HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2012 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY THREE

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CLASS: 3_____

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.
Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. Ahmad was _____ when his parents promised to take him to Disneyland.

   1) amused
   2) miserable
   3) overjoyed
   4) tickled ( )

2. My sister told my mother that she learnt how to multiply numbers in her _____ class last week.

   1) Arithmetic
   2) Drama
   3) Grammar
   4) History ( )

3. Many of the old buildings were _____ so that new ones could be built here.

   1) damaged
   2) demolished
   3) repainted
   4) smashed ( )

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4. The _____ in the *kampong* in Pulau Ubin are built on stilts.

   1) apartments
   2) bungalows
   3) huts
   4) terrace houses ( )

5. In the past, many people were willing to _____ their lives for the king.

   1) fight
   2) kill
   3) sacrifice
   4) save ( )

6. Janelle is always _____ for her twin sister, Jane, as both of them look alike.

   1) acknowledged
   2) admitted
   3) identified
   4) mistaken ( )

7. The necklace is old but _____. It was a gift from my late grandmother twenty years ago.

   1) harmless
   2) priceless
   3) spotless
   4) worthless ( )

8. After a hard day at work, Father slept _____ throughout the night.

   1) clearly
   2) smartly
   3) soundly
   4) tightly ( )

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Section B: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

9. The bus broke down, _____ we were late for school.

   1) because
   2) but
   3) or
   4) so ( )

10. The children helped _____ to the food at the buffet.

   1) herself
   2) himself
   3) ourselves
   4) themselves ( )

11. Sam did not tell Linda about the secret, _____ he?

   1) did
   2) didn't
   3) was
   4) wasn't ( )

12. He was praised _____ his honesty.

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

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13. This piece of meat is too tough for Grandpa to _____.

1) chew
2) chews
3) chewed
4) chewing ( )

14. There isn't _____ water in my water-bottle. May I fill it up, please?

1) any
2) few
3) many
4) most ( )

15. David and Jim were so shocked when they saw the strange creature scurrying across the path in front of _____.

1) his
2) him
3) their
4) them ( )

16. Nicholas and his friends _____ to Europe last month.

1) travel
2) travels
3) travelled
4) travelling ( )

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Section C: Comprehension MCQ (5 x 1 mark)

Read the story and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in the brackets and shade them on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

As soon as I opened my bag, Smook sprang out at me.

"Would you stop doing that?" I said to my alien friend who came from the Wardrobe Kingdom, a secret world found behind my wardrobe. Of course he was taller than me by a head but that was only when we were in the Wardrobe Kingdom. Back on this side, he was tiny.

Smook laughed. Then his expression suddenly changed to one of seriousness.

"James, there's trouble in the Kingdom," he said. I sat down at a table in the far corner of the library so no one could see us. Smook would disappear if someone approached us, leaving me with the difficulty of explaining why it was that I was talking to myself. It had happened before, on several occasions.

"Someone has stolen King Asad's sword," Smook said gravely.

"But that's impossible!" I said "Isn't it kept in the tower?"

"That's the problem. The guards swear that no one has been within miles of the tower."

"Colossa, the sorceress!" The words tumbled out of my mouth. "She's back?"

Smook nodded. "We think so," he said. "But it gets worse. On the night the sword was taken, there were flashes in the sky." Smook looked me steadily in the eye. "Dark purple flashes," he said.

That could only mean one thing. Colossa, the sorceress, had crossed over. She had left the Wardrobe Kingdom and entered our world, and she had the sword of King Asad with her.

17. Why did Smook's expression suddenly change to one of seriousness?

1) He had some urgent news.
2) He was being mischievous.
3) He was playing with the author.
4) He wanted to scare the author. ( )

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18. How tall was Smook when he and the author were in Wardrobe Kingdom?
He was _____.

1) as tall as the author.
2) taller than the author.
3) shorter than the author.
4) taller than the wardrobe. ( )

19. Where was the writer when he opened his bag?
He was in the _____.

1) tower
2) library
3) kingdom
4) wardrobe ( )

20. What trouble was there in Wardrobe Kingdom?

1) King Asad had been killed.
2) No one had been to the tower.
3) King Asad's sword had been stolen.
4) There were purple flashes in the sky. ( )

21. What is the meaning of the dark purple flashes in the sky?
It means that Colossa had _____.

1) entered the writer's world.
2) ruled the Wardrobe Kingdom.
3) entered the Wardrobe Kingdom.
4) the sword of King Asad with her. ( )

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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.

wondering	heavier	strolling	delayed
shelter	drenched	hurrying	lighter

Siti was on her way home from school. She was (22) _____ as it had started to rain. "I hope I make it home before it pours!" However, the rain got (23) _____ and Siti had no choice but to seek (24) _____ at a nearby bus stop.

"What bad luck!" Siti was looking at her watch and (25) _____ if she would get home in time to watch her favourite cartoon show when she heard a soft mew. She looked around and spotted a tiny kitten under one of the seats at the bus stop. It was (26) _____by the rain.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze

Part I (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.

at	above	under
behind	towards	on

Early one morning, Uncle Loh parked his taxi at the car park. He crossed the road and walked (27) _____ the coffee shop for breakfast. He sat outside the shop at a table that was (28) _____ a big rain tree.

Soon, his friends joined him (29) _____ the table. As they were drinking coffee, they heard a loud crash (30) _____ them. A big branch had fallen (31) _____ top of the empty table behind them. It had just missed them by inches. Uncle Loh and his friends immediately got up and ran away. A few seconds later, another branch fell on top of their table. "That was close!" Uncle Loh said to himself. He decided not to sit under a tree ever again.

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Part II (5 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word.

Brian was invited to a dinner. The host had prepared many delicious dishes. When it was time to eat, the host told his guests not to stand on ceremony and to help (32) _____ freely to the food.

Suddenly Brian saw a man who not only stuffed (33) _____ rapidly but filled his pockets with everything within his reach. Brian quietly picked up the teapot and began pouring the tea into the man's pocket.

"What are (34) _____ doing? Are you crazy?" the man shouted in fury.

"Excuse (35) _____," said Brian. "Seeing that (36) _____ pockets were so hungry, I thought they might be thirsty too."

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Section F: Editing (5 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

Peter loves spending his money on unnecessary things. He would spend all the

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pocket money he gets from his mother on **ekspensiv** stationery from his school

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bookshop. He often gets **reprimended** for not saving his money.

During the June holidays, Peter's parents took him to a village in India. There, he

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saw many **screwny** children running around the streets in their shorts. The houses in the

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village were all **attape** houses made of straw. The children did not even have any books

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to read. Some houses were so **crawded** that the residents had to sleep on the streets.

Peter thought about his home and how lucky he was. He decided not to waste

money but spend it wisely in future.

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Section G: Synthesis (2 x 2 marks)
Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence without changing the original meaning.

42. Jane is my sister. Jayna is my sister.

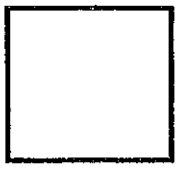
Both _____

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43. Some children were afraid to dive into the pool. I was not afraid.

_____ but

_____



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Section H: Comprehension Open-ended (5 x 2 marks)

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

Tammy Tan sat near the window and enjoyed the evening breeze. Her jaws ached after a whole afternoon of painting. She was pleased with the painting. She released the brush from her mouth and thought of how drastically her life had changed since the tragic accident a year ago.

On that fateful evening, she was on her way home when she was knocked down by a speeding car. She had sustained serious injuries and was hospitalised for several months. Prior to that day, the world was rather pretty to twenty-two year old Tammy. She had a challenging job in an advertising company and a passion for diving, jogging and mountain climbing. She also had a group of friends who were as active as she.

When the doctor told her that she had become paralysed from the neck down, Tammy wished that she had not survived the accident. She could no longer participate in the outdoor activities that she loved. In addition, she had become completely dependent on others. She could not even feed herself and had to use a wheelchair.

With her family's support and encouragement, Tammy was able to overcome her handicap. Her mother persuaded her to take up painting and she discovered that she was good at it. Since she could not use her hands, she held the brush in her mouth. It was exhausting but she persevered.

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44. Which part of her body did Tammy use to paint?

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45. When did the accident happen?

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46. What were the outdoor activities that Tammy loved?

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47. Why was Tammy completely dependent on others?

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48. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "physical disability"?

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ANSWER SHEET

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Semestral Assessment (2) 2012
Primary 3 – English

Section A: Vocabulary							
1. (3)	2. (1)	3. (2)	4. (3)	5. (3)	6. (4)	7. (2)	8. (3)

Section B: Grammar							
9. (4)	10. (4)	11. (1)	12. (2)	13. (1)	14. (1)	15. (4)	16. (3)

Section C: Comprehension MCQ				
17. (1)	18. (2)	19. (2)	20. (3)	21. (1)

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze			
22. hurrying	23. heavier	24. shelter	25. wondering
26.drenched			

Section E: Grammar Cloze					
27. towards	28. under	29. at	30. behind		31. on
32. themselves	33. himself	34. you	35. me	36. your	

Section F: Editing			
37. expensive	38. reprimanded	39. scrawny	40. attap
41. crowded			

Section G: Synthesis	
42	Both Jane and Jayna are my sisters.
43	Some children were afraid to dive into the pool but I was not.

Section H: Comprehension (Open-ended)	
44	Q: Which part of her body did Tammy use to paint?
	A: Tammy used her mouth to paint.
45	Q: When did the accident happen?
	A: The accident happened one evening last year when Tammy was on her way home.
46	Q: What were the outdoor activities that Tammy loved?
	A: The outdoor activities that Tammy loved were diving, jogging and mountain climbing.

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47	Q: Why was Tammy completely dependent on others?
	A: Tammy was completely dependent on others as she was paralysed from her neck down.
48	Q: Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'physical disability'?
	A: The word is 'handicap'.

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