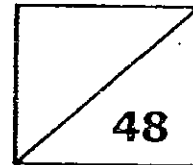




ROSYTH SCHOOL  
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1 2008  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 3

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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: Vocabulary (14 marks)**

For questions 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)

1. From young, my parents have taught me the importance of spending my money \_\_\_\_\_

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|--------------|----------------|---------|
| (1) lavishly | (2) foolishly  | (     ) |
| (3) wisely   | (4) carelessly |         |

2. Rahman has not eaten for an entire day. He is as hungry as a \_\_\_\_\_

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|------------|----------|---------|
| (1) - bear | (2) lion | (     ) |
| (3) shark  | (4) wolf |         |

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ song that the boys sang was lovely. The music was made by voices only, without accompanying instruments.

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|----------|--------------|---------|
| (1) solo | (2) acapella | (     ) |
| (3) duet | (4) symphony |         |

4. The villagers slaughtered a bull as a \_\_\_\_\_ to their gods for saving their lives.

- (1) dowry                      (2) ransom  
(3) prize                      (4) sacrifice                      (     )

5. David \_\_\_\_\_ during the Show and Tell in class today. He was both shy and nervous so he did not speak fluently.

- (1) chatted                      (2) conversed  
(3) whispered                      (4) stammered                      (     )

6. I will need my mother's \_\_\_\_\_ before I can go for the hike.

- (1) idea                      (2) consent  
(3) favour                      (4) guarantee                      (     )

For questions 7 to 14, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word 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. USE A WORD ONLY ONCE. (8 X 1 mark)

(A) respect	(B) scrawled	(C) responsibility
(D) anger	(E) creative	(F) confident
(G) treasured	(H) thinking	(J) furious
(K) thoughts	(L) entered	(M) relate-

When I was about ten years old, my aunt gave me a diary with a thin brass key and a button lock that snapped shut. I was quite (7)\_\_\_\_\_ that my two older sisters could not break the lock and read my diary. I poured my (8)\_\_\_\_\_ and feelings into its pages. The diary was something very private and I (9)\_\_\_\_\_ it very much. Every day, I would write something in my diary. Then, one day, I opened the book and found something (10)\_\_\_\_\_ in my eldest sister's handwriting. I was (11)\_\_\_\_\_ and refused to talk to her.

If someone has read your diary, you can (12)\_\_\_\_\_ to my feelings of anger. Most of us would show (13)\_\_\_\_\_ and would not dare to read another's diary. Nowadays, I am more (14)\_\_\_\_\_ at hiding and protecting my diary from prying eyes.

**Section B: Grammar (14 marks)**

**For questions 15 to 20, choose the most suitable answer and write the number in the brackets provided.**

15. \_\_\_\_\_ old coins in my hands are as heavy as lead.

(1) This

(2) That

(3) These

(4) Those

(     )

16. James left for Vietnam after he \_\_\_\_\_ his studies here.

(1) complete

(2) was completing

(3) completes

(4) had completed

(     )

17. One of the tyres of my bicycle was punctured \_\_\_\_\_  
I had to walk home.

(1) or

(2) so

(3) but

(4) because

(     )

18. "Does Jen Ling \_\_\_\_\_ listening to music?" asks Mandy.

(1) enjoy

(2) enjoyed

(3) enjoys

(4) is enjoying ( )

19. Mr Rahim \_\_\_\_\_ a cup of coffee before he left the house this morning.

(1) drink

(2) drinks

(3) drank

(4) was drinking ( )

20. I \_\_\_\_\_ for a travel guide booklet when I found an old wallet on the bookshelf.

(1) look

(2) am looking

(3) looked

(4) was looking ( )

For questions 21 to 24, 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4x1 mark)

(A) in	(B) for	(C) down
(D) at	(E) into	(F) around

Riiiiing! The school bell rang. There was an immediate excitement in class as the students hurriedly cleared their desks and started stuffing books (21) \_\_\_\_\_ their school bags. Then they trooped (22) \_\_\_\_\_ the stairs. The indoor basketball court was slowly filling up with pupils as class after class lined up (23) \_\_\_\_\_ neat rows. Every student stood (24) \_\_\_\_\_ attention as the flag was lowered.

For question 25 to 28, 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 A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4x1 mark)

(A) we	(B) him	(C) yǒū
(D) he	(E) she	(F) they

Avatar was a famous king. (25) \_\_\_\_\_ was respected by his people for being a patient and persevering ruler. Near his kingdom lived an elderly wizard. Avatar went to the desert with his soldiers one day to meet him. (26) \_\_\_\_\_ finally reached the mouth of a dark cave after a day. "Old man," shouted Avatar, "my men and I need to speak to (27) \_\_\_\_\_." There was a long silence. "Old man, (28) \_\_\_\_\_ need your help urgently!" cried the king. Suddenly Avatar heard a reply, "Come in, my son!" Avatar then got down from his horse.



**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)**

Hobbies are very useful activities. Everyone should have a hobby to occupy his or her (29) \_\_\_\_\_ time. I like reading but my father prefers collecting coins. He has been an avid coin (30) \_\_\_\_\_ since the early age of ten. Currently, he has about eight thousand old and new coins from many different (31) \_\_\_\_\_. His friends have been helping him to purchase coins from overseas. My father has a large collection of gold coins. He is very (32) \_\_\_\_\_ of his coins and will not hesitate to display them upon request. The gold coins are very valuable as they will fetch a high (33) \_\_\_\_\_ if my father sells them.

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)

Read the following advertisement carefully. Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) for Questions 34 to 38 in the brackets provided. (5 x 1 mark)

## MORE SPLASH for LESS \$\$\$ @ STAR WATERWORLD

4 Red Hill, Singapore 228436  
Telephone: 6639090

**Attractive Admission Rate:**

Admission	Usual	Now
Adult	\$16	\$12.80
Child	\$10	\$8

*New admission rate is valid until 30 June 2008!*



*A mystery gift will be given to the first fifteen visitors daily except on weekends, public and school holidays. Winners need to produce their identity card.*

**Opening Hours:**

Days	Time
Monday to Thursday	8am to 9pm
Friday, Weekends & Public holidays	8am to 10 pm



**Daily Programme:**

9am	Free Water Rides
10am-10.30am	Dolphin Show
12pm	Swimming Competition (For children aged 7-12yrs)
1pm-2pm	Synchronized Swimming Performance by Oscar & Friends
2pm	Water Polo Match (For adults only)
3pm	Omnimax Movie Theatre Show
7pm	Singing Contest at The Pavilion (For adults only)

*From 30 September 2008, our theme park will be closed every Monday for an active maintenance programme. This is to ensure maximum safety for all the water ride users in our park. We apologised for any inconvenience caused.*

34. The Star Waterworld is a / an \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) water world                      (2) theme park  
(3) swimming pool                    (4) amusement park

(      )

35. After 30 June 2008, the admission rate for an adult is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) \$8                                      (2) \$10-  
(3) \$12.80                                (4) \$16

(      )

36. If a visitor wants to receive a mystery gift at Star Waterworld, he needs to go early on a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) weekday                              (2) public holiday  
(3) weekend                                (4) school holiday

(      )

37. Joshua is a twenty-year-old swimmer and he enjoys playing competitive sports. He will likely to participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ at the Star Waterworld.

- (1) Dolphin Show                      (2) Water Rides  
(3) Water Polo Match                    (4) Swimming Competition

(      )

38. The Star Waterworld will close every Monday from  
30 September 2008 to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) maintain high admission rate
- (2) carry out checks and necessary repairs
- (3) repair only the old and unused machines
- (4) make the water ride machines more attractive

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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)**

Hide-and-seek is a familiar game to all of us. When we play it, we attempt to find a place to hide where no one can find us.

However, such places can sometimes be dangerous, as the story below will show.

Jerry and his friends were enjoying a game of hide-and-seek late 5  
one afternoon in a neighbour's house. Filled with excitement and  
energy, each boy tried his best to find that perfect hiding place within  
the time given. During one such attempt, Jerry stumbled upon an  
old refrigerator standing at one corner of the kitchen. It looked like it  
had not been used for a long time. Smiling to himself, he hurriedly 10  
opened the refrigerator door and to his delight, found it to be empty.  
Quietly, he slipped in, shutting the door behind him.

As Jerry had anticipated, he was not caught but he was in  
serious trouble! It was because his friends soon got tired of looking  
for him and went home instead. When his parents came to fetch 15  
him, he was nowhere to be seen. Everyone tried to look for him but

when he still could not be found, his parents then reported the matter to the police.

Later that night, when there was silence all around, the neighbour who was still awake, heard a faint knock coming from his kitchen. The sound seemed to come from an old refrigerator. He opened the door and had the shock of his life. Jerry was in it! The poor, frightened and hungry boy was so overcome with relief and joy that he cried uncontrollably. He was indeed a lucky boy, all thanks to the rotted rubber seal of the refrigerator door which allowed in some air, keeping him alive. 20

39. According to the writer, what do children try to do to increase their chances of winning in the game of hide-and-seek?

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40. Why was Jerry delighted to find the old refrigerator empty (line 11)?

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41. How did Jerry's parents feel when they could not find their son?

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42. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'soft'?

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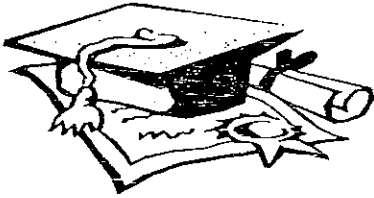
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43. The writer said that Jerry was lucky to be alive after spending so many hours in the old refrigerator. Why did he say that?

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\*\*\*\* End of paper \*\*\*\*  
Have you checked your work?



# ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2008

SCHOOL : ROSYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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TERM : SA 1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	4	2	4	4	2	F	K	G	B	J	M	A	E	3	4	2

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
1	3	4	E	C	A	D	D	F	C	A

29)free      30)collector      31)countries      32)proud

33)price      34)2      35)4      36)1      37)3      38)2

39)They will attempt to find a place to hide where no one can find them.

40)There would be space in there for him to hide.

41)They must had felt worried for Jerry.

42)The word is "faint."

43)Jerry could have died from a lack of air.