



HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2010 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3



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Class: 3 _____

Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

Section A: Vocabulary (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS given.

1. Alice wrote a thank-you _____ to show her appreciation to her Aunt Helen for hosting her stay in Perth.
 - 1) advertisement
 - 2) letter
 - 3) poster
 - 4) report()

2. A peacock is such a _____ animal. It loves to parade its beautiful feathers around the forest.
 - 1) cunning
 - 2) silly
 - 3) sly
 - 4) vain()

3. When chatting online, we should not chat with _____ or reveal any personal information about ourselves.

- 1) family
- 2) strangers
- 3) siblings
- 4) teachers

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4. Oceans make up nearly three quarters of the earth's _____.

- 1) abyss
- 2) sea
- 3) surface
- 4) trenches

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5. Mrs Lim is well-dressed everyday. She is the kind of woman who takes pride in her _____.

- 1) appearance
- 2) character
- 3) personality
- 4) humility

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6. I arrange my photographs neatly in this _____.

- 1) atlas
- 2) album
- 3) brochure
- 4) magazine

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7. All pupils are expected to be _____. This means that they must be polite.

- 1) courteous
- 2) hardworking
- 3) helpful
- 4) quiet

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8. Of all the fish that _____ the open seas, the sharks are the most fearsome.

- 1) roam
- 2) stray
- 3) stroll
- 4) trek

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Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers in the OAS given.

9. My sister _____ Mathematics very much. It is her favourite subject.

- 1) like
- 2) likes
- 3) liked
- 4) liking

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10. "It's 5pm. Their plane is probably _____ now," said Mr Tan.

- 1) landing
- 2) lands
- 3) land
- 4) landed

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11. Jane goes for her swimming lesson every week. She has _____ missed any lessons at all.

- 1) daily
- 2) never
- 3) sometimes
- 4) usually

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12. Australia is a _____ country than Singapore.

1. big
2. bigger
3. biggest
4. largest

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13. Miss Lee was angry with the class _____ half of the class did not hand in their work.

1. as
2. and
3. if
4. or

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14. Everyone should _____ a chance to win the Annual Dinner & Dance Lucky Draw.

1. had
2. has
3. have
4. having

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15. _____ you lend me your pencil for a moment?

1. May
2. Must
3. Shall
4. Will

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16. I worked in Paris for a year. I can speak _____ French.

1. much
2. a little
3. a few
4. any

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Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) 5 x 1 mark

Read the following letter and answer the questions that follow.



The clownfish is a type of fish that lives in salt water habitats. Clownfish are usually very bright orange fish that have three white stripes, one at the head, middle and tail.

Clownfish live with certain anemones and they have a **symbiotic** relationship. This means they benefit from living with the sea anemone and the sea anemone benefits from the presence of the clownfish. They are the only fish that are able to live with sea anemones and not get stung by their tentacles.

Clownfish are very active and are sometimes thought to be "clowning around", hence they are named 'clownfish'. Do not be fooled by their clownish behaviour though as they defend their territory and the sea anemone that they live with very fiercely.

Clownfish have a few ocean predators but their greatest threat is humans. People who catch clownfish and keep them as pets in aquariums are making a mistake. There are only ten out of more than one thousand different types of anemone that are able to host these fish. Many people put the fish in a tank with the wrong anemone. In captivity, the clownfish can live from 3 to 5 years. In the wild, they live 6 to 10 years.

Adapted from: http://totweb.org/treehouses/?treehouse_id=3390

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers in the OAS given.

17. Clownfish live in salt water habitat such as the _____.

- 1) canals
- 2) river
- 3) reservoir
- 4) sea

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18. The "symbiotic" relationship in line 5 means that the clownfish and sea anemone _____.

- 1) do not need one another to survive
- 2) need one another to survive
- 3) cannot live together
- 4) will eat each other

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19. The clownfish got their name because they _____.

- 1) look like clowns
- 2) are bright and colourful
- 3) swim very slowly
- 4) are very active

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20. The clownfish are the only fish that are able to live with sea anemones because they _____.

- 1) sting the sea anemones
- 2) do not get stung by the sea anemones
- 3) feed on the sea anemones
- 4) play with the sea anemones

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21. Which statement is true?

- 1) Clownfish have many ocean predators.
- 2) Clownfish cannot live in captivity.
- 3) Clownfish live 3 to 5 years in the wild.
- 4) Clownfish should not be kept as pets in aquariums. ()

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word once only.

joke	nap	nearing
suggestion	sight	challenge

The hare was once boasting of his speed to the other animals. He said, "I have never been beaten yet. I (22) _____ anyone here to race with me."

"I accept your challenge," mumbled the tortoise.

"That's a good (23) _____," said the hare, laughing out loud. "I could dance around you all the way."

"Save your boasting until you've won," answered the tortoise. "Shall we begin the race?"

The hare was quickly out of (24) _____ and to show his contempt for the tortoise, he laid down under a tree to have a (25) _____. As he slept, the tortoise plodded on slowly but steadily. When the hare woke up from his nap, he saw the tortoise (26) _____ the finish line. Even though he tried very hard, he just could not catch up in time to win the race.



Section E: Grammar Cloze (10x 1 mark)

Part I: Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word once only.

because	after	before	finally	and
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Singapore is a small island. Singapore buys water from Malaysia

(27) _____ it is unable to collect as much water as it uses. The price of water is expensive in Singapore (28) _____ water is precious.

Some Singaporeans think of ways to use less water to save money. Mdm Munah uses water from the washing machine to wash the bathroom. (29) _____ Mrs Tan has washed the rice for cooking, Mr Tan uses the water to water the plants. Mr Ramu will soap his dishes thoroughly (30) _____ rinsing them in a basin of water.

(31) _____ as a nation, we must all do our part in one way or another to conserve water and not take the availability of clean water from our taps for granted.



Part II: Read the following passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word.

It was teatime. Sue wanted to buy (32) _____ doughnuts home for tea. She did not know how (33) _____ family members were at home, so she rang home to find out who was at home.

When Sue called home, she found out that there were three members at home but no one wanted to eat doughnuts. They said there was too (34) _____ sugar in doughnuts. They wanted something with (35) _____ sugar and fat. She knew they would not want butter cake as it contained (36) _____ sugar and fat than the doughnut.

Sue bought them chicken sandwiches made with whole-wheat bread. She also asked for a generous serving of lettuce and tomatoes. Sue was sure that she had made the right choice to buy this healthy snack.



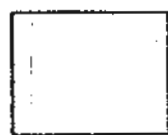
Section F: Synthesis (5 x 2 marks)

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

37. Adam is clever. He is forgetful.

_____ but _____

38. My brother has been accepted to the National University of Singapore. He scored very well for his examinations.



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

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

In an old village in Japan lived a little old man and his little old wife. One morning, the little old woman saw an injured sparrow on her doorstep. She picked him up gently and nursed him back to health.

When the sparrow regained his health, he stayed with her and thanked her with his songs. Every morning, the sparrow perched on the roof of the house and sang out his joy. The old man and woman were grateful to the sparrow for this because they liked to be up early for work.

However near to them lived an angry old woman who did not like to be awakened so early. One day, she became so angry that she caught the sparrow and cut off his tongue. The poor little sparrow flew away to his home but he never could sing again. When the kind old woman knew what had happened, she said to her husband, "Let us go and find our poor little sparrow."

Down the mountain and through the woods they went. At last, they came to the home of their little friend. How they missed one another! When the couple was about to leave, the sparrow brought out two baskets. "I would like to give you one of these," he said. "Which will you take?" One basket was large and looked very full while the other one seemed very small and light.

The old couple decided to take the smaller basket. When they reached home, they opened the basket to see what the sparrow had given them. Within the basket, they found many rolls of silk and piles of gold, enough to make them rich. They were now even more grateful to their friend, the sparrow.

39) How did the sparrow regain his health?

40) What did the sparrow do to thank the old couple?

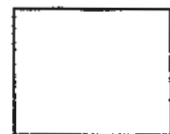
41) Why was the old couple's neighbour angry with the sparrow?

42) Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'wake up'?

43) Why did the old couple feel more grateful to the sparrow at the end of the story?

End-of-Paper

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ANSWER SHEET

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SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21
2	4	2	4

22)challenge 23)joke 24)sight 25)nap 26)nearing

27)because 28)and 29)After 30)before 31)Finally

32)some 33)many 34)much 35)little 36)more

37)Adam is clever but forgetful.

38)My brother has been accepted to the National University of Singapore because he scored very well for his examinations.

39)The old woman nursed him.

40)The sparrow sang songs for the old couple to thank them.

41)The old couple neighbour did not like to be awakened so early in the morning.

42)The word is "awakened".

43)The sparrow gave the old couple many rolls of silk and piles of gold enough to make the rich.