

**MAHA BODHI SCHOOL
2005 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE**



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Section A: Grammar (10 x 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

- "This is not my book. It's _____," my sister told me.
 (1) you (2) your
 (3) yours (4) yourself
- My friend, Ally, is fond _____ playing with marbles.
 (1) of (2) with
 (3) at (4) for
- The sofa is _____ than the chair and the stool.
 (1) soft (2) softer
 (3) softest (4) so soft
- Bryan will find that he has no friends _____ he continues to disturb them.
 (1) so (2) if
 (3) and (4) but
- Jeff's grandparents _____ him a set of old coins last week.
 (1) give (2) gave
 (3) are giving (4) were giving

6. He _____ the school bus to school every morning.
 (1) takes (2) took
 (3) is taking (4) has taken
7. Did you see _____ that man went after he had paid for the fruit?
 (1) who (2) why
 (3) where (4) when
8. Mrs Tan _____ to a parent. We must not disturb them.
 (1) talks (2) will talk
 (3) talked (4) is talking
9. Mdm Soh wants to meet her pupils _____ Wednesday at nine o'clock in the morning.
 (1) at (2) in
 (3) on (4) by
10. The bus driver wanted to know if he _____ pick the girls up earlier. He was afraid that they would be caught in a traffic jam.
 (1) can (2) could
 (3) will (4) would

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (8 X 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

11. Matt and Kathy were _____. They sailed out to the sea even though their parents told them not to.
 (1) miserable (2) disobedient
 (3) careless (4) inconsiderate
12. Lightning _____ across the dark sky before we heard a loud clap of thunder.
 (1) spread (2) shone
 (3) stretched (4) streaked
13. Miss Ng conducted a Science _____ to show that light travels in a straight line.
 (1) discovery (2) exercise
 (3) experiment (4) invention

14. Norman was so _____ to tell the big bully off! Nobody else would dare to do it.
(1) nasty (2) brave
(3) fierce (4) horrible
15. After running a few rounds, the pupils were _____ heavily.
(1) puffing (2) panting
(3) coughing (4) sweating
16. The hall was silent when the _____ came on stage. They were going to put on a play.
(1) audience (2) performers
(3) contestants (4) competitors
17. Mr Lam called my father on the phone. As my father was not at home, he left him a _____.
(1) reply (2) note
(3) message (4) reminder
18. "Will someone _____ Guo'an to the sick bay? He's a little feverish." asked Mrs Teo.
(1) leave (2) deliver
(3) follow (4) accompany

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

Patrick walked into a pet shop. He looked around and saw many animals such as kittens, puppies, tortoises, hamsters, rabbits and birds. He decided to buy himself a puppy. He walked over to the puppies' corner and began stroking one of them. Suddenly, he jumped up in fright. A voice was squawking loudly, "Good afternoon, Master! My name is Pretty Polly."

Patrick looked around, but he saw no one. Then the voice spoke again, "Pretty Polly! Pretty Polly!"

Patrick turned around and saw a beautiful parrot in a cage. It had feathers of various colours: red, blue, green, yellow and orange.

"A talking parrot!" Patrick exclaimed. He looked at the price tag. Although the parrot cost more than the puppy, Patrick paid for the parrot. He preferred a talking parrot to a puppy. Thus, Pretty Polly found itself a master with its clever way of talking.

19. Patrick went to a pet shop to _____

- (1) look at the birds
- (2) visit the animals
- (3) buy himself a pet
- (4) play with the puppies

20 Patrick was _____ when he suddenly heard a voice.

- (1) stroking a puppy
- (2) squawking loudly
- (3) looking around the shop
- (4) walking to the puppies corner

21. Pretty Polly was a _____

- (1) kitten
- (2) parrot
- (3) puppy
- (4) tortoise

22. Which of the following statements is NOT true about Pretty Polly?

- (1) It was a bird.
- (2) It was in a cage.
- (3) It was able to talk.
- (4) It was cheaper than the puppy

23. Patrick finally bought 'Pretty Polly' because it _____

- (1) called him Master
- (2) had colourful feathers
- (3) had a clever way of talking
- (4) was the most expensive in the shop

Section D: Grammar Cloze (7 x 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Use each word once only.

Passage 1

bake	bakes	has baked	baked	baking
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Uncle Sam is a baker. He learned the art of (24) _____ from his grandmother. Every morning, Uncle Sam has to (25) _____ several dozens of cookies to sell to his customers. His customers always return for his freshly- (26) _____ cookies because they taste so good and fresh. His wife also (27) _____ very well. Her specialty is chocolate-chip cookie.

Passage 2

behind	under	from	up	out
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Azman was a hat-seller who went from place to place selling hats. He puts his hats in a big basket.

One hot afternoon, he decided to take a nap (28) _____ a shady tree. He placed his basket beside him. He took (29) _____ a hat and covered his face. Soon, he fell asleep.

A few curious monkeys saw Azman so they came down (30) _____ the tree. Then, they took a hat each. They climbed up the tree and covered their faces with the hats. They were amused and made a lot of noise.

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze Passage (5 X 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Use each word once only.

decorates	weekend	praise	collection
admire	washes	wraps	expensive

Linda has a very special hobby. She loves to collect seashells. Every (31) _____, Linda goes to the beach to look for seashells to add to her (32) _____.

After Linda collects the seashells, she (33) _____, dries and puts them into boxes. She puts her favourite ones in a glass case for display so that everyone can (34) _____ them.

She also uses some of the seashells to make bracelets and necklaces for her teachers and friends. She even (35) _____ gift boxes with the shells to make them prettier.

Section F: Comprehension – Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

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

Thomas and Mark were neighbours and went to the same school, but each took a different route to school. One day, they were arguing about the shortest route back from school. They decided to leave school at the same time and see who arrived home first. They could then find out which route was shorter.

When the bell rang for dismissal, each boy took his usual route home. Thomas went by the back lane that was littered with paper and empty cans. Then he came to a busy road which he had to cross. Although the overhead bridge was nearby, he dashed across the road because he wanted to save some time. He heard a man shouting angrily and a bicycle bell ringing loudly. He turned around swiftly, but was too late. The cyclist crashed into him.

Thomas received treatment at a clinic for some bruises on his knees and elbows. When he returned home in the evening, he found his mother and Mark waiting at the door. Although his mother felt sad for him, she scolded him for not taking the overhead bridge.

"Next time, you may not be so lucky," she warned. Thomas
nodded with tears rolling down his cheeks.

36. What did Thomas and Mark argue about?

37. What did Thomas do to save some time?

38. Why do you think the cyclist shouted angrily?

39. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "quickly"?

40. How did ~~Mark~~ feel when his mother warned him?

~The End~



Please remember to check your work thoroughly.



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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1

ANSWER SHEETS

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- 2. 1
- 3. 2
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- 6. 1
- 7. 3
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- 14. 2
- 15. 2
- 16. 2
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- 19. 3
- 20. 1
- 21. 2
- 22. 4
- 23. 3
- 24. baking
- 25. bake
- 26. baked
- 27. bakes
- 28. under
- 29. out
- 30. from
- 31. weekend
- 32. collection
- 33. washes
- 34. admire
- 35. decorates
- 36. They argued about the shortest route back to school.
- 37. Thomas dashed across the road to save some time.
- 38. He wanted Thomas to move away from his bicycle.
- 39. The word is "swiftly".
- 40. He felt sad/angry with himself/apologetic