

**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL  
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2011  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PRIMARY THREE**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (    )      Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Class : Primary 3

Time : 1 hr 15 min

Marks : 24

**Booklet A**

For each question from 1 to 19, 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. (19 marks)

1. The students at the camp gathered branches and twigs to set up a \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) fire
- 2) tent
- 3) nest
- 4) stove

2. The new National Library building is designed by a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) builder
- 2) surgeon
- 3) architect
- 4) caretaker

3. The children \_\_\_\_\_ the school as the fire spread.

- 1) escaped
- 2) defended
- 3) evacuated
- 4) abandoned

4. The chef started his cooking demonstration by \_\_\_\_\_ the eggs in the mixing bowl.

- 1) beating
- 2) blending
- 3) pressing
- 4) punching

5. The Christmas shoppers were \_\_\_\_\_ when the popular shopping centre was closed without warning.

- 1) happy
- 2) furious
- 3) relaxed
- 4) confident

6. Kate had to use a special chemical to remove the \_\_\_\_\_ stains from her new handbag.

- 1) rough
- 2) simple
- 3) difficult
- 4) stubborn

7. The unexpected changes in weather patterns in many parts of the world has made it more difficult to predict the weather \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) easily
- 2) clearly
- 3) accurately
- 4) thoroughly

8. The museum curator handled the antique bowl \_\_\_\_\_ as she explained its details.

- 1) delicately
- 2) carelessly
- 3) successfully
- 4) haphazardly

9. The collision between the car and the motorcycle caused a massive traffic jam \_\_\_\_\_ them.

- 1) to
- 2) after
- 3) behind
- 4) in front of

10. The police officers are very familiar with the area as they \_\_\_\_\_ patrol the streets there.

- 1) often
- 2) never
- 3) rarely
- 4) hardly

11. Siti cycled \_\_\_\_\_ as she did not want to be late for school.

- 1) slowly
- 2) quickly
- 3) regularly
- 4) carelessly

12. \_\_\_\_\_ wallet is this? Is it yours?

- 1) Who
- 2) Whom
- 3) Which
- 4) Whose

13. Everyone heaved a sigh of relief when the two missing children returned home. They had found the way home \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) myself
- 2) yourself
- 3) ourselves
- 4) themselves

14. The bell has rung but many pupils are still not in school. They \_\_\_\_\_ have arrived by now.

- 1) can
- 2) will
- 3) shall
- 4) should

15. Snowstorms have made December 2010 the \_\_\_\_\_ winter in history.

- 1) cold
- 2) colder
- 3) coldest
- 4) very cold

16. We were stranded when our car \_\_\_\_\_ on the expressway.

- 1) broke up
- 2) broke into
- 3) broke away
- 4) broke down

17. Doctors and scientists have not been able to find a cure for the illness \_\_\_\_\_ recently.

- 1) until
- 2) while
- 3) since
- 4) because

18. Everyone \_\_\_\_\_ informed about the cancellation of the concert last night.

- 1) is
- 2) are
- 3) was
- 4) were

19. Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ ready for school when the telephone rang.

- 1) get
- 2) got
- 3) was getting
- 4) were getting

## Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It has been around for over 5 000 years. It was an important staple to the Aztec Indians. The oldest corn ever discovered was found in a New Mexico rock formation called "The Bat Cave." These ears of corn ranged from smaller than a coin to about 10cm long.

Popcorn played an important role in the lives of the Aztec Indians. 5  
They used it not only as a food source but also in their ceremonies. Garlands and headdresses were made from thick rows of popcorn and used in traditional dances. Their God of Rain looked beautiful with their popcorn necklaces. Popcorn was also thought to bring peace and goodwill. 10

Today, we have microwave ovens that do all the popping for us. In fact, it was popcorn that actually helped invent the first microwave oven.

In 1946, an engineer by the name of Perry Spencer experimented with a new vacuum tube. He placed the popcorn kernels near the tube and soon history was made. The kernels popped and he went on to 15  
create the first microwave oven.

Popcorn pops into one of two shapes. These are namely the snowflake which is big and fluffy or the mushroom which is round and firm. Popcorn is usually served salted or sweetened. Popcorn is a popular snack at sporting events and in cinemas, where it has been 20  
served since 1912. There is actually a National Popcorn Day. It is celebrated every January 19th. Everyone looks forward to this special day.

*Adapted from <http://www.superteacherworksheets.com/reading-comp/4th-popcorn-history.pdf>*

For each question from 20 to 24, 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. (5 marks)

20. "It has been around for over 5 000 years." What does the word "it" refer to?

The word "it" refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) food
- 2) corn
- 3) a cave
- 4) a rock formation

21. Why was popcorn important to the Aztec Indians?

They \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) served it to their god
- 2) found popcorn sweet-tasting
- 3) used popcorn as a food source
- 4) discovered that it was the oldest corn ever found

22. Pery Spencer created history when he \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) created a vacuum tube
- 2) celebrated Popcorn Day
- 3) carved out a famous rock
- 4) invented the microwave oven

23. Which word in Paragraph 5 tells us that popcorn is a favourite food?

The word is " \_\_\_\_\_ ".

- 1) fluffy
- 2) special
- 3) popular
- 4) celebrated

24. When is National Popcorn Day celebrated?

It is celebrated \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) only in 1946
- 2) every 5 years
- 3) in the first month of each year
- 4) during the ceremonies of the Aztec Indians

END OF BOOKLET A

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Component	Marks obtained	Possible marks
A		24
B		46
Total		70

**Booklet B**

For each of the questions 25 to 28, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (8 marks)

25. He is groaning in pain. He has injured his ankle.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_

26. The burglar fled. He heard the sirens of the police car.

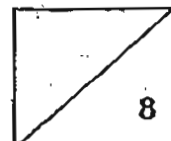
\_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_

27. Alex wanted to go to the concert. The tickets were sold out.

\_\_\_\_\_ but  
\_\_\_\_\_

28. The boys are twins. They have different interests.

\_\_\_\_\_ although  
\_\_\_\_\_



Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box. (10 marks)

Krishnan is a gifted young chef from India. He was working for an

29.

exclusive hotel group **prepairing** cuisines for the ultra-rich. However, when

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he went home to visit his family, something he saw shock him to the core.

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"I saw a very old man **starving** to death as he had no food to eat," he

said. Krishnan began cooking for those who could not care for themselves.

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Every morning, Krishnan and his team rose at 4a.m. and seek out the

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homeless. They are armed with **pekets** of hot vegetarian meals. He bring the

meals to a crowd of about 400 regulars. He also gives them free haircuts.

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Since he start the organisation, he has ~~serve~~ over 1.2 million meals. His

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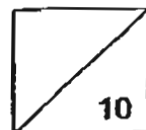
recipients are, nearly all **mentelley** ill and do not have the capacity to thank

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him. Nonetheless, Krishnan receives great **plesure** from the work he does.

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He said, "I will cooked for them for as long as I can."



Adapted from : <http://venathi.org/techie/component/content/article/55-general/713-top-10-cnn-heroes-of-2010-from-our-hometown.html>



Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

(10 marks)

The dogsled race was about to begin. Julie's team of dogs was lined up at the (39) \_\_\_\_\_ line. Julie stood behind them. Other teams were lined up too. The gun went (40) \_\_\_\_\_. The race had begun!

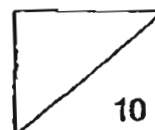
Julie had trained for months for this race. Day after day, Julie's dogs pulled the sled in order to get (41) \_\_\_\_\_ for the race.

They ran over snowy hills and down into frozen valleys. They (42) \_\_\_\_\_ only to rest and eat. They wanted to stay (43) \_\_\_\_\_ or the other teams. The racers had to go a thousand kilometres across Alaska. Alaska is one of the (44) \_\_\_\_\_ places on Earth. The dogs' thick fur coats helped keep them warm in the cold weather.

(45) \_\_\_\_\_ first, the dogs seemed to pull the sled very slowly. However, on the third day, they began to pull more (46) \_\_\_\_\_. They worked hard as a team. Once, one of the sleds slid into a hole and broke. Julie could have given up then, but she did not. She (47) \_\_\_\_\_ the sled and the team kept going.

When they finally reached the finish line, they found (48) \_\_\_\_\_ that they had come in first place! It was a great day for Julie and her dogs.

Adapted from <http://www.pearsonlongman.com/ae/marketing/sfes/tests/grade3.html>



For passage 1, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets.  
(8 marks)

Paper gets its name from papyrus, a plant that  
(49) \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) in the Nile River in Egypt.

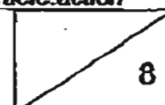
About 5,000 years ago, Egyptians (50) \_\_\_\_\_ (create)  
"sheets" of papyrus. They did this by harvesting, peeling and slicing the plant into  
strips.

A Chinese man, named Tsai Lun, (51) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the  
first recorded inventor of paper. He discovered that he had created a quality  
writing surface that was lightweight and relatively easy to  
(52) \_\_\_\_\_ (make).

For passage 2, fill in the blanks with the correct pronoun.

Visitors to the city of Rome, Italy, must make a stop at the beautiful Trevi  
Fountain. The history and legends surrounding  
(53) \_\_\_\_\_ (it, him, them) make it a must see when travelling to  
Italy. (54) \_\_\_\_\_ (Our, This, Their) fountain is the largest  
fountain in the city of Rome, Italy. It is 25 metres high and 20 metres wide.  
According to the legend, if (55) \_\_\_\_\_ (I, you, we) throw a coin  
over your left shoulder into the fountain, someday you will have the good luck to  
return. Visitors are aware that an estimated \$3,500 in coins are thrown into the  
fountain each day and (56) \_\_\_\_\_ (our, them, their)  
contributions are used for charitable purposes.

Adapted from <http://www.wipapercouncil.org/invention.htm>  
Adapted from <http://travel.gather.com/viewArticle.action>



Read the passage below and answer questions 57 to 61.

(10 marks)

Ah Kun and his younger sister, Lina, lived in a village. As their family was poor, their father had to work long hours selling pots and pans in a shop.

One day, Ah Kun accidentally dropped Lina's only pair of shoes into a river. They ran and ran, trying their best to retrieve it but the currents were too strong. Lina cried the whole night as she knew their parents could not afford to buy her another pair. 5

"I don't want to worry Ah Pa but what shoes do I wear to school?" sighed Lina.

After much thinking and planning, the siblings decided to share Ah Kun's shoes. Everyday, Ah Kun would wait nervously at the end of the village path, waiting for his sister to pass him his shoes. Once, Lina was very late and Ah Kun had to run fast all the way to school. Unfortunately, Ah Kun was repeatedly late as he had to wait for his sister to exchange shoes with him. Meanwhile, his sister was often scolded for wearing oversized shoes to school. They were both miserable but promised not to say anything to their parents as they did not want to worry them. 15

One day, Lina saw her classmate wearing her lost shoes to school. She followed the girl home excitedly but she realised that the girl's father was blind and that the family lived in the slums. She felt pity for the girl who was more unfortunate than her. Thus, she decided not to reclaim the shoes. 20

*Adapted from Home Run the Movie*

**ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

**57. What did Ah Kun's and Lina's father do for a living?**

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**58. What happened to Lina's only pair of shoes?**

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**59. Which four-word phrase tells you that Lina was upset about what had happened to her shoes?**

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**60. Why did Ah Kun feel nervous as he waited for his sister each day?**

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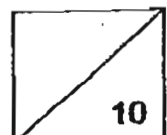
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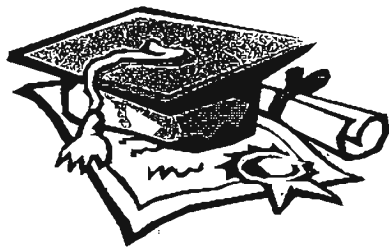
**61. What made Lina decide not to take back her shoes from her classmate?**

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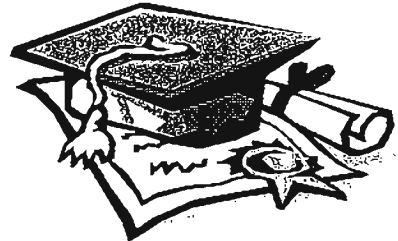


# ANSWER SHEET

## EXAM PAPER 2011

SCHOOL : SCGS  
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TERM : SA2



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
1	3	3	1	2	4	3	1	3	1	2	4	4	4	3	4	1

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
3	3	2	3	4	3	3

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29)preparing      30)shocked      31)starving      32)rise      33)packets

34)brings      35)started      36)mentally      37)pleasure      38)cook

39)starting      40)off      41)ready      42)stopped      43)ahead

44)coldest      45)At      46)quickly      47)fixed      48)out

49)grows      50)created      51)was      52)make      53)it      54)This

55)you      56)their

57)He sold pots and pans in a shop.

58)Ah Kun accidentally dropped Lina's only pair of shoes into a river.

59)The phrase is "cried the whole night".

60)He was repeatedly late as he had to wait for her to exchange shoes with him and run fast to school.

61)Lina felt pity for her classmate who was more unfortunate than her as her father was blind and the family lived in the slums.