



Maha Bodhi School
2007 Semestral Assessment 2
English Language (Paper 2)

Name : _____ ()

Class : Pr 4 _____

Date : 26 October 2007

Duration : 1 h 30 min

Booklet A

Section A: Grammar MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

For Questions 1 to 10, choose the correct answer to fill in each blank. Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on your OMS.

1. Although the children were very hungry, they did not eat _____ for lunch.
 - (1) a few
 - (2) a little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many

2. Did you _____ the superstar sing at last year's charity concert?
 - (1) hear
 - (2) hears
 - (3) heard
 - (4) hearing

3. The men _____ smoking in the MRT station recently.
 - (1) is caught
 - (2) are caught
 - (3) was caught
 - (4) were caught

4. She completed her homework, _____ she?
(1) won't
(2) didn't
(3) hadn't
(4) couldn't
5. Poor Mrs Siva! She _____ when she received the bad news.
(1) collapse
(2) collapses
(3) collapsed
(4) collapsing
6. The police decided to call _____ the search as it was raining cats and dogs.
(1) on
(2) off
(3) out
(4) over

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

For Questions 7 to 12, choose the correct answer to fill in each blank. Shade the correct oval (1,2,3 or 4) on your OMS.

7. The national badminton player has been advised by the doctor to stop training until the wound on his left leg is _____.
(1) cured
(2) healed
(3) improved
(4) recovered
8. The speeding lorry _____ to a halt suddenly to avoid running over the dog.
(1) creaked
(2) crashed
(3) squeaked
(4) screeched

9. Many fans had been waiting _____ at the airport since 6 a.m. for the arrival of their favourite superstar from Taiwan.
- (1) patiently
 - (2) curiously
 - (3) worriedly
 - (4) punctually
10. When the old woman slipped and fell in the bathroom, she _____ serious injuries.
- (1) inflicted
 - (2) obtained
 - (3) received
 - (4) sustained
11. The girls _____ with fear when they saw the long snake.
- (1) whined
 - (2) moaned
 - (3) trembled
 - (4) grumbled
12. The Red Cross Society provided the flood _____ with food and clothing.
- (1) victims
 - (2) patients
 - (3) residents
 - (4) members

Section C : Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer and shade its number (1,2,3 or 4) on the OMS provided. Your answer must be based on the passage read.

Early one Monday morning, a black panther was found missing from its cage in the zoo at Mandai. Immediately the alarm was raised. Policemen armed with rifles, walkie-talkies and powerful torches **combed** the thick jungle around Seletar Reservoir.

Just before noon, one party spotted an animal and fired several shots at it. The animal turned out to be a black wild cat. The police worked round the clock. They set up traps.

On the third day, four school boys were catching spiders in the jungle when suddenly they saw a panther staring at them from the top of a huge tree. Grippled with fear, they ran back to their school nearby and told their teachers about it. Within minutes, policemen with dogs arrived and searched the area but it was all in vain.

For the first few days, the panther avoided the traps set up to catch it. However, on the fifth night, hunger forced it to kill a goat that was tied in a pit. When it tried to pull the goat out, it set off a trigger and a net fell over it. After clawing desperately, it managed to break loose.

A week had passed since the escape of the panther. Several big game hunters were invited to join the police in their search. Meanwhile residents in and around the Seletar-Mandai areas were advised to be alert and keep away from the areas. Finally the panther was captured and returned to where it belonged after a fortnight of freedom in the wild.

13. The policemen searching for the panther _____

- (1) were all well armed
- (2) worked eight hours a day
- (3) only took dogs along with them
- (4) spotted it and fired several shots at it

14. The black wild cat was found on _____.
- (1) Monday
 - (2) Tuesday
 - (3) Thursday
 - (4) Friday
15. When the panther tried to pull the goat out of the pit, _____.
- (1) a net landed over it
 - (2) the police spotted it
 - (3) the goat broke loose
 - (4) it slipped into the pit
16. The panther was caught _____ after it had escaped from the zoo.
- (1) a week
 - (2) five days
 - (3) three days
 - (4) two weeks
- 17) The word "combed" in Paragraph 1 means _____.
- (1) crept secretly
 - (2) examined closely
 - (3) entered cautiously
 - (4) searched thoroughly

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| <b>Total Marks</b>        | 48 |
| <b>Parent's Signature</b> |    |

**Booklet B**

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

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A-K) on each blank.**

**USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE**

|              |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| (A) incident | (B) seized   | (C) nuisance | (D) impact   | (E) collided |
| (F) pranced  | (G) referred | (H) attempt  | (J) sensible | (K) called   |

Manfred was a mischievous boy. His sister often (18) \_\_\_\_\_ to him as "The Monkey". "Could you try not to be such a (19) \_\_\_\_\_?" his mother would ask him, in a vain (20) \_\_\_\_\_ to make him behave.

One day, Manfred saw his sister doing her homework. He (21) \_\_\_\_\_ her pen from her and ran off laughing. His sister ran towards him as he (22) \_\_\_\_\_ around, sticking his tongue out at her. She was running around the house, chasing him, when suddenly he changed directions and they (23) \_\_\_\_\_ into each other!

Both of them were mildly injured by the (24)\_\_\_\_\_. Their mother, who had witnessed the accident, spoke up, "See what trouble you've caused your sister? I hope you will learn a lesson and be more (25)\_\_\_\_\_ for the rest of today." Manfred agreed to behave himself.

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

**Passage 1**

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A-F) on each blank.**

**USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE**

|             |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| (A) since   | (B) after   | (C) despite |
| (D) besides | (E) because | (F) until   |

Vancouver is one of the largest cities in Canada. People from all around the world go there to spend their vacation (26)\_\_\_\_\_ of its beautiful scenery. (27)\_\_\_\_\_ its lovely parks and gardens, it boasts of world class museums. In Vancouver, there is an open space called Robson Square, where people can sit around to rest (28)\_\_\_\_\_ an afternoon of shopping. However, (29)\_\_\_\_\_ its various attractions, some people do not want to visit it because of the cold weather. They think they are not able to withstand the icy winds from the North.

## Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write its letter (A-F) on each blank.

### USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE

|                |              |          |
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| (A) is feeling | (B) has felt | (C) felt |
| (D) was felt   | (E) feeling  | (F) feel |

A huge earthquake of magnitude 8.4 on the Richter Scale occurred on 12 September this year on the island of Sumatra. It (30) \_\_\_\_\_ by residents all over Singapore. According to a resident in Tampines, he (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the building swaying while watching TV at home. (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the shaking some distance away in Punggol was another resident who got his family to evacuate. "I (33) \_\_\_\_\_ that these earthquakes are becoming more common nowadays," he said when interviewed by a reporter. The tremors lasted about a minute.



**Section F: Comprehension Open End ( 5 x 2 marks )**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

One dollar and eighty-seven cents was all Della had saved. The next day was Christmas. There was nothing she could do but sit down on her old worn couch and cry. She had been saving every cent she could for months, but she did not have much money to save. She had wanted to buy something nice for Jim, her husband. When Della had finished crying, she washed her face and thought about what to do.

Now, Della and Jim had two things they were very proud of. One was Jim's gold watch, which had been his grandfather's. The other was Della's lovely, brown, shining hair.

She looked at her hair for a minute, hesitating. Then, she made up her mind. She went out and stopped at a shop with a sign that read: "Madame Sofonia: We Buy Hair Goods of All Kinds." She went into the shop. Soon, she left it with her head much lighter, and went to look for a present for her husband. She found the right present for him at last. It was a gold watch chain, just right for his beautiful watch. She went home excitedly, waiting for the moment she could give Jim her gift.

When Jim returned, he took one look at her and stood still. He stared at her open-mouthed. "Your hair is gone!" he said, looking as if he was dreaming. "Please don't be angry with me, Jim," begged Della. "I sold it off so that I could buy you a present for Christmas. I couldn't bear it if I didn't give you anything."

Jim sat down slowly on the couch like an old man. He showed her his present to her. It was a beautiful set of hair pins encrusted with jewels that matched her beautiful hair. Della gave a cry of joy, then suddenly a sob of sadness. She remembered her hair was gone! She smiled through her tears and said, "My hair grows so fast, Jim!"

She then gave him her present. Instead of taking out his watch to see how it would fit on the chain, Jim put his hands on his head, and smiled. "Della," he said. "Let's put away our gifts and keep them for a while. They're too nice to use now. I sold the watch to get enough money to buy your hair pins."

Story adapted from "The Gifts" by O. Henry

34. Why did Della cry?

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35. Which word in the third paragraph shows that Della was undecided about something?

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36. What did Della do at Madame Sofonia's shop?

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37. Why was Jim shocked when he first saw Della with short hair?

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38. Why didn't Jim want to see if his watch would fit the chain?

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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.





# ANSWER SHEET

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SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2)

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- 31) C  
32) E  
33) F  
34) She was sad that she did not have enough money to buy some thing for Jim.  
35) The word is "Hesitating."  
36) She sold her watch.  
37) She never had short hair.  
38) She had sold off her watch.