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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY THREE

Name: _____ ( ) Date: 12 October 2017

Class: Primary 3 SY / C / G / SE / P

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. Mrs Tang bought eight different plates and bowls at the Great Singapore Sale as the _____ were sold at a huge discount.

   (1) cutlery
   (2) gadgets
   (3) crockery
   (4) appliances

2. Jeffrey and his classmates cheered loudly when they came in first in the inter-class basketball competition. His class was _____ a gold medal.

   (1) crowned
   (2) awarded
   (3) allocated
   (4) honoured

3. Mr Ong was _____ to hear from his daughter's form teacher that she had not been handing in her homework on time and was easily distracted in class.

   (1) relieved
   (2) sickened
   (3) discontented
   (4) disappointed

4. The children enjoyed the _____ performance put up by their teachers during the Children's Day celebration.

   (1) shocking
   (2) mundane
   (3) disturbing
   (4) impressive

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5. Gardens by the Bay is a/an _____ place. Many Singaporeans and tourists love visiting the many beautiful attractions in this huge garden.

(1) dull
(2) ordinary
(3) spectacular
(4) uninteresting

6. Mother was upset with Tom and chided him for packing his room so _____.

(1) cautiously
(2) reluctantly
(3) thoroughly
(4) conscientiously

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. "Shaza and Sanjay, please help _____ to more snacks on the table if you're still hungry," Aunty Margaret said to them.

(1) yourself
(2) ourselves
(3) yourselves
(4) themselves

8. "Who are _____ people?" Jun Wei asked while pointing at the group of people across the road.

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

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9. It had been a long time _____ Mabel met her childhood best friend, Julia. She was elated to meet her at the shopping mall yesterday.

(1) after
(2) since
(3) when
(4) before

10. The robbery may be linked _____ other crimes of violence.

(1) to
(2) at
(3) in
(4) for

11. As soon as Grandmother _____ the wet market, it started to rain.

(1) left
(2) leave
(3) leaves
(4) is leaving

12. I _____ a beautiful dream when the alarm clock rang.

(1) am having
(2) are having
(3) was having
(4) were having

13. There are _____ boys than girls at the ice skating rink today.

(1) few
(2) less
(3) more
(4) many

14. "_____ idea was it to come here?" Alexandra whined.

(1) Who
(2) Which
(3) Where
(4) Whose

END OF BOOKLET A

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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

34 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)

Stacey and her family went to Melbourne for a holiday last December. Stacey (15) [enjoys / enjoyed] her visit to the Werribee Open Range Zoo the most. She (16) [is / was] first greeted by two silverback gorillas upon entering the zoo. She had a close-up view of a pride of lions and their cubs feasting on their breakfast. Stacey and her family boarded a safari bus and (17) [was / were] taken on a thrilling safari adventure ride through the savannah grasslands. She spotted many animals during the ride and even (18) [have / had] the chance of witnessing six giraffes walking closely beside her. It was a memorable experience for Stacey and her family.

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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)

he	I	she	them	they	us

It was the first day in my new school.

Will I like this school? Will I meet kind and helpful classmates? Will (19) _____ have recess with me? These were some of the many thoughts (20) _____ had when I was on my way to school.

When I arrived, I met my new form teacher, Mr Lim, in the general office. (21) _____ shook my hand and introduced me to two of my new classmates, Selvi and Hui Min. They invited me to have recess with (22) _____.

"I'm beginning to love this new school!" I told my parents when they asked me about my first day in school.

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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)

deserts	machines	magnificent	road	simple	wall

The Great Wall of China is an amazing ancient architecture. It is the world's longest (23) _____ and biggest ancient construction. The Great Wall stretches across wide (24) _____ and over mountain peaks.

The Great Wall was built without the use of modern (25) _____. The oldest parts of the Great Wall are eroding from wind and water. Nevertheless, it is still a (26) _____ sight.

Today, the Great Wall of China is a place of interest to both the Chinese and people from all over the world.

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Section E: Editing

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

There has been a rise in terrorist attacks across the world in recent years.

(27) [ ]

The Singapore government has taken steps to preparing the country should we be faced with a terrorist attack. As Singaporeans, we must also be alert and know how

(28) [ ]

to respond if we are attack by terrorists. 'Run, hide and tell' are three key steps to take in such a situation.

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

Nurul is excited as she will.be celebrating Hari Raya Puasa. Her mother has

(29) [ ]

bought her two biuteefull *kebayas* to celebrate the festival. To make their place

(30) [ ]

more welcoming to visitors, Nurul is helping to hang new kerturns while her mother is busy baking sweet treats. Nurul is looking forward to the special occasion.

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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. Jim likes to play basketball. Ahmad likes to play basketball too.

_____ and

_____.

32. My mother prepared the dough. Then she baked the pizza.

After _____

_____.

33. Serene won a gold medal in the swimming competition. She had trained hard for it.

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34. It was raining. We went to the beach.

_____ although

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Section G: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 41. (8 marks)

Once, an old man saw a cocoon in his garden. He knew an ugly caterpillar would struggle to transform into a stunning butterfly.

He saw a tiny opening on the cocoon. He knew the butterfly was coming out from the cocoon soon. He decided to watch how the butterfly would come out of the cocoon. He watched the butterfly struggling to break the shell for a number of hours. Although the butterfly had tried its best, there was no progress.

The old man decided to help the butterfly. He squeezed the cocoon to make a larger opening for the butterfly. Soon, the butterfly appeared without any struggle.

The old man was happy that he had made the butterfly come out of the cocoon without much struggle. He continued to watch the butterfly. He was keen to see it fly with its gorgeous wings. He thought that at any time, the butterfly might expand its wings, shrink its body and the wings could support its body. Sadly, its wings did not expand. Its swollen body also did not shrink.

The butterfly merely crawled around with weakened wings and a big body. It was not able to fly. The man did not know that the butterfly would only be able to fly freely after going through struggles. Only then can it fly with its beautiful wings.

Adapted from http://www.kidsworldfun.com/shortstories_butterflyandcocoon.php

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35. Where did the old man see the cocoon? (1m)

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_____

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

_____ The old man made up his mind to help the butterfly.

_____ The old man wanted to watch the butterfly fly.

_____ The old man decided to watch the butterfly coming out from its cocoon.

For questions 37 – 38, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". (2m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	The old man helped the butterfly.	✓	
37.	The old man squeezed the cocoon to make a tiny opening for the butterfly.		
38.	The butterfly's wings did not expand and its body shrank.		

39. How did the old man feel when he saw the butterfly coming out of the cocoon without much struggle? (1m)

(1) glad
(2) unhappy
(3) enthusiastic
(4) disappointed

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40. Which word in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as 'attractive'? (1m)

41. List two things that prevented the butterfly from flying. (2m)

i) _____

ii) _____

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Section H: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 42 to 47. (8 marks)

Once upon a time, there was a farmer who had two large pots. He would hang them on both ends of a pole which he would carry across his back from the stream to his home. One of the pots had a crack at the bottom while the other pot was faultless and able to carry a full pot of water. When he arrived at his house, the cracked pot would only arrive half-filled each time.

The farmer had been transporting only one and a half pots full of water to his house every day. The faultless pot was proud of itself while the cracked pot was miserable that it was only able to achieve half of what it had been made to do.

One day, the cracked pot decided to speak to the farmer.

"I'm ashamed of myself. The crack in me causes water to leak out all the way back to your house," it said.

The farmer replied, "Did you notice that there are flowers only on your side of the path but not on the faultless pot's side? I've always known about your crack." He went on to tell the cracked pot that he had planted seeds on its side of the path. The cracked pot would water them while they walked back every day. For two years, the farmer had been able to pick those flowers to sell them in the market. Without the cracked pot being just the way it was, the farmer would not have been able to earn more money for the family.

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42. What does the word 'them' in line 2 refer to? (1m)

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For questions 43 – 44, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". (2m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	The farmer had two small pots.		✓
43.	The farmer transported one and a half pots full of water to his house daily.		
44.	The farmer was upset with the cracked pot.		

45. Why did the faultless pot feel proud of itself? (1m)

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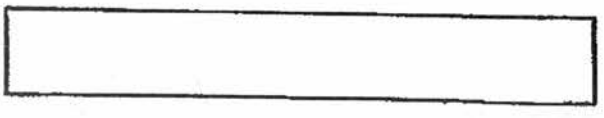
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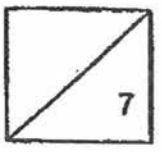
46. Why did the cracked pot decide to speak to the farmer? (2m)

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47. Which word in paragraph 5 has the same meaning as 'perfect'? (1m)





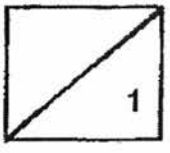
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48. How did the farmer put the cracked pot to good use? (1m)

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EXAM PAPER 2017 (P3)

SCHOOL :SCGS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA2

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	4	4	3	2	3	1	2	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
1	3	3	4						

15)enjoyed 16)was 17)were 18)had 19)they

20)I 21)He 22)them 23)wall 24)deserts

25)machines 26)magnificent 27)prepare 28)attacked

29)beautiful 30)curtains

31)Jim and Ahmad like to play basketball.

32)After my mother prepared the dough, she baked the pizza.

33)Serena won a gold medal in the swimming competition as she had trained hard for it.

34)We went to the beach although it was raining.

35)The old man saw the cocoon in his garden.

36)2 , 3 ,1

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37)False 38)False 39)1 40)gorgeous

41)i)Its wings did not expand. ii)Its swollen body did not shrink.

42)It refers to the "two large pots".

43)True

44)False

45)It was able to pot a full of water back to the farmer's house.

46)The crack pot was miserable that it was only able to achieve half of what it had been made to do.

47)faultless

48)The farmer put the cracked pot to good use by letting it water the seeds the farmer planted while he walked home.

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