

Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1 (2006)
PRIMARY 3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Monday

6 March 2006

Duration : 1 hour

Name : _____ () Marks : _____ / 50

Class : P 3 ()

Parent's Signature : _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO PUPILS

DO NOT TURN OVER THE PAGES UNTIL YOU ARE TOLD TO DO SO

Follow all instructions carefully.

There are 40 questions in this booklet.

Answer ALL questions.

INFORMATION FOR PUPILS

The number of marks is given in brackets () at the start of each section.

The total marks for this booklet is 50.

This question paper consists of 13 printed pages. (Inclusive of cover page)

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Section A : Grammar (15 marks)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

1. He knew that he had won the race when he _____ the finishing line.

(1) crosses

(2) crossed

(3) are crossing

(4) has crossed

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2. Several sheep _____ grazing in the field.

(1) is

(2) are

(3) has

(4) have

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3. The sports commentator _____ the soccer match 'live' from the stadium. It feels like we are there watching the match.

(1) reports

(2) reported

(3) is reporting

(4) was reporting

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4. "This problem requires _____ thought. Please take your time," said Mrs Lim, my Mathematics teacher.

(1) a few

(2) a

(3) some

(4) many

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5. A student _____ a concessionary bus fare when he takes a public bus.

- (1) pays
- (2) pay
- (3) paid
- (4) paying

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6. "This is the _____ holiday I've ever had!" my brother sobbed in despair.

- (1) bad
- (2) poor
- (3) worse
- (4) worst

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7. Jack, the _____ child in the family of six, is also _____ than his cousin.

- (1) old ... stronger
- (2) older ... strongest
- (3) oldest ... stronger
- (4) oldest ... strongest

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8. "Why _____ you in school today?" the teacher asks me.

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

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9. "Look at that! Those birds _____ their young," my sister shouted excitedly.

(1) feed

(2) feeds

(3) fed

(4) are feeding

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10. Fresh food just _____ better than canned food.

(1) taste

(2) tastes

(3) tasted

(4) tasting

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Read the informal letter below and fill in the blanks (Q11 to 15) with the correct form of the word in the brackets.

FILL IN EACH BLANK WITH ONE WORD ONLY.

Dear Tom,

Sorry for being late yesterday. My mother
(11) _____ (go) to the supermarket in
the afternoon and I (12) _____ (has) to
look after my younger sister. Mum
(13) _____ (return) home only at 3
p.m. The bus also (14) _____ (take) a long
time to arrive and the roads were
(15) _____ (crowd) with vehicles.

Please forgive me and I promise I will be punctual in
future.

Your best friend,

Andre

Section B : Vocabulary (15 marks)

Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

16. He walked _____ when it started to rain as he did not want to be wet.
(1) daintily
(2) briskly
(3) smartly
(4) gracefully ()
17. A/An _____ shows us the number of library books that we have borrowed.
(1) menu
(2) atlas
(3) receipt
(4) encyclopedia ()
18. The _____ page found at the back of a book shows, in alphabetical order, words mentioned in the book and the pages where they can be found.
(1) title
(2) index
(3) illustration
(4) content ()

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19. Princess Ruth fell in love with the _____ Prince who always considered the feelings and ideas of others.

- (1) generous
- (2) hardworking
- (3) thoughtful
- (4) intelligent

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20. Sara was overjoyed to receive a/an _____ to her best friend's wedding.

- (1) note
- (2) letter
- (3) postcard
- (4) invitation card

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21. The boy hit his friend but refused to apologize to him. He was being _____.

- (1) vain
- (2) clumsy
- (3) cunning
- (4) stubborn

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22. You can enjoy a special 50% _____ on all items in this shop after Christmas!

- (1) interest
- (2) bargain
- (3) discount
- (4) reward

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23. Till today, whatever happened to Tom's schoolbag five years ago remains a _____. It was never found.

- (1) misery
- (2) mischief
- (3) mystery
- (4) mistake

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24. We ought to give due _____ to our elders and be polite to them.

- (1) praise
- (2) interest
- (3) respect
- (4) justice

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25. The baby was _____ by the loud noise and began to cry.

- (1) amazed
- (2) moved
- (3) startled
- (4) attracted

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Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word and write its letter (A to K) in the blanks for Q26 to 30.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

A enough	B benefits	C scheduled	D rent	E carriages
F buffet	G category	H feeding	J activities	K variety

Come and visit the Singapore Zoological Gardens! We have one of the best zoos in the world!

From otters to pythons, we have a huge (26) _____ of wildlife that you can enjoy. The Children's World has a miniature train, petting zoo and sheep roundup show. There are also (27) _____ shows featuring elephants and snakes which will amuse you with their acts but you have to be punctual to watch them. You may also time your visit to coincide with the various (28) _____ times to see what the animals eat. If you like rides, there are also the elephant, pony and horse (29) _____ which you can take for a small fee. For those who find it hard to walk, the 'Tiny Explorer', a four-wheeler is also available for (30) _____ at \$12. With so much to see and do, why not sign up for the 'Friends of the Zoo' card to enjoy unlimited admission to the zoo? It is well worth it!

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Section C

Comprehension MCQ (10 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer Q31 to Q35. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets.

The Labourer and the Nightingale
by Aesop

A Labourer lay listening to a Nightingale's song throughout the summer night. So pleased was he with it that the next night he set a trap for it and captured it. "Now that I have caught you," he cried, "you shall always sing to me."

"We, Nightingales, never sing in a cage," said the bird.

"Then I'll eat you," said the Labourer. "I have always heard people say that a nightingale on toast is a dainty morsel."

"Nay, kill me not," said the Nightingale, "but let me free and I'll tell you three things far better worth than my poor body."

The Labourer let him loose and he flew up to a branch of a tree and said, "Never believe a captive's promise; that's one thing. Then again: Keep what you have. And the third piece of advice is: Sorrow not over what is lost forever." Then the song-bird flew away.

31. The Labourer captured the Nightingale to _____.

- (1) eat it
- (2) look at it
- (3) play with it
- (4) hear it sing

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32. The main reason for the Nightingale to say "We, Nightingales, never sing in a cage," is because it _____.

- (1) had lost its voice.
- (2) wanted the Labourer to kill it.
- (3) wanted the Labourer to set it free.
- (4) really could not sing when captured.

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33. The Labourer set the bird free as he _____.

- (1) took pity on it.
- (2) felt bad for capturing it.
- (3) believed that the bird could not sing.
- (4) wanted to hear what the three things were.

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34. _____ wrote the story.

- (1) Aesop
- (2) Labourer
- (3) Nightingale
- (4) Song-bird

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35. Which word in the passage means "a specially nice small piece of food?"

The word is "_____".

- (1) toast
 - (2) cage
 - (3) morsel
 - (4) trap
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Section C : Comprehension OE (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer Q36 to Q40.

Giraffes drink regularly although they can survive for a long period without water. They get water from the leaves they eat. When drinking, they stand in an awkward position. That prevents them from using their powerful legs and hooves to defend themselves.

They are known to sleep less than four hours a day and quite often, they sleep while standing! They feed actively during the day, but rest in the shade during the mid-day as it can be unbearably hot. Feeding then continues in the night.

Birds frequently perch on the backs and necks of giraffes. They are called oxpecker birds or tick birds. These birds eat ticks as well as other bugs found on giraffes. Besides this, the oxpeckers also give an alarm call when lions or tigers are nearby.

The legs of the giraffe are also so strong that even lions will think twice about attacking the world's tallest animal. When attacked, the giraffes can give a blow that can behead a lion!

Although giraffes are protected and living well in national parks and zoos, many in the wild are still being killed for their skin, meat and tail. As more and more trees are chopped down by man, it becomes more and more difficult for giraffes to find food. No one knows the future of giraffes living in the wild.

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36. What helps the giraffe to live for days without drinking?

37. According to the passage, when is the best time to attack the giraffe?

38. How do tick birds help the giraffes?

39. Which sentence in the passage shows the strength of the giraffe?

40. What problems do wild giraffes face?

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Answer Sheets
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| 6) 4 | 7) 3 | 8) 2 | 9) 4 | 10) 2 |
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| 21) 4 | 22) 3 | 23) 3 | 24) 3 | 25) 3 |
| 26) G | 27) C | 28) H | 29) E | 30) D |
| 31) 4 | 32) 3 | 33) 4 | 34) 1 | 35) 3 |

- 11) **went** 12) **had** 13) **returned** 14) **took** 15) **crowded**

- Q36. Giraffes eat leaves to survive.
Q37. According to the passage, the best time to attack the giraffe is when it is drinking.
Q38. It alarms the giraffe when lion or tigers are nearby.
Q39. The sentence is "*when attacked, the giraffes can give a blow that can behead a lion*".
Q40. Wild giraffe faces food and hunger problems. They also face extinction.