

Henry Park Primary School
Common Test 1 (2010)
English Language
Primary 3



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Class: 3 _____

Duration: 45 minutes

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Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (8 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. In local fables, the mouse deer is a _____ animal. It always manages to trick other animals.

- (1) crafty
- (2) foolish
- (3) silly
- (4) trusting

2. The owl swooped down and _____ caught the unsuspecting mouse.

- (1) accidentally
- (2) carelessly
- (3) lazily
- (4) swiftly



3. Tom tries to predict the ending of the movie he is watching. He hopes that it has a happy ending. '*Predict*' has the same meaning as

(1) calculate

(2) describe

(3) guess

(4) invent

4. Hardly any creatures are found in the deep and dark _____ of the ocean's floor.

(1) banks

(2) seas

(3) shores

(4) trenches

5. Turtles go on land to _____. They dig holes in the sand to lay their eggs.

(1) breed

(2) die

(3) feed

(4) mate

6. The _____ dragon destroyed the village with its fiery breath. All the villagers were afraid of it.

- (1) decent
- (2) noble
- (3) treacherous
- (4) virtuous ()

7. The audience _____ loudly after the spectacular ballet performance by the Russian dance company.

- (1) applauded
- (2) jeered
- (3) mocked
- (4) yelled



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8. Charlie can look for the map of South East Asia in a/an _____ at the reference section of the library.

- (1) atlas
- (2) autobiography
- (3) dictionary
- (4) thesaurus ()

Section B: Grammar MCQ (8 X 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

9. The ant is _____ than all the other insects in gathering food for winter.

- (1) hardworking
- (2) as hardworking as
- (3) more hardworking
- (4) most hardworking



10. "How _____ food do you have?" asked the sly fox.

- (1) any
- (2) few
- (3) many
- (4) much

11. The bat _____ the papaya while hanging upside down.

- (1) eat
- (2) eats
- (3) eating
- (4) eaten

12. "_____ do birds fly in winter?" asked the curious pupils.

- (1) What
- (2) Where
- (3) Which
- (4) Why

13. She _____ not be able to answer the question if she has not read the book.

- (1) is
- (2) has
- (3) shall
- (4) will

14. Kim was worried because she had forgotten to _____ her homework.

- (1) bring
- (2) brings
- (3) bringing
- (4) brought

15. The *Wayang Kulit* is one of _____ form of entertainment in Asia.

- (1) old
- (2) older
- (3) oldest
- (4) as old as



16. The tongue of the blue whale _____ as much as an elephant.

- (1) weigh
- (2) weighs
- (3) weighed
- (4) weight

Section C: Synthesis (2 X 2 marks)

Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence without changing the original meaning.

17. Sam goes to the Community Centre for tennis lessons. He also goes there for tuition classes.

18. Alice had to clean the room by herself. Her sister was not going to help.

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 X 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box. Use each word once only.

fact	reproduce	non-fiction	habitat
organisms	scarce	mysteries	

Siti was at the National Library doing some research for her English project. She headed to the (19) _____ section to look for books on ocean creatures.



She found a book titled *'Life in the Water'*. She needed to get information on jellyfish and their (20) _____. She also found out how the jellyfish (21) _____ and realised that the baby jellyfish look like the petals of a flower. Siti also read about many other (22) _____ living underwater.

Siti was amazed by the (23) _____ surrounding the lives of these ocean creatures. She decided to be a biologist and unravel these mysteries one day.

Section E: Grammar Cloze (5 X 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks with a suitable word.

A long time ago, a fearsome giant lived on the side of a mountain.

Whenever he (24) _____ his mouth, heat and flames would

burst out. No one (25) _____ to go near him.

The villagers who lived on the slope did not know how to

(26) _____ a fire. After thinking for a long time, they came

up with a plan. They (27) _____ bundles of leaves and crept

up to the giant's cave. While the giant was sleeping, they

(28) _____ the leaves near his mouth. That set the leaves

alight.

Suddenly, the giant started sneezing and woke up. He saw

the villagers and started chasing them.



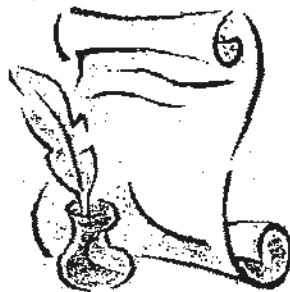
Section F: Comprehension (5 X 2 marks)

Read the following recount by the musician, Beethoven carefully and answer the questions in complete sentences.

"I was born in Germany on December 16, 1770. Both my father and grandfather were musicians. I guess I must have inherited their talent for music. My father had very high expectations of me and often beat me up! I had a difficult childhood and suffered a lot of pain.

However, I had a dream of producing the most beautiful music for all the people to hear. This became my motivation to continue living and working hard. I remember giving my first public performance when I was eight. It was thrilling! My first piece of music was published when I was only twelve years old!

In those days, not many people were recognised for their talents. I felt very fortunate as my talent was recognised very early. I was considered a special talent as I was already able to produce beautiful music at a very young age. I studied very hard to be a great musician."



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29) Why did Beethoven have an unhappy childhood?

- (1) He had inherited some genes.
- (2) He suffered harsh beatings.
- (3) Both his father and grandfather were musicians.
- (4) His grandfather had high expectations of him. ()

30) What motivated Beethoven to continue to live during his difficult childhood?

31) How old was Beethoven when he gave his first performance?

32) Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'exciting'?

33) Why was Beethoven considered to be an exceptional talent?

ANSWER SHEET

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17) Sam goes to the community centre for tennis lessons and tuition class.

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19) non-fiction 20) habitat 21) reproduce 22) organisms 23) mysteries

24) opened 25) dared 26) set 27) took 28) placed 29) 2

30) Beethoven had a dream of producing the most beautiful music for all the people to hear.

31) Beethoven gave his first performance when he was eight.

32) The word is "thrilling".

33) Beethoven was able to produce beautiful music at a very young age.