



Maha Bodhi School
2012 Semestral Assessment 1
English Language (Paper 2)

Name : _____ ()

Class : Pr 3 _____

Duration : 1 h 20 min (Booklets A & B)

Date : 4 May 2012

BOOKLET A

Section A: Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.

1. Peter and Jane enjoy exercising. _____ jog around their neighbourhood daily.

- 1) He
- 2) We
- 3) She
- 4) They

2. "There is soup in the pot. Would you like to have _____?" asked Mother.

- 1) few
- 2) much
- 3) many
- 4) some

3. Everyone _____ delighted when our team won the debate. We had a celebration after that.

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

4. People _____ in wooden houses many years ago.

- 1) lives
- 2) lived
- 3) are living
- 4) have lived

5. My parents and I love to take a walk _____ the beach in the evenings. We enjoy walking barefoot on the sand.

- 1) by
- 2) into
- 3) along
- 4) through

6. The children are playing happily when their mother _____ from work.

- 1) returns
- 2) returned
- 3) will return
- 4) was returning

7. "Why did you take my keys? _____ are yours?" Devi asked her brother.

- 1) How
- 2) When
- 3) Which
- 4) Where

8. "_____ you write this story? It's a great piece of work!" the teacher praised the student.

- (1) Do
- (2) Did
- (3) Can
- (4) Could

9. Tom is a good swimmer _____ his brother is not.

- 1) or
- 2) so
- 3) as
- 4) but

10. "Mr Lee wants you to paint this drawing by _____," said Syed, pointing to Ravi.

- 1) himself
- 2) yourself
- 3) yourselves
- 4) themselves

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.

*11. When Jia Hui was in hospital, her teacher and classmates _____ to cheer her up.

- 1) dropped by
- 2) dropped off
- 3) dropped out
- 4) dropped into

12. Zul was so angry with his brother that he _____ out of the room.

- 1) strolled
- 2) strayed
- 3) stormed
- 4) staggered

*13. Andy _____ in pain when he fell while playing at the monkey bar.

- 1) warned
- 2) frowned
- 3) groaned
- 4) muttered

*14. I was nearly knocked down by a speeding car last week. Ever since the _____ experience, I have been having nightmares.

- 1) colossal
- 2) terrifying
- 3) incredible
- 4) mysterious

15. The agile monkey was _____ from tree to tree when we visited the zoo.

- 1) flitting
- 2) sliding
- 3) circling
- 4) swinging

16. The waitress placed the _____ on our table so that we could choose our food before placing an order.

- 1) bill
- 2) menu
- 3) recipe
- 4) notice

17. Amir was _____ in the lift for an hour this afternoon when it stopped moving.

- 1) sealed
- 2) locked
- 3) trapped
- 4) jammed

*18. My little sister started crying when the faulty lights _____ on and off.

- 1) glowed
- 2) sparkled
- 3) flickered
- 4) glistened

**Words are taken from Spelling List.*

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OMS.

Chief Brown and his son, Jim, were driving to Mr Hall's house. Jim wore a pirate's costume while Chief Brown was dressed as a caveman. Finally the costumes they had bought for last year's Halloween party came in handy.

"Mr Hall is having a costume party tonight," said Chief Brown. "He doesn't want his guests to be alarmed by the sight of police."

"What happened?" asked Jim excitedly.

"Someone stole one of his valuable stamps," answered Chief Brown.

Mr Hall was waiting outside his house when Jim and Chief Brown drove up.

"In here," said Mr Hall, leading them to his study. They walked past groups of guests dressed in costumes. The only window in the room was unlocked. The glass was shattered. Mr Hall stopped by the desk. On the desk lay a stamp album. In a calm voice he told them what had happened.

Before the guests arrived, he had taken the stamp album from the wall safe to look at it. He had gone downstairs after locking the door and window when the guests arrived. He had left the stamp album on the desk. He had then gone back upstairs to put the album in the safe and found the door unlocked and the window broken.

"The only thing missing is a French stamp worth ten thousand dollars," he said.

"The thief probably first sneaked up the stairs and found the door locked," said Chief Brown, "So he went out, climbed the little tree and broke in. He stole the stamp and left by unlocking the door from inside."

Adapted from *Encyclopedia Brown Series*

19. Why were Jim and his father dressed as a pirate and a caveman?
They were _____
- 1) attending a costume party
 - 2) dressed up for a Halloween party
 - 3) trying to look like the rest of the guests
 - 4) trying out the costumes they had bought for last year's Halloween party
20. What did Mr Hall do to make sure that the stamp album would be safe before he went downstairs?
- 1) He put the stamp album in the wall safe.
 - 2) He locked the window and door of the study.
 - 3) He took the stamp album out from the wall safe.
 - 4) He left the stamp album on the desk of the study.
21. What can you tell about Mr Hall when he told Chief Brown and Jim what had happened in "a calm voice"?
- 1) He was a kind person.
 - 2) He was a polite person.
 - 3) He did not care about the stamp album.
 - 4) He was worried but he could control his feelings.
22. How did the thief enter the study?
- 1) He climbed the tree and broke the window.
 - 2) He sneaked up the stairs and broke the door.
 - 3) He climbed the tree and unlocked the window.
 - 4) He sneaked up the stairs and unlocked the door.
23. Which of the following statements about the passage is true?
- 1) Mr Hall had organised the costume party to catch the thief.
 - 2) The thief had stolen Mr Hall's stamp album worth ten thousand dollars.
 - 3) Mr Hall had discovered the theft when he went up to put the stamp album back.
 - 4) Mr Hall was waiting outside his house for Chief Brown because he did not want to alarm the guests.

- End of Booklet A -



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BOOKLET B

Section D: Grammar Cloze (7 x 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Use each verb once only.

Passage 1

bake	baking	was baking
baked	is baking	would bake

It was Mother's birthday and Carmen thought about what to get for her. She finally decided to 24) _____ a sponge cake. She was a little nervous as the last time she 25) _____ a cake, her mother had helped her. She remembered that her mother had said that 26) _____ a cake was easy if she followed the instructions closely. While she 27) _____ the cake, her mother came in. Carmen's mother was proud that her daughter was thoughtful.

Passage 2

of	for	with
up	to	beside

Whenever my grandmother and I go to Chinatown, we always see a bearded old man sitting next to a cart. His cart is loaded 28) _____ colourful puppets which he makes himself. Each day, he parks his cart next to a temple and waits 29) _____ customers. The puppets are usually bought by tourists. The puppets remind them 30) _____ their visit to Singapore. They make good souvenirs.

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box. Use each word once only.

annoyed	burst	blushing	whispered
shared	started	amused	piercing

Wenfu has a humorous sister. She 31) _____ a joke with him last night and he could not wait to tell it to his classmate, Karen. He 32) _____ it to Karen when Mrs Soh was not looking. Karen was so tickled that she 33) _____ out laughing. Mrs Soh was 34) _____ when the rest of the pupils joined in the laughter. She silenced the class with 35) _____ eyes and scolded both Wenfu and Karen. They apologised to Mrs Soh for their behaviour.

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

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

Once, a rabbit built a fantastic den where he lived very happily. He had designed it so well that when a great rainstorm arrived and flooded nearly the whole woods, the homes of many animals were destroyed. However, his remained untouched.

Soon, one after another, the homeless animals came to his door, asking if they could spend that winter with him, in his den. He invited each visitor in, and gradually the den filled up until there was no room left. This discomfort did not bother the rabbit, because he felt should help others in need.

One day in spring, when all the animals had returned to their old homes, the rabbit was hopping along so absent-mindedly that he did not realise that a fox was lying in wait for him. One of the animals who had spent the winter in the rabbit's den saw this. He shouted an invite to the rabbit to quickly take shelter in his home and warned him just in time.

The fox destroyed that home, but the rabbit managed to escape and run to hide in the home of another friend. The rabbit felt enormously happy, not only for having escaped from the fox, but also at having made so many friends in the forest.

Adapted from *The Full Warren* by Pedro Pablo Sacristan

36. Where did the rabbit build his den?

37. Why did the rabbit feel uncomfortable?

38. Which word in the story tells you that the rabbit was not aware that the fox was waiting for him?

39. Why do you think the rabbit had a friend to help warn him about the fox?

40. "This discomfort did not bother the rabbit, because he felt he should help others in need." What does this sentence tell you about the rabbit's character?

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Please remember to check your work thoroughly.

ANSWER SHEET

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BOOKLET A

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Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23
3	3	3	2	4	1	3

BOOKLET B

24. bake
25. baked
26. baking
27. was baking
28. with
29. for
30. of
31. shared
32. whispered
33. burst
34. annoyed
35. piercing
36. The rabbit built his den in the forest.
37. There was no room left in the den.
38. The word is "absent-mindedly".
39. During winter, he invited every homeless animal into his house and he had many animal friends
40. He was generous.

