SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY THREE

Name : _____ ( ) Date : _____

Class : Primary 3 Time : 1 hr 15 min

Marks: 28

Booklet A
Section A : Grammar

For each question from 1 to 10, 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. (13 marks)

1. Mrs Tan _____ the news every night after dinner.

   (1) watch
   (2) watches
   (3) watched
   (4) is watching

2. A sudden noise _____ Mike caused him to turn around in fear.

   (1) in
   (2) by
   (3) across
   (4) behind

3. The pupils _____ in excitement as they played in the pool.

   (1) squeal
   (2) squeals
   (3) are squealing
   (4) were squealing

4. _____ was the man you had dinner with yesterday?

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

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5. The pupils are afraid of Mr Raju as nothing escapes _____ sharp eyes.

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

6. Mr Lim is a generous man who _____ donates to charity.

(1) often
(2) rarely
(3) never
(4) seldom

7. Jenny takes _____ her father in looks. They both have brown eyes.

(1) in
(2) on
(3) over
(4) after

8. John strained to hear as his frail, old father spoke _____ on his deathbed.

(1) softly
(2) loudly
(3) clearly
(4) soothingly

9. The thief struggled to break _____ from the firm grip of the police officer.

(1) out
(2) into
(3) away
(4) down

10. The teacher frowned _____ he saw his students smoking on the school premises.

(1) while
(2) when
(3) before
(4) although

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11. "You _____ give up your seat to the elderly on the train," Peter's mother advised him.

(1) might
(2) would
(3) cannot
(4) should

12. Uncle Bob always boasts that he is the _____ man in Singapore.

(1) rich
(2) richer
(3) richest
(4) most rich

13. The piranha is a small fish _____ it is feared by bigger fish.

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

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Section B : Vocabulary

For each question from 14 to 23, 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. (10 marks)

14. Everyone was anxious when their boss did not turn up for work as he was _____ late.

(1) often
(2) never
(3) sometimes
(4) occasionally

15. Many villagers were killed and many houses were _____ in the earthquake.

(1) hurt
(2) injured
(3) affected
(4) destroyed

16. Deepavali is a festival where the Hindus celebrate the _____ of good over evil.

(1) effect
(2) poverty
(3) triumph
(4) strength

17. The injured footballer was _____ when the ambulance arrived at the scene. The pain had been too much for him to bear.

(1) unsafe
(2) unhealthy
(3) unavailable
(4) unconscious

18. The athlete's ankle began to _____ three minutes after she had twisted it.

(1) swell
(2) bleed
(3) inflate
(4) malfunction

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19. Nancy is a _____ pupil. Every day, she spends two hours revising her work.

(1) defiant
(2) diligent
(3) stubborn
(4) scheming

20. The innocent boy looked _____ when the woman shouted and accused him of stealing her purse.

(1) eager
(2) jealous
(3) excited
(4) puzzled

21. Alice and her family went on a _____ to Disneyland during the December holidays. They enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

(1) recess
(2) voyage
(3) routine
(4) vacation

22. The class bully was _____ for his misbehavior. He had to serve detention.

(1) praised
(2) punished
(3) celebrated
(4) commended

23. "Please help _____ to the food. There is plenty for everyone," Aunt Meg told the guests.

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

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Section C : Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Devi maintains an exercise regime that includes a brisk walk every morning in her neighbourhood.

One morning, she started her walk earlier than usual. Daybreak was only just beginning to set in and it was still dark. As she was walking, a cyclist snatched her bag containing her keys, money and handphone and sped off with it! She ran after him shouting, "Help! Thief!" Fortunately, there was a man further ahead who saw what had happened. He was washing a car and had a bucket of water with him. He grabbed the bucket and threw the water at the cyclist.

The cyclist, who was riding on the pavement, lost his balance and fell off his bicycle. Before he could escape, two other joggers rushed over and caught him.

She bent down and asked the boy why he had done that. He apologised profusely and explained that he was the son of a poor farmer and that that year their crops had failed. The money lenders had threatened to beat up his father and hurt their family if they did not pay on time. He was desperate and did not know what else to do.

Devi was deeply moved by this story. She could see that the boy was young and he was so skinny. She felt sorry and forgave him. She then pulled out some money from her bag and gave it to him. She told him that stealing was wrong. He promised her that he would not do such a thing again.

Adapted from http://www.helpothers.org/story.php?sid=18799

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For each question from 24 to 28, 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)

24. What is Devi's exercise regime every morning?
She goes _____.

(1) cycling
(2) jogging
(3) brisk walking
(4) roller blading

25. Why did Devi shout for help?
A cyclist _____.

(1) fell and hurt himself
(2) grabbed her handbag
(3) sped on the pavement
(4) knocked her to the ground

26. What caused the cyclist to lose balance?

(1) Devi shouted for help.
(2) A man threw water at him.
(3) The people in the park surrounded him.
(4) The money lenders were going to beat him up.

27. Which word in Paragraph 4 tells us that the cyclist had no choice but to steal?
The word is "_____".

(1) failed
(2) profusely
(3) desperate
(4) threatened

28. Why did Devi give the boy money?

(1) He was young and skinny.
(2) She was rich and generous.
(3) He promised not to steal again.
(4) She was touched by his sad story.

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Component	Marks obtained	Possible marks
A		28
B		46
Total		74

Booklet B

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. (4 marks)

our	he	himself	their	we	they

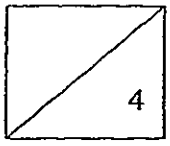
It was a culinary class with a difference. The children were the chefs. (29)_____wore aprons and chefs' hats. Everyone looked excited. When the master chef introduced (30)_____ he said. "I am so delighted to see so many budding chefs here. Today, (31)_____ are going to bake a special chocolate cake. The money received for this cake will be donated to needy children in the neighbourhood. I hope all (32)_____ effort today will make them happy."

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Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

Jennifer likes the holiday season. Each year, with help from her daughter Sofia, she (33) [create / creates] a gingerbread house in the form of a historic landmark. Jennifer truly (34) [has / have] an extraordinary gift. Jennifer (35) [insist / insists] that each gingerbread house should look exactly like the real landmark. Each project requires hours of research and planning. "We (36) [go / goes] to the library and get many books about our subject. Then, I take the drawings and use them to make a cardboard model of the gingerbread house."



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Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and fill in the blanks. (10 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

brands	instead	years	better	turned	shrink
safe	pollutes.	plastic	convenience	activities	true

It is important to recycle plastic bottles. The production of (37)_____ bottles takes up a lot of fossil fuels. In addition, it (38)_____ the environment. Some people drink bottled water because they think it is (39)_____ than water out of the tap but that is not true. In the United States, local governments make sure water from the tap is (40)_____

People love the (41)_____ of bottled water. There are many (42)_____ of bottled water sold in the supermarket and many bottles are thrown away every day. We should try drinking from a glass at home (43)_____ of drinking bottled water.

Plastic bottles take hundreds of (44)_____ to break down so recycling plastic bottles can help save the environment. Instead of throwing plastic bottles away, they can be (45)_____ into items like carpeting or cozy fleece clothing. Many schools organize recycling (46) _____ to encourage the students to do their part for the Earth. It is a good habit to cultivate from a young age.

Adapted from http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/stories/spacescience/water-bottle-pollution/

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Read the passage carefully. Fill each blank with a suitable word. (10 marks)

Nadia and her sister Farah are excited. They are looking forward to the ChildAid concert next Saturday. They (47) _____ get the opportunity to watch concerts. ChildAid is a charity concert (48)_____ showcases young singers, musicians and dancers. Most of them are under the age (49)_____19 and were picked through auditions.

The money from the sale of (50) _____ goes to schoolchildren who are needy. These children are (51)_____ and do not have money to buy school supplies such as books and stationery. The concert also aims to help nurture the artistic talents of underprivileged children.

It has been eight years (52) _____ the charity concert started. Last (53)_____, the event raised a sum of over $2 million.

Singers will sing modern and (54) _____ songs which many people know while musicians will play on their instruments in the classical music segment. Nine-year-old Ong Yi Ting, who (55)_____ the flute, is one of the younger performers.

The message (56)_____ simple. One is never too young to give back to society.

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For each of the questions 56 to 59, 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)

57. The crowd just stood and watched. The lady was screaming for help.

_____ but

_____.

58. I am shopping for Christmas gifts. My parents are also shopping for Christmas gifts.

_____ and

_____.

59. The suspicious-looking man was not allowed to board the aeroplane. He had a flight ticket.

_____ although

_____.

60. Mr Fandi told a joke. The class laughed.

_____ when

_____.

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Read the passage below and answer questions 61 to 65. (10 marks)

The most recent holiday trend is "voluntourism". Sandra had the opportunity to travel and volunteer in both India and Nepal.

Together with two friends, she travelled by speedboat deep within the jungle. There, they delivered much-needed school supplies to several communities along the river. In return, they enjoyed the students' song and dance performances.

Women in the small villages cooked rice over a fire place in the same way that their ancestors had for generations. Sandra did not realise people still lived like this. She thought that it was an unusual way to cook.

At a school she visited, she noticed that the classroom had only a few desks and the older students sat on the floor. Although the children lacked books and school supplies, they were all smart and loved going to school every day.

In Nepal, Sandra's father flew in for a medical mission. He is an ear doctor and hearing loss is a big problem there. Sandra had the opportunity to watch in the operating room as her father gave children the gift of hearing. He helped four children who would never have been able to afford this surgery. Sandra found it odd to see the head surgeon sip a cup of tea directly next to her father while he was performing the surgery.

After her "voluntourism", Sandra appreciated her life back home more. She helped her family with the house chores and was always there to lend a hand to her community. She was happy she had the opportunity to travel and see the world in such a special way.

Adapted from http://www.familytravel.com/Featured-Stories/Top-Stories/Volunteer-Vacation-A Lasting-Gift.html

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ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

61. What destinations did Sandra's "voluntourism" take her to?

_____

_____

62. How did the students from the river communities thank Sandra and her friends for the school supplies?

_____

_____

63. Which custom remained unchanged for the women in the small villages?

_____

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64. What was the odd incident that Sandra saw during the surgery?

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65. How did Sandra show that she appreciated her life back home more after her "voluntourism"?

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
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TERM : SA1

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

18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28
1	2	4	4	2	3	3	2	2	3	4

Q29) they
Q30) himself
Q31) we
Q32) our
Q33) creates
Q34) has
Q35) insists
Q36) go
Q37) plastic
Q38) pollutes
Q39) better
Q40) safe
Q41) convenience
Q42) brands
Q43) instead
Q44) years
Q45) turned
Q46) activities
Q47) seldom
Q48) that

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Q49) of
Q50) tickets
Q51) poor
Q52) since
Q53) year
Q54) popular
Q55) plays
Q56) is
Q57) The lady was screaming for help but the crowd just stood and watched.
Q58) My parents and I are shopping for Christmas gifts.
Q59) The suspicious-looking man was not allowed to board the aeroplane although he had a flight ticket.
Q60) The class laughed when Mr Fandi told a joke.
Q61) It took her to India and Nepal.
Q62) They thanked Sandra and her friends by singing and performing.
Q63) They still cooked rice over a fire place like their ancestors.
Q64) Sandra saw the head surgeon sip a cup of teac directly next to her father when he was performing the surgery.
Q65) She helped her family with the house chores and was always there to lend a hand to her community.

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