

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 (2004)
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3 SA-1

PAPER 2

Name: _____ ()

Class: P3. _____

Date: Monday 10th May 2004

Duration: 1hr 30min

Parent's Signature: _____

| SECTIONS | COMPONENT'S | MARKS OBTAINED | MAX. POSSIBLE MARKS |
|----------|-------------|----------------|---------------------|
| A | Vocabulary | | 20 |
| B | Grammar | | 25 |
| C | Compre MCQ | | 10 |
| D | OE Compre | | 10 |
| TOTAL | | | 65 |

Section A: VOCABULARY (20 marks)

Part 1 Choose the most suitable answer and write the number (1,2,3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. Tom is the main _____ in the story that I am writing
- (1) moral
 - (2) theme
 - (3) setting
 - (4) character
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2. When writing a message to her mother about her good grades in English, Suzy uses _____ as the closing phrase.
- (1) With love
 - (2) Yours faithfully
 - (3) Yours sincerely
 - (4) With much regret
- ()
3. Father gave Mother a beautiful _____ of flowers on her birthday.
- (1) roll
 - (2) pod
 - (3) bouquet
 - (4) bouquet
- ()
4. Many tiny plants in the oceans can only be seen with the help of a _____.
- (1) camera
 - (2) telescope
 - (3) binoculars
 - (4) microscope
- ()
5. When Hock Seng witnessed an accident, he _____ to the nearest telephone to make an emergency call.
- (1) trotted
 - (2) dashed
 - (3) robbed
 - (4) sauntered
- ()

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6. Look! The restaurant across the road is crowded with _____ who are regular diners.

- (1) chefs
- (2) ~~diners~~ customers
- (3) waiters
- (4) owners

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7. Remember to _____ your uncles and aunts respectfully whenever you visit them.

- (1) wish
- (2) greet
- (3) thank
- (4) congratulate

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8. My classmates took part in the Christmas _____ last year and gave a wonderful performance.

- (1) ball
- (2) play
- (3) party
- (4) dinner

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9. Did Columbus _____ America or were the Vikings there before him?

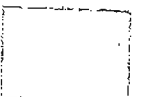
- (1) seek
- (2) create
- (3) invent
- (4) discover

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10. When Mary addressed her envelope, she used _____ for her friend's first names.

- (1) initials
- (2) phrases
- (3) symbols
- (4) surnames

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11. A mouse runs _____ when it sees a cat coming towards it as it does not want to be eaten up.

- (1) quickly
- (2) daintily
- (3) proudly
- (4) carelessly

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12. Make sure you are given a _____ for the books that you buy at the bookstore.

- (1) note
- (2) memo
- (3) stamp
- (4) receipt

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Choose the most suitable word(s) to replace the underlined word(s).

13. The person who drew the pictures in this storybook is very talented.

- (1) artist
- (2) author
- (3) sculptor
- (4) illustrator

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14. That person who sells fresh cabbage, tomatoes, spinach and other vegetables in the market is Mr Lee.

- (1) butler
- (2) grocer
- (3) butcher
- (4) greengrocer

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15. The person who ensures that the opponents do not score played very well in the World Cup.

- (1) coach
- (2) referee
- (3) freshman
- (4) goalkeeper

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Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Friday, 15th August

Today, I was cleaning out the bookshelf in my bedroom and found some books that I used to enjoy as a child. I decided to flip through the

(16) _____ of one of my then favourite books

entitled "Frog and Toad are Friends". I recalled my English

(17) _____ reading this book to us when I was

in Primary 1. The story was humorous and my classmates and I had a good

laugh at the end of the (18) _____.

Now, I am too (19) _____ for such

books. I am thinking of giving them away to my cousin, Cindy. She enjoys

reading books and is starting school soon. I am sure these books will

delight her and make her interested in reading (20) _____

further. I hope Cindy enjoys these books as much as I did!



Section B: GRAMMAR (25 MARKS)

Part 1 Choose the most suitable answer and write the number (1,2,3 or 4) in the brackets.

21. My brother _____ down the drink because he is very thirsty.

- (1) gulp
- (2) gulped
- (3) is gulping
- (4) was gulping

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22. Jack's boots are _____ than mine because he polished them

- (1) shiny
- (2) shine
- (3) shinier
- (4) shiniest

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23. Sam _____ a card for his mother's birthday and she was delighted with it.

- (1) made
- (2) makes
- (3) is making
- (4) was making

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24. _____ do you think will be the champion team in the race?

- (1) Who
- (2) Which
- (3) Where
- (4) Whose

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25. I could not find the magazines because they were _____ the stack of newspapers.

- (1) on
- (2) above
- (3) beneath
- (4) on top of

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26. She kept rubbing her eyes _____ she was tired
_____ she was unable to sleep even after two hours.

- (1) and ... but
- (2) but ... and
- (3) because ... but
- (4) because ... and

27. Henry did not like _____ of the programmes on television.

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

28. Yesterday, Grandpa _____ to Penang on Flight SQ17.

- (1) fly
- (2) flies
- (3) flown
- (4) flew

29. My friend went to the Mandai Zoo last weekend.
I went to the Mandai Zoo last weekend.
_____ went to the Mandai Zoo last weekend.

- (1) My friend and I
- (2) I and my friend
- (3) Me and my friend
- (4) My friend and me

30. Is this pen _____ or Lily's?

- (1) you
- (2) your
- (3) yours
- (4) you're

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I _____ a bad headache now. I think I'll stay home and rest.

- (1) has
- (2) had
- (3) have
- (4) will have

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_____ Ali there when his brother received the "Pupil of the Month" award?

- (1) Isn't
- (2) Aren't
- (3) Wasn't
- (4) Weren't

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammar error. Put the correct spelling or form of the underlined word in each of the boxes.

Dear Grandma,

(33)

Thank you for the gift that you sent me. The parcel reach

(34)

me last Wenesday. I was not at home when the postman

(35)

delivered the parcel but fortunately, Mummy was in to recieve it

(36)

I have already started build the model aeroplane and hope to finish it this weekend. I can't wait to show it to you when you visit us next month.

(37)

Mummy and Daddy sent their love. See you soon!

With love,

Wei Jin

Part 3 Punctuation

For questions 38 - 40, choose the correct punctuation mark(s) for each sentence. Write its ~~letter~~ ^{number} (1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6) in the brackets provided. Use each answer once only. (3 marks)

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| (1) " We've | (2) " ? | (3) " we have |
| (4) " " | (5) " ? " | (6) " " |

38. " Oh dear _____ Lucy exclaimed. "I forgot to attend my piano lesson this morning." ()

39. "May I have this piece of cake _____" asked Jimmy. ()

40. " I am not going to the market today," said Mrs Chin. _____ got plenty of food in the refrigerator." ()

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Part 4 Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word and write its LETTER (A TO H) in the blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

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| (A) after | (B) also | (C) and | (D) before |
| (E) by | (F) later | (G) when | (H) while |

During the March holidays, my family and I spent three days in Cameron Highlands. (41) _____ we left, Mummy made sure that we had packed suitable clothing for our trip. She (42) _____ packed some snacks for the rather long drive that we had ahead of us.

(43) _____ crossing the Causeway, I began to feel excited as we were finally in Malaysia. To help pass the time, my sister and I played card games and made up stories.

(44) _____ it was almost lunch-time, Daddy stopped at Tanah Rata, a town close to our destination. As the restaurant was quite crowded, we had to wait for our food to arrive. My sister and I took the opportunity to play in the "Kids Corner" (45) _____ Mummy and Daddy sat and watched us.

After lunch, we headed for the resort we were staying in. We were finally in Cameron Highlands!

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Section C: COMPREHENSION MCQ (10 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write the answer (1,2,3 or 4) in the brackets.

The Tortoise and the Geese

An old tortoise once lived by a lake with his friends, the geese. The tortoise loved telling many tales. The geese thought that he actually talked too much.

One year, the rain failed to come and the lake began to dry up. "We must fly away from here!" said the geese. "We must fly to the Faraway Mountains where the lakes are always full."

"But you can't leave me behind! I need water, too! Please take me with you!" the Tortoise begged.

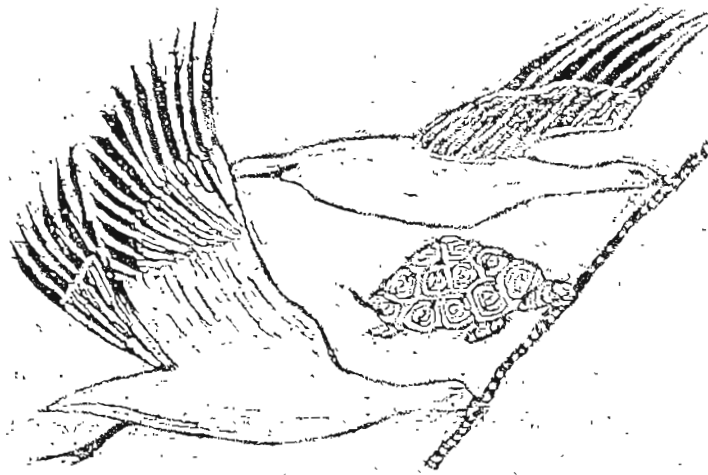
The geese thought of how they could take Tortoise to the Faraway Mountains, and finally hit on an idea. They decided to carry a long, strong stick between their bills and told Tortoise to clamp his jaws tightly around the stick as they fly across.

The geese then advised Tortoise, "Now listen Tortoise, do not open your mouth during the flight. If you do, you will fall to the Earth. We know how hard it is for you to keep your mouth closed!"

"I can do it! I can do it!" said the tortoise. So the three took flight together. How beautiful the flight was! Soon they passed a village and many children were playing outside. They looked up, saw the tortoise and began to laugh and point up towards the sky.

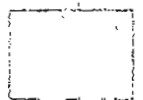
"Look at that silly tortoise!" they cried. "Did you ever see anything so ridiculous as a flying tortoise?"

"What do you mean, silly? How dare you laugh at me!" said Tortoise. But of course when he opened his mouth to say this, he lost his grip on the stick and fell down to Earth.



(Adapted from *Multicultural Fables & Fairy Tales*)

46. The geese decided to leave the lake because they _____
- (1) wanted to live in the Faraway Mountains
 - (2) did not like the children who lived nearby
 - (3) could not survive for long in the dried up lake
 - (4) did not like listening to the tales of the tortoise
47. In paragraph 2, the phrase "the rain failed to come" means it _____
- (1) rained daily
 - (2) will never rain
 - (3) rained continuously
 - (4) did not rain for some time



48. The geese advised the tortoise to _____

- (1) keep his mouth closed during the flight
- (2) enjoy the scenic view when they were flying
- (3) keep his mouth closed before and after the flight
- (4) listen to the beautiful voices of the village children

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49. The tortoise found it difficult to _____

- (1) wait for the rain
- (2) fly with the geese
- (3) enjoy the view from the sky.
- (4) ignore the children's teasing

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50. The most suitable moral for this fable is " _____ "

- (1) Don't act without thinking
- (2) Don't look down on others
- (3) One good turn deserves another
- (4) A Friend in Need, is a Friend Indeed

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Section D: COMPREHENSION OPEN-ENDED (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully.

Sea Lions

Sea lions are friendly-looking animals. Their round faces and whiskers remind people of the faces of small dogs. The almond shape of their eyes gives them a look of intelligence. Whether it is true or not, sea lions often look as though they are thinking.

Sea lions love water and spend most of their lives in it. Usually, the water is very cold. Sea lions do not feel cold as their bodies are covered with a special layer of fat called blubber. The blubber is like a thick coat. It keeps the sea lion's body heat in and the bone-chilling cold out.

Like people, sea lions are mammals. They are warm-blooded. Baby sea lions are born on land and feed on their mother's milk. Like humans, baby sea lions snuggle up with their mothers when they nurse. The mother knows just what her own pup smells like. She will only nurse her own baby.

Sea lions behave like playful children. They sometimes push each other off rocks or slide into the water. Sometimes they even body surf! They often ride the crest of waves and let the waves carry them near the shore. Then they swim back out to ride more waves.

Sea lions can be taught many tricks. They can balance balls on their noses and jump through hoops. Their trainers reward them with fish. Sea lions look very pleased with themselves when they perform.

(Adapted from Master Skills Series)

Answer the questions in complete sentences.
Begin with a capital letter and end with a full-stop.

51. What makes sea lions look intelligent?

52. How are the sea lions able to stay warm in cold water?

53. How can a mother sea lion tell which pup is hers?

54. List two ways the sea lions play.

55. Which sentence in the passage, shows that sea lions enjoy doing tricks?

END OF PAPER

REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR PAPER CAREFULLY!

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Q11 is a dictation test.

Take down the dictation passage in Q11 in full as you listen to it being read out.

Dictation Passage

One sunny day, a hungry fox came to a farm. The owner of the farm was Mr. Wu. He lived there with his wife and four children

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| 10) 1 | 37) send |
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| 17) teacher | 44) C |
| 18) story | 45) H |
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51) The almond shape of their eyes makes them look intelligent.

52) Sea lions are able to stay warm in cold water because their bodies are covered with a special layer of fat called blubber.

53) A mother sea lion can tell which pup is hers by the smell of her pup.

54) They slide into the water and body surf.

55) The sentence is "Sea lions look very pleased with themselves when they perform."

Dictation Passage

The fox saw a big, fat hen digging for worms. The fox ran after the hen and caught it after a short chase. Luckily, Mr Wu saw what happened. He took a gun and fired it at the fox. He missed but the sound was enough to frighten the fox. It released the hen at once and ran away.