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2015 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2

LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION

PRIMARY 3

Name : _____ ( )

Class : Primary 3 / _____

Date : 29 October 2015

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each section.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.

42 Questions
50 Marks
Duration of Paper: 1 hour 15 minutes

ITEMS	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
MCQ		22
Qn 19 - 42		28
TOTAL		50

Parent's Signature : _____

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Section A: Vocabulary (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

1. Nobody dares to _____ against the school bully for fear of revenge.

(1) prove
(2) certify
(3) testify
(4) declare

2. The man in the shop is actually a woman in _____!

(1) outlook
(2) disguise
(3) camouflage
(4) appearance

3. Alice _____ Jane with her elbow to alert her of the approaching cockroach.

(1) patted
(2) jiggled
(3) wiggled
(4) prodded

4. The _____ boy played a prank on his classmates by hiding the rubber lizard in the cupboard.

(1) brilliant
(2) gullible
(3) adorable
(4) mischievous

5. "Be careful, the porcupine has a _____ outer covering!" Mrs Lee warned the boys.

(1) furry
(2) scaly
(3) prickly
(4) feathery

6. Jessie took up the _____ and signed up for the 'Durian-Eating' contest.

(1) risk
(2) chance
(3) challenge
(4) opportunity

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Section B: Grammar (8 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

7. The red bean soup was very sweet because Mrs Ong added too _____ sugar into it.

(1) little (2) much
(3) many (4) a few

8. The wolf will _____ the house down with one big puff.

(1) blow (2) blows
(3) blew (4) blown

9. The residents _____ about the loud noise last night.

(1) complain (2) complains
(3) complained (4) was complaining

10. Teresa rarely cooks, _____?

(1) can she (2) does she
(3) can't she (4) doesn't she

11. Singapore played _____ Thailand and lost in the soccer match.

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

12. It is dangerous to cycle _____ the dark pavement at night.

(1) over (2) onto
(3) along (4) through

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13. The boys _____ basketball when it started to rain.

(1) play
(2) was playing
(3) played
(4) were playing

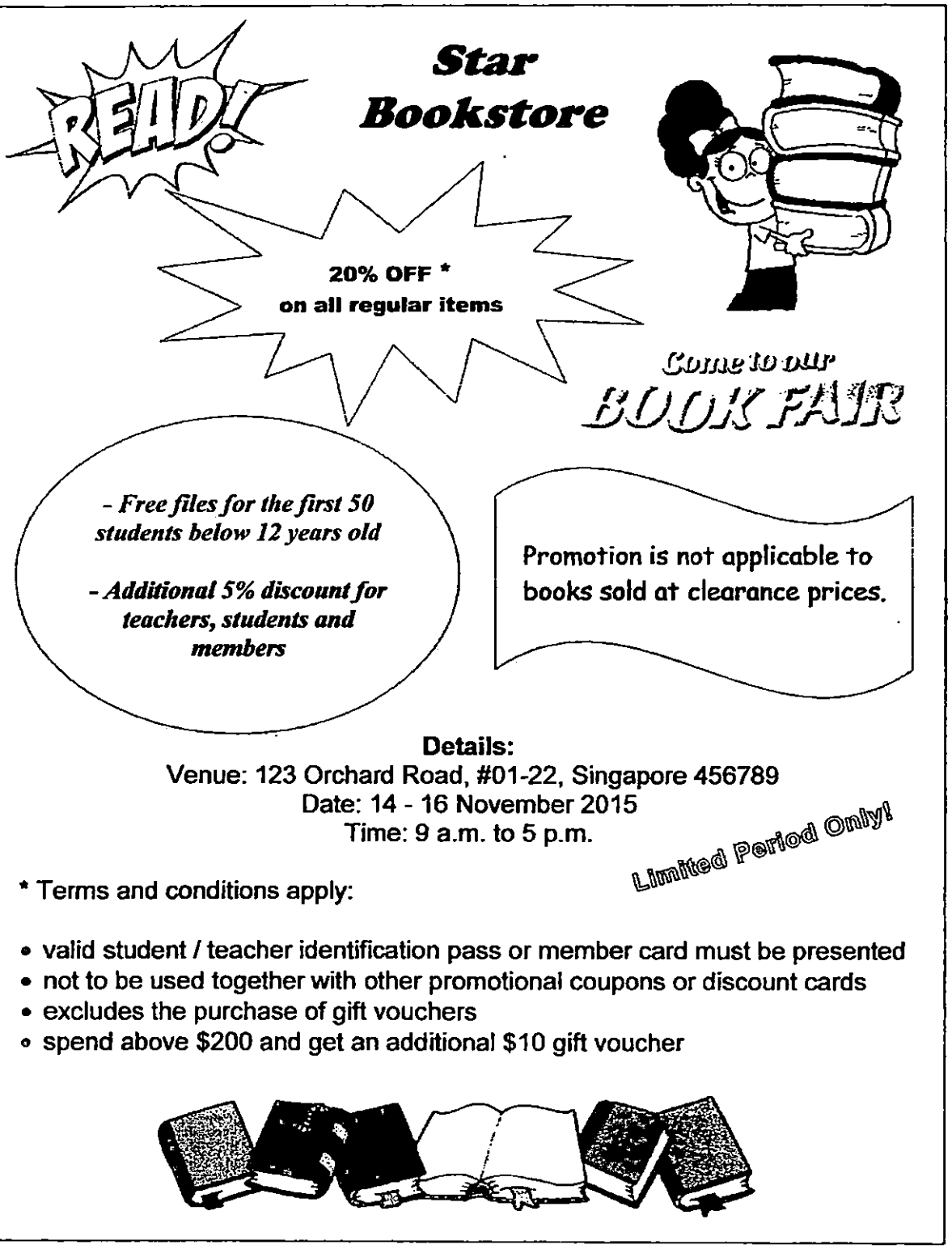
14. "Has someone _____ Sammy's bag by mistake?" Mr Choo asked the class.

(1) take
(2) takes
(3) took
(4) taken

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.
Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.



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15. The advertisement is about _____.

(1) savings
(2) a sales promotion by a bookstore
(3) providing a range of teaching resources
(4) how assessment books can be selected

16. What is the maximum discount a student can get?

(1) 5%
(2) 15%
(3) 20%
(4) 25%

17. Melissa will **not** qualify for a 20% discount if she _____.

(1) buys regular items
(2) buys a gift voucher
(3) verifies that she is a teacher
(4) spends less than $200 on her bill

18. Mrs Loh, a housewife who is not a member of the bookstore, will be spending $250 on regular items. What will she get during the promotion?

(1) She will get a file.
(2) She will get a discount card.
(3) She will get a 5% discount on the books.
(4) She will get a 20% discount on the books and receive a $10 gift voucher.

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Section D: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

After recess, Henry realised that his favourite pen was missing. He was certain that it was stolen by Bill **(19)** [who / whom] sat beside him.

Bill was suspected because he was the only one **(20)** [in / on] class during recess. However, Henry did not **(21)** [had / have] any evidence to prove his suspicion. Just as he was thinking about it, Mrs Ang told **(22)** [him / her] that he had left his pen in his English workbook.

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Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.

(A)	see	(B)	saw	(C)	seeing
(D)	sees	(E)	seen	(F)	sight

Yesterday, an old woman was robbed at a void deck. The robber was

_____ running towards Bedok Street 3 and the robbery took place at about
(23)

12.30pm. If anyone were to _____ the robber, he or she must inform the
(24)

police immediately.

An eyewitness _____ a man robbing an old woman near the lift at the
(25)

void deck. Upon _____ the eyewitness, the robber ran for his life.
(26)

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Section F: Editing (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Correct each word in bold for spelling and underlined for punctuation. Write the correct word or punctuation in the relevant box.

A mysterious creature was discovered dead on a beach in Santa Barbara

(27) [ ]

after a storm. It had sharp **klaus** and pointed teeth. The brown, hairless monster

(28) [ ]

was found near a drain *washout,*

(29) [ ]

No one could identify the animal species that the creature belong to. *nobody*

knew where it came from. Many people wondered what it was and took several

(30) [ ]

fotografs of it. The unidentified beast had left residents baffled.

Adapted from: http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news

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Section G: Sentence Combining (4 marks)

For each question from 31 to 32, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

31. Ali was injured. He went for the competition.

Despite _____

_____

32. Helen studied very hard for the test. She failed the test.

_____ though

_____

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Section H: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage and fill in each blank with a suitable word.

The lion dance is performed during Chinese New Year and other special occasions _____ (33) as the opening of new restaurants and the celebration of a wedding. The dance symbolises luck and is celebrated _____ (34) much joy and happiness.

Two dancers perform the dance. One dancer takes control _____ (35) the head while the other moves the body and tail _____ (36) express the joyous mood.

Adapted from: http://www.chinese-symbols.com/chinese-dances/lion-dance.html

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Section I: Comprehension (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

The 3.2 kilometres long Singapore River has been the lifeline of Singapore for more than 150 years. Many of the early settlers first set foot in Singapore on the banks of this river. Most of these people were Chinese, but there were also Indians and Malays. Some set up businesses while others lived around the vibrant waterway.

Singapore's free port status and strategic location attracted all types of trade. The river's calm water, ideal for trading activities, served as the harbour for the growing British Settlement. In the 1970s, littering caused by squatters, hawkers and manufacturing industries which crowded the banks of the river, led to severe pollution of the Singapore River.

This promoted the 'River Clean-up Campaign', which began in September 1983 and saw the last few small boats on their final journey out of the river. Today, converted bumboats operate as river-taxis which carry sightseeing passengers. The Singapore River has also become the venue to many public events and activities including the Lunar New Year 'River Hong Bao', Annual Duck Race and fishing competitions.

The Singapore River tells a story of how a river contributed to the success of Singapore. This legendary river has an old charm and Singaporeans will never forget its great importance in the history of Singapore.

Adapted from: http://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/infopedia/articles

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For Question 37 and 38, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to Paragraph 1 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

No	Statement	True	False
Example	The Singapore River has been the lifeline of Singapore for more than 150 years.	√	
37.	All of the early settlers were Chinese.		
38.	Some of the early settlers set up businesses near the Singapore River.		

39. According to the passage, which two groups of people caused the pollution of the Singapore River in the 1970s? [2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

40. What does 'This' in line 11 refer to? [1m]

_____

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41. Compare the use of the bumboats in the Singapore River in the past and present. [1m]

In the past	In the present
Bumboats were used for trading purposes.	Bumboats are used as _____ _____ _____

42. What is so special about the Singapore River and what is it remembered for today? [2m]

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Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q9	Q 10
3	2	4	4	3	3	2	1	3	4
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18		
4	3	4	4	2	4	1	2		

Q19. who

Q20. in

Q21. have

Q22. him

Q23. E

Q24. A

Q25. B

Q26. C

Q27. claws

Q28. washout

Q29. Nobody

Q30. photographs

Q31. Despite being injured, Ali went for the competition.

Q32. Helen failed the test though she studied very hard for it.

Q33. such

Q34. with

Q35. of

Q36. to

Q37. False

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Q38. True

Q39. i) squatters ii) hawkers

Q40. It refers to the severe pollution of the Singapore River.

Q41. Bumboats are used as river-taxis which carry sightseeing passenger.

Q42. The Singapore River has an old charm and it is remembered for its great importance in the history of Singapore today.

THE END

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