SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2015

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY THREE

Name: _____ ( ) Date: _____

Class: Primary 3 _____

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

14 questions

14 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

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Section A: Vocabulary

For each question from 1 to 6, 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. (6 marks)

1. Mr Tan was happy to hear a song _____ by his daughter over the radio on Father's Day.

   (1) memo
   (2) notice
   (3) message
   (4) dedication

2. There was no rain for many months. The crops could not grow due to the _____.

   (1) flood
   (2) famine
   (3) drought
   (4) monsoon

3. The foreign worker who rescued a baby from drowning was _____ for his brave act.

   (1) gifted
   (2) granted
   (3) rewarded
   (4) reassigned

4. The _____ pupils were reprimanded by their form teacher for misbehaving during the National Day Celebrations.

   (1) rowdy
   (2) civilised
   (3) obedient
   (4) respectful

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5. Alice's parents _____ with pride as they watched her receive her certificate at her graduation ceremony.

(1) lashed
(2) jumped.
(3) beamed
(4) sneered

6. The pupils walked _____ to the school field when they heard the fire alarm. They were reminded to hurry to the assembly area.

(1) slowly
(2) briskly
(3) gracefully
(4) confidently

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 7 to 14, 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. (8 marks)

7. Mrs Tan was driving _____ Orchard Road when her car skidded and hit the kerb.

(1) at
(2) over
(3) along
(4) between

8. Dennis hurt _____ when he was cutting the apple into slices.

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

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9. The lady, _____ was introduced by the principal during assembly, is our new Art teacher.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) where
(4) whose.

10. Kimberly is a very skilled acrobat. She _____ walk on the tightrope without losing her balance.

(1) can
(2) may
(3) shall
(4) might

11. The teacher told the pupils to _____ the word in the dictionary to find out its meaning.

(1) look in
(2) look up
(3) look after
(4) look down

12. Pei Sze stayed up late to complete her project _____ she was tired.

(1) if
(2) since
(3) because
(4) although

13. Gordon _____ with his new toys later as he is doing his homework now.

(1) play
(2) plays
(3) played
(4) will play

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14. There was so _____ dust in the air that I could not stop sneezing as I cleaned the shelves.

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

END OF BOOKLET A

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Class: Primary 3 Parent's Signature:

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

31 questions

36 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

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Write your answers in this booklet.

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Section C: Grammar Cloze

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

Andrew walked into the dining room. His eyes widened with greed when he (15) [sees / saw] a plate of chocolate muffins on the dining table. Andrew (16) [love / loves] anything that is chocolate-flavoured. He (17) [takes / took] a muffin and gobbled it up. Then, he realised that the muffin (18) [is / was] spoilt. He rushed to the sink and threw up. Andrew felt miserable and lost his appetite.

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Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

it	his	her	she	they	their

Dennis likes omelette with chicken sausages. He knows that Mother is frying (19)_____ favourite dish as he hears her beating the eggs. The eggs need to be beaten till (20)_____ are fluffy.

Mother places the wok on the stove and (21)_____ has to be very hot before the oil is poured in. The sausages are fried and then the egg is added. Mother does not add much oil because the sausages produce oil when cooked. When (22) _____ scoops the omelette onto a plate, the aroma is simply irresistible. Dennis looks forward to his breakfast every day.

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

threats	**preys**	**lives**	**colour**	**hunt**	**stripes**

The Bengal tiger is found mainly in India. It (23)_____ in a wide range of habitats such as tropical rainforests, mangroves and grasslands. Some tigers are white with or without black (24)_____. Bengal tigers (25)_____ mostly at night. Habitat loss and poaching are (26)_____ to the survival of the Bengal tigers. They are not only killed for their skin but also for their body parts which are used to make traditional Asian medicines.

Source: Adapted from http://www.tigersincrisis.com/bengal_tiger.htm

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Section E: Editing

Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (2 marks)

The weather was excellent for outdoor activities. Fluffy white clouds (27) [ ] dreefted lazily across the azure blue sky. Kumar and his family were feeling (28) [ ] thankful as they drove to East Coast Park. It was a purfect day to have a family picnic. Kumar's mother prepared a lot of food for the picnic. Kumar and his younger brother could not wait to build sandcastles.

Each of the underlined words contains a grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (2 marks)

Although it was the school holidays, Jasmine's class had gathered in school (29) [ ] early in the morning. Her class has decided to take part in the fund raising project (30) [ ] organised by an old folks home. Jasmine's form and co-form teachers are there to help the children as well. Jasmine and her classmates were excited to be part of the fund raising project.

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Section F: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions 31 to 34, 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). (4 marks)

31. Kelvin likes to play in the sand. Tom likes to play in the sand.

Both _____

_____

32. I stepped on a puddle of water. I slipped and fell.

_____ when

_____

33. Susan missed the bus. She would be late for school.

Since _____

_____

34. Mrs Toh speaks loudly. Her students can hear her.

_____ so that

_____

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Section G: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 42. (8 marks)

My brother, Alex, has always been messy. The floor of his room was covered with dirty clothes, toys and open books. My mother never allowed him to go out unless he cleaned his room. She always said that his room was not fit for human habitation.

Alex often asked me to help him clean his room so he could go and play soccer with his friends and I usually ended up helping him. Alex would be grateful to me but I would get quite angry with him as I would rather be out playing soccer too.

One day, my friend Nick, invited me over to his house to see his new puppy. I warned Alex to start cleaning early that week but to no avail. His room was messier than ever, so I assisted him in cleaning up. I called Nick and said I could not come. He invited me over again the next Saturday.

I decided not to allow Alex's disorderly habits disrupt my plans. I went to the supermarket and asked for three cardboard boxes. I wrote 'clothes' on one box, 'books and games' on the second box and 'trash' on the third box. Then, I placed them neatly in Alex's room.

Every day, I would go to Alex's room to check on its cleanliness. I would point to any items on the floor and say, "Throw it in the right box!" He then started to remember to do it on his own. On Saturday, we emptied the clothes from the first box into the laundry basket, arranged the books on the bookshelf and the games in the toy box. Then, we emptied the trash box into the garbage can. Alex was finally organised and I could play with Nick's puppy that day.

Adapted from http://www.ncsu.edu/project/lancet/third_grade/brother%27smess3rd.pdf

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35. Which 5-word phrase in paragraph one suggests that no one could live in Alex's room? (1m)

36. Why did Nick invite the author over to his house? (1m)

_____

_____

37. Which word has the same meaning as 'advised'? Circle either (a) or (b). (1m)

I warned (a) Alex to start cleaning early that week but to no avail. His room was messier than ever so I assisted (b) him in cleaning up.

For question 38-39, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". (2m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	Alex placed three boxes in the author's room.		✓
38.	The author was invited to Nick's house because Nick had a new pet.		
39.	The author never helped his brother, Alex, to clean his room.		

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For questions 40-41, tick ✓ whether the statements describe the actions of Alex or the author. (2m)

	Statement	Alex	Author
40.	He went to the supermarket to get cardboard boxes and labelled them.		
41.	He placed his things in the correct boxes.		

42. What did the author do to remind Alex to place his things properly?

_____

_____

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Section H: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 43 to 48. (8 marks)

A stray dog named Max always dreamt of being a true hero. He was telling his friend, Spike, how he wanted to save someone. Spike said, "Come, follow me. There are many dangers in Grapevine Woods."

At the same time, a little girl called Lucy was riding her bicycle through Grapevine Woods. She was near a river with strong currents. She saw an eagle and was fascinated by how majestic it looked when it flew. As she was looking up at the eagle, she paid no attention to what was ahead of her. All of a sudden, she fell into the river!

Max and Spike had arrived at Grapevine Woods just in time to see Lucy's face peeking out of the water, her arms flailing. Spike turned to Max and said, "Here's your chance!" Max quickly ran to the river and dived in. He could barely swim in the rough waters as the current was too strong but he paddled as hard as he could to get to Lucy. He finally reached her. He carried her on his back and swam to the bank of the river. Then, he gently placed her on the grass. Lucy was relieved to be on dry land again. She hugged Max thankfully. Max wagged his tail proudly.

That day, Lucy adopted Max as her pet. Lucy's parents made a kennel as a reward for Max. Max was delighted to have a new home.

Adapted from 'The Hero' by Emily Smith

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For questions 43-44, tick ✓ whether the statements describe the actions of Max or Spike. (2m)

	Statement	Max	Spike
43.	He suggested going to Grapevine Woods.		
44.	He wanted to be a hero.		

45. Write one word from paragraph 2 that has the same meaning as 'splendid'. (1m)

46. Write 1, 2, 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the passage. (1m)

_____ Max saved Lucy.

_____ Lucy was distracted by an eagle.

_____ Lucy fell into the river.

47. List two **actions** taken by Lucy to show that she was grateful to Max for saving her life.

i) _____(1m)

ii) _____(1m)

48. Do you think Max's dream of being a true hero was fulfilled? Why or why not? (2m)

_____

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SCHOOL : SINGAPORE CHINESE SCHOOL
SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA2

Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4	Q 5	Q 6	Q 7	Q 8	Q9	Q 10
4	3	3	1	3	2	3	3	1	1
Q 11	Q 12	Q 13	Q 14						
2	4	4	3						

Q15 saw Q16 loves Q17 took Q18 was

Q19 his Q20 they Q21 it Q22 she

Q23 lives Q24 stripes Q25 hunt Q26 threats

Q27 drifted Q28 perfect Q29 had Q30 were

Q31. Both Kelvin and Tom like to play in the sand.

Q32. I slipped and fell when I stepped on a puddle of water.

Q33. Since Susan missed the bus, she would be late for school.

Q34. Mrs Toh speaks loudly so that her students can hear her.

Q35. Not fit for human habitation

Q36. Nick invited the author over to his house because Nick wanted the author to see his new puppy.

Q37. Assisted Q38. TRUE Q39. FALSE Q40. Author Q41. Alex

Q42. The author would go into Alex's room and if he saw anything on the floor, he would tell Alex to put it in the right box.

Q43. Spike Q44. Max Q45. Majestic

Q46. 1 – Lucy was distracted by an eagle.

Q46. 2 – Lucy fell into the river.

Q46. 3 – Max saved Lucy.

Q47. (i) Lucy adopted Max as her pet.

Q47. (ii) Lucy hugged Max thankfully.

Q48. I think Max's dream of a true hero was fulfilled because he saved Lucy from the river.

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