



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

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2010 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 3

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 3 / _____

Date : 10 May 2010

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 hour 20 minutes

| ITEMS | OBTAINED | POSSIBLE |
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| 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 Writing is Mary's favourite pastime. She wants to be a famous _____ when she grows up.
- (1) illustrator (2) author
(3) artist (4) painter
- 2 The police received news of the robbery and they soon arrived at the _____ of the crime.
- (1) site (2) situation
(3) scene (4) position
- 3 The table is made of _____. It can shatter into pieces when hit with a hammer.
- (1) wood (2) glass
(3) rubber (4) plastic
- 4 As the _____ of the basketball team, Lihua led her team to receive their trophies from the guest-of-honour.
- (1) boss (2) referee
(3) chief (4) captain
- 5 Jamie used a pair of _____ to view the birds in the forest.
- (1) binoculars (2) spectacles
(3) sunglasses (4) goggles

SECTION B: Grammar (5 marks)

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

- 6 The tourist could not carry his luggage _____ it was too heavy.
- (1) or (2) but
(3) so (4) as
- 7 "Did your friends _____ the birthday party last night?" asked Mrs Tan.
- (1) enjoy (2) enjoys
(3) enjoying (4) enjoyed
- 8 Amin cannot go to the concert at the Esplanade. He is down _____ fever.
- (1) by (2) from
(3) on (4) with
- 9 Mount Everest is the _____ mountain in the world.
- (1) high (2) higher
(3) highest (4) as high as
- 10 Mrs Lee sprinkled _____ salt in the soup to improve its taste.
- (1) a few (2) a little
(3) many (4) much

SECTION C: Punctuation (2 marks)

For each question from 11 to 12, identify the underlined section (1, 2, 3 or 4) which has a punctuation error. Shade its number on the OAS provided.

11 "Will Debby and her family be going to Hong Kong this June holiday." asked
(1) (2) (3)

Meiling curiously.
(4)

12 Doctor tan asked his patient, "How did you hurt your legs?"
(1) (2) (3) (4)

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.



Be a Ballerina

Join us now!

Famous M&S Dance School is organising a ballet class at Punggol Rise Community Club

Age Group : 3 years – 3 years 11 months

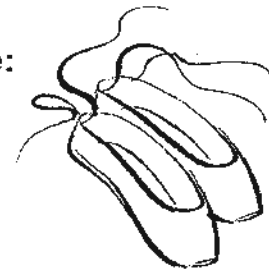
Course Fee: Public - \$180.50
Members pay \$160 only

| Day | Time | Start of Course |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Monday | 6.00pm – 7.15pm | 21 June 2011 |
| Wednesday | 6.30pm – 7.45pm | 30 June 2011 |
| Thursday | 6.00pm – 7.15pm | 24 June 2011 |
| Friday | 7.00pm – 8.15pm | 25 June 2011 |

Famous local ballerina, Miss Lorraine Anne Lim, will be conducting these sessions. Through the use of familiar nursery rhymes and songs, children will learn the basic steps and movements of ballet. Children will be able to master the basic techniques of ballet at the end of the course.

Please come in comfortable sports attire or shorts and T-shirt.

Sign up for the course at the following venue:
Punggol Rise Community Club
Punggol Rise 2
#01-675
Singapore 432876



- 13 The ballet class is organised by _____.
- (1) M&S Dance School
 - (2) Miss Lorraine Anne Lim
 - (3) Punggol Rise Dance School
 - (4) Punggol Rise Community Club
- 14 The first class will start on _____.
- (1) 21 June 2011
 - (2) 24 June 2011
 - (3) 25 June 2011
 - (4) 30 June 2011
- 15 Mrs Lee is no longer a community club member. She has to pay _____ to register her daughter for the class.
- (1) \$160.00
 - (2) \$160.50
 - (3) \$180.00
 - (4) \$180.50
- 16 The course will start at the same time on _____.
- (1) Monday and Friday
 - (2) Monday and Thursday
 - (3) Wednesday and Thursday
 - (4) Wednesday and Friday
- 17 At the end of the course, the children will be able to _____.
- (1) recite several nursery rhymes
 - (2) learn to write their own songs
 - (3) become professional ballerinas
 - (4) master the basic techniques of ballet

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.

The most enjoyable celebration that Tan Lee Ming had last year was Christmas. Lee Ming and his family were celebrating Christmas for the first time.

Two weeks before 25 December, Lee Ming and his family bought their first Christmas tree. Lee Ming helped to put up a lot of decorations on the tree.

On Christmas morning, Lee Ming's family attended church and sang a 5 number of carols.

Shortly after, the whole family went home to prepare for the party at night. Mrs Tan was busy cooking and baking all the food in the kitchen while Mr Tan, Lee Ming and his younger sister were arranging the furniture for the party.

During dinner that night, relatives and friends gathered at Lee Ming's 10 house for a magnificent feast. They sat around the dining table. There were roast turkey, ham, log cake and many other delicious food. Everyone enjoyed the sumptuous dinner and many praised Mrs ^{Tan's} ~~Lee's~~ culinary skills.

The best part of Christmas was gift exchange. Lee Ming enjoyed that most. Everyone started to move around the house to present gifts to one 15 another. It was really a time of giving and sharing. The party ended with everyone singing Christmas carols together. Lee Ming would be looking forward to the Christmas party the following year.

Adapted from Cultural Holidays Christmas by L.L. Owens

- 18 Mrs Tan and Lee Ming bought the Christmas tree _____
before Christmas.
- (1) one day
 - (2) two days
 - (3) one week
 - (4) two weeks
- 19 Who decorated the Christmas tree?
- (1) Mr Tan
 - (2) Mrs Tan
 - (3) Lee Ming
 - (4) Lee Ming's younger sister
- 20 How many family members are there in Lee Ming's family?
- (1) five
 - (2) two
 - (3) three
 - (4) four
- 21 The passage states that 'many praised Mrs ^{Tan's} Lee's culinary skills' (line 13). This phrase tells us that Mrs ~~Lee~~ ^{Tan} is a good _____.
- (1) host
 - (2) cook
 - (3) mother
 - (4) housewife
- 22 What did Lee Ming like most about Christmas?
- (1) Decorating the Christmas tree
 - (2) Shopping for the Christmas tree
 - (3) Singing Christmas carols at church
 - (4) Exchanging gifts during the Christmas party

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

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|--------------|---------------|------------|----------|-------------|
| (A) attached | (B) diversity | (C) gentle | (D) hard | (E) hatch |
| (F) lay | (G) separated | (H) shape | (J) size | (K) species |

In the animal kingdom, the tiny animals are called insects. There are many

_____ of insects in the world.

(23)

All insects have segmented or 'ringed' bodies. These body segments are divided into three body parts - head, thorax and abdomen. The head has mouth parts, a pair of compound eyes and a pair of antennae. The thorax has six legs and one or two pairs of wings _____ to it.

(24)

Most insects _____ from eggs while others undergo a series of moults. They develop and grow in _____

(25)

(26)

The size and speed of the wings determine how fast an insect flies. A honey bee can flap its wings 225 times each second. However, butterflies flap their wings slowly. Those big wings can break easily if they flap as _____ as the bees.

(27)

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) although | (B) and | (C) but |
| (D) or | (E) so | (F) when |

Once upon a time, there was a pretty princess named Elizabeth. She lived in a castle. _____ had many beautiful dresses. She was going to marry Prince Ronald.

(28)

One day, a dragon destroyed her castle, burned all her clothes with his fiery breath, and took Prince Ronald away. Princess Elizabeth decided to chase the dragon. She looked everywhere for something to wear _____ the only thing she could find that was not burnt was a paper bag. She put on the paper bag and followed the dragon. _____ she came to a cave with a large door, she knocked on it.

(29)

(30)

The dragon stuck his nose out of the door and said, "Well, a princess! I love to eat princesses. You had better leave _____ I will eat you alive!"

(31)

Adapted from The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch

SECTION H: Synthesis and Transformation (2 marks)

For each question from 32 to 33, 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.

32 De Wei continued to wear his shirt. It was too small for him.

_____ although

33 He was thirsty. He refused to drink from the tap.

Despite _____

SECTION I: Comprehension Cloze (Open Ended) (5 marks)

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

Dear Mary,

I would like to share with you a recipe for Nutty Cookies. These are the

_____ that you need. They are 224g of butter, 200g of flour, one egg

(34)

yolk, 80g of milk and 70g of sugar. You may want to put some nuts in it - either almond

_____ macadamia is good.

(35)

First, put the sugar and butter in a mixing bowl. Mix them up evenly till

it _____ into a soft, fluffy mixture. Next, add in the flour and egg

(36)

_____. Stir until you get a dough mixture before pouring in the milk.

(37)

Knead the dough on a wooden board for about five minutes. Lastly, place it on a tray

and _____ it in a hot oven for twenty-five minutes. I hope my recipe

(38)

works for you. Happy baking!

Regards,

Alice

SECTION J: Comprehension (10 marks)

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

Jessie was sleeping in her bedroom on the second storey of her house when she was disturbed from her sleep by a powerful explosion. In her daze, she got off her bed and looked out of the window. To her horror a plane had crashed into a row of houses across the road.

The houses were on fire and many people were screaming for help. Jessie was 5 shocked and stood rooted to the ground for a few seconds before she started to move.

When she got onto the street, many of her neighbours were already there. Her neighbours tried to put out the fire with buckets of water but it was to no avail. A girl suddenly came running out of a burning house about ten metres away from where Jessie stood. Her back was on fire! Uncle Tay, a retired teacher, immediately sprayed 10 water on the girl with his garden hose. She was Jessie's best friend, Shiling.

About ten minutes later, the fire engines and ambulances arrived at the scene. The paramedics immediately attended to those who were injured and soon, Shiling was in an ambulance on the way to the hospital. Meanwhile, the police evacuated 15 the residents within the estate to a nearby stadium.

The fire had damaged many houses and claimed many lives, including Shiling's.

39 What disturbed Jessie from her sleep?

40 Why were the houses on fire?

41 How did Uncle Tay put out the fire on the girl?

42 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'moved people from a dangerous place to a safe place'?

43 What happened to Shifing in the end?

END OF PAPER

ANSWER SHEET

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

32) De Wei continued to wear his shirt although it was too small for him.

33) Despite being thirsty, he refused to drink from the tap.

34) ingredients 35) or 36) turns 37) yolk 38) put

39) A powerful explosion disturbed Jessie from her sleep.

40) A plane had crashed into a row of houses.

41) He sprayed water on the girl with his garden hose.

42) The word is "evacuated".

43) She died in the end.