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MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2011 PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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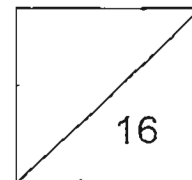
Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

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Part 1: Picture Matching

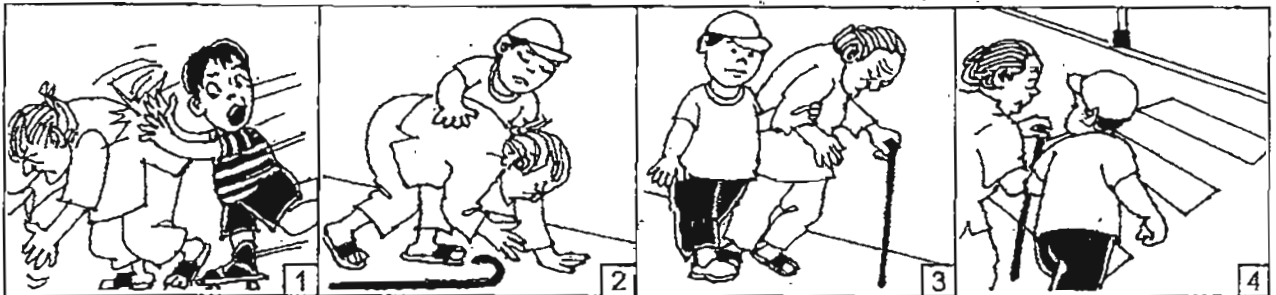
Look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you some statements. Then choose the picture that shows what I have read. Match the sentences to the correct picture. Write the number 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets provided.

Q1



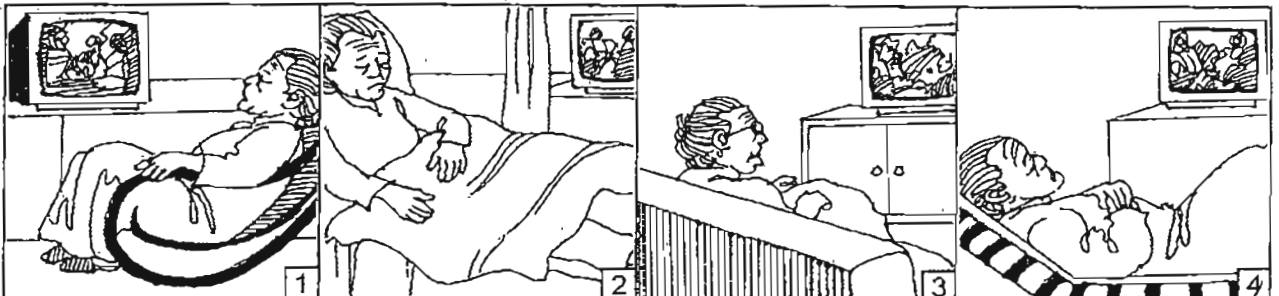
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Q2



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Q3



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Q4



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Part 2 – Note-taking & Dictation

Q5 to Q10 is a note-taking test.

Q11 is a dictation test.

You are going to carry out an interesting activity during a Science lesson in class.

As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to Q10 with **one word or a short phrase**.

Materials that you will need:

Q5 Circular _____

Q6 Hole _____

Q7 A _____

Q8 Some coloured _____

Q9 What do you need to do to see a rainbow?

Spin the card on the _____

Q10 You will see a _____

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PRIMARY 3 MID-YEAR EXAMINATION 2011 ENGLISH LANGUAGE BOOKLET A

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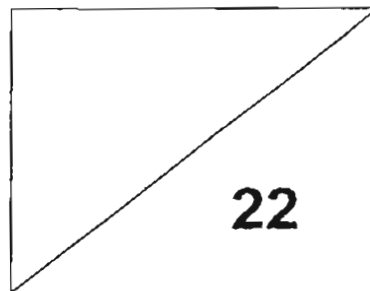
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Section A: Grammar (6 marks)

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 1 Emelda writes well, _____ she?
- (1) isn't
 - (2) won't
 - (3) hasn't
 - (4) doesn't
- 2 The tennis match had been called _____ due to the heavy rainfall.
- (1) in
 - (2) up
 - (3) off
 - (4) back
- 3 Jacob _____ the magazine when he heard a loud knock on the front door.
- (1) read
 - (2) reads
 - (3) is reading
 - (4) was reading
- 4 She was sitting _____ me. I saw her when I turned around.
- (1) after
 - (2) before
 - (3) beside
 - (4) behind

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5 My aunt, as well as her children, _____ to Hong Kong every year.
They have relatives living there.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) is going
- (4) are going

6 "Please take down _____ paintings from the back of the
classroom," exclaimed the teacher standing in front.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) these
- (4) those

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Section B: Vocabulary (6marks)

For each question from 7 to 12, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

- 7 Students need to apply for special _____ passes for free entry to the art exhibition.
- (1) admission
 - (2) permission
 - (3) registration
 - (4) concession
- 8 As Steven was nowhere near the scene of crime, the judge _____ him.
- (1) released
 - (2) expelled
 - (3) acquitted
 - (4) dismissed
- 9 Recently, a few countries have been struck by natural _____ such as earthquakes and floods.
- (1) disasters
 - (2) accidents
 - (3) wreckages
 - (4) misfortunes
- 10 Sue has sprained her ankle. It is _____ if she will recover in time for the dance competition next week.
- (1) fearful
 - (2) doubtful
 - (3) undecided
 - (4) suspicious
- (4)

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11 The tourists were watching the gazelles and zebras from afar through a pair of _____.

- (1) binoculars
- (2) telescopes
- (3) spectacles
- (4) microscopes

12 The green vase had fine cracks but the blue one was _____ so it was sold at a higher price.

- (1) flecked
- (2) finished
- (3) flawless
- (4) faultless

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Section C: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 13 to 17.

Belonging to the weasel family, the mongoose has very short legs, a long body and a short tail shaped something like the English ferret. However, it is found only in India where it is very useful for killing the most venomous snakes. A fable is told of how a mongoose helped a crane.

A crane was in its nest with its young ones and saw to its great terror, a family of snakes nearby. The snake has always been known for its swiftness in gliding up to the nest of the crane and devouring the young cranes as fast as they are hatched. The crane knew that her young cranes were unprotected and she was unable to take care of them. She thought of a plan to get the help of a mongoose. She knew that the mongoose was very fond of fish. However, it feared water and so it seldom got a taste of such food. It would rather go without the fish than get itself wet.

The crane went to the stream nearby and picked some fish. The clever crane tore the fish into small pieces. It then placed the pieces of fish in a long line all the way between the hole of the mongoose and that of the snakes. The mongoose which was sleeping soundly in its hole got the smell of the fish. Without thinking, it came out of its hole and followed the pieces of fish, eating them as it went along. When it finally reached the hole of the snake, the mongoose entered it. Upon seeing the adult snake and its young ones, it killed them. What a tasty meal it had! Little did the mongoose know that it had done a kind deed for the crane.

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For each question from 13 to 17, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet

- 13 The mongoose is a useful animal because it _____.
- (1) helps to devour its enemies
 - (2) willingly assists any animal in need
 - (3) helps to protect the young of others
 - (4) can kill the most dangerous snakes
- 14 The crane felt utterly helpless as it could not _____.
- (1) fight the snake
 - (2) leave its young
 - (3) catch enough fish
 - (4) get help from the mongoose
- 15 From the passage, the mongoose's diet does not often include fish as it _____.
- (1) was unable to swim
 - (2) was too lazy to go fishing
 - (3) did not like the feel of water
 - (4) did not know how to hunt for fish
- 16 The crane placed bits of fish in a line from the mongoose's hole to the snake's hole to _____.
- (1) drive the mongoose away
 - (2) feed the hungry mongoose
 - (3) show its gratitude to the mongoose
 - (4) show the mongoose where the snakes lived
- 17 Which one of the following statements is true?
- (1) The wise crane saved the lives of her family.
 - (2) The mongoose was always doing kind deeds.
 - (3) The snake devours the eggs of young cranes.
 - (4) The mongoose and crane often help each other.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 marks)

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

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) change	(B) cruise	(C) drop	(D) misplace
(E) improve	(F) lose	(G) trickle	(H) voyage

The rivers were an unhappy lot. They had started out as tiny clear streams high up in the mountains and meandered through plateaus, valleys and plains.

Their waters have swollen up during monsoons but had been reduced to a

_____ during summer.

(18)

At the end of their _____ they had to merge with the sea. They

(19)

would _____ their freedom forever. "This is unfair! It's bad enough that

(20)

we have to merge.

The sea heard them and said, "If that's the way you feel, then go away and enjoy your cool, sweet waters by yourselves." Of course there was no way

the rivers could _____ their course and not flow into the sea. Thus, the

(21)

river made peace with their situation and flowed into the sea.

Adapted from River Talk

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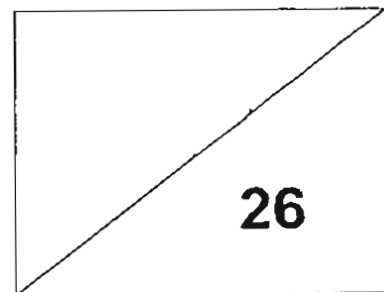
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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) play	(B) plays	(C) played	(D) playing
(E) has played	(F) is playing	(G) was playing	

Edward loves to spend his time collecting stamps. He also loves to spend his time doing something else. Edward is fond of _____ computer
(22)
games. His mother allows him to _____ on the computer for only half an
(23)
hour every day. However, Edward _____ the games on the
(24)
computer for long hours whenever his mother is not at home. Once, his mother
came home while he _____ games on the computer instead of doing his
(25)
homework. She scolded him for not being an obedient child.

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Section F: Synthesis (2 marks)

26 Raymond puts ketchup on his hotdog. He puts mustard too.

_____ and

27 Sandra blew with all her might. Sandra could not blow out the flame.

_____ but

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Section G: Comprehension Cloze (6 marks)**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

An inhabitant of the desert, the desert hedgehog is a nocturnal creature. It is able to survive in harsh conditions. It spends the day sleeping

_____ the shade provided by rocks or cliffs, or it may dig
(28)

a burrow. Here, safe from birds _____ prey, it curls into a ball
(29)

and lies on its side to sleep. The desert hedgehog is not a fast mover and its

main form of defence is to erect its spines and roll into a ball by pulling its snout

and limbs in under its body. If it is cornered, it _____ like a
(30)

snake or screams in distress.

The hedgehog wanders in search for _____ at night.
(31)

Although its sight is good enough to enable it to make out objects in the dark, it

does not use this sense to _____ its prey. Instead it depends on
(32)

its excellent sense of smell to 'taste' the air for the scent of a nearby

_____ such as a beetle or cricket. It will follow the scent and
(33)

movements of its prey. It pounces and chews its victim with its tiny teeth. The

hedgehog's diet also comprises of earthworms, frogs and the eggs of

ground-nesting birds.

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Section H: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 34 to 38.

Mrs Sommers was amazed to discover that the money she saved every week was now \$100. This was a large amount for someone who was frugal. She smiled as she touched her wallet with a feeling of pride. Now she has \$100 in her wallet!

The next day, after feeding the children and sending them off to school, Mrs Sommers went out on a shopping trip. She entered a department store and stood in front of a counter to look around. Suddenly, she realised that her hand was touching something very soft and pleasant. She smiled and asked a young saleswoman, "Do you have any black stockings in size eight?" 5

When the saleswoman brought her the stockings, Mrs Sommers looked at them for a long time. "I'll take this pair," she said. 10

Then Mrs Sommers took the elevator to the shoe department. The clerk spent a lot of time bringing her shoes to try on. Finally, she chose a pair which she wore immediately. Her next stop was the glove department where she chose a pair of black leather gloves with small pearl buttons at the wrists. 15

As she walked out of the department store, she noticed a restaurant she had never been in. She entered and ordered a shrimp cocktail and a glass of wine. There was soft music playing and a breeze blew in from the windows. When she paid the bill, she added a generous tip for the waiter. He bowed as she left as if she were a princess. 20

During her bus ride home, she thought of the wonderful day she had. Deep in her heart there was a powerful wish. She wished the bus driver would keep driving on and on and never stop. She wanted this day to last forever.

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Write your answers in complete sentences.

34 Why did Mrs Sommers touch her wallet with a feeling of pride?

35 Which word in the passage from lines 1 to 9 has the same meaning as 'spent money carefully'?

36 What did Mrs Sommers buy from her shopping trip? .

37 How do we know that the waiter was grateful to Mrs Sommers?

38 Why did she want the bus driver to keep driving forever?

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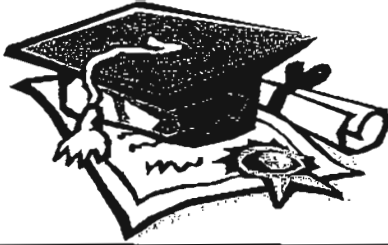
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| 2) | 3 |
| 3) | 4 |
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| 5) | 2 |
| 6) | 4 |
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| 8) | 3 |
| 9) | 1 |
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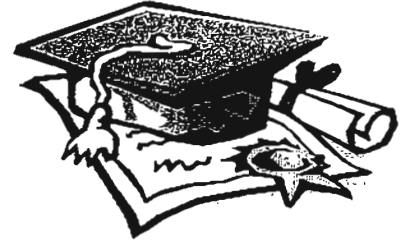


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Booklet B

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25
G	H	F	A	D	A	B	G

- 26) Raymond puts ketchup and mustard on his hotdog.
- 27) Sandra blew with all her might but she could not blow out the flame.
- 28) under (29) of (30) hisses (31) food
- 32) catch (33) prey
- 34) It was because she had \$100 in her wallet.
- 35) the word is " frugal".
- 36) She bought black stockings, a pair of shoes and black leather gloves.
- 37) He bowed as she left as if she were a princess.
- 38) She did not want that day to end.

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