

SOUTH VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 3

CONTINUAL ASSESSMENT 1 / 2008

BOOKLET A



NAME : _____ ()

CLASS : P 3. ()

DATE : 25 February 2008

DURATION (Booklets A and B): 1 hr 30 min

30 QUESTIONS

40 MARKS

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	MARKS
BOOKLET A	/ 35

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Section A : Vocabulary MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

1. Many plants and sea _____ live along the seashore.

- (1) articles
- (2) creatures
- (3) gadgets
- (4) objects

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2. There are _____ plants in the oceans that are so small that you need a microscope to see them.

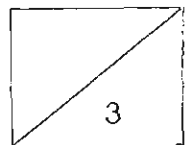
- (1) amazing
- (2) beautiful
- (3) strange
- (4) tiny

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3. I saw a manta ray _____ through the water when I visited the Underwater World yesterday.

- (1) flying
- (2) gliding
- (3) sliding
- (4) slipping

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4. The fox moved away _____ when it saw the hungry lion approaching it.

(1) daintily

(2) gracefully

(3) hastily

(4) slowly

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5. John has a vivid _____. Last week, he wrote a story about himself living on the ocean floor.

(1) dream

(2) imagination

(3) memory

(4) thought

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6. Julie felt _____ when she could not solve the problem.

(1) frustrated

(2) guilty

(3) jealous

(4) suspicious

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7. The principal _____ the prizes to the winners of the art competition.

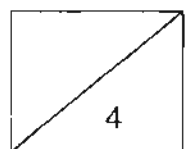
(1) donated

(2) introduced

(3) presented

(4) took

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8. "Why did you take Paul's book without his _____?" asked Jill.

(1) decision

(2) permission

(3) objection

(4) reaction

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9. Mr Gopal writes books. He is the _____ of many popular books.

(1) author

(2) editor

(3) illustrator

(4) publisher

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10. The artist's _____ in the children's book are very colourful and attractive.

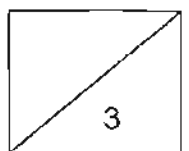
(1) illustrations

(2) texts

(3) titles

(4) words

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Section B : Grammar MCQ (10 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

11. The spoilt child _____ a tantrum whenever his mother refuses to buy him a toy.

(1) is throwing

(2) threw

(3) throw

(4) throws

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12. My grandmother is sick. I am going to accompany her to _____ a doctor and stay with her until she is better.

(1) saw

(2) see

(3) seeing

(4) sees

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13. We heard her _____ at the concert last night. She has a sweet voice.

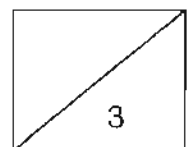
(1) sang

(2) sing

(3) sings

(4) sung

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14. I often help Mother with the household chores but sweeping the floor _____ what I dislike the most.

(1) are

(2) is

(3) was

(4) were

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15. My father _____ for Thailand tomorrow.

(1) are leaving

(2) is leaving

(3) has left

(4) was leaving

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16. The lion licked its wounds after it was attacked _____ the pack of hyenas.

(1) at

(2) by

(3) from

(4) with

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17. _____ animal has the largest eyes in the animal kingdom?

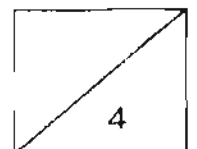
(1) Where

(2) Which

(3) Who

(4) Why

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18. Do you know _____ the Underwater World opens?

- (1) how
- (2) when
- (3) where
- (4) which

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19. _____ toys over there belong to my baby brother.

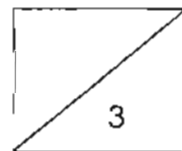
- (1) These
- (2) This
- (3) Those
- (4) That

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20. Fox invited Crane to dinner and poured _____ soup into two shallow dishes.

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

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Section C : Punctuation (5 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage and write its number in the brackets provided.

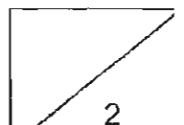
Peter was sound asleep when he heard someone talking.
“Look at this dirty boy. He had been playing football the whole day but he did not take a bath when he came home (21)”
“What should we do to him (22) ” Peter heard another voice asking.
“Let’s throw him into the bathtub and give him a good scrub (23) the first person suggested.
“No! No (24) Don’t do that to me,” Peter cried out loudly. He woke up and realised that he had a nightmare.
“Oh, I really smell badly. My T-shirt and shorts are so dirty. I will never go to bed without bathing from now on,” Peter said to himself. With that (25) he grabbed his towel and headed for the bathroom immediately.

21. (1) [,] comma
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark

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22. (1) [,] comma
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark

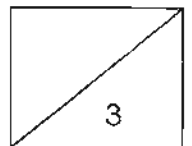
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23. (1) [, "] comma and inverted commas
(2) [. "] full stop and inverted commas
(3) [" ,] inverted commas and comma
(4) [" .] inverted commas and full stop ()

24. (1) [,] comma
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark ()

25. (1) [,] comma
(2) [!] exclamation mark
(3) [.] full stop
(4) [?] question mark ()



Section D : Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

There was once a well-known writer by the name of Aesop. His tales, known as 'Aesop Fables', are still very popular today.

Aesop was a slave who lived in Greece. One day, his master got ready to go on a journey. All the slaves had to carry something on their backs. 5

The master looked at Aesop and said, "Boy, you look thin and weak. You'd better choose the lightest load."

"Thank you, Master," said Aesop. Then he looked at all the bundles. To everyone's surprise, Aesop chose the biggest bundle. It contained the bread for all the slaves to eat during the journey. 10

"Look at that fool!" cried the other slaves. But Aesop only smiled. Then they started on their journey. Day by day, the slaves ate some of the bread from Aesop's bundle. It became lighter and lighter. At last, all the bread was eaten. The rest of the slaves finally understood why Aesop had chosen to carry the bundle of bread. 15

26. Aesop's master was a _____ man because he told Aesop to take the lightest load.

(1) busy

(2) clever

(3) kind

(4) popular

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27. Aesop's master said that Aesop was _____.

(1) big and strong

(2) heavy and clumsy

(3) thin and frail

(4) very tall

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28. Aesop finally chose the _____ bundle.

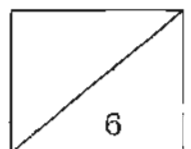
(1) biggest

(2) heaviest

(3) lightest

(4) smallest

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29. Which of the following statements is true?

Aesop was _____.

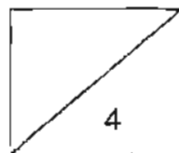
- (1) a famous writer
- (2) a greedy person
- (3) disliked by his master
- (4) a well-known slave

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30. At the end of the story, Aesop _____.

- (1) did not continue the rest of the journey
- (2) had to carry many things
- (3) had to carry the things for the other slaves
- (4) had nothing to carry

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BOOKLET A	/ 35
BOOKLET B	/ 50
TOTAL	/ 85

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: _____

Section E : Vocabulary Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose from the words given in the box and fill in each blank with the correct word. Write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter (I) has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

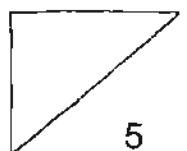
Passage A

(A) ball	(B) boring	(C) bored	(D) caterpillars	(E) chirping
(F) flying	(G) hill	(H) shining	(J) tadpoles	(K) unwillingly

It was a beautiful spring morning. The birds were (31) _____ in the trees and the sun was (32) _____. We were all down by the river, watching the tadpoles swimming near the river bank.

Jimmy complained that he was (33) _____. He suggested that we play a game of basketball and everyone agreed. I did not want to. I would rather watch the tadpoles swimming near the river bank than throw a (34) _____. But I was not about to disagree, so I followed the others (35) _____.

*Adapted from **A True Friend** by Jennifer L. Caswell, age 10*



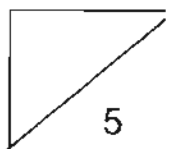
Passage B

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| (A) build | (B) boring | (C) form | (D) bought | (E) ingredients |
| (F) important | (G) unusual | (H) children | (J) recipe | (K) served |

Milk and cheese are very good for our teeth. Calcium is found in milk and we need it to (36) _____ good bones and teeth. It is especially important for growing (37) _____ to have calcium in their diets.

We can actually make an interesting dish using (38) _____ like eggs, bread, butter, milk and cheese. We will get a very interesting and (39) _____ omelette if you put them all together. The omelette is also light and healthy.

One will not know that there is bread in it. It is a dish good enough to be (40) _____ at dinner parties for friends!



Section F : Comprehension Cloze (5 x 2 marks)

Read the following passage carefully and fill in each blank with a suitable word.

When I grow up, I want to be a musician. Now that I am in Primary Three, I hope to join the school band. I do not mind playing any (41) _____ and I will be contented as long as I become a musician.

I love to (42) _____ the piano very much because it helps me to relax. I wish to be a classical pianist and perform in world - famous concerts. I will (43) _____ part of my wealth to the poor.

If I want to become a musician, I will have to (44) _____ very hard and pass all the eight grades of the music examination.

I hope I will become a musician because if I do not become a musician I will be very (45) _____.

Section G : Grammar Cloze (9 x 1 mark)

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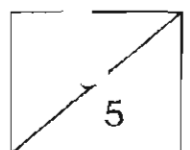
USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) around	(B) for	(C) inside	(D) into	(E) off
(F) on	(G) out	(H) outside	(J) since	(K) to

Pauline waited impatiently for her mother at the void deck. Her mother was usually the one waiting for her when her school bus arrived. However, that day, she was late. Pauline looked (46) _____ but there was no sight of her mother.

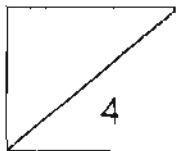
After a while, Pauline decided not to wait anymore and took the lift by herself although her mother had repeatedly instructed her not to do so.

She walked (47) _____ the lift and pressed the button for the tenth floor. The lift started to move up. Suddenly, the lift jerked (48) _____ a sudden stop and the lights went off. She knew she was trapped (49) _____ the lift. Pauline was afraid of the dark and she screamed her lungs (50) _____.



Finally after fifteen minutes of crying, she heard familiar voices from (51) _____ the lift telling her not to be afraid. Then the door was pried apart and she dashed into the arms of her worried mother.

Pauline hugged her mother and cried loudly. She apologised to her mother (52) _____ not heeding her advice. (53) _____ that day, she never dared to take the lift (54) _____ her own again.



Section H : Synthesis/ Transformation (3 x 2 marks)

Rewrite the given sentences using the word(s) provided.

Your answer must be in one sentence.

55. Sandy lost her bag. Sandy lost her umbrella.

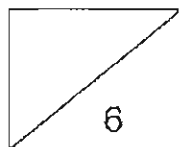
and _____

56. He liked the watch very much. He did not buy it.

but _____

57. I did not put up my hand. I did not have the answer to the question.

because _____



Section I : Editing (5 x 1 mark)

Each of the highlighted words has either a grammatical or spelling error. The grammatical errors have been underlined and the spelling errors are in **bold**. Put the correct word in each of the boxes.

My grandmother comes from Fujian, a province in China.

Whenever she visits my family, she will tell my sister and me many

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intresting stories. Grandmother is a good story-teller. We can listen to her for hours without feeling bored.

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One of the stories she told were about a rich young girl

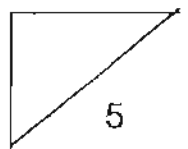
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which dressed herself up as a boy so that she could went to school.

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In those days, girls were rarely educated. They only **lernéd** how to cook, sew and paint.



Section J : Comprehension (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 72 to 76.

Long, long ago, the crow and the peacock were both white. They were very good friends but they were very different from each other. The peacock was tidy but the crow was untidy. The crow almost never bathed but the peacock bathed several times each day. The crow did not care what he ate but the 5 peacock ate only fresh fruit and vegetables.

One day, the peacock and the crow were talking by a river.

“Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we had coloured feathers?” said the peacock. “Aren’t you tired of being white?” 10

“Of course I am,” said the crow. “Let’s do something about it.”

Then they found some paint. The crow painted the peacock’s feathers with beautiful colours. The peacock was about to paint the crow when the crow felt famished. He saw a 15 dead dog floating down the river. He just could not wait any longer.

“Just pour that black paint over me,” he said. “I don’t want to miss my dinner.”

The peacock did as he was told and the crow flew away 20 to catch the dead dog. Ever since that day, all peacocks have beautifully-coloured feathers and all crows are black.

63. What was the colour of the crow and the peacock in the past?

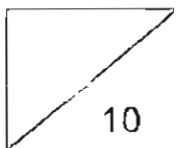
64. Why did the peacock want to have coloured feathers?

65. What does the word "it" in line 12 refer to?

66. Which word between lines 13 and 17 has the same meaning as "hungry"?

67. How did the crow become black?

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Answers:

Booklet A:

- 1 (2)
- 2 (4)
- 3 (2)
- 4 (3)
- 5 (2)
- 6 (1)
- 7 (3)
- 8 (2)
- 9 (1)
- 10 (1)
- 11 (4)
- 12 (2)
- 13 (2)
- 14 (2)
- 15 (2)
- 16 (2)
- 17 (2)
- 18 (2)
- 19 (3)
- 20 (4)
- 21 (2)
- 22 (4)
- 23 (1)
- 24 (2)
- 25 (1)
- 26 (2)
- 27 (3)
- 28 (1)
- 29 (1)
- 30 (4)

- 59 was
- 60 who
- 61 go
- 62 learned

- 63 The colour of the crow and the peacock in the past was white.
- 64 It wanted to have colourful feathers because it was tired of being white.
- 65 It refers to the colour.
- 66 The word is “famished”.
- 67 The crow told the peacock to pour black paint over it.

Booklet B:

- 31 (E)
- 32 (H)
- 33 (C)
- 34 (A)
- 35 (K)
- 36 (A)
- 37 (H)
- 38 (E)
- 39 (G)
- 40 (K)
- 41 instrument
- 42 play
- 43 donate
- 44 study
- 45 sad
- 46 (A)
- 47 (D)
- 48 (K)
- 49 (C)
- 50 (G)
- 51 (H)
- 52 (B)
- 53 (J)
- 54 (F)
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