RED SWASTIKA SCHOOL

2016 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2

LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION

PRIMARY 3

Name : _____ ( )

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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. Bob jumped _____ when his parents decided to take him to Universal Studios last weekend.

(1) amazingly
(2) curiously
(3) anxiously
(4) enthusiastically

2. Tim rushed out of his house to get his car from the _____ as he was late for work.

(1) kiosk
(2) booth
(3) garage
(4) warehouse

3. The concert tickets will only be _____ for sale after this evening.

(1) available
(2) feasible
(3) possible
(4) visible

4. Many villagers became ill after a _____ disease struck the village.

(1) contagious
(2) dangerous
(3) poisonous
(4) suspicious

5. The door of the van had been badly scratched but the _____ had fled.

(1) burglar
(2) culprit
(3) gangster
(4) prisoner

6. The princess _____ herself as a servant so that no one would recognise her.

(1) assumed
(2) concealed
(3) disguised
(4) pretended

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Section B: Grammar (8 marks)

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

7. "Buy some snacks for _____," Mrs Tan told her sons.

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

8. During dinner last night, James _____ shocked to see a cockroach in his soup.

(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

9. It will cost _____ to build a swimming pool in front of the house.

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

10. Joe has always been interested _____ clay modelling.

(1) in
(2) of
(3) about
(4) with

11. An hour ago, Mother _____ all the ingredients for baking a cake.

(1) prepare
(2) prepares
(3) prepared
(4) was preparing

12. While Mr Lim _____ his room, he came across some old photographs.

(1) cleans
(2) will clean
(3) has cleaned
(4) was cleaning

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13. "Look at _____ birds across the meadow!" exclaimed Ahmad excitedly.

(1) this
(2) that
(3) these
(4) those

14. Miss Lee told Ali to _____ all the files from his desk.

(1) remove
(2) removes
(3) removed
(4) removing

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

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

To commemorate our **5th** anniversary,
Starry Night Productions is proud to present

THE WAY HOME



A play by the award-winning American playwright Sir Charles Woodward, who received the 'Yellow Primer' award for his novel 'Strangers in the Dark'.

The play focuses on a boy, Gareth Lyns, who is lost in a big city and wants to find his way home to his family. Gareth encounters a variety of characters and makes new discoveries about himself on his journey.

With popular actors like Michelle Fernandez and Jacob Shah, this is a production not to be missed!

Dates: 12-15 December
Time: 7 p.m.
Venue: Rexington Theatre



Tickets are priced at $40 and $60. There is an early bird discount of **20%** for all tickets from now until the end of October.
You can purchase your tickets by calling **Whitshell Ticketing** at **6453 2233**.
Book your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

For more information regarding this production, do visit our website at www.starrynight.com

No photography, video recording or audio recording is allowed for this event.

Sponsors:
Geom Shoes Winkle Stationery Luxington Instruments

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15. The event is organised by _____.

(1) Geom Shoes
(2) Yellow Primer
(3) Whitshell Ticketing
(4) Starry Night Productions

16. One can obtain tickets to the play by _____.

(1) calling 6453 2233
(2) visiting www.starrynight.com
(3) contacting any of the sponsors listed
(4) making purchases at Rexington Theatre

17. Which of the following statements is **not** true?

(1) The play is written by an American.
(2) The play revolves around a male character.
(3) The play has won the 'Yellow Primer' award.
(4) The play is staged because Starry Night Productions is celebrating its 5th anniversary.

18. The main aim of this poster is to _____.

(1) promote the play 'The Way Home'
(2) advertise the main sponsors of the production
(3) introduce Michelle Fernandez and Jacob Shah to the audience
(4) publicise Sir Charles Woodward and his award-winning novel 'Strangers in the Dark'

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Section D: 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) all	(B) any	(C) little
(D) many	(E) a lot of	(F) none

Tommy likes to snack on chips and eat bars of chocolates every day. As a result, he puts on _____ **(19)** weight! Moreover, he hardly exercises and lazes around the house _____ **(20)** the time.

"Do you have _____ **(21)** idea how I can lose weight?" Tommy asked his doctor.

"There are _____ **(22)** ways one can lose weight," advised his doctor. "One way is to eat a balanced diet to stay healthy."

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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) queued	(B) queues	(C) queue
(D) were queuing	(E) have been queuing	(F) queuing

It was crowded at the cinema. At that moment, Meilin and Peishan _____ **(23)**

to buy tickets for the latest movie. However, after _____ **(24)** for more than fifteen

minutes, they still could not get any tickets.

"How much longer do we need to wait? We _____ **(25)** for quite some time!"

complained Meilin.

"Let us _____ **(26)** a little longer," replied Peishan.

Meilin was thrilled when she finally got her ticket.

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Section F: Editing (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Correct each word in bold and underlined for spelling. Correct each word in italics and underlined for punctuation.

(27) ☐

Deepavali is commonly known as the 'Festival of Lights'. It is **selebreted** by

(28) ☐

Hindus all over the world. On *Deepavali* Hindus wake up early to take a ritual oil bath to remove impurities from their bodies. After that, they change into their new clothes before heading to the temple for prayers.

(29) ☐

During this festive period, the streets of *little* India burst with colourful lights and

(30) ☐

beautiful **dekerations**. Bustling bazaars with stalls selling traditional clothing, snacks and household items are not to be missed too.

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Section G: Sentence Combining (4 marks)

For each question from 31 and 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. Andy ate three burgers. Andy was still hungry.

Despite _____

_____

32. Joyce refuses to sleep. Her mother has to sing to her.

_____ unless

_____.

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Section H: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

Water is one of the most precious things on Earth. Water is important because all living creatures need it in order _____ (33) survive. Much of the water in our body comes _____ (34) the water we drink.

We use water for our daily activities such as showering and cooking. However, people are not using water _____ (35) and they do not take care of the water we have. People _____ (36) trash into the waterways. This creates water pollution and harms the animals in the water.

Adapted from: http://www.kidsforsavingearth.org/water/water1.htm

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Section I: Comprehension (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

There was once an elephant who wanted to be a photographer. His friends would say, "How silly! There aren't any cameras for elephants!" Others would say, "There's nothing to photograph here anyway."

The **determined** elephant managed to put together some old bits of junk and spare parts and came up with a camera. With his camera, he designed everything himself; from the button he pressed with the end of his trunk, to a lens made to fit his eye.

When it was completed, the elephant could finally take his first photograph. He was beaming with pride. His camera was so enormous and strange-looking that all his friends laughed at him when they saw him with it. Feeling sad, he thought of giving up his dream.

Things turned out differently. The sight of the elephant walking about with his camera was so funny that no one could help but laugh when they saw him. Using a great deal of good humour, the elephant managed to take some really amusing pictures of all the animals. In the photographs, they always looked joyful, including the moody rhinoceros! The elephant managed to become the official photographer, something he did not expect. Eventually, his friends would come from all places to have some nice photographs taken. The elephant could not wait to visit the zoo to take some photographs of the animals there.

Adapted from: http://freestoriesforkids.com/children/stories-and-tales/photographic-elephant

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37. Tick ✓ the chosen answer.

What does the word 'determined' in line 4 tell us about the elephant? [1m]

☐	He was very creative.
☐	He did not give up easily.
☐	He had a great deal of good humour.

38. Which two words in paragraph 3 describe the elephant's newly-invented camera? [2m]

☐ and ☐

39. Why did the elephant think of giving up his dream to become a photographer? [2m]

_____

_____

40. These are the elephant's feelings about the camera he made.
Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show how the elephant felt first, next and last as described in the passage. [1m]

_____ He almost gave up his dream of becoming a photographer.

_____ He was proud that he had finally completed inventing a camera.

_____ Much to the elephant's delight, many animals came to him to have their photographs taken.

☐/6

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For Question 41 and 42, read each statement and tick ✓ 'True' or 'False'. Refer to paragraph 4 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

No	Statement	True	False
Example	The elephant took amusing pictures of all the animals.	√	
41.	The rhinoceros appeared joyful in the photo taken by the elephant.		
42.	The elephant and his friends lived in the zoo.		

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Booklet A

Q1	4	**Q4**	1	**Q7**	4	**Q10**	1	**Q13**	4	**Q16**	1
Q2	3	**Q5**	2	**Q8**	3	**Q11**	3	**Q14**	1	**Q17**	3
Q3	1	**Q6**	3	**Q9**	4	**Q12**	4	**Q15**	4	**Q18**	1

Booklet B

Q19. E **Q20.** A **Q21.** B **Q22.** D **Q23.** D **Q24.** F

Q25. E **Q26.** C **Q27.** celebrated **Q28.** Deepavali **Q29.** Little

Q30. decorations

Q31. Despite eating three burgers, Andy was still hungry.

Q32. Joyce refuses to sleep unless her mother sings to her.

Q33. to **Q34.** from **Q35.** properly **Q36.** throw

Q37. He did not give up easily.

Q38. enormous and strange-looking

Q39. The elephant's camera was so enormous and strange-looking that all his friends laughed at him which made him feel sad.

Q40. 2
1
3

Q41. True

Q42. False

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