PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2011
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 3

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Component	Marks obtained	Maximum marks for each component
Paper 1 (Writing)		20
Paper 2 (Language Use and Comprehension)		48
Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)		16
Paper 4 (Oral Communication)		16
Total marks for all components		100

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Section A: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1. Meimei was _____ with fear as she approached the Principal's office.

(1) vibrating (2) rumbling
(3) quivering (4) grumbling ( )

2. The art of writing beautifully by hand, known as _____, is gradually losing its importance with the increasing use of computers.

(1) craftwork (2) penmanship
(3) needlework (4) sportsmanship ( )

3. Mother bought sufficient _____ like pencils, erasers and rulers for us.

(1) stationery (2) utensils
(3) devices (4) furniture ( )

4. Before the Singapore River was cleaned up, living _____ for the villagers were filthy and aquatic life dwindled.

(1) contents (2) connectors
(3) containers (4) conditions ( )

5. The _____ in the gruelling cross-country run trained hard to emerge as the winner.

(1) participants (2) fighters
(3) chiefs (4) warriors ( )

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6. Mary gave some coins to the _____ old man who looked really undernourished.

(1) squeaky
(2) muscular
(3) scrawny
(4) fearless

( )

Section B: Grammar MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

7. We voted _____ the most well-mannered boy to be our class monitor.

(1) against
(2) for
(3) with
(4) on

( )

8. Since there was _____ in the room, Ahmad switched off the lights.

(1) no one
(2) anyone
(3) each other
(4) one another

( )

9. Miss Tan likes to _____ many inspiring stories of how disadvantaged people overcome difficulties to achieve their goals.

(1) tell
(2) tells
(3) told
(4) telling

( )

10. You can talk to a trusted adult _____ you feel troubled.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) whose
(4) when

( )

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11. "This is not the first time you are telling lies, _____ it?" questioned Mrs Higgs.

(1) was (2) isn't
(3) is (4) can ( )

12. The pupils are reminded to check _____ their examination scripts carefully.

(1) into (2) up
(3) after (4) through ( )

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Section C: Vocabulary Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter ' I ' has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) attractions	**(D)** completion	**(G)** modern	**(K)** shelters
(B) ancient	**(E)** effectively	**(H)** promenade	**(L)** unkept
(C) city	**(F)** living	**(J)** river	**(M)** view

Marina Bay is a beautiful place now. The numerous tall buildings ensure that land is used (13) _____. The (14) _____ of the Integrated Resorts and the Singapore Flyer has created a spectacular (15) _____ of the bay area during the day and at night.

The rundown (16) _____ quarters of our forefathers are now replaced by (17) _____ residential apartments.

Visitors to Marina Bay can stroll along the (18) _____ to visit the various places of interest such as Gardens by the Bay and Marina Barrage. They can go on the running trail which brings them past the many (19) _____ along the bay. If they are concerned about the heat, they can go under the many (20) _____ along the way.

What are you waiting for? Board the MRT or bus to Marina Bav now!

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

Passage 1

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) along	(C) in	(E) on
(B) and	(D) of	(F) with

Army ants are found almost everywhere. They live (21) _____ colonies of up to 500,000 members. Army worker ants are nearly blind. They release a chemical substance to communicate (22) _____ other ants. Army ants have very strong claws (23) _____ jaws. They swarm forest floors in search (24) _____ prey such as other insects and spiders. The worker ants will protect the queen and her young ants by grasping one another's legs to form hanging sheets of ants.

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Passage 2

(A) he	(C) him	(E) she
(B) her	(D) his	(F) it

It was a breezy morning. Dad was feeling chirpy as (25) _____ sang a song.

There were lots of things to eat that day. Dad noticed something moving in the ground. He stared for a few moments. Then he lowered (26) _____ head cautiously and pulled it out. It wiggled but he held on. Without hesitation, Dad gave the delicious find to Mum for breakfast. She ate (27) _____ quickly.

Suddenly, Mum felt something move under her. (28) _____ had been waiting for this moment for three weeks! "Ke-k-k," she heard two peeps and the eggs cracked. She looked down and was extremely pleased to see two fuzzy heads popping out from the eggs!

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Section E: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

Chaos broke out and frantic screams were heard as shoppers scampered for safety when they saw water gushing down from the first floor of Tanglin Mall.

"Let's get into our car and drive home quickly," a man grabbed his toddler by the waist and moved swiftly towards the escalator. However, the escalator stopped moving and the lights went off. "Ohh-ey! Argh..." The child was wailing in the man's arms.

Within minutes, the water level was ankle-deep. A security officer nearby led the man to his car using a flashlight.

"I think it was quite dangerous," he said. He took off his shoes and waded in ankle-deep water to his car in Basement One which still had the lights switched on. "I'm just glad that my car could still start."

Within an hour, the first floor of the mall had turned into a waterfall, pouring water into the basement. The sudden and heavy downpour caused the building's water pump to break down.

Just outside the mall, yellowish water was swirling all around the entrance. "This is the first time I've seen flooding in this area!" exclaimed a middle-aged shopper.

The floodwaters damaged the drainage system, causing many low-lying parts of the island-city to be soaked in rainwater for several hours. Homes affected by the floods had their furniture wrecked. Business owners were worried about their damages. Insurance companies had problems estimating compensation damages. What would the Minister for Environment and Water Resources have to say?

Adapted from Straits Times news article 'Raining in Tanglin' dated 6th June 2011

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29. Which word in the passage tells you that shoppers in Tanglin Mall ran quickly to take cover when rainwater gushed into the building?

The word is '_____'.

(1) waded
(2) turned
(3) grabbed ( )
(4) scampered

30. What do you think caused the escalator in the mall to stop moving?

(1) Someone pressed the emergency STOP button.
(2) The power lines short circuited.
(3) The rain was too heavy. ( )
(4) The toddler's cries.

31. Why did the author say there was a waterfall in the mall?

(1) It was landscaped by the architect.
(2) There was yellowish water swirling around the entrance.
(3) The floodwaters on the first floor pouring into the basement level looked like there was a waterfall in the mall.
(4) It was the most beautiful scenery in a mall. ( )

32. What caused the floods in many parts of the city?

The _____ caused the floods.

(1) heavy downpour
(2) faulty escalator
(3) insurance companies ( )
(4) unexpected waterfall

33. Who do you think will issue an investigation report after the incident?

(1) The Minister for the Environment and Water Resources
(2) The man shopping with his toddler
(3) The security guard ( )
(4) The President

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Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences.

When I was young, I had a secret and an unusual hobby. I enjoyed playing with flies because I found them to be very interesting. I was extremely good at catching flies with my hands. While my friends loved hitting them with their slippers, I would share my lollipops with them.

One day, I fell ill. My parents took me to the clinic.

"Has your son eaten anything that is unhygienic?" the doctor asked.

"No. It's the holidays and he has been at home with us," said my father.

As the doctor examined me, he asked me questions about my friends and hobbies. When I told him I loved playing with flies, he took out a book from a metal cupboard to show me a picture. In the picture, I saw there was some rotten food and many tiny worms crawling on it.

The doctor explained that those tiny worms were maggots. Maggots are actually baby flies. Like caterpillars, those maggots develop wings and become flies. I then realised that flies are very dirty insects. After laying their eggs on dirty things like rotten food, the tiny bits of rotten food are stuck on their legs. When they land on the food, it becomes contaminated. I was taken aback! I had been eating lollipops that were contaminated.

Since that day, I no longer enjoyed the company of flies. I took up another hobby – rock climbing.

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34. Why did the author visit the doctor in the clinic?

_____

_____.

35. Which sentence tells you that the author treated flies differently from his friends?

_____

_____.

36. Why does food get contaminated when a fly lands on it?

_____

_____.

37. What was the author's immediate response when he realised he had been eating contaminated lollipops?

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_____.

38. How did the author's visit to the doctor lead to a change in his hobby?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2011

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17
3	2	1	4	1	3	2	1	1	4	3	4	E	D	M	B/F	G

Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30	Q31	Q32	Q33
J	A	K	C	F	B	D	A	D	F	E	4	2	3	1	1

34)The author visited the doctor in the clinic because he fell ill.

35)The sentence is "While my friends loved hitting them with their slippers, I would share my lollipops with them".

36)After laying its eggs on rotten food, the tiny bits of rotten food are stuck on its leg.

37)He was taken a back.

38)The doctor told the author that flies are very dirty insects.

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