

Pei Chun Public School  
Semestral Assessment 1, 2006  
English Language Paper 2  
Primary 3

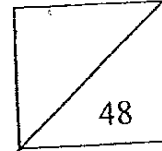
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Subject Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Marks:



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Time: 1 h 15 min

**Section A: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)**

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

1. David is sending his wedding \_\_\_\_\_ to all his guests.

- (1) instructions                      (2) replies                                      ( )  
(3) reports                                (4) invitations

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Wild Boar believed everything the crafty Mouse Deer told him. He was tricked and gave his food away.

- (1) clever                                    (2) sly    ( )  
(3) silly                                        (4) wise

3. Sandra Lee drew the pictures in this children's book. She is ~~a~~/~~an~~ \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) illustrator                              (2) publisher                                      ( )  
(3) author                                      (4) writer

4. The ballerinas danced \_\_\_\_\_ on the stage and the audience applauded loudly.

- (1) hastily                      (2) gracefully  
(3) clumsily                    (4) tightly                      (     )

5. You have to write down the name and \_\_\_\_\_ of the person you are sending the letter to on the envelope.

- (1) telephone number      (2) identity  
(3) address                    (4) age                          (     )

6. "Please check your \_\_\_\_\_ for the things you paid for before leaving the counter," reminded Mother.

- (1) receipt                      (2) voucher  
(3) cheque                      (4) ticket                      (     )

**Section B: Grammar (6 x 1 mark)**

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

7. \_\_\_\_\_ did May scream so loudly?

- (1) Which                      (2) What  
(3) Who                        (4) Why                        (     )

8. The robber \_\_\_\_\_ to harm Mr Lim unless he gave him money.

- (1) threaten                    (2) threatened  
(3) threatens                (4) is threatening            (     )

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**Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted to avoid confusion in marking.

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

<del>(A)</del> appear	<del>(D)</del> delicious	<del>(G)</del> planting	<del>(K)</del> remove
<del>(B)</del> chopped	<del>(E)</del> fertilise	<del>(H)</del> prevent	<del>(L)</del> temperature
<del>(C)</del> climate	<del>(F)</del> harvested	<del>(J)</del> produced	<del>(M)</del> watering

Bananas grow well in places where the (13) \_\_\_\_\_ is warm and wet. They are (14) \_\_\_\_\_ in large quantities in tropical countries. They cannot be grown in any place where the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ falls below twelve degrees Celsius. The banana plant needs care in order to produce good fruits. The farmers have to spray the leaves with pesticide to (16) \_\_\_\_\_ plant diseases. They also have to (17) \_\_\_\_\_ the weeds and grass in the areas around the plant. About ten months after (18) \_\_\_\_\_, a flower will appear on the banana plant. Then small bananas (19) \_\_\_\_\_ and they grow downwards.

In three months, they are ready to be harvested. Bananas are (20) \_\_\_\_\_ while they are still green as they will lose their flavour if they are allowed to ripen on the plant.

**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to G) in each blank.

**Passage 1**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

<del>(A)</del> fall	<del>(C)</del> stop	<del>(E)</del> switch	<del>(G)</del> were
<del>(B)</del> fell	<del>(D)</del> stopped	<del>(F)</del> switched	

Two young boys (21) \_\_\_\_\_ in critical condition last night after falling from a roller coaster at the Escape Theme Park at Downtown East yesterday morning. The boys apparently (22) \_\_\_\_\_ out of the front seats of the ride just as it was picking up speed down a steep slope in the tunnel. The operator immediately (23) \_\_\_\_\_ the ride and (24) \_\_\_\_\_ on the lights. The boys were taken to the nearest hospital.

**Passage 2**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

<del>(A)</del> it	<del>(C)</del> their	<del>(E)</del> they	<del>(G)</del> we
<del>(B)</del> our	<del>(D)</del> them	<del>(F)</del> us	

Dinosaurs existed millions of years ago before Man came along. Although (25) \_\_\_\_\_ had lived on earth for such a long time, (26) \_\_\_\_\_ was only in the last few hundred years that we discovered (27) \_\_\_\_\_ existence. No one knew about (28) \_\_\_\_\_ until their bones were dug up and pieced together. The word "dino" means terrible and "sauros" means lizard.

**Section E: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)**

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

**Passage 1**

When Alicia left home this morning, her mother advised her to bring along an umbrella. She told Alicia that according to the weather forecast, there would be a thunderstorm. Alicia looked at the clear sky and did not heed her mother's advice.

When she was at the bus stop, the sky began to turn dark and soon there was a slight drizzle. By the time the bus arrived, it was raining very heavily. There were a few empty seats in the bus but they were all wet. Hence Alicia had to stand throughout the journey to school. It was also very stuffy in the bus as all the windows were closed. When the bus arrived at the bus stop outside her school, Alicia alighted quickly. She had to walk a short distance from the bus stop to her school and Alicia knew that she would be **drenched** if she did that. However, she might be late for school if she waited for the rain to stop. Alicia regretted not taking her mother's advice.

Just then, her classmate Aisha came along. She was carrying a big umbrella and offered to share it with Alicia. Alicia was very happy.

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29. Alicia's mother knew that there would be a thunderstorm because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) it had been raining for the past few days
- (2) she had listened to the weather forecast
- (3) she saw dark clouds in the sky ( )
- (4) a neighbour gave her the information

30. It was drizzling before \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) Alicia woke up
- (2) Alicia left home
- (3) the bus arrived ( )
- (4) the sky turned dark

31. Alicia had to stand throughout the journey because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) she was wet
- (2) it was stuffy in the bus
- (3) there were no empty seats ( )
- (4) all the empty seats were wet

32. The word 'drenched' (line 11) in the passage means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) very wet ( )
- (2) dried
- (3) delayed
- (4) late

33. Aisha offered to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) drive Alicia to school ( )
- (2) lend Alicia another umbrella
- (3) share her umbrella with Alicia
- (4) share her seat on the bus with Alicia

**Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)**

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

Peihua and Mark were hungry and exhausted as they looked around for a place to spend the night. They were exploring some caves on the island and had lost their way. They did not know how to walk back to their campsite as they had no compass or map with them.

They saw a small temple beside the path they were walking on and went inside. It was empty and the two boys put their rucksacks on the floor. They took a sip from their water bottle and shared a packet of biscuits. Then they lay down and fell asleep almost immediately. They were awakened by loud voices and the barking of dogs. Immediately, they got up and ran out of the temple. There were a few men shining their torches around the area. 5  
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“They are here!” One of them shouted when he saw the boys. The two scouts were overjoyed to be found. They followed the search party back to the campsite. Later, as they gobbled down their late dinner, they heard how their friends had approached the villagers for help. Without the villagers, the boys would not have been found so quickly. 15

34. What were Peihua and Mark doing before they were lost?

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35. Why couldn't the two boys make their way back to their campsite?

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36. Where did the boys spend the night?

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37. Which sentence in the passage tells you that it was dark when the men found the boys?

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38. How did the villagers know that the boys were lost?

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**Answer Sheets**  
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1)4	2)3	3)1	4)2	5)3	6)1
7)4	8)2	9)3	10)3	11)1	12)4
13)C	14)J	15)L	16)H	17)K	18)G
19)A	20)F	21)G	22)B	23)D	24)F
25)E	26)A	27)C	28)D	29)2	30)3
31)4	32)1	33)3			

34)They were exploring some caves on the island and had lost their way.

35)They did not know how to walk back to their campsite as they had no compass or map with them.

36)They lay down and fell asleep in a temple.

37)The sentence is "There were a few men shining the torches around the area."

38.Their friends had approached the villagers for help.