HENRY PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
2014 SEMESTRAL EXAMINATION TWO
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY THREE

MCQ	14
FIB / OE	36
TOTAL	50

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Duration of Paper: 1h 15min

Section A: Vocabulary (6 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. During the 'blink-off' competition, Jon stared at Snowball till he felt his eyes _____

   1) bulging
   2) winking
   3) sagging
   4) twinkling ( )

2. In some countries, houses are built on _____ so that the shady spaces under these houses can be used for people to rest and cool down.

   1) legs
   2) rocks
   3) slabs
   4) stilts ( )

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3. Aliyah is the most _____ among her friends as she usually dresses in the latest trend.

1) plain
2) designed
3) unknown
4) fashionable ( )

4. The mischievous children were _____ for misbehaving in class.

1) commended
2) flattered
3) praised
4) reprimanded ( )

5. My friend Gabriel _____ me to a game of chess.

1) challenged
2) expected
3) played
4) visited ( )

6. China has a very large _____ so it is often very crowded in the city.

1) addition
2) destination
3) location
4) population ( )

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.

7. The chameleon hid _____ among the grass.

1) herself
2) himself
3) itself
4) myself ( )

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8. In the olden days, _____ people thought that it was not important for girls to go to school.

1) all
2) least
3) many
4) much ( )

9. Janet _____ going to school because she can make new friends and play games.

1) enjoy
2) enjoys
3) enjoyed
4) has enjoyed ( )

10. Mr Tan was a secondary school teacher who _____ Mathematics and Science.

1) teaches
2) taught
3) is teaching
4) have taught ( )

11. Thomas _____ when someone rang the doorbell.

1) bathes
2) is bathing
3) was bathing
4) has bathed ( )

12. Scientists look _____ the telescope to study the stars.

1) above
2) over
3) through
4) under ( )

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13. We must make sure that we have packed all we need for our holidays and that we have left _____ behind.

1) anything
2) everything
3) nothing
4) something ( )

14. Annie was so busy that she did not notice that a giant moth had flown _____ her.

1) in
2) out
3) past
4) through ( )

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Section C: Grammar Cloze

Part I (4 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.

on	out	into
over	through	down

Alice came upon a little three-legged table made of solid glass. There was nothing (15) _____ it except a tiny golden key. Then she saw a little door behind the curtain. She opened the door and found a small passage, not larger than a rat-hole. She knelt (16) _____ and looked into the passage to find the loveliest garden she had ever seen. How she longed to get (17) _____ of the dark hall and wander about among the beds of bright flowers and cool fountains. Unfortunately, she could not even get her head (18) _____ the doorway. "Even if my head would go through," thought poor Alice, "it would be of very little use without my shoulders."

An excerpt from 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll

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Part II (4 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.

heard	will hear	have been hearing
hear	hears	

Knock! Knock! The strange knocking sound came from the wardrobe again.

"Can you (19) _____ that?" Lucy asked her sister, Lina.

"We (20) _____ that noise for the past two nights. Do you think we (21) _____ it every night?" Lina asked her sister.

Lucy and her sister froze in their bed when they (22) _____ the sound again. It was louder and clearer this time.

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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.

buildings	things	restaurants	trees
shops	changes	food	river

In the olden days of Singapore, the Singapore River was a busy waterway. People from all over the world sailed to Singapore to trade. They loaded and unloaded their goods along the (23) _____ Many shophouses were also built along the river. People set up (24) _____ and lived in these double-storey buildings.

Over the years, a lot of (25) _____ have taken place along the river. The river is now lined with tall and modern (26) _____ Many of the shophouses have been converted to (27) _____ where people can choose to dine outdoors and admire the beautiful skyline. Many of the places along the river are now popular tourist attractions.

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SECTION E: Editing (5 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined word contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.

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It was the June holidays. Julie and Cindy were cycling in the **neighberhood** park.

29.

Suddenly, Julie stopped cycling. She saw a small and **scraweny** boy squatting by the

30.

lake in the park. He seemed to be in pain and was untidy in **apearance**.

Julie and Cindy approached the boy. The moment the two girls were near the boy,

31.

he quickly snatched Julie's handbag and started to run away. Julie had not **expekted** that from the skinny boy. However, Cindy was too fast for him. She grabbed him by the collar and demanded an explanation from him.

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The boy apologised to the two girls and **promissed** not to steal again. The kind girls forgave the boy and even gave him some money to buy food.

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SECTION F: Sentence Manipulation-Combining (2 x 1 mark)
Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence without changing the original meaning.

33. Daniel is a scientist. His younger brother is a scientist too.

Both _____

_____

34. Smook did not like the chocolate chips. He removed them from his cake.

_____ as

_____

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SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

Read the passage below and answer questions 35 to 42.

It was Sunday morning. Suzy went shopping with her mother at Clementi Mall. She had done well in her examinations and her mother had promised to get her a pet. They went into a pet shop. Suzy saw some goldfish, kittens, puppies and birds. She did not know what to get. Then she saw a little hamster. Her eyes sparkled.

"Look, Mummy," she said, "Isn't it lovely? Can I have it as my pet?"

Her mother agreed. When they were about to pay for the hamster, the shopkeeper told Suzy that one of the hamster's legs was injured. It had a fight with the other hamsters and one of the hamsters bit its leg. It could only move on three legs.

"I didn't know hamsters fight," said Suzy. "Poor little fellow. I'll take care of it."

Suzy's mother was pleased that ~~Judy~~ Suzy showed such compassion for a little animal. They took the hamster home in a small cage. Suzy made a bed for the little hamster. The bed was made of leaves.

Suzy called the little hamster Sandy as it had fur the colour of sand. She fed Sandy every day and made sure its home was clean. Under Suzy's great care, Sandy's injured leg healed quickly.

Sandy was lucky to have such a caring and responsible owner.

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35. Why did Suzy's mother buy a pet for her? [1m]

(1) She wanted to reward Suzy.

(2) She felt sorry for the hamster.

(3) She knew that Suzy loved small animals.

(4) She wanted Suzy to learn to be more caring.

( )

36. How did Suzy feel when she first saw the hamster?

She felt _____. [1m]

(1) sad

(2) angry

(3) excited

(4) surprised

( )

37. When Suzy and her mother was/were about to pay for the hamster, they found out that the hamster _____. [1m]

(1) was born with three legs

(2) could not move any of its legs

(3) could only move three of its legs

(4) tried to escape and had injured his leg

( )

For questions 38-40, state whether the sentence is true or false. Write T if the sentence is true and F if the sentence is false. [3m]

		T / F
38.	Suzy had done well in her examinations so she got to buy a pet as a reward.	
39.	Suzy saw the eyes of a cat in the pet shop sparkle and decided to get it as her pet.	
40.	Suzy is compassionate towards little animals.	

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41. Order the sentences below according to what happened in the story.
Number the sentences **(1, 2 and 3)** in the boxes provided. [1m]

i)	The shopkeeper told Sandy (Suzy) that the hamster that she had chosen had an injured leg after having a fight with the other hamsters.	
ii)	Sandy (Suzy)'s leg healed quickly under the care of its caring and responsible owner.	
iii)	Sandy (Suzy) chose a hamster as a pet at the pet shop.	

42. Give one reason which showed that Suzy was a responsible pet owner. [1m]

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SECTION H: COMPREHENSION (8 x 1 mark)
Read the passage below and answer questions 43 to 48.

Bear, Reindeer and Fox were great friends. One day, Bear and Reindeer found a tree with many fruits and decided to keep it a secret. Soon they met Fox, who seeing them so happy, asked them why. They told him they could not tell him because it was a secret. Fox asked them to trust him, so they told him about the tree.

When they arrived at a village, Fox forgot about his promise and told everyone about the tree. When Bear and Reindeer returned to the tree, the animals from the village had already been there and eaten all the fruits.

Bear and Reindeer then found another place full of food and the same thing happened again with Fox. Frustrated by these betrayals, they decided to teach Fox a lesson.

The next day, they told Fox that they had found a lake so full of fish that no effort was needed to catch them. Fox again told everyone in the village about this. A while later, Fox came by, covered in bruises. After telling all the animals about the lake, everyone had rushed there. As they did not find anything, they gave Fox a good beating.

Fox learned that trust was very important and that to get it in the first place, he should learn to keep his word. Bear and Reindeer decided to forgive him and Fox never betrayed his friends again.

Adapted from: http://freestoriesforkids.com/children/stories-and-tales/bigmouth-fox

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43. What did the animals in the village do when Fox told them about the tree? [1m]

_____

_____

44. Which word in paragraph 3 has a similar meaning to 'annoyed'? [1m]

45. Order the sentences below according to what happened in the story. Number the sentences **(1, 2 and 3)** in the boxes provided. [1m]

i)	They came up with a plan to trick him and told him about the lake that was full of fish.	
ii)	Forgetting his promise, Fox told all the animals in the village about the tree with many fruits.	
iii)	Bear and Reindeer wanted to teach Fox a lesson for betraying their trust.	

46. How did the animals feel when they realised that the lake did not exist? [1m]

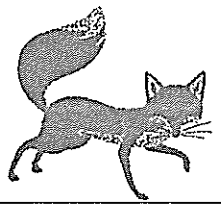
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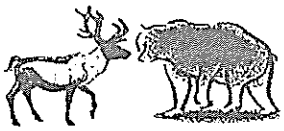
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47. Decide to whom the following qualities belong to. Match all of them to represent either the Fox or his friends. [2m]

Fox



Reindeer and Bear



forgiving
patient
insensible
mischievous

48. (i) Would you forgive Fox if you were his friend? [1m]

_____

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(ii) Give a reason for your answer. [1m]

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

Q15) on

Q16) down

Q17) out

Q18) through

Q19) hear

Q20) have been hearing

Q21) will hear

Q22) heard

Q23) river

Q24) shops

Q25) changes

Q26) buildings

Q27) restaurants

Q28) neighbourhood

Q29) scrawny

Q30) appearance

Q31) expected

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Q32) promised

Q33) Both Daniel and his younger brother are scientists.

Q34) Smook removed the chocolate chips from his cake as he did not like them.

Q35) 1

Q36) 3

Q37) 3

Q38) T

Q39) F

Q40) T

Q41) 2, 3, 1

Q42) She fed Sandy everyday OR She made a bed of leaves for Sandy.

Q43) They went to the tree and ate all the fruits.

Q44) frustrated

Q45) 3, 1, 2

Q46) The animals felt very angry when they realized that the lake did not exist.

Q47) Fox→insensible, mischievous

Reindeer and Bear→ forgiving, patient

Q48) I would forgive Fox if I were his friend.

Q49) We should always forgive others.

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