



RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

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**2009 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1**  
**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2**  
**LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION**  
**PRIMARY 3**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Class : Primary 3 / \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 4 May 2009

**Note:**

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Questions 1 - 17 are to be done on the OAS provided.
3. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each part of the booklet.
4. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
5. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.

38 Questions

48 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 hr 15 mins

ITEMS	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
MCQ		22
Qn 18 - 38		26
TOTAL		48

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION A: Vocabulary (6 marks)**

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

- 1 Mother puts on \_\_\_\_\_ to protect her clothes when she is cooking.
- (1) a coat (2) overalls  
(3) a jacket (4) an apron
- 2 Jeffrey sat on the chair, \_\_\_\_\_ on a packet of potato chips.
- (1) crunching (2) munching  
(3) gnawing (4) chewing
- 3 Susan was \_\_\_\_\_ of passing her examination as she had studied hard for it.
- (1) fearful (2) worried  
(3) overjoyed (4) confident
- 4 The shark attacked the diver when it was \_\_\_\_\_ with a sharp object.
- (1) punched (2) provoked  
(3) suffocated (4) strangled
- 5 The soccer match was reviewed by the \_\_\_\_\_ over the radio.
- (1) reporter (2) commentator  
(3) journalist (4) programmer
- 6 The concert had to be \_\_\_\_\_ to a later date as one of the performers was injured in an accident.
- (1) cancelled (2) removed  
(3) postponed (4) delayed

**SECTION B: Grammar (6 marks)**

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

7 ~~The children~~ \_\_\_\_\_ baseball when their ball hit a window and shattered it.

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| (1) played      | (2) have played  |
| (3) are playing | (4) were playing |

8 I love my baby sister who is as \_\_\_\_\_ as a teddy bear.

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| (1) adorable      | (2) too adorable  |
| (3) more adorable | (4) most adorable |

9 Mother adds \_\_\_\_\_ salt to her cooking to make it tastier.

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| (1) a few    | (2) much |
| (3) a little | (4) many |

10 My aunt gave me a beautiful box \_\_\_\_\_ contained a gold necklace.

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| (1) who   | (2) what  |
| (3) which | (4) whose |

11 Mr Tan picks up his children \_\_\_\_\_ school everyday.

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| (1) to | (2) from |
| (3) at | (4) in   |

12 She will, \_\_\_\_\_ to the library by bus.

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| (1) go   | (2) went  |
| (3) gone | (4) going |

**SECTION C: Comprehension (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

Of the 300 children on board the 'Legend of the Seas' cruise ship, fourteen-year-old Andre Tang was perhaps the most special. He was the only one welcomed with a goody bag. His wish for a holiday with his family was fulfilled with the help of Make-A-Wish Foundation and Royal Cruises International.

Born with congenital heart disease, Andre is unusually small for his age. His lips and limbs are tinged with blue. However, his heart problem has not stopped him from enjoying his life to the fullest. Most children with congenital heart disease do not live for more than a few days after birth, so Andre is a bit of a miracle, surviving into his teens.

Andre spends most of his time at home playing computer games, drawing or looking after his pets as he cannot exert himself physically. Hence, Andre is grateful to the foundation for granting his wish for a holiday with his family.

It was Mr Kenneth Tan, a family friend, who referred Andre to the foundation.

"I did it because I knew him. He fits the criteria of the foundation," said Mr Tan.

*Adapted from The Straits Times*

*24 January 2009*

13 Andre Tang was boarding a \_\_\_\_\_ called 'Legend of the Seas'.

- (1) bus
- (2) boat
- (3) ship
- (4) train

14 The Make-A-Wish Foundation and Royal Cruises International were \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) helping all heart patients
- (2) making a goody bag for Andre
- (3) helping 300 children on board the ship
- (4) fulfilling Andre's wish to go for a holiday

15 Andre is small for his age as \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) he enjoys his life to the fullest
- (2) he spends most of his time indoors
- (3) his lips and limbs are tinged with blue
- (4) he suffers from congenital heart disease

16 Andre usually stays at home as he \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) cannot take up physical exercises
- (2) wants to take care of his pets
- (3) does not like outdoor sports
- (4) only likes computer games

17 Mr Kenneth Tan referred Andre to the Make-a Wish Foundation as Andre \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) behaved well
- (2) was a family friend
- (3) was a suitable candidate
- (4) had known him for a long time

**SECTION D: Vocabulary Cloze (8 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter 'I' has been omitted in order to avoid confusion during marking.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

(A) <del>decided</del>	(B) grabbed	(C) <del>headed</del>	(D) <del>held</del>
(E) <del>noticed</del>	(F) <del>people</del>	(G) <del>pushed</del>	(H) <del>reached</del>
(J) <del>stayed</del>	(K) <del>swept</del>	(L) <del>swimming</del>	(M) <del>victims</del>

Jet Li had gone to the Maldives for a holiday with his wife, Nina, two young daughters, Jane and Jada, and their nanny. Just after ten that Sunday morning, he (18) \_\_\_\_\_ to take his two girls to the beach.

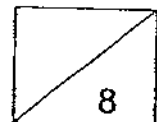
As they were walking, he (19) \_\_\_\_\_ the sea water rising quickly. He and the nanny hurriedly picked up Jane and Jada and (20) \_\_\_\_\_ back to the hotel. Soon, the water (21) \_\_\_\_\_ his waist, then his chin.

As the water (22) \_\_\_\_\_ them towards the hotel, he cried out for help. Four bystanders, jumped into the water and (23) \_\_\_\_\_ Jada and the nanny before they went under. They were reunited with Nina, who had (24) \_\_\_\_\_ in their room.

The tsunami that Jet Li had experienced changed him. He decided to spend his time helping (25) \_\_\_\_\_ of disasters. Jet Li had become a more charitable man.

*Adapted from The Reader's Digest*

*January 2009*



**SECTION E: Grammar Cloze (8 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

(A) <del>choose</del>	(B) <del>chese</del>	(C) <del>choosing</del>
(D) <del>has chosen</del>	(E) <del>have chosen</del>	(F) <del>had chosen</del>

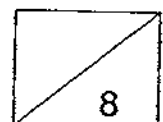
My family and I went to a furniture mall last Sunday. We were there to  
(26) \_\_\_\_\_ a sofa set for our living room. We found it hard  
(27) \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa set as there were many comfortable and attractive sofa  
sets on sale. Finally, we made up our minds and (28) \_\_\_\_\_ a brown  
leather sofa. After we (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the sofa set, we paid for it at the cashier.  
All of us agreed we had made the right choice.

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

**EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE**

(A) <del>above</del>	(B) <del>across</del>	(C) <del>into</del>
(D) <del>off</del>	(E) <del>on</del>	(F) <del>up</del>

My sister was having a shower in the bathroom. I knocked (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the  
door and told her to hurry. (31) \_\_\_\_\_ as I wanted to use the bathroom as well.  
She did not hear me, so I waited until she had turned (32) \_\_\_\_\_ the shower.  
Then I called again. The moment she opened the door, I stepped (33) \_\_\_\_\_  
the bathroom, feeling relieved. I was glad I did not have to wait any longer.



**SECTION F: Comprehension (10 marks)**

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

Patrick never did his homework. He played soccer, basketball and computer games instead.

One day his cat was playing with a little doll and he grabbed it away. To his surprise, it was not a doll at all, but a man of the tiniest size – an elf.

The elf yelled, "Save me! Don't give me back to that cat. I'll grant you a wish, I promise you that."

Patrick could not believe how lucky he was! Here was the answer to all of his problems. Patrick thought hard and made the elf promise to do all his homework. The little man scowled and said, "Oh dear! I'll do it anyway." However, the elf did not always know what to do and he needed help.

"Help me!" he would say and Patrick would have to help in whatever way he could. If the elf did not know a word, Patrick had to help find the word in the dictionary. When it came to Mathematics, Patrick was out of luck.

"What are times tables?" the elf shrieked. "We elves never needed that. Addition, subtraction, division and fractions? Here, sit down beside me. You simply must guide me."

Soon, Patrick sat for his examinations. When Patrick got A's for English, Mathematics and Science, his classmates were amazed. His teachers smiled and were full of praise.

In the end, Patrick still thought he made that tiny man do all his homework. I am sure you know who really did it.

*Adapted from <http://www.magickeys.com>*

*by Carol Moore*



34 What outdoor games did Patrick play?

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35 Who was the tiny man?

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36 Why did Patrick think he was lucky?

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37 Which word in the passage tells us that Patrick's examination results surprised everyone?

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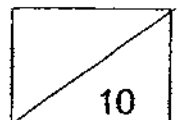
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38 Based on the text, explain clearly why Patrick was able to score A's in his examinations.

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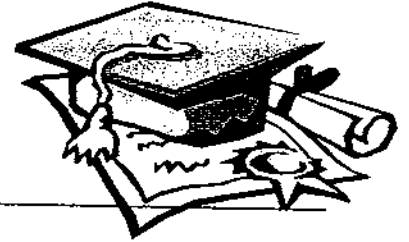


# ANSWER SHEET

**EXAM PAPER 2009**

**SCHOOL : RED SWASTIKA PRIMARY  
SUBJECT : PRIMARY 3 ENGLISH**

**TERM : SA1**



Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
4	2	4	2	2	3	4	1	3	3	2	1	3	4	4	1	3

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
A	E	C	H	K	B	C	M	A	C	B	F	E	F	D	C

34) Patrick played soccer and basketball.

35) The elf was the tiny man.

36) He felt he had found someone who would do his home work for him.

37) The word is "amazed".

38) He was actually learning his own work while he was helping the elf.