SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2011
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY THREE

Name : _____( ) Date : _____

Class : Primary 3 _____ Time : 1 hr 15 min

Marks : 24

Booklet A

For each question from 1 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. (19 marks)

1. The students at the camp gathered branches and twigs to set up a _____.

   1) fire
   2) tent
   3) nest
   4) stove

2. The new National Library building is designed by a famous _____.

   1) builder
   2) surgeon
   3) architect
   4) caretaker

3. The children _____ the school as the fire spread.

   1) escaped
   2) defended
   3) evacuated
   4) abandoned

4. The chef started his cooking demonstration by _____ the eggs in the mixing bowl.

   1) beating
   2) blending
   3) pressing
   4) punching

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5. The Christmas shoppers were _____ when the popular shopping centre was closed without warning.

1) happy
2) furious
3) relaxed
4) confident

6. Kate had to use a special chemical to remove the _____ stains from her new handbag.

1) rough
2) simple
3) difficult
4) stubborn

7. The unexpected changes in weather patterns in many parts of the world has made it more difficult to predict the weather _____.

1) easily
2) clearly
3) accurately
4) thoroughly

8. The museum curator handled the antique bowl _____ as she explained its details.

1) delicately
2) carelessly
3) successfully
4) haphazardly

9. The collision between the car and the motorcycle caused a massive traffic jam _____ them.

1) to
2) after
3) behind
4) in front of

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10. The police officers are very familiar with the area as they _____ patrol the streets there.

1) often
2) never
3) rarely
4) hardly

11. Siti cycled _____ as she did not want to be late for school.

1) slowly
2) quickly
3) regularly
4) carelessly

12. _____ wallet is this? Is it yours?

1) Who
2) Whom
3) Which
4) Whose

13. Everyone heaved a sigh of relief when the two missing children returned home. They had found the way home _____.

1) myself
2) yourself
3) ourselves
4) themselves

14. The bell has rung but many pupils are still not in school. They _____ have arrived by now.

1) can
2) will
3) shall
4) should

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15. Snowstorms have made December 2010 the _____ winter in history.

1) cold
2) colder
3) coldest
4) very cold

16. We were stranded when our car _____ on the expressway.

1) broke up
2) broke into
3) broke away
4) broke down

17. Doctors and scientists have not been able to find a cure for the illness _____ recently.

1) until
2) while
3) since
4) because

18. Everyone _____ informed about the cancellation of the concert last night.

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

19. Sarah _____ ready for school when the telephone rang.

1) get
2) got
3) was getting
4) were getting

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Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It has been around for over 5 000 years. It was an important staple to the Aztec Indians. The oldest corn ever discovered was found in a New Mexico rock formation called "The Bat Cave." These ears of corn ranged from smaller than a coin to about 10cm long.

Popcorn played an important role in the lives of the Aztec Indians. They used it not only as a food source but also in their ceremonies. Garlands and headdresses were made from thick rows of popcorn and used in traditional dances. Their God of Rain looked beautiful with their popcorn necklaces. Popcorn was also thought to bring peace and goodwill.

Today, we have microwave ovens that do all the popping for us. In fact, it was popcorn that actually helped invent the first microwave oven.

In 1946, an engineer by the name of Perry Spencer experimented with a new vacuum tube. He placed the popcorn kernels near the tube and soon history was made. The kernels popped and he went on to create the first microwave oven.

Popcorn pops into one of two shapes. These are namely the snowflake which is big and fluffy or the mushroom which is round and firm. Popcorn is usually served salted or sweetened. Popcorn is a popular snack at sporting events and in cinemas, where it has been served since 1912. There is actually a National Popcorn Day. It is celebrated every January 19th. Everyone looks forward to this special day.

Adapted from http://www.superteacherworksheets.com/reading-comp/4th-popcorn-history.pdf

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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. (5 marks)

20. "It has been around for over 5 000 years." What does the word "it" refer to?

The word "it" refers to _____.

1) food
2) corn
3) a cave
4) a rock formation

21. Why was popcorn important to the Aztec Indians?

They _____.

1) served it to their god
2) found popcorn sweet-tasting
3) used popcorn as a food source
4) discovered that it was the oldest corn ever found

22. Percy Spencer created history when he _____.

1) created a vacuum tube
2) celebrated Popcorn Day
3) carved out a famous rock
4) invented the microwave oven

23. Which word in Paragraph 5 tells us that popcorn is a favourite food?

The word is "_____".

1) fluffy
2) special
3) popular
4) celebrated

24. When is National Popcorn Day celebrated?

It is celebrated _____.

1) only in 1946
2) every 5 years
3) in the first month of each year
4) during the ceremonies of the Aztec Indians

END OF BOOKLET A

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Component	Marks obtained	Possible marks
A		24
B		46
Total		70

Booklet B

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). (8 marks)

25. He is groaning in pain. He has injured his ankle.

_____ because

_____.

26. The burglar fled. He heard the sirens of the police car.

_____ when

_____.

27. Alex wanted to go to the concert. The tickets were sold out.

_____ but

_____.

28. The boys are twins. They have different interests.

_____ although

_____.

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

Krishnan is a gifted young chef from India. He was working for an

29. [ ]

exclusive hotel group **prepairing** cuisines for the ultra-rich. However, when

30. [ ]

he went home to visit his family, something he saw <u>shock</u> him to the core.

31. [ ]

"I saw a very old man **srarving** to death as he had no food to eat," he

said. Krishnan began cooking for those who could not care for themselves.

32. [ ]

Every morning, Krishnan and his team <u>rose</u> at 4a.m. and seek out the

33. [ ] 34. [ ]

homeless. They are armed with **pekets** of hot vegetarian meals. He <u>bring</u> the

meals to a crowd of about 400 regulars. He also gives them free haircuts.

35. [ ]

Since he <u>start</u> the organisation, he has **served** over 1.2 million meals. His

36. [ ]

recipients are nearly all **mentelly** ill and do not have the capacity to thank

37. [ ]

him. Nonetheless, Krishnan receives great **plesure** from the work he does.

38. [ ]

He said, "I will <u>cooked</u> for them for as long as I can."

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Adapted from : http://tamathi.org/techie/component/content/article/55-general/713-top-10-cnn-heroes-of-2010-from-our-hometown.html

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (10 marks)

The dogsled race was about to begin. Julie's team of dogs was lined up at the (39) _____ line. Julie stood behind them. Other teams were lined up too. The gun went (40) _____. The race had begun!

Julie had trained for months for this race. Day after day, Julie's dogs pulled the sled in order to get (41) _____ for the race.

They ran over snowy hills and down into frozen valleys. They (42) _____ only to rest and eat. They wanted to stay (43) _____ or the other teams. The racers had to go a thousand kilometres across Alaska. Alaska is one of the (44) _____ places on Earth. The dogs' thick fur coats helped keep them warm in the cold weather.

(45) _____ first, the dogs seemed to pull the sled very slowly. However, on the third day, they began to pull more (46) _____ They worked hard as a team. Once, one of the sleds slid into a hole and broke. Julie could have given up then, but she did not. She (47) _____ the sled and the team kept going.

When they finally reached the finish line, they found (48) _____ that they had come in first place! It was a great day for Julie and her dogs.

Adapted from http://www.pearsonlongman.com/ae/marketing/sfest/tests/grade3.html

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For passage 1, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets. (8 marks)

Paper gets its name from papyrus, a plant that (49)_____(grow) in the Nile River in Egypt.

About 5,000 years ago, Egyptians (50) _____ (create) "sheets" of papyrus. They did this by harvesting, peeling and slicing the plant into strips.

A Chinese man, named Tsai Lun, (51) _____ (be) the first recorded inventor of paper. He discovered that he had created a quality writing surface that was lightweight and relatively easy to (52) _____(make).

For passage 2, fill in the blanks with the correct pronoun.

Visitors to the city of Rome, Italy, must make a stop at the beautiful Trevi Fountain. The history and legends surrounding (53) _____ (it, him, them) make it a must see when travelling to Italy. (54) _____ (Our, This, Their) fountain is the largest fountain in the city of Rome, Italy. It is 25 metres high and 20 metres wide. According to the legend, if (55) _____ (I, you, we) throw a coin over your left shoulder into the fountain, someday you will have the good luck to return. Visitors are aware that an estimated $3,500 in coins are thrown into the fountain each day and (56) _____ (our, them, their) contributions are used for charitable purposes.

Adapted from http://www.wipapercouncil.org/invention.htm
Adapted from http://travel.gather.com/view/Article.action

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Read the passage below and answer questions 57 to 61. (10 marks)

Ah Kun and his younger sister, Lina, lived in a village. As their family was poor, their father had to work long hours selling pots and pans in a shop.

One day, Ah Kun accidentally dropped Lina's only pair of shoes into a river. They ran and ran, trying their best to retrieve it but the currents were too strong. Lina cried the whole night as she knew their parents could not afford to buy her another pair.

"I don't want to worry Ah Pa but what shoes do I wear to school?" sighed Lina.

After much thinking and planning, the siblings decided to share Ah Kun's shoes. Everyday, Ah Kun would wait nervously at the end of the village path, waiting for his sister to pass him his shoes. Once, Lina was very late and Ah Kun had to run fast all the way to school. Unfortunately, Ah Kun was repeatedly late as he had to wait for his sister to exchange shoes with him. Meanwhile, his sister was often scolded for wearing oversized shoes to school. They were both miserable but promised not to say anything to their parents as they did not want to worry them.

One day, Lina saw her classmate wearing her lost shoes to school. She followed the girl home excitedly but she realised that the girl's father was blind and that the family lived in the slums. She felt pity for the girl who was more unfortunate than her. Thus, she decided not to reclaim the shoes.

Adapted from Home Run the Movie

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

57. What did Ah Kun's and Lina's father do for a living?

_____

_____

58. What happened to Lina's only pair of shoes?

_____

_____

59. Which four-word phrase tells you that Lina was upset about what had happened to her shoes?

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60. Why did Ah Kun feel nervous as he waited for his sister each day?

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61. What made Lina decide not to take back her shoes from her classmate?

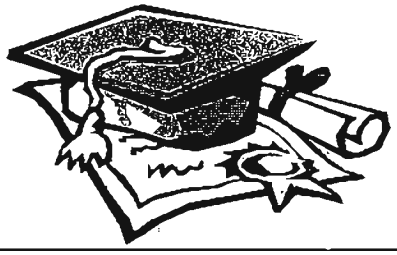
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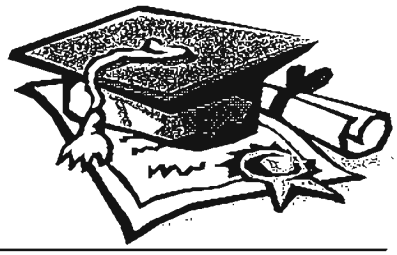


ANSWER SHEET

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SCHOOL : SCGS
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TERM : SA2



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

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
3	3	2	3	4	3	3

25)He is groaning in pain because he has injured his ankle.

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27)Alex wanted to go to the concert but the tickets were sold out.

28)The boys have different interests although they are twins.

29)preparing 30)shocked 31)starving 32)rise 33)packets

34)brings 35)started 36)mentally 37)pleasure 38)cook

39)starting 40)off 41)ready 42)stopped 43)ahead

44)coldest 45)At 46)quickly 47)fixed 48)out

49)grows 50)created 51)was 52)make 53)it 54)This

55)you 56)their

57)He sold pots and pans in a shop.

58)Ah Kun accidentally dropped Lina's only pair of shoes into a river.

59)The phrase is "cried the whole night".

60)He was repeatedly late as he had to wait for her to exchange shoes with him and run fast to school.

61)Lina felt pity for her classmate who was more unfortunate than her as her father was blind and the family lived in the slums.

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