarket* ~~paid for her groceries at the supermarket~~.

- (1) receipt
- (2) document
- (3) brochure
- (4) leaflet

5 The _____ at the ~~football match~~ cheered loudly as their favourite team scored one goal after another.

- (1) audience
- (2) visitors
- (3) cast
- (4) spectators

SECTION B: Grammar (5 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

- 6 After dinner, ~~the twins~~ _____ cleared the table and washed all the dishes by _____.
- (1) myself (2) herself
(3) ourselves (4) themselves
- 7 ~~This band~~ of musicians ^{usually} ~~usually~~ _____ at the concert hall once a month.
- (1) play (2) plays
(3) played (4) playing
- 8 "Did you bring _____ ^{bread} ~~bread~~ for your lunch today?" Mrs Lim asked her son.
- (1) some (2) a few
(3) many (4) little
- 9 The boy wearing the striped shirt is the one _____ ^{bag} ~~bag~~ was stolen last week.
- (1) who (2) whom
(3) which (4) whose
- 10 How many of you _____ Kelvin at his birthday party ^{last Friday} ~~last Friday?~~
- (1) join (2) joins
(3) joined (4) joining

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SECTION D: Graphic Stimulus (5 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.
Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

Interested in Soccer?



Join us now!

Tascony Secondary School is organising a soccer camp for pupils

Join us for 5 days of fun as you learn to play this exciting sport!

When

14 – 18 ~~December~~ 2009 (Monday to Friday)
9am – 11am

Where

Singapore Sports Hall
462 Tascony Avenue
Singapore 927462

Highlights - Enjoy a game on Friday!

Players from ~~the Singapore National Soccer Team~~ will be your coaches for the 5 days of camp!

Coach Lim Tong Hai - Singapore National Soccer Team

Coach Abbas Saad - Singapore National Soccer Team

Coach Fandi Ahmad - Singapore National Soccer Team Captain

Practise what you have learnt!

Objectives

After the camp, you will be able to:

- understand the rules of the game
- bounce the ball with your feet
- pass the ball to the other players using your feet
- kick the ball towards the goal

Camp Fee

\$5 per participant



Please come in comfortable shorts, t-shirts and track shoes.

To sign up for the camp and for other enquiries, please call Coach Lim Tong Hai
at 83423392, You can also email him at
coach_tonghai@singaporesoccerteam.com.

- 13 The soccer camp is organised during the _____ holidays.
- (1) March
 - (2) June
 - (3) September
 - (4) December
- 14 The soccer camp is organised for _____.
- (1) pupils aged 10 to 12
 - (2) all primary school pupils
 - (3) pupils who are interested in soccer
 - (4) all pupils from Tascony Secondary School
- 15 The coaches from this camp are from _____.
- (1) the Singapore Sports Hall
 - (2) the Singapore National Soccer Team
 - (3) Tascony Secondary School
 - (4) Tascony Secondary School Soccer Team
- 16 There will be a soccer game on Friday so that _____.
- (1) the pupils can practise what they have learnt
 - (2) the pupils' parents can watch them play soccer
 - (3) the pupils can see who is the best among them
 - (4) the coaches can see who the better players are
- 17 There are _____ ways in which we can sign up for the camp.
- (1) five
 - (2) two
 - (3) three
 - (4) four

SECTION E: Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

It was a Thursday night in the year 1992. I was at home watching my favourite gameshow, 'The Pyramid Game'. After a few minutes into the show, the screen went blank and all of a sudden, an image of a skull and a lit cigarette appeared on the screen. A voice said, "Why pull away your life?" At that moment, I fixed my eyes on the screen, and the cigarette on my lips dropped onto the floor. 5

I was a heavy smoker. I smoked at least one pack of cigarettes a day. At times, I would even smoke more than the ten cigarettes in the pack especially when I was feeling upset or worried. After watching the warning on television, I decided to consult my doctor that afternoon. 10

"Why is smoking so deadly?" I asked the doctor when he attended to me. "Cigarettes contain more than 4000 dangerous chemicals in them which cause lung cancer and cancer of many parts of the body," he replied. The doctor also showed me gruesome pictures which were the result of smoking.

After listening to my doctor and looking at the dreadful pictures, I decided to give up smoking once and for all. I would be exchanging my cigarettes for a healthy body and lifestyle.
 ~~I would be exchanging my cigarettes for a~~
 would be exchanging 15

It has been three years from the day I had watched the warning on television, and I have not touched a cigarette since. I am glad that the horrific warning on television that day brought me to my senses. 20

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- 18 The writer's attention was caught by a warning _____.
- (1) on the radio
 - (2) in the movies
 - (3) through a siren
 - (4) on the television
- 19 According to the passage, the writer said that he 'was a heavy smoker' (line 7). This phrase tells us that the writer _____.
- (1) smoked often
 - (2) was a heavy person
 - (3) had heavy cigarettes
 - (4) carried a lot of cigarettes with him
- 20 The writer used to smoke at least _____ cigarette(s) a day.
- (1) 1
 - (2) 10
 - (3) 11
 - (4) 100
- 21 By giving up smoking, the writer was able to enjoy _____.
- (1) a healthy lifestyle
 - (2) a pack of cigarettes
 - (3) the gruesome pictures
 - (4) the warning he had seen
- 22 The writer had quit smoking in _____.
- (1) 1989
 - (2) 1990
 - (3) 1992
 - (4) 1995

SECTION F: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and 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) burnt	(B) cooked	(C) escape	(D) feet	(E) hunted
(F) leave	(G) living	(H) there	(I) want	(K) wings

Have you heard the expression 'dead as a dodo'? It means that something is totally dead and gone forever – like the dodos. Dodos were birds that lived on the little island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, near Africa. They were large and chubby and had _____ that were too small for flying. Their short legs (23) made them look even clumsier.

The island of Mauritius was uninhabited for a long time. There was no one _____ on it ~~except the dodos~~. Only from the year 1507 did ships (24) begin to stop there for food and water. Sailors found the clumsy dodos easy to catch. Many of these birds were caught and _____ by the sailors for lunch or (25) dinner.

After a while, people started settling on this island, and they too began to eat the dodos. Even the dogs and pigs on the island _____ (26) these birds for food. The dodos could not defend themselves as they were too slow (27) from their predators. The last dodo was seen alive in 1621 before it became extinct.

SECTION G: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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.

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

(A) herself	(B) himself	(C) itself
(D) ourselves	(E) themselves	(F) yourself

Little Cindy was making a mess of herself with the food.

"Behave _____!" Mother screamed at Cindy. "Other girls who

(28)

are of your age all know how to look after _____, except you!"

(29)

Mother threw her hands in the air and left the room angrily.

Lindsay looked at her little sister. When Lindsay was a toddler, she had already

learnt to feed _____, but Cindy was different. She could not eat her

(30)

food without making a mess of her clothes.

Billy, their elder brother, stood at the corner of the room. He was ashamed of

_____ as he did not look after little Cindy well.

(31)

SECTION H: Vocabulary Cloze (Open Ended) (5 marks)

Read the passage and fill in each blank with a suitable word.

Do you know that it is important to check that the water we drink every day is clean and fresh?

In Singapore, the water is so clean and fresh that you can drink it straight from the _____ in your house! It also contains fluoride which is good for your teeth. However, not all water in the other parts of the world is safe to drink. In many countries, people still need to boil the water first _____ drinking it.

(32)

(33)

One example is London. In London, water must be boiled before it is drunk. The water there also tastes different from the water in Singapore _____ it contains chemicals and minerals.

(34)

In countries like Thailand, people only drink bottled mineral

_____ . The bottled water there is the only kind of water that is _____

(35)

_____ for drinking.

(36)

SECTION I: Synthesis and Transformation (2 marks)

For each question from 37 to 38, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

37 We heard a boy scream. We were watching a movie.

While _____

38 The concert was over. Everyone left the theatre.

_____ since

SECTION J: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Jimmy and his father decided to do something adventurous last weekend. ~~Instead of the usual visits to the library and the cinema,~~ they decided to go on a hiking and camping trip.

That Sunday morning, his mother packed some sandwiches and canned food for the trip. After checking their things, both Jimmy and his father set off for the hills. Jimmy was ecstatic! He had never gone on a hiking trip before and was excited to see how it would be like. Jimmy's father looked at him and smiled. He was happy to see his son in such high spirits. ~~He felt exactly the same way when he had gone for his first hiking trip with his grandfather.~~ 5

When they reached the hills, Jimmy followed behind as his father led the way through the forest. Jimmy felt like they had been climbing forever. At last, his father stopped and put his things down on the ground. Both of them were exhausted from the climb. As Jimmy looked around him, he realised that the climb was completely worth the effort. ~~Nothing that Jimmy had ever seen came close to the view from the top of the hill. The sight around them looked as if it came from a painting.~~ They felt so close to the sky and Jimmy could see the stars twinkling brightly in the dark night. They pitched their tents to settle down for the night. 10 15

That night, they cooked their food over a small fire. Jimmy's father taught him how to make a fire. ~~"You can strike two stones together, or rub the pointed ends of two twigs,"~~ he explained. Jimmy nodded in excitement.

After that, they opened up the canned food and poured it into a small pot. Then they held the pot over the fire and watched the food cook slowly. Somehow, Jimmy felt that the food tasted better than what he usually ate at home even though it was only canned food. 20

That night, Jimmy snuggled up to his father in their tent. ~~It had been a tiring day!~~ However, Jimmy went asleep smiling. He was happy as not only had he been able to spend time with his father, he had also experienced the great outdoors!

39 What did Jimmy and his father usually do during the weekends?

40 How did Jimmy's father feel when he went on his first hiking trip with Jimmy's grandfather?

41 Why was the climb to the top of the hill completely worth the effort?

42 According to the passage, what are the two ways of making a fire?

43 Which sentence in the passage tells us that it was a long climb?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2009

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31
4	1	2	1	3	K	G	B	E	C	F	E	A	B

32)tap 33)before 34)as 35)water 36)suitable

37)While we were watching a movie, we heard a boy scream.

38)Everyone left the theatre since the concert was over.

39)They usually visited to the library and the cinema during the weekends.

40)He felt ecatic.

41)The view from the top of the hill was nice to look at.

42)The two ways are striking two together or rub the pointed ends of two +wings.

43)The sentences is 'Jimmy felt like they had been climbed forever.