PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2013
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PAPER 2: LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 3

Name: _____( )

Class: Primary 3

Subject Teacher: _____

Date: 24 October 2013 Parent's Signature:

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks obtained	Maximum marks for each component
Paper 1 (Writing)		20
Paper 2 (Language Use and Comprehension)		50
Paper 3 (Listening Comprehension)		14
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. Karen _____ her shoulders when she thinks of the haunted house at the corner of that street.

(1) flexes (2) bends

(3) exercises (4) shudders ( )

2. The villagers lost their houses because they had been _____ of a huge fire.

(1) culprits (2) victims

(3) gangsters (4) tourists ( )

3. Caleb is _____ in his English language because he is able to speak confidently.

(1) fluent (2) popular

(3) fashionable (4) competitive ( )

4. Mrs Wong wrote an _____ note to her son to encourage him to work hard for his examination.

(1) informational (2) instructional

(3) international (4) inspirational ( )

5. Mr James received a _____ to perform a magic show on Children's Day.

(1) report (2) poster

(3) request (4) pamphlet ( )

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6. Marine animals are slowly losing their homes as people _____ the wetlands for buildings and roads developments.

(1) attack (2) destroy

(3) clean (4) disguise ( )

Section B: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

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

7. During recess just now, David _____ caught littering.

(1) is (2) was

(3) are (4) were ( )

8. The teacher and her pupils set up the tents by _____ without any help.

(1) herself (2) yourself

(3) themselves (4) ourselves ( )

9. "Please listen carefully. I _____ you how to shut down the computer now," said the teacher.

(1) teach (2) am teaching

(3) taught (4) was teaching ( )

10. No one testified against the bully because they _____ afraid of him.

(1) is (2) was

(3) are (4) were ( )

11. Xiao Ming's grandmother always prepares _____ food whenever he visits her.

(1) each (2) a few

(3) many (4) a lot of ( )

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12. While Michael _____ in his bedroom, he heard a loud scream.

(1) rests (2) will rest

(3) has rested (4) was resting ( )

13. _____ ladies over there are waiting for the store to open.

(1) Those (2) This

(3) These (4) That ( )

14. Last week, Santhi and her brother _____ the Jurong Bird Park.

(1) visit (2) visited

(3) have visited (4) were visiting ( )

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Section C: 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.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

Passage 1

(A) his	(C) our	(E) they
(B) him	(D) ours	(F) You

Tomorrow will be a special day for Father. It is (15) _____ birthday. My mother and I had planned a surprise party for (16) _____. We invited our relatives for the celebration. Everyone promised to keep it a secret from Father. One of (17) _____ relatives, Aunt May, volunteered to bake a blueberry cheesecake for Father. " (18) _____ are not supposed to let the cat out of the bag," my mother reminded me. I nodded my head.

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Passage 2

I dream to become an illustrator when I grow up. Unfortunately, my parents discourage me. They said there is no way I can (19) [earn / earns] an income as an illustrator. This (20) [make / makes] me sad because I love art more than anything. I feel happy when I (21) [am / was] involved in drawing. However, my father (22) [is / was] strict and rarely praises me for my art work. Even then, I still keep drawing and believing in my dream.

Adapted from "Chicken Soup for the Soul – Just for Preteen"

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Section D: 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 K) in each blank. The letter ' I ' has been omitted to avoid confusion during marking.

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.

(A) ability	(C) best	(E) listen	(G) poke	(J) touch
(B) better	(D) danger	(F) noticed	(H) sense	(K) warn

Do you ever wonder how birds find worms underground? Have you (23) _____ how quickly birds find worms in the grass? Birds have very sharp senses and their amazing hearing (24) _____ helps them to find worms. Birds' feet are so sensitive that they can (25) _____ vibrations as worms move through the soil. Birds can tilt their heads to the ground and (26) _____ to the vibrations too. Like some animals, birds use their senses of hearing to (27) _____ them of enemies and other kinds of (28) _____.

Birds can use their sharp beaks to (29) _____ into the soil and pull out the worms easily. Furthermore, they know that worms love morning dew and rain. Therefore, when birds get to the grass earlier, they have a (30) _____ chance of catching their meals for the day! That is why we can hear birds chirping early in the morning.

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Section E: Comprehension (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The body of a man who fell into the sea while he was fishing at the jetty at East Coast Park early yesterday was recovered after an eight-hour search. The Singapore Civil Defence Force said it received a call for help at about 11.15 am yesterday. A fire engine, two ambulances and two support vehicles were sent to the scene immediately for the rescue work. The police and navy divers were also present to search for the missing man. He was believed to be a Chinese national working in Singapore.

The police said that the body of the 51-year-old was found floating ten metres away from the shore. Upon arrival, the paramedics examined the body and later pronounced him dead at 7.41 pm. It was reported that the man was reeling in what was believed to be a large fish when he lost his balance and fell into the sea. His friend suffered cuts on his right leg when he tried to pull the victim to safety but failed.

Ali, who has been fishing at the jetty during his free time, said it was generally safe to fish there. He commented that if a fish is too heavy, one should cut the fishing line for safety reasons if one cannot manage to pull the fish out of the water.

Adapted from The Straits Times "Body of man who fell into sea recovered" dated 11 August 2013

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For Questions 31 and 32, read each statement and tick (√) "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 1 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (2m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	The body of a man was found at the jetty at East Coast Park.	√	
31.	The Singapore Civil Defence Force spent eight hours searching for the missing man.		
32.	The rescue team received a call to look for the missing man in the evening.		

33. Three types of vehicles arrived at the scene for the rescue work. What are the types of vehicles?

i) _____ (1m)

ii) _____ (1m)

iii) _____ (1m)

34. How did the man fall into the sea?

_____ (1m)

35. Which word has the same meaning as "declared"? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

> Upon arrival, the paramedics **examined** (A) the body and later **pronounced** (B) him dead at 7.41 pm.

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36. Tick (√) your chosen answer. (1m)

The man's friend tried to _____ but failed.

	alert the navy divers to rescue the victim
	dive into the sea to search for the victim
	pull the victim to safety

37. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the sequence of events that happened in paragraph 2. (1m)

_____ The victim lost his balance and fell into the sea.

_____ The paramedics pronounced the victim dead.

_____ The police found the body of the victim.

38. Name the activity which Ali does during his free time.

_____ (1m)

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Section F: Comprehension OE (5 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Dan sulked as he stepped into the house. Just then, Grandpa saw Dan's unhappiness and questioned him patiently, "How's your day in school, Dan?"

Sadly, Dan replied, "Grandpa, have you ever been hurt by the comments made by your friends?" Grandpa nodded and shared a story with Dan to cheer him up.

Once, there were two friends named Jim and Tom. They went hiking together. At some point of their journey, they had a quarrel. Then, Jim gave Tom a slap on his face. Feeling hurt, Tom said nothing but wrote in the soil, "My best friend slapped me on the face."

The boys walked for many hours. Tom was exhausted. He almost fell off the cliff. Fortunately, Jim saw it and immediately saved Tom. After Tom had recovered from the shock, he took a chisel and engraved some words on the stone "Today, my best friend saved my life."

Jim was puzzled and asked Tom, "When I slapped you, you wrote in the soil and when I saved you, you engraved onto the stone. Why?" Tom replied, "When someone hurts us, we should write about it in the soil so that wind of forgiveness can blow it away. However, when someone does something good for us, we should engrave onto a stone so that no wind can erase it."

"Thank you, Grandpa. I have learnt not to let hurtful remarks ruin my day," Dan said to his grandpa after listening to his story.

Adapted from http://www.inspirational-short-stories.com

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Answer in complete sentences.

39. What happened in school which caused Dan to be unhappy? (2m)

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40. What did Grandpa do to help Dan overcome his unhappiness? (2m)

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41. What caused Tom to nearly fall off the cliff? (2m)

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42. What does the word 'it' in line 11 refer to? (2m)

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43. What did Dan learn from his grandpa's story? (2m)

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End of Paper

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ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2013
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TERM : SA2

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

Section C
Q15) A
Q16) B
Q17) C
Q18) F
Q19) earn
Q20) makes
Q21) am
Q22) is

Section D
Q23) F
Q24) A
Q25) H
Q26) E
Q27) K
Q28) D
Q29) G
Q30) B
Section E
Q31) True
Q32) False

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Q33) i) a fire engine
ii) two ambulances
iii) two support vehicles

Q34) He lost his balance

Q35) B

Q36)

	Alert the navy divers to rescue the victim
	Dive into the sea to search for the victim
√	Pull the victim to safety

Q37)

1	The victim lost his balance and fell into the sea
3	The paramedics pronounced the victim dead
2	The police found the body of the victim

Q38) Fishing

Q39) Dan had been hurt by harmful comments made by his friends

Q40) Grandpa shared a story with Dan to cheer him up

Q41) He was exhausted from walking for many hours

Q42) "It" refers to Tom almost falling off the cliff

Q43) Dan learnt not to let harmful remarks ruin his day

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