SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL

FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY THREE

Name: _____ ( ) Date: 10 May 2019

Class: _____

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

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

2 Follow all instructions carefully.

3 Answer all questions.

4 Shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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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. The _____ tigers are violent and frightening. The small animals are scared of them.

(1) timid
(2) fearful
(3) ferocious
(4) shameful

2. Jane raced to the hospital _____ upon hearing that her little brother was injured in an accident.

(1) promptly
(2) stealthily
(3) carelessly
(4) purposely

3. Katie tip-toed and _____ her neck as she was unable to see the parade with the adults in front of her.

(1) lifted
(2) turned
(3) twisted
(4) craned

4. The _____ disease had spread quickly throughout the village and many people were seriously infected.

(1) mild
(2) strong
(3) infected
(4) contagious

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5. The commentator at the football match spoke with so much enthusiasm, making the match very exciting for the _____.

(1) audience
(2) sponsors
(3) spectators
(4) congregation

6. Many people _____ for the carnival. The people had an enjoyable time there.

(1) turned in
(2) turned up
(3) turned off
(4) turned around

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. The girls had to set up the art exhibition _____ as there was nobody to help them.

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

8. _____ birth, Timothy has a scar on his right abdomen.

(1) Till
(2) Since
(3) When
(4) Before

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9. There are _____ packets of milk in the refrigerator. Please help yourselves.

(1) a few
(2) much
(3) plenty
(4) a bit of

10. _____ Mavis could grab him, he fell with a loud thud.

(1) As
(2) After
(3) When
(4) Before

11. My brother and _____ are excited to go to Universal Studios this weekend. The first ride we plan to take is the "Galactica".

(1) I
(2) we
(3) she
(4) they

12. "_____ you help me to solve this equation?" Jamie asked.

(1) Do
(2) Can
(3) May
(4) Shall

13. "What is _____ object?" John exclaimed as he pointed at the object that was across the road.

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

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14. We walked _____ the jungle and were exhausted when we reached the hunting lodge.

(1) by
(2) among
(3) through
(4) between

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	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
		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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Section C: Grammar Cloze

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

Benson enjoys photography. Every week, he will (15) [go / goes] to the Singapore Botanical Gardens to take pictures of the beautiful flowers. He will bring along his equipment with him.

Once, when he was taking a picture, a man running past accidentally (16) [trips / tripped] over him carelessly. Benson dropped his camera and his lens (17) [crack / cracked]. The bespectacled man apologised profusely and offered to (18) [replace / replaced] a new camera for Benson. Benson thanked the man for his kind thought but did not accept his offer.

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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	her	I	it	my	they	we

This Saturday, my parents will be taking me to the beach. (19)_____ will be going there by bus. (20)_____ father hopes that we could do our part for the environment by not using the family car.

Last week, (21)_____ took the MRT to school as my parents were out of town. (22)_____ have taught me to be independent and I am able to go about on my own. I am grateful to them.

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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)

affect	choices	chore	knowing	using

Developing a sense of responsibility is important. Learning about and (23)_____ the value of responsibility can allow us to make good decisions for ourselves.

We can consider how our actions (24)_____ others. It is important for us to understand that being responsible is not just completing a task or a (25)_____. We have to follow through with commitments, take responsibility for our actions and think through our (26)_____.

Being responsible will help us reach our goals in life.

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http://everylivingthing.ca/wpcontent/uploads/2016/09/Div2_Exploring-What-it-Means-to-be-Responsible.pdf

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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 ocean has some pretty and strange creatures! One of them is the stingray.

With a body as flat as a pancake and two large fins extending off its head and body, a (27) [ ] stingray is able to burry itself in the sandy ocean bottom or glide through the open ocean. Its grey-brown colour helps it to blend in with sand and mud. A stingray's (28) [ ] unyusual body helps it to hide from predators while it quietly waits for its prey. A stingray is indeed an amazing creature.

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

After going to bed, Rosie lay awake a little while, thinking over everything her (29) [ ] father had said. She think about the advice her father had given her regarding her (30) [ ] studies. Yesterday, she promise him to study hard. She wanted to make him proud of her.

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Section F: Sentence Combining

Combine each pair of sentences using the word(s) given. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the sentences given. (4 marks)

31. Yvonne loves sewing. She loves knitting too.

_____ and

_____

32. Jane went to the park. Then she went to the market.

After _____

_____

33. My brother is good at singing. He decided to take part in the singing competition.

_____ as

_____

34. I want to go to the party. My father is against it.

_____ but

_____

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Section G: Comprehension (Short Response)

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

The largest flower in the world can be found in the jungles of Asia. When you are hiking in the jungle, consider yourself lucky if you come across the flower known as the rafflesia.

The rafflesia is the largest flower on the planet. It could weigh as heavy as eleven kilograms. It is so huge that you will not miss it if you happen to come across one while hiking. The plant does not have any stems, leaves or roots. The whole flower depends on a group of vines to live.

Why do these plants have such large flowers? They grow very large for a reason. The large flowers help to attract insects far and wide. Besides being large, they also produce a bad smell to lure their prey. These insects can help the flowers to reproduce. They fly from flower to flower, dropping the pollen grains.

However, it is sad to say that the rafflesia may be lost before we even get a chance to get to know it. With more and more people living on our planet, more space is needed for housing. Many of the forests are disappearing rapidly. Trees are chopped down and the forests are cleared to build more houses. As more and more forests are cleared, the rafflesia will lose its home. As a result, it might become extinct.

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35. Where can one find a rafflesia? (1m)

_____

_____

For questions 36 to 38, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". Refer to the passage to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	Rafflesia is a flower.	✓	
36.	The rafflesia weighs over eleven kilograms.		
37.	The rafflesia has no stems, no leaves and no roots.		
38.	There are some flowers larger than the rafflesia.		

39. List the characteristics of the rafflesia that will attract insects. (2m)

i) _____

ii) _____

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40. Write one word from paragraph 4 which has a similar meaning as "quickly".

(1m)

41. According to the passage, the forests have to be cleared so that

_____.

(1m)

(1) more houses can be built

(2) the rafflesia will have a home

(3) the bad smell will not remain in the forests

(4) there will be more space for the insects to fly from flower to flower

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Section H: Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 42 to 48. (8 marks)

Jane was an orphan who had to be sent to live with her grandfather. As a result, her grandfather had to look for another place as his house was too small for the both of them.

On a cold and chilly morning, Jane and her grandfather finally arrived at the new house with all their belongings. When they entered the house, they saw that the walls were old and dirty. Jane walked a little further and she saw a door. She opened it and walked into the room. She saw an enormous fireplace. A bed lay in the middle of the room. Jane clapped with joy as her bed was in a beautiful shade of pink.

"My favourite colour!" Jane exclaimed excitedly. She smiled and muttered "thank you" to her grandfather.

"Your room must be near the fireplace or you will freeze," he replied. "You can come and see mine too."

Jane walked with her grandfather towards his bedroom. When they reached the door, Jane pushed it open and she gasped. There were beetles and lizards crawling all over the room.

"Grandfather, why don't you share my room instead?" Jane said.

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42. Tick (√) the chosen answer. (1m)

Jane and her grandfather had to move because the previous house _____.

- ☐ was old and dirty
- ☐ did not have a fireplace
- ☐ was too small for the both of them

43. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what happened first, next and last in paragraphs 1 to 3. (1m)

_____ Jane clapped happily.

_____ Jane saw the fireplace.

_____ Jane entered the bedroom.

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For questions 44 to 46, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". Refer to the passage to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	The walls in the house were old-looking.	✓	
44.	Jane's new room was cold and dark.		
45.	Jane's bed was at the side of her room.		
46.	Jane loved her new bed.		

47. Which word has the same meaning as "whispered"? Circle either (a) or (b).

(1m)

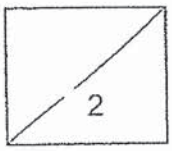
"My favourite colour!" Jane exclaimed (a) excitedly. She smiled and murmured (b) "thank you" to her grandfather.

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48. How do you know Jane did not like Grandfather's room? (2m)



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3	1	4	4	3	2	4	2	1	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
1	2	2	3	go	tripped	cracked	replace	We	My
Q21	Q22								
I	They								

Q23)	knowing	Q27)	bury
Q24)	affect	Q28)	unusual
Q25)	chore	Q29)	thought
Q26)	choices	Q30)	promised

Q31)	Yvonne loves sewing and knitting.
Q32)	After going to the park, Jane went to the market.
Q33)	My brother decided to take part in the singing competition as he is good at singing.
Q34	ant to go to the party, but my father is against it.
Q35	afflesia can be found in jungles of Asia.
Q36)	False
Q37)	True
Q38)	False

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Q39)	i)The rafflesia grows very large. ii)The rafflesia produces a bad smell.
Q40)	rapidly
Q41)	more houses can be built.
Q42)	was too small for the both of them.
Q43)	3, 2, 1
Q44)	False
Q45)	False
Q46)	True
Q47)	murmured
Q48)	Jane gasped as there were beetles and lizards crawling all over Grandfather's room and offered to share her room with Grandfather.

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