PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL

SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2017

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 3

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Class : Primary 3 ___

Date : 12 October 2017

English Teacher: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

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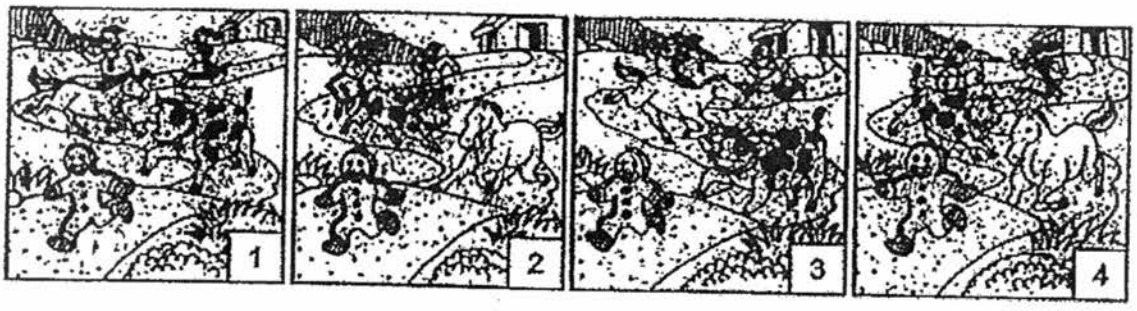
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**Section A: Picture Matching (4 × 1 mark)**

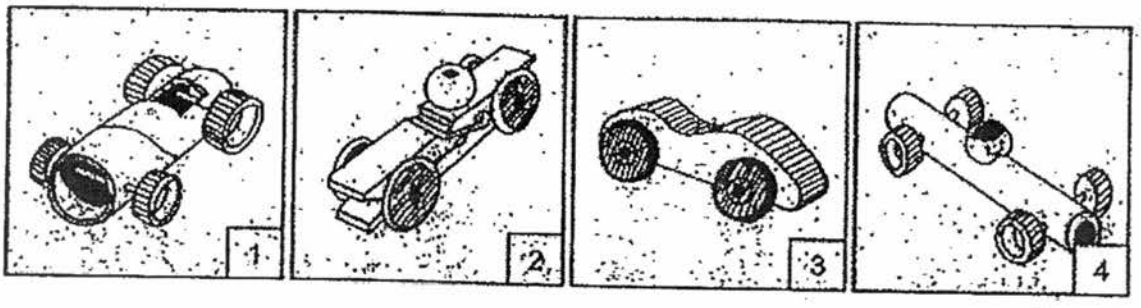
Look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you some statements. Listen carefully, then choose the picture that shows what I have read. Write the number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided.

1.




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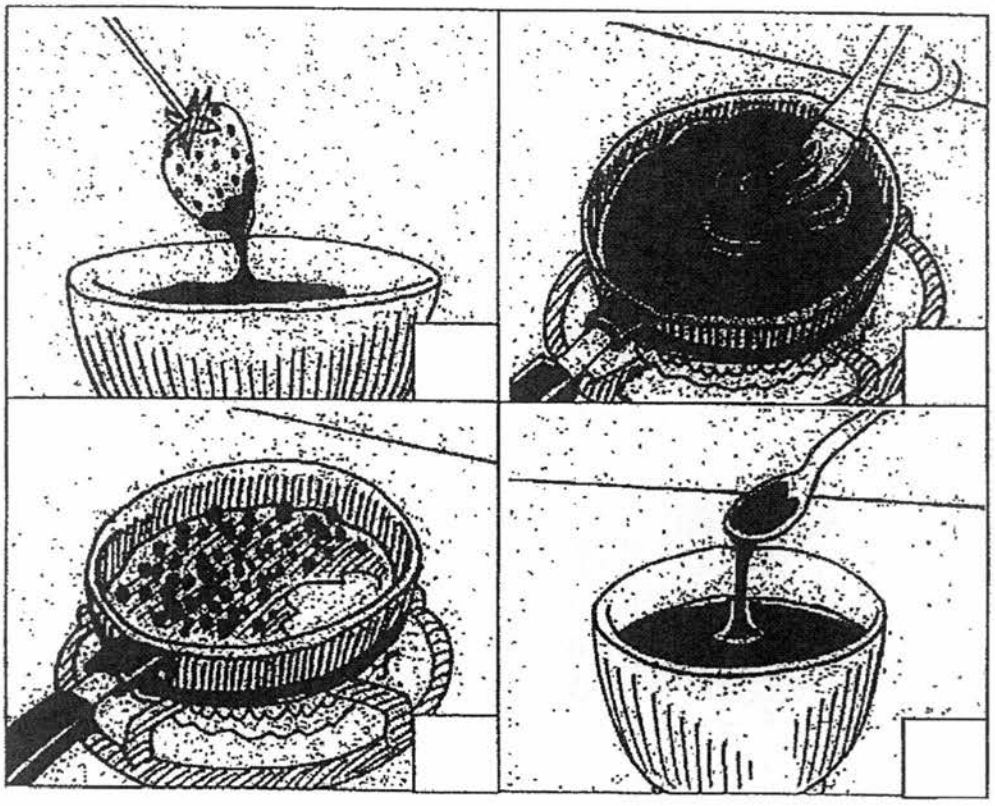

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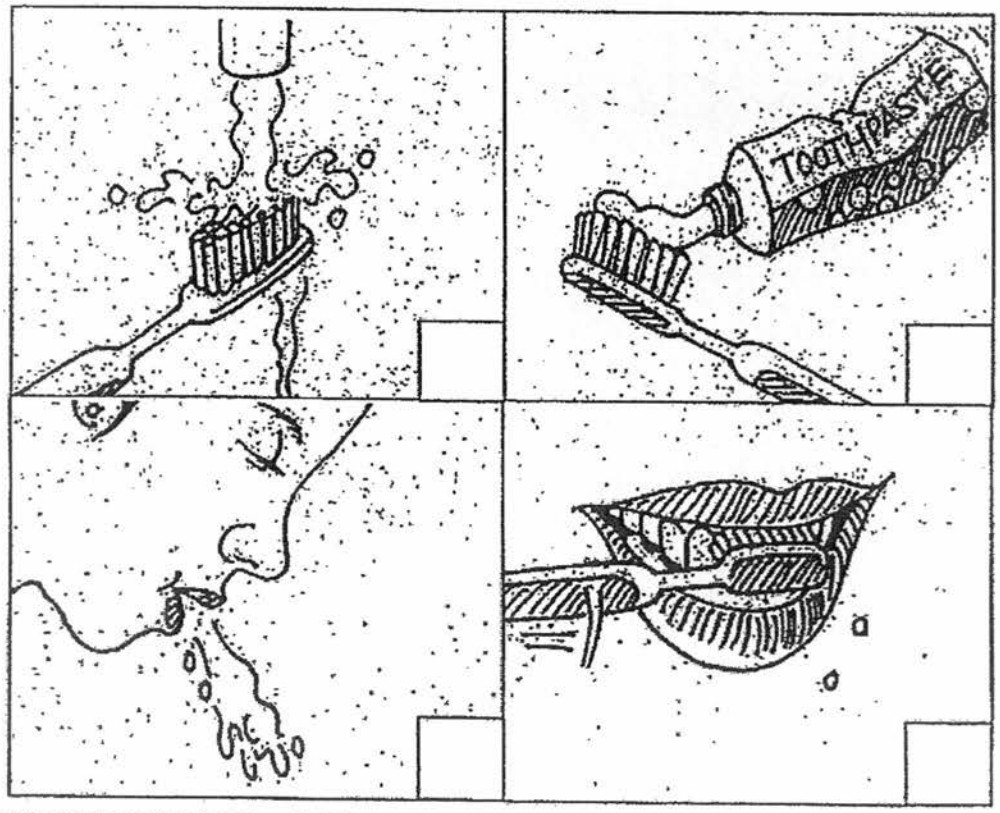
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For Questions 3 and 4, look at the set of pictures. I am going to read to you a set of instructions. Listen carefully. Arrange the pictures to show the correct sequence of what I have read. Write the numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the box provided.

3.



4.






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**Section B: Note-taking (6 × 1 mark)**
As you listen, take down the missing information by filling in each blank numbered Q5 to 10 with a **word, number or short phrase.**

Here is an idea for the school holidays.

5. Venue for the Bird Quest Camp: _____

6. Duration of the camp: _____ days

7. This camp is suitable for children aged 6 to _____ years old.

8. Cost per child: $ _____

9. Themes for the camp are: 'Birds of Prey', '_____',
   and 'Watery World'

10. Name of the extinct bird: _____bird



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**Section C: Comprehension (4 × 1 mark)**

Listen carefully to the passage and answer Questions 11 to 14. For each question, choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2 or 3) in the brackets provided.

11. How long does it take for a pupa to change into an adult honeybee?

(1) 3 days
(2) 6 days
(3) 12 days ( )

12. Honeybees fly from flower to flower to gather _____.

(1) honey
(2) nectar
(3) pollen ( )

13. On which part of the body is the stinger?

(1) head
(2) thorax
(3) abdomen ( )

14. What is the purpose of the honeybee's bright yellow and black colouring?

(1) It warns off predators.
(2) It is a symbol of honey farms.
(3) It is to attack anyone that disturbs their hive. ( )

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Additional Materials: Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)

Time : 1 h 15 min

Name: _____ (  )

Class : Primary 3___

Date : 26 October 2017

English Teacher: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

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| Paper 1 (Composition) | /20 |
| Paper 2 (Lang Use & Compre) | /50 |
| Paper 3 (Listening Compre) | /14 |
| Paper 4 (Oral) | /16 |
| TOTAL | /100 |

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## Section A: Vocabulary (6 × 1 mark)

For Q1-6, four options are given. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. Vanessa's grandparents had a party in _____ of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

   (1) occasion
   (2) conclusion
   (3) celebration
   (4) observation

2. He practises his conversational Malay for an hour every day in order to be _____ in the language.

   (1) quick
   (2) fluent
   (3) ready
   (4) vocal

3. The fisherman was very sad as the tsunami had destroyed his boat, which was his main source of _____.

   (1) food
   (2) money
   (3) interest
   (4) livelihood

4. Madam Heng's parents endured great _____ during the war.

   (1) injury
   (2) worry
   (3) disaster
   (4) hardship

5. Alex won a highly _____ award which was only given to the top achieving pupil.

   (1) great
   (2) humble
   (3) excessive
   (4) prestigious



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6. Cyrus was _____ when his father agreed to buy him a fidget spinner.

(1) as busy as a bee
(2) as wise as an owl
(3) as happy as a lark
(4) as strong as an ox

**Section B: Grammar (8 × 1 mark)**

For Q7-14, four options are given. Shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

7. We were very fortunate that _____ of the roads experienced congestion as we were running late.

(1) all
(2) a lot
(3) most
(4) none

8. Jordan wanted to go to the concert _____ he could not afford to buy the tickets.

(1) so
(2) but
(3) then
(4) when

9. Sanjay's arm was _____ injured when he accidentally tripped and fell at the basketball court yesterday.

(1) badly
(2) poorly
(3) roughly
(4) carelessly

10. A bouquet of flowers _____ given to Mother on her birthday yesterday.

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



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11. The cats were so noisy all night, _____?

(1) were it
(2) weren't it
(3) were they
(4) weren't they

12. Mary _____ her friends a joke last week and they laughed heartily.

(1) tell
(2) tells
(3) told
(4) is telling

13. Peter will _____ on stage next week at the Graduation Day Concert.

(1) performs
(2) performed
(3) be performing
(4) have performed

14. My sister and I take the bus home by _____ every day.

(1) myself
(2) herself
(3) ourselves
(4) themselves



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**Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (4 × 1 mark)**

Study the brochure carefully and answer the questions that follow.

# A HEALTHY LIFE FOR A HAPPIER YOU

## It all starts with a healthy meal!

### Putting Together a Healthy Plate

Whether you're young or old, the secret to eating well is the same.
Choose tasty wholesome foods with lots of variety.




**KNOW YOUR FOOD GROUPS**

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Whole grains like bread, rice and noodles
- Protein-rich foods like chicken, beef, pork, fish, tofu, eggs, beans and nuts
- Calcium-rich food (dairy) like milk and cheese

**Take part in #myhealthyplatechallenge from 2 to 20 November 2017**

Share your "healthy plate" on Instagram or Facebook and stand to win a Fitness Smartwatch!

* Winners will be notified by post by 20 December 2017

**Public message from the Singapore Health Council**
**Organised by Singapore Health Promotion Board**
**Sponsored by Singapore Fitness Group**



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For Q15-18, four options are given. Choose the most appropriate option and shade your answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. Your healthy plate should consist mostly of _____.

(1) whole grains
(2) calcium-rich food
(3) protein-rich foods
(4) fruits and vegetables

16. _____ is the last day to enter the #myhealthyplatechallenge contest.

(1) 2 November 2017
(2) 2 December 2017
(3) 20 November 2017
(4) 20 December 2017

17. The challenge is sponsored by _____.

(1) Singapore Fitness Group
(2) Singapore Health Council
(3) Singapore Healthy Plate Challenge
(4) Singapore Health Promotion Board

18. What is the main purpose of this brochure?

(1) To sell fitness smart watches
(2) To convince people to save water
(3) To encourage people to eat healthily
(4) To get people to take pictures of all their meals daily



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**Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 × 1 mark)**

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

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| (A) her | (B) him | (C) it |
| (D) she | (E) them | (F) they |

Sarah could hear the angry crowd approaching. She ran even faster as (19) _____ were right behind her. Finally, (20) _____ reached the elevator and the doors opened. Sarah immediately threw herself through the open doors. "Please don't let (21) _____ get me," she whispered desperately. (22) _____ heart was pounding. As the doors closed, she could hear the sounds of their stampede swirl through enclosure. Would this chase ever end?

*Adapted from http://mrnussbaum.com/thelostlunchboxmain/llcomp1/*

**Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct answer from the words given in the brackets.**

Have you ever heard of the book 'Finding Wally'? The book **(23)**[ has / have ] sold over 58 million copies worldwide since 1987. All you have to do is look at a picture and find Wally. After close to 30 years, people **(24)** [ is / are] still having trouble finding Wally.

Wally **(25)** [ wear / wears] distinctive glasses, a red and white striped shirt and a woolly hat. Where did Wally come from? His creator, Martin Handford, **(26)** [ refuse / refuses] to give the answer. He has not given an interview since 1990.

*Adapted from http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/books/news/wheres-the-brains-behind-wally-6261459.html*



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**Section E: Sentence Combining (4 × 1 mark)**

Combine each pair of sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

27. My mother made me another sandwich. I was still hungry after lunch.

_____ so

_____

28. Meena heard the good news. Meena jumped for joy.

**When** _____

_____

29. Everyone is ready. We shall leave for the beach now.

_____ as

_____

30. Tom and Jerry often argue. Tom and Jerry remain as best friends.

**Although** _____

_____



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## Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Desper was a special mouse. He did not behave like other mice. His brothers and sisters had **abandoned** the task of trying to teach him the ways of being a mouse. They gave up on him and could only hope that he adhered to the most basic mouse rule; he must not reveal himself to humans.

Desper was free to spend his days as he wanted. He wandered through the rooms of the castle, staring dreamily at the light streaming in through the stained-glass windows. He went to the library to read the story of the fair maiden and the knight who rescued her. He read it over and over again. In the library, he discovered the source of the honey-sweet sound.

The sound was King Phillip playing his guitar and singing to his daughter, Princess Pea, every night before she fell asleep.

"Oh," Desper said, "what a heavenly sound!"

Hidden in a hole in the wall of Princess Pea's bedroom, the mouse listened with all his heart. He loved seeing her smile as she closed her eyes. Sometimes, he would doze off too.

One night, the music took over his senses. Desper stepped out of his hole and danced towards Princess Pea.

*Adapted from DiCamillo, Kate. "Chapter 2: Enter the Pea." Tale of Desperaux. Massachusetts: Candlewick Press, 2003.*

31. What does the word "abandoned" in line 2 refer to?
Tick ✓ your chosen answer. (1 m)

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|---|---|
| | adopted |
| | deserted |
| | regretted |



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32. Which words in the sentence have the same meaning as "followed"? (1 m)
Circle the letter (A) or (B).

| |
|---|
| They gave up on (A) him and could only hope that he adhered to (B) the most basic mouse rule; he must not reveal himself to humans. |

For Q33 to 35, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. Refer to paragraphs 1 and 2 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

| | Statement | True | False |
|---|---|---|---|
| Example | Desper was not free to spend his days as he wanted. | | ✓ |
| 33. | Desper had no siblings. | | |
| 34. | Desper explored the rooms of the tiny cottage. | | |
| 35. | In the library, Desper read the story of the fair maiden and knight many times. | | |

36. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the order of events every night. Refer to lines 10 to 15 to help you. (1m)

_____ Pea fell asleep.

_____ King Phillip sang and played the guitar.

_____ Desper sometimes fell asleep in the hole in the wall.

37. According to the passage, list the adjectives used to describe the sound Desper discovered. (2m)

i. _____

ii. _____

**Write your answer in a complete sentence.**

38. Which rule did Desper break? Explain how he broke it. (2m)

_____

_____



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## Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Have you ever heard the sound of a hummingbird? It beats its wings as fast as up to 80 times a second. All of that flapping makes a humming sound.

Hummingbirds hover rather than fly. Like a helicopter, they can stay in one spot in the middle of the air. Sometimes, they fly or hover upside down. They are the only birds that fly backwards.

Hummingbirds are small. The smallest bird in the world is the bee hummingbird. It weighs less than a small coin, just slightly bigger than a bee. The female lays only two eggs at a time. Their eggs are smaller than peas and their nests are so tiny that they have been found to fit on a clothes peg.

Hummingbirds need lots of energy to move swiftly. They eat a lot of food daily to survive. Hummingbirds primarily eat tree sap, insects and flower nectar. In order to get enough nectar, they visit hundreds of flowers. As they feed from the flowers, pollen gets on their heads and beaks. This helps the flowers to spread their pollen.

*Adapted from http://www.ereadingworksheets.com/*

**Write your answer in a complete sentence.**

39. How does a hummingbird make a humming sound? (1m)

40. Which phrase best explains the word "hover" in line 3?
Tick ✓ your chosen answer. (1 m)

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|---|---|
| | to fly upside down |
| | to fly backwards |
| | to stay in a spot in the air |



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For questions 41 and 42, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False" next to each of the following statements. Refer to paragraph 3 to help you. (2 m)

| | Statement | True | False |
|---|---|---|---|
| Example | Hummingbirds beat their wings as fast as up to 80 times a second. | ✓ | |
| 41. | Hummingbirds are smaller than peas. | | |
| 42. | Bee hummingbirds lay hundreds of eggs at one time. | | |

43. What does the word "it" in line 7 refer to? (1m)

It refers to a _____.

44. Which word in Paragraph 4 has the same meaning as 'very fast'? (1m)

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45. List two items from the diet of hummingbirds. (2m)

i. _____

ii. _____

Fill in each blank with a word from the passage. (2m)

46. Flowers provide hummingbirds with _____. In return, hummingbirds help flowers to spread their _____.

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| Q 1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q5 | Q6 | Q7 | Q8 | Q9 | Q10 |
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| 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Q 11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | F | D |

| Q 21 | Q22 | Q 23 | Q24 | Q25 | Q26 |
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| E | A | has | are | wears | refuses |

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| Q27) | I was still hungry after lunch so my mother made me another sandwich. |
| Q28) | When Meena heard the good news, she jumped for joy. |
| Q29) | We shall leave for the beach now as everyone is ready. |
| Q30) | Although Tom and Jerry often argue, they remain as best friends. |
| Q31) | √ deserted |
| Q32) | B |
| Q33) | False |
| Q34) | False |
| Q35) | True |
| Q36) | 2, 1, 3 |
| Q37) | (i) heavenly (ii) honey-sweet |
| Q38) | He revealed himself to human by dancing towards Princess Pea. |
| Q39) | It beats its wings as fast as up to 80 times a second. |
| Q40) | √ to stay in a spot in the air |



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|---|---|
| Q41) | False |
| Q42) | False |
| Q43) | bee humming bird |
| Q44) | swiftly |
| Q45) | tree sap / insects / flower nectar |
| Q46) | nectar, pollen |



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