

ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL (JUNIOR)
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT TWO (2004)
PRIMARY 3

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

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Total Time For Booklets A and B. 1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 11 printed pages.

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Section A: Vocabulary (15 marks)

For each question from 1 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. The newspaper _____ - "Nicol Highway Collapses!" attracted the attention of many passers-by.

- (1) title
- (2) byline
- (3) caption
- (4) headline

2. Kane was selected to play the _____ of the prince for the school play.

- (1) star
- (2) role
- (3) actor
- (4) setting

3. After working as an _____ for so many years, Mr Mathai had collected a lot of rock samples from different planets.

- (1) author
- (2) astronaut
- (3) astrologer
- (4) astronomer

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4. The pupils were very excited when they saw many aeroplanes in the _____

- ~~(1)~~ quay
- ~~(2)~~ depot
- ~~(3)~~ aviary
- ~~(4)~~ hangar

5. The motorist drove _____ and knocked down a pedestrian.

- ~~(1)~~ severely
- ~~(2)~~ cautiously
- ~~(3)~~ recklessly
- ~~(4)~~ ferociously

6. My mother screamed when she saw a mouse _____ across the room.

- ~~(1)~~ trotting
- ~~(2)~~ waddling
- ~~(3)~~ slithering
- ~~(4)~~ scampering

7. I was upset when Ronny did not _____ to my letter.

- ~~(1)~~ write
- ~~(2)~~ reply
- ~~(3)~~ send
- ~~(4)~~ answer

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8. Mrs Kee gave me a _____ on how to make mango pudding.

- (1) menu
- (2) recipe
- (3) receipt
- (4) sample

9. Lily listened to the radio for the weather _____ before going to the East Coast Park for a picnic.

- (1) data
- (2) forecast
- (3) prediction
- (4) information

10. You must read and follow the _____ in the manual closely in order to set up the computer.

- (1) methods
- (2) commands
- (3) regulations
- (4) instructions

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11. The old man was _____ in pain after he had slipped onto the floor.

- (1) sighing
- (2) growling
- (3) groaning
- (4) complaining

For each question from 12 to 15, choose the most suitable word to replace the underlined word(s). One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

12. As Ali is busy with his schoolwork, he can only visit the library every now and then to borrow books.

- (1) weekly
- (2) regularly
- (3) frequently
- (4) occasionally

13. The person who wrote this book must be proud of his work as it had helped him to win the Books Award.

- (1) editor
- (2) author
- (3) journalist
- (4) illustrator

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14. You must be careful with those china teacups; they are easily breakable.

- ~~(1)~~ weak
- ~~(2)~~ hard
- ~~(3)~~ crispy
- ~~(4)~~ fragile

15. The injured man walked unsteadily before collapsing to the ground.

- ~~(1)~~ startled
- ~~(2)~~ stumbled
- ~~(3)~~ sauntered
- ~~(4)~~ staggered

Section B: Grammar (10 marks)

For each question from 16 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

16. Linda asked Mrs Gopal whether Rani could _____ to the zoo with her.

- ~~(1)~~ go
- ~~(2)~~ goes
- ~~(3)~~ gone
- ~~(4)~~ going

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17. _____ anyone want to join us for the picnic tomorrow?

- Do
- Does
- Has
- Have

18. The boats in the lake can be hired _____ the hour.

- on
- by
- in
- at

19. "You must try to solve the difficult sums _____ before asking for help," the teacher told the pupils.

- himself
- yourself
- themselves
- yourselves

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20. I was at the library when I ran into Alice _____ is a good friend of mine.

- (1) who
- (2) which
- (3) whom
- (4) whose

21. The old man led a contented life _____ he had a loving and caring family.

- (1) so
- (2) as
- (3) which
- (4) although

22. The snatch-thief _____ away from the policemen when he tripped and fell on the pavement.

- (1) run
- (2) runs
- (3) was running
- (4) were running

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23. This is the _____ comedy show I have ever watched on television.

- (1) funny
- (2) funnier
- (3) funniest
- (4) more funny

24. If he _____ the book today, he will not need to pay the fine.

- (1) return
- (2) returns
- (3) returned
- (4) returning

25. "Write your answers clearly," the invigilator advised the students before the examination

- (1) begin
- (2) begins
- (3) began
- (4) begun

Section C: Comprehension MCQ (10 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 26 to 30.

The Lim family went to the Sungei Buloh Nature Park one sunny morning. Armed with binoculars, Mr and Mrs Lim and their two young children were observing some rare birds at an observation hide. Sungei Buloh Nature Park is Singapore's first wetland nature park. The park is an important stopover for many species of migratory birds, such as sandpipers, egrets and herons. Such birds usually make an annual trip to the park from faraway places like China and Japan in order to flee from the harsh winter. The park also serves as a permanent home to kingfishers and woodpeckers.

The children were very excited as they had never been in such close proximity with so many birds. "Look, Mummy, those herons are taking off! They look so magnificent!" one of the children exclaimed. Mrs Lim was extremely pleased with her children's interest in nature.

After viewing the birds, the Lims took a walk across the specially-constructed boardwalks built over the mangrove swamps. Within minutes, they were on sandy trails criss-crossing the nature reserve. Here, they were fascinated by the mangrove wetlands and freshwater ponds filled with fish and prawns. They also stopped by at the coconut groves and a fruit orchard teeming with wildlife. The only sounds that shattered the peace in this beautiful park were the shrill calls of the sandpipers.

An observation hide at the park has a seating capacity of 24. Park visitors view the birds through slits in the wooden screens inside the observation hide. The Lim family were so pleased with their visit to Sungei Buloh Nature Park that they were determined to make another visit to the park the following week.

(Adapted from "Challenge English")

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For each question from 26 to 30, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

26. According to the passage, birds like herons migrate to Singapore to _____.

- (1) rear their young
- (2) escape the cold winter
- (3) join other migratory birds
- (4) make the park their permanent home

27. The words "close proximity" in paragraph 2 mean _____.

- (1) cozy hideout
- (2) short distance
- (3) new environment
- (4) peaceful surroundings

28. "sandy trails criss-crossing the nature reserve" in paragraph 3 means that the trails in the park _____.

- (1) are marked with crosses
- (2) leave sandy crosses around
- (3) have crosses placed on them
- (4) are in a pattern of lines crossing each other

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29. An observation hide _____.

- ~~(1)~~ can hold up to 24 people
- ~~(2)~~ has 24 slits in the wooden screens
- ~~(3)~~ allows a person to observe birds up to 24 km away
- ~~(4)~~ enables visitors to view at least 24 species of birds

30. The most suitable title for this passage is "_____".

- ~~(1)~~ Migration of Birds
- ~~(2)~~ Wildlife in Mangrove Swamps.
- ~~(3)~~ A Walk in a Wetland Nature Park.
- ~~(4)~~ Viewing Birds in an Observation Hide.

Section D: Editing For Spelling And Grammar (5 marks)

Correct each word in bold for Spelling and each underlined word for Grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

The sea was calm and the sun was shining brightly.

Many passengers on board the cruise ship were either chatting

(31)

or enjoying the scenery on the upper deck.

Suddenly, someone shouted, "Man overboard!" The alarm

(32)

rang immediately and the engine stopped. There was great anxiety

(33)

among the holiday makers. A fellow passenger was seen struggle in

(34)

the water. Before a boat could be lowered, a shark was spot in the

(35)

distance. A brave crew member dived onto the water to rescue the man from the approaching shark. All the passengers broke out into loud cheers to see the two men safe from danger.

Section E: Punctuation (5 marks)

For questions 36 to 40, choose the correct punctuation mark(s) for each sentence. Write its number (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8) in the brackets provided. USE EACH ANSWER ONCE ONLY.

(1) "It's.	(2) "	(3) they're	(4) ?"
(5) They're	(6) !"	(7) "Its	(8) ."

36. Michael said, "These shoes are not mine. _____ yours." ()
37. "Freeze _____ the police warned the drug traffickers as they were about to escape. ()
38. "How far is it to the airport _____ the tourist asked the taxi-driver. ()
39. _____ interesting to learn that the racoon washes its food before eating it," Paul told his friend. ()
40. Miss Ong told Ali, "Collect all the books and bring them to me _____ ()

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Section F Grammar Cloze (5 marks)

Read the information text carefully. Choose the correct word and write its LETTER (A TO H) in the blank. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) of	(B) to	(C) so	(D) only
(E) through	(F) where	(G) before	(H) there

Giant turtles can lay between one hundred to one hundred and twenty eggs at a time. If you wish to see giant turtles lay eggs, you should visit West Malaysia (41) _____ there are fine sandy beaches. These beaches are favourite haunts (42) _____ giant turtles.

Turtles are strange creatures because although they live in the sea, they do not lay their eggs (43) _____. They swim ashore at night and crawl up the sandy beaches (44) _____ a point above high tide. Then they dig big holes in the sand (45) _____ laying their eggs to hide them from predators.

After they have laid their eggs, they carefully cover up the holes with sand and swim back to sea.

Section G: Vocabulary Cloze (5 marks)

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

There were once a fierce lion and two cunning jackals living in a jungle. For fear of being eaten up by the lion, the jackals thought of a clever (46) _____ to trap him. They came out of (47) _____ and went to the lion.

"Ah, I see you've come to give yourselves up," the lion smiled.

"No, Your Majesty," the jackals replied. "We've come to (48) _____ to you that there's a bigger lion in another part of the jungle. This lion boasted that he is greater than you and will eat you up one day."

The lion stood up and (49) _____ a roar. "Take me to this lion!"

The jackals then led the lion to an old well. The lion looked into the well and saw a huge lion in the water. He roared and the lion in the well (50) _____ back at him. The lion was so angry that he leaped down into the well and was drowned.

(Adapted from "Pacific English Series")

Section H: Comprehension Open-ended (10 marks)

Read the narrative below carefully and answer questions 51 to 55.

The Mongoose

During his school vacation, Maniam visited India and stayed with his grandparents in a village in southern India. One of his uncles gave him a mongoose to play with. At first Maniam did not quite like his pet. It was rather mischievous and full of tricks.

One morning, Maniam was playing outside the house. He was walking on a fallen tree trunk. Suddenly he heard a hissing sound. He looked down. To his horror, he saw a huge cobra only a metre away from his feet. He remained still. He knew if he moved even a little, it would strike him and the poisonous bite would surely kill him.

"Don't move, Maniam! I'll go and get Mongy," his uncle, who was nearby, said before he ran quickly into the house to get Maniam's new pet.

Within seconds, his uncle came out with Mongy. He let it down. It saw the snake at once and moved quickly forward. The snake somehow sensed that another enemy was nearby. Hissing loudly and swaying its head, it turned its attention to the mongoose.

As the two enemies glared at each other, ready to do battle, Maniam quickly jumped away and ran to his uncle.

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Just then, the cobra started to attack Mongy. Swift as an arrow, its head shot down to strike at the mongoose. But it missed! Before the cobra could strike again, Mongy jumped and caught the snake just below the head between its teeth. Wriggling this way and that way, the cobra tried to shake off Mongy but Mongy held on tightly. It sank its teeth deeper into the flesh.

The cobra kept on fighting but its struggles became weaker and weaker. At last, it stopped struggling altogether.

When Mongy finally let go of the cobra, Maniam and his uncle poked the cobra with a stick. It was quite dead. Maniam then picked up Mongy. He found it still full of life.

From that day onwards, Maniam treated his pet well.

(Adapted from "New Way Readers")

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.
Begin with a capital letter and end with a full stop.

51. Who was Mongy?

52. What first alerted Maniam to the danger that was near him?

53. How did Maniam manage to escape?

54. Which phrase in the passage tells us that the cobra was fast to attack?

55. Why did Maniam and his uncle poke the cobra with a stick?

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- 31) scenery
- 32) immediately
- 33) struggling
- 34) spotted
- 35) into
- 36) 5
- 37) 6
- 38) 4
- 39) 1
- 40) 8
- 41) F
- 42) A
- 43) H
- 44) B
- 45) G
- 46) trick
- 47) hiding
- 48) way
- 49) gave
- 50) roared
- 51) Mongy was Maniam's pet.
- 52) The cobra's hiss first alerted Maniam that danger was near him.
- 53) The cobra sensed that Mongy was nearby and moved his attention away from Maniam.
- 54) The phrase is "as swift as an arrow".
- 55) Maniam and his uncle poked the cobra with a stick to check if the snake was alive or dead.