HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

2009 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 3

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Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

Section A: Vocabulary (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS given.

1. The firemen were relieved when they prevented the bushfire from spreading and causing more _____ to the farmlands.
   1) damage
   2) effect
   3) injury
   4) stress

   ( )

2. A folk tale is a/an _____ story about the customs of a country.
   1) artistic
   2) idealistic
   3) modern
   4) traditional

   ( )

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3. The astronauts spent the entire day _____ rock samples from the Moon.

1) collecting
2) exploring
3) reading
4) visiting

( )

4. While Sam was walking along the road, he _____ over a rock.

1) kicked
2) slipped
3) stopped
4) tripped

( )

5. Liming has been feeling _____ since this morning. He needs to go and see a doctor.

1) healthy
2) sick
3) strong
4) well

( )

6. Your voice is too _____. You will wake up the sleeping baby.

1) firm
2) loud
3) soft
4) stiff

( )

7. At night, it is better to wear light-coloured _____ so that motorists can see you easily.

1) belts
2) clothes
3) glasses
4) shoes

( )

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8. "Playing on the road is very _____. You should never play near any road," warned my mother.

1) dangerous
2) fun
3) pleasant
4) safe

( )

Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS given.

9. I _____ on my bicycle when I saw my friend waving at me.

1) rode
2) had ridden
3) was riding
4) were riding

( )

10. "We _____ going to swim and snorkel at the coral reef now!" exclaimed the twins.

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

( )

11. Jerry practises good dental hygiene and takes the effort to visit the dentist _____.

1) occasionally
2) seldom
3) rarely
4) regularly

( )

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12. I always use _____ own stationery. I do not have the habit of sharing with others.

1) my
2) his
3) her
4) their

( )

13. I was horrified to find that there was only _____ food left for my lunch when I got home from school.

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

( )

14. Please do not put the fruits _____ the fridge. Put them on the table.

1) between
2) in
3) onto
4) over

( )

15. Either Susan _____ Jane can go to the cinema with us, I have only one extra ticket left.

1) or
2) and
3) but
4) with

( )

16. The murderer who made a daring escape from the police _____ after eight hours of searching and investigative work.

1) caught
2) was caught
3) had caught
4) was catching

( )

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Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)
Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

More than half of the people who took part in a survey by "The Straits Times" voted for Hainanese chicken rice as the most popular local dish of Singapore. The reason why they have chosen this dish is because it can be found in almost every hawker centre, food court, restaurant or coffee shop in Singapore.

Some have said that a plate of chicken rice is a meal in itself. It has flavoured rice, tender meat, slices of cucumber and a bowl of light soup. Therefore, it offers a more balanced diet than other well-liked dishes such as 'Laksa' and 'Nasi Lemak'. For as little as $2 a plate at some stalls, it is also very affordable compared to other dishes such as chilli crabs.

However, not everyone may think that chicken rice has nutritional value. Cooked with lots of chicken oil, it is certainly not very healthy. Others protest that as its name suggests, it is not even Singaporean!

When asked to clarify, food experts said that chicken rice has changed from the original Hainanese version to become a version unique to Singapore. Chicken rice was brought to Singapore in the mid-1900s by Hainanese immigrants, many of whom worked as cooks. The Hainanese immigrants improved on the original dish of plain boiled chicken eaten with plain rice by adding local ingredients to cater to the local taste. The creation of a chilli sauce to complement **it** is also unique to our love for spices.

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Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. Then shade your answers on the OAS given.

17. One of the reasons why some Singaporeans feel that chicken rice is the most popular local dish of Singapore is because it _____.

1) is easy to cook the dish
2) is unique to Singapore
3) is affordable to most people
4) can be easily found at most eating places

( )

18. Why do some Singaporeans consider chicken rice as a **meal** in itself?

1) It is affordable.
2) It is not as spicy as chilli crab.
3) It is served in large portions.
4) It offers one a balanced diet.

( )

19. Some Singaporeans are against choosing chicken rice as the dish most representative of Singapore because the dish _____.

1) can only be found in Singapore
2) costs only $2 a plate at some stalls
3) was named after Hainanese immigrants
4) was brought to Singapore less than 70 years ago

( )

20. Why is chicken rice also considered unhealthy?

1) It contains chicken.
2) It comes with soup.
3) It is cooked in chicken oil.
4) It has cucumbers to go with it.

( )

21. The word "it" in the last line of paragraph 4 refers to _____.

1) chilli sauce
2) local ingredients
3) the chicken rice dish
4) spices

( )

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)
Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

footprints	size	temperatures
bright	features	dark

The Moon is Earth's natural satellite. It is more than one quarter the

(22) _____ of Earth itself. There are many interesting

(23) _____ such as craters, mountain ranges and lava plains on the

surface of the moon. The (24) _____ left by astronauts on the moon will

last for centuries because there is no wind and weather. As there is no atmosphere to trap

heat, (25) _____ on the Moon are extreme, ranging from 100° C at noon

to -173° C at night.

The Moon does not produce its own light, but looks (26) _____

because it reflects light from the Sun. Think of the Sun as a light bulb, and the Moon as a

mirror, reflecting light from the light bulb.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (10 x 1 mark)

Part I: Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable word from the box and fill in the blanks. Use each word ONCE only.

helpfulness	helping	helped
help	helps	helpful

Every Saturday, Tim's mother bakes cookies. Tim likes to (27) _____ his mother. He scoops spoonfuls of dough onto the pan and he (28) _____ to sprinkle chocolate chips on the cookies too. He also likes (29) _____ his mother with the cleaning up.

Last week, Tim even (30) _____ his mother to clean the whole oven. Tim is his mother's little helper. Tim never fails to get a reward for his (31) _____. This is usually the first pick of the cookies, once they are cooled from the oven.

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Part II: Read the following passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable verbs.

It was the Lantern Festival. The children in the neighbourhood were looking forward to it. At last, they could display their beautiful lanterns.

Jenny and her brother, James, could not (32) _____ for the night to come. Their lanterns were special. Jenny's lantern was (33) _____ like a space rocket. Both of their lanterns had little light bulbs which (34) _____ out bright flashes of light.

Jenny and James proudly paraded their lanterns round the park. They were soon (35) _____ by other children and their parents. The children's parents also bought mooncakes for everybody. Everyone (36) _____ eating the mooncakes. James and Jenny could not wait for the next Lantern Festival when once again, they could participate in the lantern parade in their neighbourhood.

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Section F: Synthesis (8 x 2 marks)

Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence without changing the original meaning.

37. Mary is going out to play. John is going out to play.

Both _____

_____

38. I did not go to school. I was sick.

_____ because

_____



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Section G: Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)
Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Tommy's dog barked excitedly and raced towards a huge rock surrounded by loose, flat stones.

"Blacky! Stop!' Tommy commanded. The dog stopped momentarily in his tracks before running ahead again.

Tommy had no choice but to follow Blacky. He was panting away as the slope was quite steep. Blacky stopped beside a huge rock. As Tommy approached the rock, he could hear a pitiful, mewing sound.

Lying in the shadow of the rock was a brown cat. One of its legs was twisted at an odd angle. Tommy bent down to lift the cat carefully into his arms. He knew the little cat was injured. Tommy made his way gingerly down the slippery slope with Blacky following behind. Luckily, the little creature in his arms did not put up any struggle, or he might have difficulty keeping his balance.

Soon, he arrived at Mr Lim's house. Mr Lim had lived in the neighbourhood for many years and was well-known for treating injured animals. Many people often went to Mr Lim for advice on how to look after their pets.

Mr Lim came out of his house quickly, alerted by Blacky's excited bark. He eyed the cat in Tommy's arms and led him into his house.

Mr Lim poured some warm water into a cup. Then he poured some liquid from a bottle into the water. He slowly tilted the cat's head back with his left hand and fed it with the green liquid. While Mr Lim was attending to the cat's injured leg, he assured Tommy that the cat would recover soon. Both of them were happy that they had done a good deed and saved a life.

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39) Who was Blacky?

40) How did Tommy know that the cat was injured?

41) What would happen to Tommy if the cat had put up a struggle while being carried down the slope?

42) Why did Tommy bring the cat to Mr Lim?

43) What do you think was the green liquid that Mr Lim fed to the cat?

End of Paper

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22)size 23)features 24)footprint 25)temperatures 26)bright

27)help 28)helps 29)helping 30)helped 31)helpfulness

32)wait 33)shaped 34)gave 35)joined 36)started

37)Both Mary and John are going out to play.

38)I did not go to school because I was sick.

39)Blacky was Tammy's dog.

40)Its legs was twisted at an add angle.

41)He would have difficulty in keeping his balance.

42)Mr Lim was well-known for treating injured animals.

43)I think it was a type of medicine would help the cat to recover soon.

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