



**YANGZHENG PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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PRIMARY THREE**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2**

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No. of pages: 10

45 questions

Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

<b>Sections:</b>	
<b>A – C</b>	<b>/ 29</b>
<b>D – F</b>	<b>/ 26</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>/ 55</b>

**Section A: Grammar MCQ (10 x 1) Marks**

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the OAS.

1. "Remember to pick Jane \_\_\_\_\_ from school later," Mrs Tan reminded her maid.

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| (1) in | (2) down |
| (3) up | (4) away |

2. Pei Ling would not have \_\_\_\_\_ the first prize for the storytelling competition if not for her teacher's help in preparing a wonderful speech.

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| (1) win     | (2) won          |
| (3) winning | (4) been winning |

3. "Can you add a \_\_\_\_\_ of salt into the soup to make it tastier?" Mary asked her mother.

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| (1) sip  | (2) pinch |
| (3) drop | (4) speck |

4. The toddler has just learned how to walk, so he moved about the house \_\_\_\_\_

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| (1) gently   | (2) clumsily   |
| (3) cleverly | (4) gracefully |

5. Frogs are amazing creatures \_\_\_\_\_ they have existed on Earth for millions of years.

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| (1) so   | (2) for |
| (3) when | (4) but |

6. "There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ that we cannot repair!" said the mechanic proudly to his customers.

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| (1) nothing  | (2) something  |
| (3) anything | (4) everything |

7. I felt a tingling pain in my left ear after Peter \_\_\_\_\_ into my ear.
- (1) shout (2) shouted  
(3) shouts (4) shouting
8. \_\_\_\_\_ paintings from Vincent Van Gogh are simply fascinating!" Little Brandon exclaimed excitedly to his father as he pointed to the paintings high up on the wall.
- (1) This (2) These  
(3) That (4) Those
9. The mansion \_\_\_\_\_ the sea was built in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and was owned by a rich businessman.
- (1) by (2) behind  
(3) under (4) in front of
10. \_\_\_\_\_ I get the pink dress or the blue cardigan?" Jamie pondered as the sales assistant stood next to her.
- (1) Will (2) Could  
(3) Must (4) Should

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (9 x 1) Marks**

**Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the OAS.**

11. The injured man received more than twenty stitches on his wounds by the experienced \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) vet (2) dentist  
(3) surgeon (4) warden
12. My father brought me to the National \_\_\_\_\_ to look at different types of marine creatures and fishes.
- (1) Zoo (2) Aviary  
(3) Park (4) Aquarium

13. "Help! Help! That \_\_\_\_\_ snatched my handbag!" shouted the old woman loudly.
- (1) victim (2) robber  
(3) burglar (4) pickpocket
14. The pupils were \_\_\_\_\_ to work together as there had been many conflicts among them.
- (1) eager (2) reluctant  
(3) overjoyed (4) confused
15. To get home quickly, you have to take this \_\_\_\_\_ as it is the shortest.
- (1) route (2) runway  
(3) street (4) passage
16. The police \_\_\_\_\_ off the area where the accident occurred.
- (1) checked (2) taped  
(3) cordoned (4) separated
17. The tour agencies at the recent travel fair distributed \_\_\_\_\_ to promote the various tours that they were organizing to customers.
- (1) letters (2) journals  
(3) brochures (4) postcards
18. The brave boy appeared \_\_\_\_\_ as he stood firm in front of the grizzly bear to defend the other children.
- (1) timid (2) amused  
(3) bored (4) fearless
19. Mrs Tan is able to \_\_\_\_\_ with all her neighbours as she is very friendly.
- (1) interact (2) interrupt  
(3) interfere (4) intercept

**Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2) Marks**

Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions below. Shade the correct oval 1, 2, 3 or 4 on the OAS.

A farmer once had a horse who was a faithful servant to him. When he had grown too old to work for the farmer, the farmer said in an ungrateful tone, "I shall want you no more, so get out of my stable. I will not take you back until you are stronger than a lion."

The poor horse wandered on the streets, seeking shelter from the rain and finding food for himself. He met a fox along the way, who noticed the horse's **woebegone** expression. "What happened to you, my friend? Why do you look so lonely and down?" The horse replied, "Alas! My master has forgotten all that I have done for him over the years and decided to abandon me. He said that unless I become stronger than a lion, he will not take me back anymore."

The fox just nodded silently and said, "I will help you. Lie still, stretch yourself out quite stiff on the ground and pretend to be dead." The horse did what he was told and the fox went off to look for the lion who lived in a cave close by. "Come with me, lion. There is a dead horse nearby and he will make a good meal for you." The lion was pleased and followed the fox to where the horse was laying still. "I tell you what, he will make a good meal back in your own cave. Lie down and I will tie him to your tail so that you can drag him back."

This advice pleased the lion, who laid next to the horse. The fox tied the lion's legs together and bound him so tightly that the lion could not set himself free. The fox then woke the horse up, who dragged the lion back to his master's house. When the master saw the horse dragging the lion on his back, he was amazed at his strength and determination. He continued to keep the horse in his stable and fed him plenty of food till the day he died.

20. The horse left his master's house because he \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) wanted to look for the fox
- (2) was told by his master to look for a lion
- (3) was thrown out of the house due to his old age
- (4) wanted to seek shelter and find food for himself outside

21. According to the passage, the word 'woebegone' means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) looking sad
- (2) looking lost
- (3) looking serious
- (4) looking confused

22. How did the fox help the horse? He \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) helped him to lie dead on the ground
- (2) ordered the horse to tie the lion to his back
- (3) asked him to pretend to be dead to trick the lion
- (4) wanted the horse to be dead so that the lion could eat him

23. The lion could not escape because the fox \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) tied him to the back of the horse
- (2) promised to let him eat the horse in the cave
- (3) bound him too tightly that he could not break free
- (4) told him that he could follow the horse back home

24. Why did the master continued to keep the horse in the stable and feed him?

- (1) The horse promised to work for his master again.
- (2) The master was afraid that the lion would attack him.
- (3) The lion begged the master to keep the horse in the stable.
- (4) The horse was able to prove that he was strong and determined.

**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1) Marks**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the list of helping words and fill in the blanks.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

<del>blend</del>	expert	<del>mix</del>	<del>potent</del>
brightly	food	nectar	sideways
<del>capture</del>	<del>inexperienced</del>	patiently	surrounding

Have you seen a crab spider? It is a spider that could walk forward, backward or even scuttle rapidly (25) \_\_\_\_\_, exactly the way a crab does.

These beautiful and unusual arthropods do not use any forms of webs to (26) \_\_\_\_\_ their prey, but hunt for them instead. In addition, a crab spider is an (27) \_\_\_\_\_ at camouflaging itself amongst the (28) \_\_\_\_\_. It changes its original colour to (29) \_\_\_\_\_ in with the colour of the flower or leaf in which it sits on. After which, the crab spider waits (30) \_\_\_\_\_ to ambush any passing insects. Unsuspecting insects in search of (31) \_\_\_\_\_ from the flowers are grabbed and caught by the crab spider's (32) \_\_\_\_\_ poison.

Instinctively, the crab spider knows that if it is hungry, it has to depend on effective camouflage to catch its meal.

**Section E: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1) Marks**

Read the passages carefully. Choose the correct answer from the list of helping words and fill in the blanks.

**Passage 1**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

<del>at</del>	<del>across</del>	<del>from</del>	<del>to</del>	towards
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I was sitting outside the operating theatre, hands clasped in prayers, hoping that my son was all right. He was my only son and if anything bad should happen to him, it would be a great loss to me. I broke down as my wife walked (33) \_\_\_\_\_ me sadly. Both of us waited for the doctor to appear. Soon, he emerged (34) \_\_\_\_\_ the room. After what seemed like hours, the doctor eventually came out and looked solemnly (35) \_\_\_\_\_ us. It was then that we knew that something bad had happened (36) \_\_\_\_\_ Tim. He then broke the shocking news to us – Tim was in a coma.



**Passage 2**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

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goes

going

had gone

went

It was the March holidays. Rachel could not wait to (37) \_\_\_\_\_ to the theme park with her parents. They had promised to bring her to the theme park if she did well for her examinations.

They reached the theme park in the evening. Rachel ran towards the Flying Viking excitedly without waiting for her parents. Her mother had given her twelve dollars to spend on the rides and games. She was (38) \_\_\_\_\_ to spend all the money on her favourite rides. She loved all the thrilling rides at the theme park and pestered her father to go on the rides with her.

It was soon getting late. Rachel and her parents (39) \_\_\_\_\_ home feeling tired, but happy. Seeing how much Rachel had enjoyed herself, they were glad that they (40) \_\_\_\_\_ to the theme park.

**Section F: Comprehension Open-Ended (5 x 2) Marks**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions correctly.

Once upon a time, there lived a merchant who liked to eat meat and drink wine. One day, after he had finished eating and drinking in a wineshop, he wanted to leave without paying. The shop owner stopped him and demanded him to pay.

"When did I ever eat meat and drink wine? I am a vegetarian. Don't you accuse me!" he defended himself. Seeing that the merchant refused to pay up and admit to his mistake, the shop owner brought him before the country judge.

The shop owner gave a detailed account of the accusation and begged the judge to punish the merchant. The country judge spoke in a calm and gentle tone. "Merchant, do you admit your wrongdoings?" The merchant defended himself, "It's a cold day. I just stopped by his shop to warm myself from the stove. I did not drink any wine or eat any pork. Please punish this greedy owner."

Upon hearing from the two of them, the judge asked for a bowl of water to be brought before him. He then ordered the merchant to rinse his mouth with the water and spit it out into the bowl. The merchant did just that and soon, pork fat could be seen floating on the water, which also smelt of wine. Seeing that, the judge pointed to the merchant and said, "Oh, you cheating merchant! I hereby sentence you to receive twenty strokes of the cane and demand that you pay up to the shop owner now!"

Seeing that he had lost his case, the merchant lowered his head in guilt and apologised to the shop owner. He took out a few coins from his pocket and placed them into the shop owner's hands.

(Adapted from *Tales and Proverbs from Korea* by Chong Kum Fatt)

**WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.**

41. Why did the shop owner stop the merchant from leaving?

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42. How did the merchant defend himself in front of the country judge?

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43. What method did the judge use to find out the truth?

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44. Did the merchant know that he was in the wrong? Which word tells you that?

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45. Why did the merchant give the coins to the shop owner in the end?

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## SECTION A - C

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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>						
1	3	3	4						

## SECTION D- F

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| <b>25.</b> sideways | <b>26.</b> capture   | <b>27.</b> expert | <b>28.</b> surrounding |
| <b>29.</b> blend    | <b>30.</b> patiently | <b>31.</b> nectar | <b>32.</b> potent      |
| <b>33.</b> towards  | <b>34.</b> from      | <b>35.</b> at     | <b>36.</b> to          |
| <b>37.</b> go       | <b>38.</b> going     | <b>39.</b> went   | <b>40.</b> had gone    |

- 41.** The merchant wanted to leave without paying for his food.
- 42.** He said that it was a cold day and he wanted to warm himself by the stove.
- 43.** The judge ordered the merchant to rinse his mouth with the bowl of water and spit it out.
- 44.** Yes, he knew. The word is 'guilt'.
- 45.** The judge punished him for lying and demanded that he pay the shop owner.