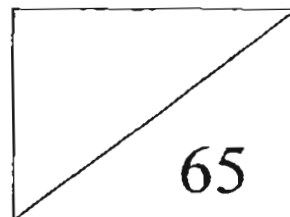




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ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 3



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Section A: Dictation (5 marks)

Listen carefully to the instructions given. Write only when you are told to do so.

The burglar climbed over the fence and jumped down into the garden.

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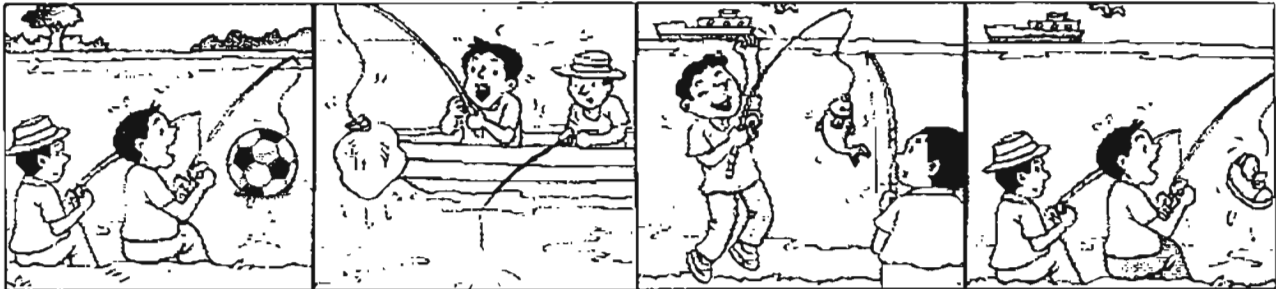
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**Section B: Picture Matching (5 x 1= 5 marks)**

Listen carefully to your teacher. Match the sentences to the correct pictures.

Write the number of the picture in the brackets provided.

Q1.



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Q2.



(1)

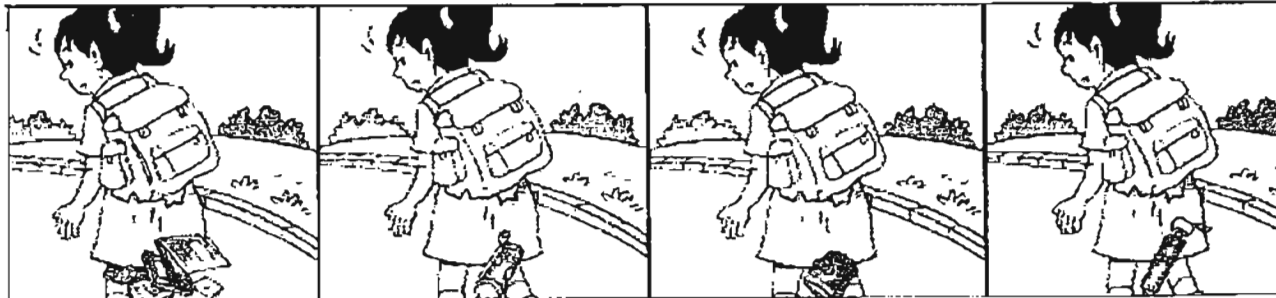
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Q3.



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Q4.



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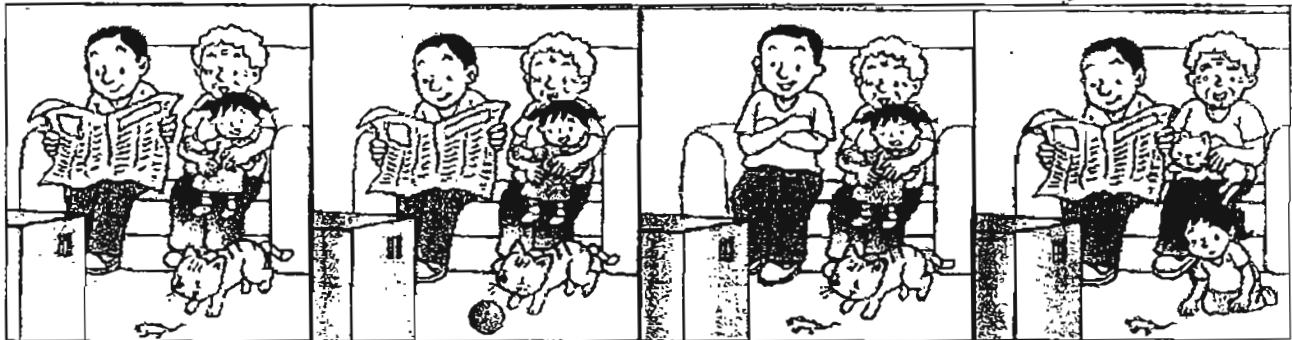
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Q5.



(1)

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**Section C: Note-taking (5 x 1 = 5 marks)**

You were absent from school and your friend is explaining to you over the phone how to make salt dough for your art assignment. Take down the things you need and the steps involved. Fill in each blank with one word.

To make the salt dough, you will need:

6. 200 ml of \_\_\_\_\_

7. 300 g of flour and \_\_\_\_\_

8. Mix the ingredients together with 2 \_\_\_\_\_ of oil.

9. Pat the dough into a ball and \_\_\_\_\_ it out.

10. Knead the dough into shapes of your choice. Bake the shapes in the

oven and paint them when they have \_\_\_\_\_ down.

Section D: Vocabulary MCQ (5 x 1= 5 marks)

Choose the correct answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

11. The passengers on the liner were delighted to see a \_\_\_\_\_ of whales
- (1) troop (2) pride  
(3) pod (4) gaggle ( )
12. Fearless Phil did not quake or quiver when the wolf let out a \_\_\_\_\_ scarl.
- (1) soft (2) menacing  
(3) melodious (4) pleasant ( )
13. The curator of the \_\_\_\_\_ showed us some paintings by Vincent Van Gogh.
- (1) restaurant (2) community club  
(3) museum (4) dormitory ( )
14. The supermarkets usually put up \_\_\_\_\_ in the newspapers to inform consumers of the items that are on sale.
- (1) notices (2) posters  
(3) flyers (4) advertisements ( )
15. We need to put on a mask if we are having flu as it is \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) invincible (2) outrageous  
(3) resilient (4) contagious ( )

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1= 5 marks)**

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the box and write it in the blank provided.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

see	problem	hear	dim
plants	bright	well	vegetables

Vitamin A is good for our eyesight. It is found in most red-and orange-coloured fruit and (16) \_\_\_\_\_. People who do not have enough of this vitamin may find that they cannot (17) \_\_\_\_\_ very well in the dark or in dim light. This (18) \_\_\_\_\_ is commonly known as “night blindness”.

People who suffer from night blindness can see as (19) \_\_\_\_\_ as everyone else during the day. However, when the lighting is (20) \_\_\_\_\_, they experience some inconvenience. Sometimes, their vision is so bad that they cannot drive in the night.

**Section F: Grammar MCQ (5 x 1= 5 marks)**

Choose the correct answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

21. An ant can carry objects that are many times \_\_\_\_\_ own weight.

- (1) its (2) their  
(3) it (4) our ( )

22. Mr. Brown took a needle and string to stitch up \_\_\_\_\_ drooping sunflowers over there by the gate.

- (1) this (2) those  
(3) that (4) these ( )

23. We \_\_\_\_\_ hurry if we are to arrive on time for the movie.
- (1) can (2) may  
(3) must (4) shall ( )
24. King Ethelred has recovered from his chicken pox, \_\_\_\_\_ he?
- (1) have (2) has  
(3) haven't (4) hasn't ( )
25. Mr Thompson, as well as the children, \_\_\_\_\_ having a picnic at the park now.
- (1) are (2) were  
(3) is (4) was ( )

**Section G: Grammar Cloze (7 x 1= 7 marks)**

Read the two passages carefully. Choose from the words given in the boxes and fill in each blank with the correct LETTER.

**Passage 1**

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) choosing	(B) chooses	(C) choose	(D) chose
(E) chosen	(F) will be choosing	(G) choices	(H) choice

Mother took my sister and me to the supermarket yesterday to buy some groceries. My sister headed for the dairy section to (26) \_\_\_\_\_ her favourite chocolate milk. Next, we went to the canned food section. Mother (27) \_\_\_\_\_ some canned luncheon meat to fry for lunch. When we got to the fruit section, we were spoilt for (28) \_\_\_\_\_ as there was a wide variety of fruit. We decided to bake an apple pie so we started (29) \_\_\_\_\_ the reddest and juiciest apples we could find.

Passage 2

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

- |          |          |          |         |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| (A) into | (B) off  | (C) for  | (D) out |
| (E) on   | (F) from | (G) onto | (H) in  |

Jack and his brother were playing with their new ball in the garden. Suddenly, they spotted a beehive (30) \_\_\_\_\_ the branch of a tree.

"I'm going to hit it with this," said Jack's brother with a stone (31) \_\_\_\_\_ his hand.

"No!" Jack exclaimed. "Don't do that. The bees might fly (32) \_\_\_\_\_ and sting us.

Let's go and tell Dad about it."

**Section H: Punctuation (3 x 1= 3 marks)**

For questions 33 – 35, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Write its number in the brackets provided.

Amanda and her little brother peeped out from behind the curtains. The stranger was still loitering outside their neighbour's flat (33)

"What is he going to do (34) asked Amanda's brother when he saw the man whip out a screwdriver.

"I think he's going to break into our neighbour's flat. I must call the police (35)

Amanda told her little brother.

33. (1) [ , ] comma  
(2) [ . ] full stop  
(3) [ : ] colon  
(4) [ ! ] exclamation mark (            )
34. (1) [ ? " ] question mark and inverted commas  
(2) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(3) [ " ? ] inverted commas and question mark  
(4) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas (            )
35. 1) [ " , ] inverted commas and comma  
(2) [ . " ] full stop and inverted commas  
(3) [ " . ] inverted commas and full stop  
(4) [ , " ] comma and inverted commas (            )



**Section I: Editing (5 x 1 = 5 marks)**

Correct each word in bold for spelling and each underlined word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant boxes.

Nathan and his parents were driving down to Penang to spend the school holidays

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with his grandmother. They started their **ourney** early in the morning so they could avoid the

37.

traffic jam. Nathan was surprise to see almost no traffic along the way.

As Nathan's father drove, his mother pointed out the coconut plantations and rubber

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estates to him. To Nathan's **diligh**t, there were even cows and goats graze freely on the

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grass. When they reached their **destnasion**, Grandma was waiting to welcome them with a

hearty meal.

Section J: Connectors (5 x 1 marks = 5 marks)

Combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word or words given. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

41. The wolf climbed down the chimney. He wanted to save the three little pigs.

\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

42. Mr. T has a heavy workload. He works into the night to finish his work.

As \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

43. The gruffalo met the mouse. The gruffalo was terrified.

\_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

44. Jack went to the amusement park. He asked his father for permission.

\_\_\_\_\_ before \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

45. Camille lived in a town. The sunflowers there grew very high.

\_\_\_\_\_ where \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Section K: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 = 5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Your answer must be based on the passage. Choose the correct answer and write its number in the brackets provided.

Tim was sulky as he mowed the lawn. It was not the way he preferred to spend such a lovely morning. Suddenly, the lawnmower hit a rock and bounced sideways. The lawnmower jerked against his wrist. Tim released the handle to rub the bruise.

"You'll take ages to mow the lawn with that antique," commented his neighbour, John, from across the fence.

"I know," sighed Tim, eyeing the manual lawnmower and the narrow strip he had completed. He gave the mower a nasty kick, tipping it over.

"You could get heatstroke pushing that museum piece the whole afternoon. Shall I lend you my lawnmower?" suggested John.

"Yes, that's a wonderful idea. We can fly our kites at the park when we are done," Tim said enthusiastically.

John brought over his electric lawnmower and Tim started mowing the lawn again. John helped him to rake up the grass clippings and bagged them. When they were done, there was a pile of black garbage bags by the back porch.

46. How did Tim injure himself? He injured himself as the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) lawnmower hit his wrist when it overturned.
  - (2) lawnmower jerked against his wrist when it hit a rock and bounced sideways.
  - (3) lawnmower's handle came off and hit his wrist.
  - (4) lawnmower hit a rock and rolled on his toes. ( )
47. Another word for "manual" is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) automatic
  - (2) hand-operated
  - (3) electrical
  - (4) mechanical ( )
48. Why do you think Tim kicked the lawnmower?
- (1) He wanted to make it move faster.
  - (2) He was trying to spoil it so that he could get a new lawnmower.
  - (3) He was frustrated with the speed of the lawnmower.
  - (4) He did not see where he was going. ( )
49. The pile of black garbage bags contain \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) leaves
  - (2) grass clippings
  - (3) rubbish
  - (4) recyclable materials ( )
50. Which of the following sentences is true?
- (1) John lent Tim his lawnmower because Tim asked for it.
  - (2) John mowed the lawn while Tim raked up the grass clippings.
  - (3) Tim suffered a heatstroke from mowing the lawn.
  - (4) Tim accepted John's suggestion and help. ( )

Section L: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks = 10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions that follow in complete sentences. Your answer must be based on the passage.

A salamander has a long body, a long tail and four legs. It looks like a lizard. It is an amphibian as it is cold-blooded and its body temperature is the same as the surrounding temperature.

Most salamanders have smooth and slick skin. They need to keep their skin moist or they will die. Thus, they are found mainly in cool and shady places like under rocks, logs and under fallen leaves. Some can be found in the water.

The diet of the salamanders depends on their age. Very young salamanders live on micro-organisms in the pond. As they grow, they start to feed on maggots, fruit flies, earthworms, slugs, snails and crickets. Larger salamanders eat mice, fish and crayfish.

However, salamanders are eaten by turtles, squirrels, raccoons and snakes. Very often, the salamanders' eggs are eaten by fish, crayfish, turtles, birds and frogs.

To protect itself from its enemies, a salamander would sacrifice its tail in times of danger. The detached tail will continue to wriggle to distract the enemy while it escapes. Losing a tail is not a problem as a salamander can always grow a new tail.

In addition, most salamanders have glands that secrete a poisonous fluid on the back of their neck or tail. Some of these poisonous salamanders have brightly coloured skin. Predators would then avoid eating these salamanders.

Adapted from <http://kiddyhouse.com/animals/amphibians/salamanders.htm>

51. Name two methods to show how salamanders keep their skin moist.

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52. Name two animals that feed on salamanders' eggs.

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53. Find a word in the passage that has the meaning of "to draw someone's attention away".

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54. How does a salamander use its tail to protect itself from its enemies?

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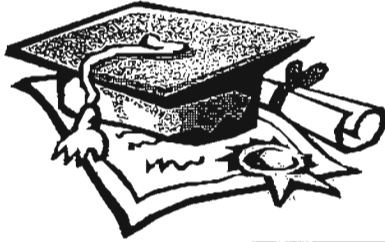
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55. Why do some salamanders have brightly coloured skin?

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# ANSWER SHEET

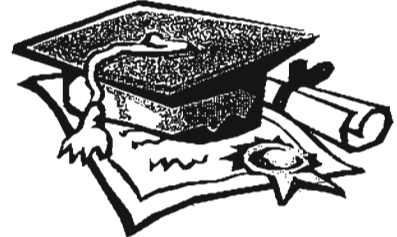
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- 16)vegetables      17)see      18)problem      19)well      20)dim
- 21)1      22)2      23)3      24)4      25)3      26)C      27)D      28)H
- 29)A      30)E      31)H      32)D      33)2      34)1      35)4
- 36)journey      37)surprised      38)delight      39)grazing      40)destination
- 41)The wolf wanted to save the three little pigs so he climbed down the chimney.
- 42)As Mr.T has a heavy workload, he works into the night to finish his work.
- 43)The gruffalo was terrified when it met the mouse.
- 44)Jack asked his father for permission before he went to the amusement park.
- 45)Camille lived in a town where the sun flowers grew very high.
- 46)2      47)2      48)3      49)2      50)4
- 51)They keep their skin moist by staying in cool and shady places and in water.
- 52)Crayfish and birds are two animals that feed on salamanders' eggs.
- 53)The word is "distract".
- 54)It detaches its tail and the detached tail will continue to wriggle to distract the enemy while it escapes.
- 55)It is to warn the predators that they are poisonous.