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Class : Primary 3 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 3

Semestral Assessment 2

27 October 2014

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

18 questions

18 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Rachel and her mother could not watch the performance _____ all the tickets were sold out.
 - (1) since
 - (2) and
 - (3) but
 - (4) so

2. The new handphones were _____ out within a few hours yesterday.
 - (1) sell
 - (2) sold
 - (3) sells
 - (4) selling

3. This pair of shoes is too small for Ali. His mother _____ to give them away tomorrow.
 - (1) is going
 - (2) are going
 - (3) was going
 - (4) were going

4. It is Vera's birthday tomorrow. Let's _____ her a present.
 - (1) buy
 - (2) buys
 - (3) buying
 - (4) bought



5. The boy _____ for joy when his father bought him a toy gun.

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

6. We voted _____ the most well-mannered pupil to be our class monitor.

- (1) against
- (2) with
- (3) for
- (4) on

Watch out! That ferocious dog looks like it is going to _____ you!

- (1) bit
- (2) bite
- (3) bites
- (4) biting

8. The burglar could not break into the mansion as some ferocious dogs were guarding _____.

- (1) it
- (2) her
- (3) him
- (4) them

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. Mother gave some coins to the _____ old man who looked really frail.

- (1) helpful
- (2) fearless
- (3) scrawny
- (4) muscular

10. The farmers are harvesting pineapple from their _____.

- (1) barn
- (2) stable
- (3) nursery
- (4) plantation

11. The rain came suddenly and everyone _____ for shelter.

- (1) crept
- (2) shuffled
- (3) marched
- (4) scrambled

12. All the sunflowers in the field _____ in the drought.

- (1) crinkled
- (2) wrinkled
- (3) crumbled
- (4) shrivelled

13. The _____ of lions shared out the zebra that they had caught together.

- (1) herd
- (2) troop
- (3) pride
- (4) school

14. Simon _____ to his father how he had lost his wallet.

- (1) announced
- (2) recounted
- (3) answered
- (4) informed

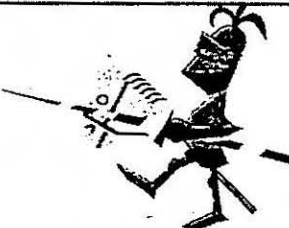
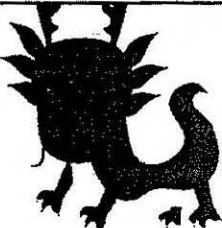
Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (4 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 to 18. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

Back by popular demand!

The Nicholas Theatre Presents

The Dragon and the Knight



PERFORMANCES

1 March to 31 March 2014

Mon-Fri	2pm, 7pm
Sun	11am, 3pm, 7pm

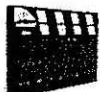
TICKETS (per person)

Single	\$20
Family of 4	\$15
Groups of 15 or more	\$12
School groups	\$10


BOOKINGS

Nicholas Theatre Hotline 6722 7118
Online: www.nicholastheatre.com
Theatre Box Office: cash only sales


based on stories by
Adam Donaldson



written by
Axel Scheffier



directed by
Knight Ranch



music by
Three Blind Mice

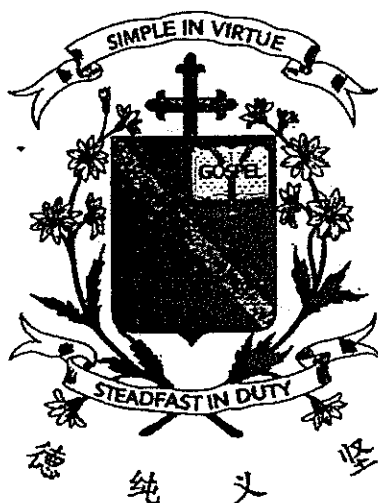
15. The director of this play is _____.
- (1) Knight Ranch
 - (2) Axel Scheffier
 - (3) Three Blind Mice
 - (4) Adam Donaldson
16. There are no performances on _____.
- (1) Mondays
 - (2) Tuesdays
 - (3) Saturdays
 - (4) Sundays
17. There are _____ performances on Wednesdays.
- (1) 5
 - (2) 2
 - (3)
 - (4)
18. Which of the following sentences is **incorrect**?
- (1) The play will run for a month.
 - (2) The play runs a total of five shows each week.
 - (3) This is not the first time the play is staged here.
 - (4) It is cheapest to buy the tickets through a school.

END OF BOOKLET A

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32 marks

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Booklet A	18
Booklet B	32
Total	50

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 2 blank pages.

Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word only once.

(A) across	(C) in	(E) on
(B) for	(D) into	(F) over

Legoland Malaysia is the sixth Legoland to be built in the world. It opened its doors (19) _____ 15th September 2012 in Johor Bahru.

The theme park is tailored (20) _____ both the adults and children. It is based on the popular LEGO building toy. Visitors can ride on a *Jet Ski* (an aquatic "motorbike") (21) _____ the water, take a driving test, design and watch 4D films. They can also slip (22) _____ the roles of their favourite characters such as the *Ninjago*. Visitors always leave Legoland Malaysia with unforgettable memories.

Adapted from <http://www.legoland.com.my>



Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the brackets and write your answer in each blank.

- Wood furniture is lovely to look at. However, they are prone to dents and
(23) _____ [scratch / scratches]. Did you know that you can cover up
(24) _____ [this / these] unsightly nicks using just one shelled piece of
(25) _____ [walnut / walnuts]?

Rub the nut over the scratch for a few seconds. The damaged areas should
(26) _____ [start / starts] to darken. Wait for a few minutes for the natural oil
from the nut to soak into the wood. Pecans, almonds and Brazil nuts will also do the trick!

Adapted from 'Tried and tested Youtube lessons' by Benson Ang



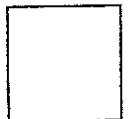
Section F: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Washer-men, or dhobies, earned a living by collecting clothes from house to house for washing. They would then (27) _____ them in the Singapore River. Rama was the youngest of the washer-men.

Rama was sixteen years old. He had never been to (28) _____. Like many of the other dhobies, he could not read or write. Rama had piles of washing to sort (29) _____ daily. As he was illiterate, he had to invent his own (30) _____ of marking the washing piles so that they never got mixed up. One mistake in this could cost Rama his job.

Adapted from 'Singapore Children's Favourite Stories' by Di Taylor



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Section G: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Princess Cleopatra was in her room with Iras, her servant, when she spotted a snake. Cleopatra and Iras were frightened out of their wits. Just then, another servant, Apollodorus, came rushing into the room. Quick-thinking Apollodorus started a small fire to create smoke. That drove the snake away.

"Now that the drama is over, I have a message from the king. Your stepmother is 5
dying. You're to go to her room at once!" Apollodorus said as he wiped the perspiration
off his forehead.

"Are you sure that the king wants her there?" asked Iras. "She's too young to
witness a departure into the next life."

"I'm eleven," said Cleopatra, trying to look mature. "That's old enough, and I have to 10
go if Father has summoned me."

"True," said Iras with a weary sigh. "Wash that soot off while I get you some clean
clothes."

Cleopatra wiped her cheeks with the cloth distractedly. For six years, Queen Selena
had been a dutiful wife to the king. With her encouragement, he ruled his kingdom 15
wisely and gave the needy more help. She convinced the king to eat more vegetables
and less fatty food. Though she had not shown very much interest in Cleopatra or the
other children of the king's first wife, she treated them with fairness. Cleopatra felt a
twinge of sadness. Tears welled up in her eyes.

Adapted from 'Cleopatra, Escape Down the Nile' by Caroline Corby

Q31. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The 'drama' in line 6 refers to _____. [1m]

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | the appearance of a snake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | the room Cleopatra was in |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | the message from the king |

For Q32 – 33, decide who did the following actions. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Actions		Iras	Apollodorus
Example	delivered a message from the king		✓
Q32	helped Cleopatra get changed		
Q33	started a fire		

Q34. How long had Queen Selena been married to the king?

[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.] [1m]

Q35. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Cleopatra was wiping away the _____ on her face. [1m]

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | soot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | tears |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | perspiration |

For Q36 – 37, decide what the king's behaviour was like before and after he married Queen Selena. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Behaviour		Before	After
Example	helped the needy		✓
Q36	ruled the kingdom wisely		
Q37	ate more fatty food		

Q38. Which word has the same meaning as 'attention'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1m]

Though she had not shown very much interest in Cleopatra or the other children of
 (A)
 the king's first wife, she treated them with fairness.
 (B)

Q39. Which 5-word phrase from lines 8 - 11 has the same meaning as 'death'? [2m]

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Section H: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

A traffic light directs traffic. It tells drivers when to stop, go and turn. A standard traffic light features a red light at the top, an amber light in the middle, and a green light at the bottom. Red means 'stop', amber means 'caution' and green means 'go'. Many traffic lights also feature red, amber, and green arrows.

The first traffic light was invented by J.P. Knight, a British engineer. It was set 5 up in London Street. This first traffic light was powered by gas, and unfortunately it exploded.

Early traffic lights were mostly hand-operated. They were placed in tall towers at intersections. A worker changed the signals. In 1918, the familiar red-amber-green trio appeared in New York City's hand-operated light towers. Such towers gave way 10 to electric traffic lights, invented in 1923 by an American named Garret Morgan.

Nowadays, many traffic lights are automatic. They are attached to control boxes that are run by timers. Some traffic lights respond to sensors that can detect waiting cars. The sensor is often an electric wire that is underground and connected to the traffic light. When a vehicle is above the wire, it sends a signal to the traffic light that 15 there is a vehicle waiting for its turn to move.

A traffic light may hang high above the street or be mounted on a tall pole along the street. This helps to direct traffic effectively.

Adapted from 'Everyday Things' by Christina Wilsdon

For Q40, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

40. Drivers depend on traffic light to tell them _____. [1m]

- (1) how to turn
- (2) where to turn
- (3) how to move and stop
- (4) when to move and stop

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41. Which word from paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'three'? [1m]

42. State whether each sentence below is 'True' or 'False'.

Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

[Write your reasons using complete sentences.]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) The first traffic light was operated by electricity.		<hr/> <hr/>
(b) Nowadays, traffic lights are set up in two ways.		

43. These are some statements describing traffic lights. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

_____ The signals of traffic lights were changed by workers.

_____ The traffic light invented by J.P Knight exploded.

_____ The traffic lights were powered by electricity.

44. Which word in paragraph 4 has the opposite meaning as 'hand-operated'? [1m]

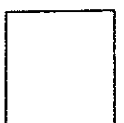
45. Refer to paragraph 4. What will the colour of the traffic light be after it has received a signal from the electric wire? [2m]

[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

46. Why should a traffic light be in a high position in order to direct traffic effectively? [2m]

[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

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1	2	1	1	3	3	2	1	3	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18		
4	4	3	2	1	3	2	2		

Q19) E

Q20) B

Q21) A

Q22) D

Q23) scratches

Q24) these

Q25) walnut

Q26) start

Q27) wash

Q28) school

Q29) out

Q30) way

Q31) the appearance of a snake

Q32) Iras

Q33) Apollodorus

Q34) Queen Selena had been married to the king for six years.

Q35) soot

Q36) After

Q37) Before

Q38) A

Q39) departure into the next life

Q40) 4

Q41) trio

Q42) a) False. The first traffic light was powered by gas.

b) True. A traffic light may hang high above the street or be mounted on a tall pole along the street.

Q43) 2, 1, 3

Q44) automatic

Q45) The colour of the traffic light will be green after it has received a signal from the electric wire.

Q46) It is so that drivers behind the other cars won't be blocked and can see the traffic light, letting them know when to go, stop and turn.

