SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2009
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3

Name: _____ ( ) Date: _____

Class: Primary 3 ~~SY / C~~ / (G) / ~~SE / P~~

Time: 1 hr 15 min

Marks: **24**

Booklet A

Section A: Vocabulary (8 marks)

For each question from 1 to 8, 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 and 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. The man broke the _____ when he committed the burglary. He was sentenced to jail.

(1) law
(2) rule
(3) notice
(4) guideline

2. The victorious swimming team were _____ when they saw many people at the airport waiting to welcome them.

(1) sad
(2) gloomy
(3) annoyed
(4) delighted

3. The five women made history when they became the first team to _____ Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

(1) admire
(2) measure
(3) conquer
(4) descend

4. The guilty boy _____ that he has been stealing money from his classmates.

(1) scolded
(2) accused
(3) admitted
(4) encouraged

5. The _____ residents complained about the noise from the coffee shop nearby.

(1) angry
(2) happy
(3) jealous
(4) contented

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6. The dance performers put on a _____ show to welcome the guests to their anniversary celebrations. Everyone was impressed.

(1) dull
(2) dazzling
(3) monotonous
(4) disappointing

7. The little boy won the contest for speaking so _____ in three foreign languages.

(1) pitifully
(2) fluently
(3) furiously
(4) anxiously

8. Although Adam's life has been full of hardship, he _____ complains.

(1) often
(2) rarely
(3) always
(4) usually

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Section B : Grammar (11 marks)

For each question from 9 to 19, 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.

9. The old man appeared _____ my door in the middle of the night.

(1) in
(2) at
(3) by
(4) on

10. The miser _____ gives donations to the charity. He keeps all the money for himself.

(1) often
(2) always
(3) seldom
(4) frequently

11. Today is the last day before the deadline for the 'Idol' contest. We must submit our applications _____.

(1) now
(2) then
(3) tomorrow
(4) next month

12. The kind lady said to the orphans, "Please help _____ to the food."

(1) myself
(2) ourselves
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves

13. _____ daughter is she? We should call her mother as she looks ill.

(1) Who
(2) What
(3) Which
(4) Whose

14. We _____ inform the MRT staff if we see a suspicious-looking bag on the train. It is our responsibility.

(1) can
(2) may
(3) should
(4) should not

15. Tom fared _____ than his twin in the end of year examinations. He obtained fewer marks.

(1) less
(2) more
(3) better
(4) worse

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16. Due to the weather, the organisers had to _____ the cycling race to the following week.

(1) put in
(2) put on
(3) put off
(4) put away

17. Mark fell off the chair _____ injured his knee.

(1) or
(2) but
(3) and
(4) when

18. You must find another venue for your activity _____ the amphitheatre is occupied.

(1) or
(2) and
(3) until
(4) since

19. The excited birthday girl waited for an hour but the guests did not _____.

(1) come
(2) came
(3) comes
(4) coming

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Section C: Comprehension (5 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There once lived a monk called Shan, in a village in China. He had earned a great name for himself but he was very arrogant.

Qui Jun heard of his arrogance and wanted to teach the monk a lesson. He went to meet Shan who neither greeted him nor acknowledged his presence.

Just then a servant of the monk came with a message, "The son of an army officer is here to see you."

The monk said, "I will go and greet him."

Shan welcomed the son of the army officer with respect. Soon, the army officer's son departed.

Qui Jun asked Shan, "Why is it that you greeted the army officer's son so respectfully, yet behaved so arrogantly towards me?"

Shan had a quick reply, "Please don't get me wrong. He is the son of a highly-ranked officer. We should respect him."

Qui Jun was upset with the monk's explanation and hit him with his stick.

Shan immediately realised how foolish he had been and started showing respect to everyone he met.

Adapted from : www.pitara.com/talespin/folktales.asp

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For each question from 20 to 24, 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.

20. Shan, the monk, was a _____ man.

(1) proud
(2) humble
(3) modest
(4) well-regarded

21. How did Shan, the monk, welcome Qui Jun?

Shan _____

(1) ignored Qui Jun
(2) was friendly towards Qui Jun
(3) pretended not to know Qui Jun
(4) embraced Qui Jun with open arms

22. Which one of the following words has the same meaning as 'departed'?

(1) left
(2) died
(3) arrived
(4) escaped

23. Why did the monk greet the son of the army officer respectfully?

The monk was _____

(1) foolish
(2) respectful by nature
(3) (2) afraid of the army officer
(4) impressed by the rank of the army officer

24. How did Qui Jun react to the monk's explanation about his insincere behaviour?

Qui Jun _____

(1) laughed at the monk
(2) struck the monk with a stick
(3) praised the monk for being honest
(4) showed respect towards the monk

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Component	Marks obtained	Possible marks
A		24
B		46
Total		70

Booklet B

Section A: Synthesis and Transformation (8 marks)
For each of the questions 25 to 28, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

25. The grateful lady offered the boy a reward. He declined.

_____

but _____

26. She could adopt a cat. She could adopt a dog.

_____ either

_____ or _____.

27. "When is your choir competition?" Mrs Tan asked her twin daughters.

Mrs Tan asked her twin daughters _____

_____.

28. Rose became a Singapore citizen. She has been learning the English language.

Since _____

_____

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Section B: Editing (10 marks)
Correct each word in **bold** for spelling and each <u>underlined</u> word for grammar. Write the correct word in the relevant box.

29. [ ]

The crowd **asembled** in the courtyard, before moving off to the famous

30. [ ]

historical building, known as the Blue Pyramid. Everyone was <u>cheer</u> excitedly.

31. [ ] 32. [ ]

They could not <u>waited</u> for the celebrations to begin. **Unfotunetly**, as the parade

33. [ ]

started, the crowd was nearly **chockd** by the exhaust fumes as the tanks and

34. [ ]

other vehicles <u>rumble</u> their way slowly up the hill.

On the other side of the courtyard, there was a carnival-like atmosphere.

35. [ ]

There were many stalls selling a **dilisious** array of food. Trays of cake, pastries

and sandwiches were arranged in a beautiful fashion. There was the lingering

36. [ ] 37. [ ]

smell of freshly <u>brew</u> coffee which <u>waft</u> through the air. There were also games

38. [ ]

stalls where the prizes **ofepred** were attractive.

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Section C: Comprehension Cloze (10 marks)
Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The Singapore Flyer is the latest tourist attraction in Singapore. It is located 39) _____ the city. It is 165 metres tall or the height of a 42-storey building. It is about 30 metres 40) _____ than the famed London Eye. You would not want to 41) _____ taking a flight on this $240 million dollar wheel. It has a total of 28 capsules. Each capsule can 42) _____ up to 28 people.

There are many reasons why you should not miss out on a 43) _____ to this attraction. As the 44) _____ turns, there are breathtaking views of the Marina waterfront and historical landmarks dotting the city skyline. Some of these 45) _____ are the Singapore River, Raffles Place, Merlion Park, Empress Place and the Padang.

In December 2008, the wheel stopped moving and trapped 173 passengers for about six hours. The breakdown was 46) _____ by a short circuit and fire in the control room. Those stranded were given food and 47) _____. The wheel restarted nearly seven hours after it had 48) _____ and two people were hospitalised. After the incident, the Singapore Flyer was closed to the public for some time.

Adapted from : www.singaporeflyer.com

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 marks)
For passage 1 and 2, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets.

Passage 1

Everyone knows that Sara 49) _____ (be) a shy and timid girl. Last Sunday, she went to the art museum with her mother. Sara was waiting impatiently in the queue when she 50) _____ (spot) a famous painting. While she 51) _____ (admire) it, a man nearby smiled at her. Sara smiled back, surprised at herself. She had never smiled at a stranger before. Just then, she saw a souvenir that she liked. She decided not to 52) _____ (purchase) it as it was costly.

Passage 2

Katie is always helping others. She 53) _____(be) well-known for being generous and kind. For her efforts, Katie was awarded a special prize last night. It was a proud moment indeed for her. She 54) _____ (stand) on stage to receive her prize when she saw her mother in the audience. Immediately, she felt better. In her speech, Katie encouraged her friends to volunteer their time, energy or money to any charity organization. The moment she 55) _____ (finish) her speech, loud applause and cheering filled the auditorium. Katie thought, " I 56) _____(continue) to try and help more people in future."

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Section E: Open-ended Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 57 to 61.

Paula, Rose and Maria Lee were not really sisters but they had been raised together like one family. They were orphaned babies from different parts of the world.

Mr Lee was an explorer. He rescued them, adopted them and took them to his London home.

Paula explained, "I was rescued off a ship. Rose is an orphan from Thailand. Maria's father has died and her mother could not afford to keep her."

One day, Mr Lee went on a voyage and did not return. He went travelling for five years. During this time, the sisters were raised by two adults. They were Sylvia, Mr Lee's niece and Nana, the nurse. While he was away, they ran out of money.

Fortunately, Nana had a brainwave and decided to take in boarders. One such boarder was Miss Amy. She was a dance teacher. She arranged for the children to begin dance and stage training at her school, the Children's Academy of Dancing and Stage Training.

Paula adored the school. She *longed* to be an actress. Rose hated it. She yearned to be an aviator. All she wanted to do was learn about cars, planes and engines. Maria loved the school too. She was born to be a dancer.

Adapted from Ballet Shoes by Noel Streafeild

boarder – someone who pays a sum of money in return for regular meals or accommodation

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

57. Which word in Paragraph 1 tells you that Paula, Rose and Maria's parents had passed away?

_____

_____

58. What did Mr Lee work as?

_____

_____

59. How did the family get money while Mr Lee was away?

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60. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'longed"?

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61. What was Maria's ambition?

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_____

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Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
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26)She could adopt either a cat or a dog.

27)Mrs Tan asked her twin daughters when their choir competition was.

28)Since Rose became a Singapore citizen, she has been learning the English language.

29)assembled 30)cheering 31)wait 32)Unfortunately

33)choked 34)rumbled 35)delicious 36)brewed 37)wafted

38)offered 39)in 40)taller 41)miss 42)hold 43)visit

44)wheel 45)landmarks 46)caused 47)water 48)stopped

49)is 50)spotted 51)was admiring 52)purchase 53)is

54)was standing 55)finished 56)shall continue

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57)The word is "orphaned".

58)Mr Lee worked as on explorer.

59)They took in boarders.

60)The word is "yearned".

61)Her ambition was to be a dancer.

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