ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 2010
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 3

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Total Marks: 48

Class: Pr 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.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
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. It was raining heavily _____ Jane wore a raincoat.

   (1) but (2) as
   (3) although (4) so ( )

2. Tricia travelled _____ Singapore to the United States by plane.

   (1) by (2) to
   (3) from (4) over ( )

3. The pupils _____ going to the Singapore River for their learning journey next week.

   (1) is (2) are
   (3) was (4) were ( )

4. I _____ fresh green vegetables so much that I eat them every day.

   (1) love (2) am loving
   (3) have loved (4) would love ( )

5. "Look! A ball _____ down the hill now," said Kelly.

   (1) roll (2) rolled
   (3) was rolling (4) is rolling ( )

6. Sam pasted the sticker _____ the sheet of paper.

(1) in (2) into

(3) on (4) between ( )

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) drive (B) drives (C) drove (D) driving (E) driven

It was late in the evening last Christmas. We had (7)_____ one hundred kilometres down south from Uncle Sam's house and were heading home. We were (8)_____ along the expressway when Dad said that the petrol tank was almost empty. We would have to (9)_____ a few more kilometres before we could reach the next petrol kiosk. Thankfully, after about five kilometres, we reached the next petrol kiosk. When we finally (10)_____ into our garage, we were happy to be home safely.

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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) in each blank. <u>USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.</u> (4 x 1 mark)

(A) down.	(B) on	(C) in	(D) around	(E) into	(F)up

The Spider and the Fly

"Will you walk into my home?" said the Spider to the Fly,

"It's the prettiest little home that ever you did spy;

The way into my home is (11)_____ a winding stair,

And I've many interesting things to show when you are there."

"Oh no, no," said the little Fly, "do not ask me.

For who goes up your winding stair can never come (12)_____ again."

"I'm sure you must be tired, dear, soaring up so high;

Will you rest (13)_____ my little bed?" said the Spider to the Fly.

"The sheets are fine and smooth.

And if you like to rest a while, I'll snugly tuck you (14)_____ _____!"

"Oh no, no," said the little Fly, "for I've often heard it say,

"They never, never wake again, those who sleep upon your bed!"

Adapted from 'The Spider and the Fly' by Mary Howitt

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. Everyone believed John was_____. He was someone who would never steal from his classmates.

(1) guilty (2) innocent
(3) nasty (4) neighbourly ( )

16. The students visited the _____ to view the mummies from Egypt.

(1) museum (2) cemetery
(3) mosque (4) cinema ( )

17. My brother is as _____. He is able to lift the heavy metal cupboard.

(1) hard as a rock (2) brave as a lion
(3) strong as a bull (4) sharp as a knife ( )

18. The athletes in the 100- metre race _____ to the finish line.

(1) flitted (2) sprinted
(3) glided (4) jogged ( )

19. The cobra _____ across the field.

(1) scurried (2) loped
(3) cruised (4) slithered ( )

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20. Roses are beautiful but they _____ very quickly.

(1) wither (2) scatter

(3) bloom (4) flower ( )

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) generous	(B) hole	(C) nowhere	(D) selfish
(E) musicians	(F) wall	(G) everywhere	(H) voice
(J) song	(K) noise	(L) playground	(M) crack

Once there lived a giant who did not like children. He built a tall wall around his garden to keep them out. However, the children would sneak into the garden to play whenever he was away. One day, the giant was home early and saw the children playing in his garden.

'What are you doing here?' he cried in a very gruff (21)_____. The terrified children ran away quickly. They tried to play on the road, but it was full of hard stones. Now, the poor children had (22) _____ else to play.

One morning, the giant was lying awake in bed when he heard some lovely music. It sounded so sweet to his ears that he thought it must be the King's (23)_____ passing by. Instead, it was really only a little bird singing outside his window. It was the most beautiful (24) _____ he had heard. Then, he saw a group of children dancing in his garden. They had crept in through a little (25)_____ in the wall. The giant's heart melted as he looked out. 'How (26)_____ I have been!' he said.

'Now I will knock down the (27)_____ _____, and my garden shall be the children's (28)_____ for ever and ever.' He was very sorry for what he had done.

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)

Flying Squirrels do not fly. They do not have (29)_____ that they can flap. However, they do glide between trees. They do this to conserve energy and avoid the predators that scurry on the (30)_____.

Flying Squirrels are nocturnal. This means they look for food at (31)_____ rather than during the day. Being omnivores, they eat nuts, berries, seeds and even insects. These squirrels are normally brown on (32)_____ backs and white on both their belly and bottom. They are (33)_____ big as a chipmunk. They also have large eyes to help them see in the dark.

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Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)

Read the following passage carefully.

A team of scientists in Madagascar has discovered the fossil of the largest frog that lived on earth. The amphibian was called Beelzebufo or 'devil frog' and was the size of a beach ball. It was 40 cm long and weighed about 5kg. The name "Beelzebufo" comes from the Greek word for devil (Beelzebub) and the Latin word for toad (bufo).

Scientist David Krause made the discovery and is working with other scientists to find out how Beelzebufos are related to other frogs. They also want to understand how and why Beelzebufos lived in Madagascar. Fossil frog experts Susan Evans and Marc Jones agree that other frogs related to the Beelzebufo are living in South America now.

Beelzebufo is one of the largest frogs on record. The size, appearance, and predatory nature of the frog caused its discoverers to call it the "armoured frog from hell." Not only was the frog huge but it was also powerful. In addition, it had a protective shield, an extremely wide mouth and powerful jaws. These features made Beelzebufo capable of killing lizards and other small animals, like hatchling dinosaurs.

Today, however, the largest living frog is not the Beelzebufo. It is the goliath frog which is found in West Africa. This frog is 32cm long and weighs about 3kg. In Madagascar today, the largest frog alive is just over 10cm and weighs about 1kg.

Adapted from National Geographic Kids, 'Beelzebufo: A Giant of a Find'

For questions 34 to 38, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (5 X 1 mark)

34. The team of scientists found the fossil of the Beelzebufo in _____.

(1) Greece

(2) West Africa

(3) Madagascar

(4) South America ( )

35. "Bufo" is the _____ word for toad.

(1) Greek

(2) French

(3) Latin

(4) South American ( )

36. Scientist David Krause is working with other scientists to find out _____.

(1) why Beelzebufos are in South America

(2) where Beelzebufo's living relatives are

(3) if Beezebufos are still living in Madagascar

(4) how and why the Beelzebufos ~~are living~~ lived in Madagascar ( )

37. Which word in the 3rd **paragraph** tells us that the Beelzebufo eats other animals? The word is "_____".

(1) largest

(2) powerful

(3) predatory

(4) armoured ( )

38. The phrase '_____' suggests that the Beelzebufo's bite was very painful.

(1) wide mouth

(2) largest frogs

(3) powerful jaws

(4) protective shield ( )

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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)

It was the last day of the term. All the children were looking forward to the holidays. In Mrs Dodd's Class, the children were eagerly waiting as she opened up the brown paper bag on her table. Mrs Dodd gave her pupils a packet of sunflower seeds each. She told them that they were going to have a competition to see whose sunflower could grow the tallest. They had to plant their seeds in their garden when they got home. The child with the tallest sunflower would receive a special prize. The children were all very excited and ran out of the classroom with their packets of sunflower seeds.

When Lea got home, she went out into the garden and decided that the best place to plant the seeds was beside the apple tree because she knew that was a very sunny part of the garden. She dug the earth up, planted the seeds and patted the earth back down. Then Lea gave the seeds a good drink of water. She felt sure that the seeds would grow well. Who knows, they might even grow taller than the apple tree.

Every day, Lea went into the garden and watered the seeds, looking for the first sign that they were growing, but nothing seemed to be happening. A month later, Lea was beginning to feel very disappointed especially when Mrs Dodd asked everyone in the class to put up their hands if their sunflowers were growing. Lea was the only one who did not put up her hand.

When Lea got home from school, she went into the garden and looked at where she had planted the seeds. It all looked just the same. Why was it that all the other children's seeds had grown except hers? It just wasn't fair. But Lea was about to get the **biggest surprise** of her life, because the next day when she looked out of the window, she could see a sunflower growing beside the apple tree.

Adapted from 'Lea and the Magic Sunflower' by Ann Twigg

39. Which word in the 1st **paragraph** tells us that the children were keen to receive their gift?

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40. Where was the best place for Lea to plant her sunflower seeds? Why?

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41. How did Lea take care of the seeds she had planted?

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42. Why was Lea disappointed?

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43. What was Lea's 'biggest surprise' (Line 22)?

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Have you checked your work?

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2010

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
4	3	2	1	4	3	E	D	A	C	F	A	B	C	2	1	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
2	4	1	H	C	E	J	B	D	F	L

29) wings **30) grass** **31) night** **32) their** **33) as** **34) 3**

35) 3 **36) 4** **37) 3** **38) 3**

39) The word is "eagerly".

40) The best place was beside the apple tree, as that was a very sunny part of the garden.

41) She watered the seeds every day.

42) She was disappointed because her sunflower did not grow.

43) She looked out of the window and saw her sunflower growing.