



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

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

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (      )

Class : Primary 3 / \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 25 October 2010

**Note:**

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

- a. Page 1 to Page 12
- b. Questions 1 to 43

43 Questions  
48 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 h 20 min

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

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION B: Grammar (5 marks)**

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

6 Ray was tired \_\_\_\_\_ he still wanted to play his computer game.

- (1) or (2) but  
(3) so (4) since

7 My best friend \_\_\_\_\_ to Canada next June.

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

8 While I was walking home \_\_\_\_\_ the provision shop, I met my neighbour.

- (1) at (2) in  
(3) along (4) from

9 Among my friends, I have the \_\_\_\_\_ number of marbles.

- (1) less (2) little  
(3) least (4) littiest

10 "Please do not touch the books. They are \_\_\_\_\_," said the pupils.

- (1) our (2) us  
(3) ours (4) their

**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 "You will help your brother, won't you." asked John's mother.

- (1) (2) (3) (4)

12 Mr Wee, addressed the school sternly: "Who vandalised the table?"

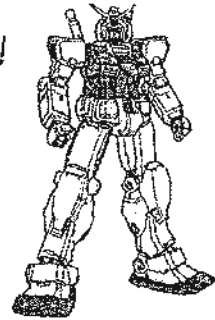
- (1) (2) (3) (4)

**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.

**GUNDAM FIESTA SINGAPORE 2010**

**Japan's Most Famous Robots Have Arrived!**



**Gundam Mask Making Workshop (1 – 7 September 2010)**

Watch your kids create their own original Gundam mask!

**Gundam Model Kit Workshop (5 - 12 September 2010)**

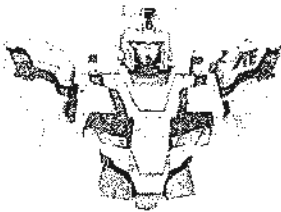
**Special Guest Appearance: Mr Kawaguchi, Chief Gundam Designer from Japan**

See Singapore's best kit makers demonstrate their skills!

\* Strictly no videography

Bring your own model kits and assemble it at the workshop!

Everyone is welcome to join.



**Making their appearance for the first time in Singapore**

- 3m Unicorn Gundam • Giant Gundam Hand

**Gundam Tokens**

Get your tokens by spending a minimum of \$50 with your UOB card.

Drop your tokens in the capsule machine and stand a chance to win the top prize - a trip for 2 to Tokyo, Japan, in the lucky draw!

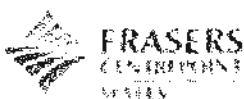


You can also collect tokens and exchange for exclusive Gundam premiums and shopping vouchers.

**Held at:**



**Organised by:**



**Preferred Card:**



**Sponsored by:**



- 13 The venue of Gundam Fiesta Singapore 2010 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Ban Dai
  - (2) UOB Building
  - (3) Compass Point
  - (4) Frasers Centrepoint Malls
- 14 You can \_\_\_\_\_ with the tokens collected.
- (1) get a UOB card
  - (2) buy Gundam masks
  - (3) win shopping vouchers
  - (4) exchange for premiums
- 15 If a child wants to attend both the Mask Making and Model Kit workshops, he could be at the fiesta on \_\_\_\_\_ September.
- (1) 1
  - (2) 5
  - (3) 3
  - (4) 12
- 16 The top prize of the lucky draw is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) capsule machine
  - (2) trip for 2 to Tokyo
  - (3) Giant Gundam Hand
  - (4) 3m Unicorn Gundam
- 17 Visitors attending the Gundam Model Kit Workshop will be able to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) see Mr Kawaguchi
  - (2) get help from experts
  - (3) buy their own model kits
  - (4) video record the kit makers

**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.

Taking dangerous drugs can land you in jail but using certain substances to improve your performance in sports is risky too. In sports, some athletes take certain substances to give themselves an unfair advantage during a competition.

Steroids are an example of such substances. They are chemicals that can be injected into the body to help a person grow muscle and become 5 stronger very quickly. However, they have also been known to cause serious health problems.

They were banned in the Olympic Games in the 1970s though experts say they were already used from the 1960s and still continued to be used up to the 1990s. People realised that steroids and other drugs encouraged athletes to 10 cheat.

Although drug testing is now carried out at many sporting events, some athletes still try to cheat by using newer drugs that are harder to spot. They are willing to take the risk but many have been caught. It often leads to the end of a lifelong dream or sports career. To these athletes, gaining a medal is everything 15 to them even if they have to cheat.

*Adapted from Little Red Dot 24 Aug 10*

- 18 According to the passage, consuming steroids \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) causes health problems
  - (2) is highly encouraged in sports
  - (3) is common among many athletes
  - (4) gives athletes a fair advantage during a competition
- 19 When were steroids banned from the Olympics?
- (1) 1960s
  - (2) 1970s
  - (3) 1980s
  - (4) 1990s
- 20 Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'not allowed'?
- (1) risky
  - (2) banned
  - (3) dangerous
  - (4) encouraged
- 21 The purpose of drug tests at sporting events is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) end athletes' dreams and careers
  - (2) test new drugs that are harder to spot
  - (3) ban athletes from the Olympic Games
  - (4) ensure a fair competition among athletes
- 22 According to the passage, why do some athletes still want to take drugs despite the risk? They \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) have never been caught
  - (2) want to win above everything else
  - (3) are worried that they would land in jail
  - (4) wish to have a lifelong career in sports

**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) <del>affects</del>	(B) <del>distract</del>	(C) <del>fitting</del>	(D) <del>injuries</del>	(E) <del>mistakes</del>
(F) <del>quickly</del>	(G) <del>slowly</del>	(H) <del>unbothered</del>	(J) <del>unprepared</del>	(K) <del>working</del>

Riding a bicycle is a fun and healthy way to keep fit. However, it can be dangerous if you cycle out on the roads \_\_\_\_\_ Many riders get seriously injured because they do not know or practise safe riding skills.

(23)

Many serious bicycle \_\_\_\_\_ occur to the head, so you must wear a helmet. It is also important to ensure your bicycle is in \_\_\_\_\_ condition so that it will not give you any problems while cycling. Do not wear headphones while cycling as they \_\_\_\_\_ you from focusing on the roads.

(24)

(25)

(26)

If you get a flat tyre, \_\_\_\_\_ come to a stop because sudden braking will further damage the tyre. Fix the tyre on the pavement, away from oncoming traffic.

(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) <del>after</del>	(B) <del>although</del>	(C) <del>as</del>
(D) <del>because</del>	(E) <del>so</del>	(F) <del>until</del>

It was a bad day for Timothy. His football coach advised him to stay home

\_\_\_\_\_ of an ankle injury he received during practice. He needed to  
(28)

rest for a few days. He was told by the doctor not to exercise \_\_\_\_\_

(29)

his ankle gets better.

For two weeks, Timothy could not join his friends for football practice. He was

very upset \_\_\_\_\_ he did not like to be kept at home.  
(30)

\_\_\_\_\_ he was disappointed, he kept a positive attitude and watched  
(31)

football matches on television. Soon, two weeks had passed and ~~Joseph~~ was glad to be

able to play football again.

**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 Dick woke up at 8 am. He wanted to watch the Saturday morning cartoon.

\_\_\_\_\_ so as to  
\_\_\_\_\_

33 She passed her driving test. She was determined.

As a result of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Late last year, British billionaire, Sir Richard Branson, revealed the world's first commercial spacecraft. Virgin Galactic's Spaceship Two is planning to begin its first journey to space \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 and 2012. Three hundred adventurers

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from around the world have already signed up, eager to be one of the first on board.

Designed as the most exclusive private jet in the world, the spacecraft can only carry six

\_\_\_\_\_ and two pilots at a time. Virgin Galactic hopes

(35)

\_\_\_\_\_ reduce the ticket price so that it can be affordable for other

(36)

people, and not just for the rich. Branson said that he hopes to bring alive the dream of

seeing the beauty of our world from outer \_\_\_\_\_.

(37)

However, at two hundred thousand dollars a ticket, that \_\_\_\_\_ will have to wait for

(38)

many.

*Adapted from Reader's Digest July 2010*

**SECTION J: Comprehension (10 marks)**

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

There was once a king who liked to eat fish. As a result of a prolonged dry spell, the rivers dried up and all the fish disappeared. He declared that anyone who could give him fish would be able to ask for anything that he liked as a reward.

Soon, a man took some fish to the palace. He was stopped at the gate by the guard. 5

"Stop! What are you carrying?" shouted the guard.

"I've brought some fish for the king," replied the man.

"Leave it with me. I shall pass it to the king for you," the guard thought greedily to himself. The man refused to do it.

"Then, you'll have to give me half of the reward or else I won't let you in." The 10 man finally agreed and went to see the king.

When the king asked what he wanted as a reward, the man asked to be caned one hundred times. The king was puzzled and instructed his servants to cane the man lightly. When he had been caned fifty times, the man stood up and said, "That's 15 enough. Call the gate guard in."

The king finally found out the truth and was furious. He then ordered the guard to be brought in. After seeing the king, the guard could not sit properly for a month! He had learnt a painful lesson.

*Adapted from More Favourite Stories from Asia by Leon Comber*

39 What caused the rivers to dry up?

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40 Why did the man want to give the king some fish?

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41 What did the man have to do to get into the palace?

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42 Why did the man ask to be caned one hundred times?

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43 Which sentence in the passage tells us that the king was unwilling to give the man the reward he asked for?

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# ANSWER SHEET

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**EXAM PAPER 2010****SCHOOL : RED SWASTIKA PRIMARY****SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH****TERM : SA2**

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4	1	3	2	4	2	1	1	3	3	3	2	3	4	2	1	1

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

32) Dick woke up at 8am so as to watch the Saturday morning cartoon.

33) As a result of her determination, she passes her driving test.

34) between            35) adventurers            36) to            37) space            38) surely

39) The rivers dried up due to a prolonged dry spell in the country.

40) He wanted to get a reward.

41) He had to give half of his reward to the guard.

42) He wanted to get the guard caned.

43) The sentence is "The king was puzzled and instructed his servants to cane the man lightly".