Temasek Primary School

Semestral Assessment 2

Primary Three

2016

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 2
Booklet A

Name: _____ ( )

Class: Primary 3 _____

Date: 24 October 2016

Parent's Signature: _____ _____

17 Questions
17 Marks

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

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   (1) myself
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6. The teacher instructed the pupils to cut the paper _____ the dotted lines.

(1) in
(2) into
(3) over
(4) along

7. _____ James was exhausted, he went to bed early.

(1) As
(2) And
(3) Despite
(4) Although

8. How _____ money do you need to buy that pair of shoes?

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

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Section B – Vocabulary

For each question from 9 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. (6 marks)

9. The fall in the prices of smart phones has made them more _____ for everyone.

(1) efficient
(2) affordable
(3) convenient
(4) contactable

10. After baking the butter cake, Mrs Low _____ it with roses made out of icing sugar.

(1) arranged
(2) furnished
(3) renovated
(4) decorated

11. Although I was bored and wanted to leave the party, I decided to _____ till the birthday boy cut his cake.

(1) stick up
(2) stick out
(3) stick with
(4) stick around

12. "Father, please forgive me for being rude to you," Carol _____ tearfully.

(1) pleaded
(2) bellowed
(3) demanded
(4) threatened

13. Last week, I went to the travel fair and picked up some _____ on Italy.

(1) letters
(2) brochures
(3) documents
(4) newspapers

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14. It is no surprise that Mei Chin won the singing competition as she sings as sweetly as a _____.

(1) bee
(2) swan
(3) peacock
(4) nightingale

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Section C – Visual Text Comprehension
Study the advertisement carefully.

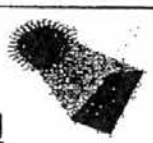
December School Holiday Activities

Join us for 3 fun-filled days in December



Science is everywhere!

If you love exploring the world around you, then sign up for these 3 exciting activities. Open to children from 10 to 12 years old.



Solar Power for Survival

Date: 6 December 2016 (Tuesday)

Learn more about light energy and build your very own solar cooker. You will get to test if your cooker works by using it to cook an egg. All materials for building the cooker will be provided.



The Butterfly Garden tour

Date: 7 December 2016 (Wednesday)

We will take you on a tour of the Butterfly Garden at the Singapore Zoological Gardens. There, you can learn more about the life cycle of the butterfly and come into close contact with these fascinating creatures.



Fun with Lego

Date: 8 December 2016 (Thursday)

Build your own race cars using Lego blocks and learn how to program your cars from the engineering experts. Participate in a race car competition and stand a chance to win exciting prizes.



Date: 6 December 2016 to 8 December 2016
Time: 9 am to 3 pm
Venue: Tanah Merah Community Centre
Organised by: Duck Educational Private Limited
Fee: $100 (includes lunch, transportation and materials)
For more information, call Tanah Merah Community Centre at 64432568.
Register online at *www.duckeducation.com.sg*

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For each question from 15 to 17, 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.

(3 marks)

15. During the 'Solar Power for Survival' workshop, you will get a chance to build a _____.

(1) rice cooker
(2) solar cooker
(3) Lego race car
(4) butterfly garden

16. At the 'Fun with Lego' workshop, participants will learn programming skills from _____.

(1) chefs
(2) scientists
(3) engineers
(4) zoologists

17. The activities are organised by _____.

(1) Lego Singapore
(2) Singapore Zoological Gardens
(3) Tanah Merah Community Centre
(4) Duck Educational Private Limited

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Section D – Grammar Cloze (Personal Pronouns)
Read the passage carefully. There are 4 blanks, numbered 18 to 21, in the passage below. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.
(4 marks)

USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) he	(B) I	(C) she
(D) they	(E) we	(F) you

Ahmad and his younger sister, Aisha, were cycling at the park connector near their home. "Shall (18) _____ have a race?" Ahmad asked his sister. (19)_____ nodded her head in agreement. Soon, they were off.

After cycling for ten minutes, Aisha was exhausted.

"Ahmad! (20) _____ cannot go on anymore!" she yelled at the top of her voice. Thankfully, Ahmad heard her cries and turned back. He then advised Aisha to take a break before (21) _____ made their way home. Aisha was grateful to have such a considerate brother.

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Section E – Grammar Cloze (Subject-Verb Agreement)
Read the passage carefully. For questions 22 to 25, circle the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

It is raining cats and dogs outside. Esther sits by the window watching the rain fall on the ground. She (22) [wish / wishes] she could play outside with her friends.

Esther and her friends (23) [enjoy / enjoys] playing hide-and-seek together. Esther also (24) [like / likes] swinging on the monkey bars at the playground.

Suddenly, the doorbell (25) [ring / rings]. Standing outside are Janice and Karen. They are Esther's neighbours who have come over to play with her. Esther is overjoyed!

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Section F – Editing

Read the sentences carefully and correct the spelling, punctuation and grammar mistakes that are in bold/circled/underlined. Write the correct answers in the boxes provided.

(4 marks)

Last term, we celebrated Teachers' Day. I spent a few hours making cards for my

(26) [ ] (27) [ ]

sparecial teachers. My mother and I also <u>bake</u> chocolate chip cookies as gifts for them. I

(28) [ ]

wanted to thank my teachers for all their hard work and **koncern** for me.

(29) [ ]

"Wow( ) This card is simply beautiful," said Mrs Wee, my Science teacher, when

I gave her my handmade card. I was delighted that I had brought a smile to her face.

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Section G – Comprehension Cloze
Fill in each blank with a suitable word of your own. (3 marks)

A hungry wolf was out searching for a meal. After several hours, it saw a goat feeding on some grass on (30) _____ of a hill. It thought of a (31) _____ to attack the goat. When the goat had its back turned against the wolf, it stealthily made its way up the hill. However, (32) _____ it could pounce on its prey, a farmer arrived and took the goat with him. The poor wolf had to go without food for another day.

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Section H – Synthesis

For each of the items 33 and 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 given one(s). (2 marks)

33. We were late. However, we did not miss the movie.

_____ but

_____.

34. Matthew is my classmate. Wei Ling is my classmate.

Both _____

_____

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Section I – Comprehension 1

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

Yesterday, thousands of visitors braved the crowds to take their last selfies with the manta rays, piranhas, dugongs and other marine life at the Underwater World Singapore before it closed for good. Around 8500 residents and tourists visited the 25-year-old attraction in Sentosa to bid it farewell.

Some came to visit the place that held fond memories of their younger days, while others took advantage of the lower admission prices. At the touch pools, children as well as adults squeezed their way to the edges for a chance to stroke the starfishes and stingrays.

The Underwater World's pink dolphins, seals and otters had been moved earlier to Chimelong Ocean Kingdom in China. It is one of the largest marine parks in the world.

Once the Underwater World closes, ten staff will stay on to operate and maintain the aquarium's life system and care for the remaining animals. They will do this until suitable homes are found for them.

When the Underwater World first opened in May 1991, it was the largest tropical fish aquarium in Asia. It was built at a cost of 20 million dollars. At that time, it was a big draw for tourists. However, in recent years, it has faced stiff competition from newer attractions such as the Marine Life Park. Many visitors also found the admission prices too high.

Not only is the admission fee to the Marine Life Park lower at $12, it also has the largest collection of manta rays in captivity. Visitors can choose to dine at the Ocean Restaurant located there. Faced with such competition, the Underwater World could not make enough money to keep its business running.

Adapted from *The Straits Times, Monday, 27 June 2016*

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For questions 35 and 36, indicate the activities that visitors could do with the animals at the Underwater World. Tick (✓) your chosen answer. The first example has been done for you.

(2m)

Animals		Activities described in paragraphs 1 and 2	
		Take photographs only	**Take photographs and touch**
Example	stingrays		✓
35.	dugongs		
36.	starfishes		

37. Which word has the same meaning as 'tough'? Circle either (A) or (B). (1m)

However, in recent (A) years, it has faced stiff (B) competition from newer attractions such as the Marine Life Park.

For questions 38 and 39, tick (✓) the statements which describe the two places of attraction. Refer to paragraphs 5 and 6 to help you. The first example has been done for you.

(2m)

Statement		Marine Life Park	Underwater World
Example	High admission prices		✓
38.	Built at a cost of 20 million dollars		
39.	Houses the Ocean Restaurant		

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40. Why did visitors to the Underwater World have to squeeze their way to get to the edges of the touch pool?

_____ (1m)

41. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Some of the marine animals which had been moved from the Underwater World to Chimelong Ocean Kingdom in China were the seals, otters and _____.
(1m)

☐	dugongs
☐	dolphins
☐	manta rays

42. State one reason why ten staff will stay on at the Underwater World even after it closes.

_____ (1m)

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Section J – Comprehension 2

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

Govind was very excited because he was going to help his father harvest the vegetables from their farm the next day. He was thankful for the bountiful harvest as his father had decided to buy a new farm nearer to the town. For a long time, Govind had been dreaming of studying in town as there were more facilities like libraries and bookshops. The schools there were also better.

The next day, as Govind and his father were working on the farm, he noticed a puff of smoke coming out from the top of a nearby volcano. He ran to his father to tell him about it. Soon, more and more smoke was seen coming out of the volcano and the smell of the smoke was overpowering.

"This is not a good sign," remarked Govind's father gravely. He knew it was a sign that the volcano was about to erupt. With a heavy heart, he gathered all the farmers and they tried to harvest whatever crops they could. Then they packed their necessary belongings and left their homes.

Within two days, smoke and hot rocks spewed from the volcano. The volcano had indeed erupted. Lava seeped out and destroyed everything in its path. When Govind and his family learnt of the destruction, they were glad that they had made it out alive. "That was a narrow escape!" Govind exclaimed in relief.

All the farmers and their families were given temporary shelters in the town buildings. Govind's father managed to sell all his crops and he used the money to buy a smaller farm near the town. Although Govind's family had to start building a new life for themselves, Govind was excited that he was finally able to study in a school in town.

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For question 43, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

43. Govind dreamt of studying in a school in town because there were _____ there. (1m)

(1) farms
(2) libraries
(3) swimming pools
(4) high-rise buildings

( )

44. Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as 'unbearable'? (1m)

45. State whether the sentence below is **True** or **False**. Give a reason for your answer. (1m)

Sentence	True/False	Reason
Govind's family was the only one which survived the volcanic eruption.		

46. These are the events that took place in the story. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow in the story. Write **1**, **2** and **3** on the lines. (1m)

_____ The volcano erupted.

_____ Govind and his father harvested their crops.

_____ Govind's family left their home.

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47. How did Govind's father know that the volcano was about to erupt? (2m)

_____

_____

48. What were the **two** things Govind's father did before his family could start building a new life for themselves? (2m)

_____

_____

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TERM : SA2

Booklet A & B

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8
1	1	4	3	4	4	1	4
Q9	Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16
2	4	4	1	2	4	2	3
Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24
4	E	C	B	D	wishes	enjoy	likes
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Q37 (B)

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Q38	Built at a cost of 20 million dollars		✔
Q39	Houses the Ocean Restaurant	✔	

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Q40 There were a lot of people.

Q41 ✔ dolphins

Q42 They wanted to care for the remaining animals.

Q43 2

Q44 overpowering

Q45

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Q46 3 The volcano erupted.

1 Govind and his father harvested their crops.

2 Govind's family left their home.

Q47 Smoke was coming out from the volcano and the smell of the smoke was overpowering.

Q48 Govind's father sold all his crops and used the money to buy a smaller farm.

End

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