

**SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL**  
**FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2015**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**PRIMARY THREE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Primary 3

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Sub-total		50

**PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)**

**BOOKLET B**

31 questions

36 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

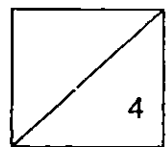
Write your answers in this booklet.

Section C: Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Mervin was sitting alone looking very upset. His mother (15) [ asks / asked ] him what was wrong. (16) [ He / She ] told her that it would be better if he could be like someone else. He (17) [ wishes / wished ] that he was smarter, stronger and played better in sports. His mother advised that there would always be people who were better than (18) [ her / him ] in different things. However, he was special in his own way and should not look down on himself!

*Source: Adapted from You are like Yourself by Stephen Barnett*



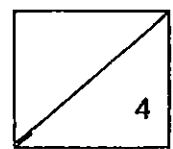
Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

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It was the weekend. Carol was taking a walk (19) \_\_\_\_\_ she heard a mewling sound. It was her neighbour's cat! It was stuck (20) \_\_\_\_\_ a tree!

Carol quickly went (21) \_\_\_\_\_ her house to get a ladder. She carefully climbed the ladder and carried the cat (22) \_\_\_\_\_ the tree. Her neighbour, Mr. Brown, was relieved to see his cat again and thanked Carol profusely for doing a good deed.

*Source: Adapted from A Good Deed Everyday by Stephen Barnett*



Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

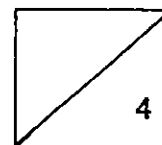
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There once lived a stuffed teddy bear in a toymaker's house. Over the years, his  
23) \_\_\_\_\_ had come loose and his fur coat was spotted with holes.

Unlike the other toys, Teddy was floppy and short of stuffing. This made him look very  
weak and 24) \_\_\_\_\_. He decided that he should do something.

His chance finally came when the toymaker went on a holiday one fine day. He  
searched high and low around the house but he could not find any suitable stuffing to  
make him look 25) \_\_\_\_\_ again. He was very disappointed. Upon  
seeing his disappointment, the other toys took pity on him. All of them decided to give  
up some of their stuffing to Teddy. All the stuffing made him 26) \_\_\_\_\_  
and strong. Teddy was happy once again!

*Source: Adapted from Bunny Finds The Right Stuff by Emily Lim*



Section E: Editing

Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (2 marks)

Penguins are torpedo-shaped, flightless birds that live in the southern

(27)

regions of the Earth. Even though many people asume that penguins are small,

(28)

black-and-white animals, these birds actually come in a variaty of sizes and some

are very colourful. For example, the crested penguins wear a crown of yellow

feathers.

*Source: Adapted from <http://www.livescience.com/27434-penguin-facts.html>*

Each of the underlined words contains a grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (2 marks)

Do you know? Dolphins are considered the friendliest creatures in the sea.

(29)

Stories of them saving drowning sailors have been frequently tell since Roman

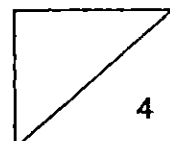
times. They look after other dolphins when they are ill, care for pregnant mothers

(30)

and protect the weakest in the community. It is no wonder that many is fond of

the dolphins! What about you?

*Source: Adapted from <http://www.grammarbank.com/short-reading-comprehension-passages.html>*



Section F: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions 31 to 34, 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). (4 marks)

31. Joanne likes potato chips. Her sister likes potato chips too.

Both \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

32. Pete was reading a book. Mr Tan knocked on the door.

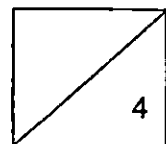
\_\_\_\_\_ when  
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33. Vincent is tall and muscular. His sister is short and petite.

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

34. Nicole helped with the chores. She was feeling tired.

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



Section G: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 41.

(8 marks)

Long ago, six suns appeared in the sky. The six suns caused the trees and plants to wither, leaving behind only the scorched earth, burnt and brown. All the villagers were forced to live like worms, crowding into an ancient dark hole in one of the hills. As they began to starve, they also began to despair.

One night, the villagers heard a whisper from the Spirit of the Mountain, it said, 5  
"The one marked with power can save you."

There was a man named Wangyi. He was the strongest of all men. He had an unusual scar on his forehead. It looked like the character "wang" which was a symbol of power.

Wangyi stepped on the scorched earth but the heat was extreme. He retreated 10  
into the shade of mountains for the heat burnt his feet. Wangyi realised that he could not fight the suns. His only hope was to shoot them down.

He pointed his arrow towards one of the six suns. The arrow flew through the hot sky. It hit that sun and it fell from the sky, disappearing as magically as it had appeared. Wangyi fitted another arrow and shot again. Another sun fell. 15

Immediately, the people felt a change in the temperature. Everyone cheered but Wangyi's wife thought to herself. "If he shoots all the suns," she realised, "we will be forever in darkness." She crept behind Wangyi as he prepared to shoot the fifth sun. She took the other arrows. As a result, after shooting the fifth sun, he found his case empty and laid down his bow. 20

This is the reason why there is only one sun now.

*Adapted from Starry River of the Sky by Grace Lin*

35. List two ways in which the six suns affected the people on Earth.

(2m)

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

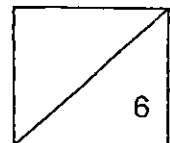
(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

36. For question 36, write 1, 2 or 3 in the blanks below to show what happened first, next and last in paragraph 1 and 2. (1m)

	The plants began to wither.
	The six suns appeared.
	The people had not much to eat.

For questions 37 to 39, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	There were six suns in the sky.	✓	
37.	Wangyi was a strong man.		
38.	The people could feel a change in the temperature after the five suns were shot down.		
39.	Wangyi's wife was a very cunning woman.		





40. Write one word from paragraph 4 that has a similar meaning to "withdrew". (1m)

41. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

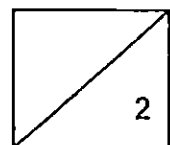
Wangyi's wife took the last arrow away because she \_\_\_\_\_ . (1m)

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wanted to foil her husband's plan

did not like her husband to use weapons

wanted to ensure that her husband did not shoot the last sun down



Section H: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 42 to 45.

(8 marks)

There was once a prince who wanted to travel around the world. For his journey, the king gave him a fine horse and bags of gold. Soon, he reached a town that was holding an auction\*. He bought a special bird which would put anyone who listened to it to sleep. He also bought a beetle which could gnaw its way through any wall in the world and a butterfly which could carry any amount of weight on its wings. 5

He left the town and took a wrong turn. Soon, he was lost in the jungle. The leaves were so dense that he could not see where he was going. Hence, he climbed to the top of the tallest tree. From its highest point, he noticed in the distance what looked like a mountain. When he went nearer to it, he saw that it was really the wall which surrounded the land of the giants. 10

The beetle gnawed an entrance through the wall. Through this opening, the prince entered the land of the giants and saw a pretty princess who was imprisoned in a dungeon. The prince knew he had to save the damsel in distress.

Just at that moment, the giant lumbered into the dungeon. "Sing, my little bird, sing," commanded the prince to his singing bird. At the first burst of melody, the giant fell asleep, though he had never slept a wink in all his life. 15

"This beetle of mine has gnawed an entrance through the great wall which surrounds the land of the giant. We do not need to climb the high wall to escape," said the prince to the captive princess.

As the princess had been kept in the dungeon for a long time, she was too weak to walk. The butterfly carried the princess on its wings. With the lovely princess safely upon the butterfly's wings, the prince swiftly escaped from the land of the giants. He and the princess returned safely to his father's kingdom with the singing bird, the gnawing beetle and the strong-winged butterfly. 20

\*auction - a public sale at which things are sold to the people who offer to pay the most for the item(s) they wish to buy.

Adapted from [http://www.worldoftales.com/South\\_American\\_folktales/South\\_American\\_Folktale\\_32.html](http://www.worldoftales.com/South_American_folktales/South_American_Folktale_32.html)

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

42. What did the king do to show that he supported the prince's idea of travelling around the world? (2m)

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43. Why did the prince climb to the top of the tallest tree? (2m)

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44. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'ordered'? (2m)

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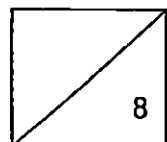
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45. Why was the princess unable to walk? (2m)

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EXAM PAPER 2015

LEVEL : PRIMARY 3

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q 9	Q 10
4	2	3	2	2	3	3	1	4	4
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q 15	Q 16	Q 17	Q 18	Q 19	Q 20
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Q 21	Q 22	Q 23	Q 24	Q 25	Q 26	Q 27	Q 28	Q 29	Q 30
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Q31. Both Joanne and her sister like potato chips.

Q32. Pete was reading a book when Mr Tan knocked on the door.

Q33. Vincent is tall and muscular but his sister is short and petite.

Q34. Nicole helped with the chores although she was feeling tired.

Q35. (i) The six suns caused the people to starve

Q35. (ii) The six suns also caused the people to despair.

Q36. 1- The six suns appeared.

Q36. 2 - The plants began to wither.

Q36. 3 - The people had not much to eat.

Q37. TRUE Q38. TRUE Q39. FALSE

Q40. Retreated Q41. Wanted to ensure that her husband did not shoot the last sun down.

Q42. The king gave him a fine horse and bags of gold to show that he supported the prince's idea of travelling around the world.

Q43. The prince was lost in the jungle and the leaves were so dense that he could not see where he was going so he climbed to the top of the tallest tree.

Q44. The word is 'commanded' has the same meaning as 'ordered'.

Q45. The princess was unable to walk because she had been kept in the dungeon for a long time so she was too weak to walk.