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PRIMARY THREE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2

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46 QUESTIONS

1 hour 15 minutes

Component	Marks
Sections A-B	/ 14
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Sections H-I	/ 16
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INSTRUCTIONS:

Do not turn over this page until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all the questions.

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Section A – Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

1. The burglar _____ into the house last night after the family had gone out for dinner.

   (1) sneaks
   (2) sneaked
   (3) is sneaking
   (4) was sneaking

2. "Don't call me when I am busy _____ work," said Father.

   (1) at
   (2) in
   (3) of
   (4) on

3. The coach is training the boys for _____ competition next week.

   (1) his
   (2) her
   (3) our
   (4) their

4. Matthew ate up most of the rice in the pot as he was hungry. Only _____ rice was left in the pot.

   (1) less
   (2) many
   (3) a few
   (4) a little

5. One of the triplets _____ nominated as the head prefect of the school last year.

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

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6. _____ Mr Thong left the office, he checked that all the lights had been switched off.

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

7. "Look at _____ bees flying around the hive on that tree!" Susan told Linda excitedly.

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

8. Neither the children nor their mother _____ going to the zoo tomorrow.

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

Section B – Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Choose the correct answer and shade the oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet provided.

9. The firemen _____ the fire before it could burn down the entire house.

(1) put up
(2) put on
(3) put off
(4) put out

10. The famous _____, Roald Dahl, has written some of the best-loved children's books of all time such as Charlie and The Chocolate Factory, Matilda and The BFG.

(1) editor
(2) author
(3) narrator
(4) illustrator

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11. The _____ of soldiers marched smartly across the field.

(1) crew
(2) troop
(3) class
(4) board

12. My mother does not raise her voice whenever I make a mistake. She is as _____ as a dove.

(1) shy
(2) kind
(3) loving
(4) gentle

13. Detective Joe _____ himself as a beggar and followed the suspect quietly.

(1) covered
(2) dressed
(3) disguised
(4) camouflaged

14. De Ming _____ his hand when someone accidentally spilled a bowl of hot porridge on him.

(1) twisted
(2) harmed
(3) scalded
(4) fractured

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Section C – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank. Write its letter (A to F) in the blank. Use each word **ONCE** only.

(A) for	(B) of	(C) off
(D) on	(E) out	(F) to

Billy and Caline were neighbours. One afternoon, they went for a stroll at the park. They saw a white furry cat lying (15) _____ the ground next to some bushes. As they were walking towards the cat, it let (16) _____ a weak purr.

They saw that the cat was injured. Caline felt sorry (17) _____ the cat. She decided to take it home and take care (18) _____ it. Billy picked up the cat gently and they made their way home.

Section D – Grammar Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Ring! The recess bell rings and the pupils (19) [dash / dashes] out of the classroom like hungry wolves. Janet looks forward to recess as she (20) [love / loves] to see what her mother (21) [has / have] packed for her. Her lunch box contains healthy and tasty food arranged in beautiful designs. Her classmates always (22) [look / looks] at her lunch box with envy. They wish their mothers would prepare such interesting lunch boxes as well.

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Section E – Vocabulary Cloze (3 x 1 mark)
Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the box below and fill in each blank. Use each word **ONCE** only.

friendly	moved	organised
put	set	timid

Ah Meng, an orangutan, became a part of the Singapore Zoo in 1971. The orangutan was (23) _____ to the zoo after being confiscated from a family that had kept her illegally as a pet.

The zoo (24) _____ weekend breakfast sessions with Ah Meng. Visitors paid to share meals and take photographs with Ah Meng. She was a (25) _____ creature that enjoyed meeting people and interacting with them.

Unfortunately, Ah Meng passed away due to old age on 8 February 2008. She is fondly remembered by many people who miss her.

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Section F – Editing (5 x 1 mark)

Correct the words in **bold** for spelling. Write the correct answer in the boxes provided.

It was late evening. A poor little girl was walking along the cold and dark

(26) [ ]

streat with bare feet. The little girl held onto a bundle of matchsticks in her

(27) [ ]

hand. Nobody had **boaght** any matchsticks from her all night.

Her little hands were almost numb with cold. She thought that lighting

the matchsticks would give her some warmth so she took one matchstick and lit

(28) [ ] (29) [ ]

it. **Imediately**, the bright flame gave her some comefort. She lit one matchstick

after another. With each matchstick she lit, she imagined scenes of a warm

stove, a dazzling Christmas tree and the image of her late grandmother smiling

(30) [ ]

at her. The image of her grandmother vannished when the flame of the last

matchstick went out. Feeling tired, she gently closed her eyes.

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Section G – Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the most suitable word of your own.

Felix and Henry were walking through a dense jungle. Soon, they realised that they had (31) _____ their way and could not find their way out. Henry started to blame Felix for not bringing the compass along. Felix became very upset and slapped Henry. Fortunately, Henry kept his cool and continued looking (32) _____ a way out.

Feeling bad about what he had done, Felix followed Henry. Suddenly, Felix (33) _____ a sharp sting on his leg. "Ouch!" he screamed. Henry turned around and saw Felix squirming in pain. He picked up a branch and hit the scorpion that had stung Felix. Then Henry put some medication on the wound.

Felix was very (34) _____ to Henry. "Thank you for being a good friend!" He also apologised to Henry for slapping him earlier. They continued walking and finally got out of the jungle safely.

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Section H – Comprehension – Selected Response and Open-ended (8 marks)
Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ken was the manager of Foodkoala, a food delivery business. One day, there were many orders. All the delivery riders, except Gary, were out delivering food. Ken knew Gary was often late for his deliveries as he was a new driver and did not know the roads well.

Ken warned Gary, "If you are late again, you will have to quit this job!" Gary nodded his head timidly and scurried off to his motorcycle. Soon, he arrived at Canadian Fried Chicken. The cashier handed Gary the order and **he** dashed off to deliver the food.

Gary remembered Ken's warning. He did not want to lose his job. He had worked at several companies before and Foodkoala paid him the most. He gripped the handlebars of his motorcycle and sped off hastily. Suddenly, a pedestrian dashed across the road. Gary swerved sharply and his motorcycle almost hit the pedestrian.

"Bam!" Gary crashed into a lamppost. Blood was flowing profusely from his head. Passers-by dialled '995' for an ambulance. Soon, Gary felt dizzy. He heard the siren of the ambulance before blacking out.

Gary was hospitalised for a week. He met Ken when he returned to work. Ken felt sorry for causing Gary to rush and get into an accident. He had learnt that the safety of his employees was of great importance.

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35. What was Foodkoala? [1 mark]

_____

36. Which word in the sentence below has the same meaning as 'moved hurriedly'? Circle either (A) or (B). [1 mark]

Gary nodded his head timidly and scurried off to his motorcycle. **(A)** **(B)**

37. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.

The word 'he' in line 7 refers to _____. [1 mark]

☐	Ken
☐	Gary
☐	the cashier

For Questions 38 to 40, read each statement and **tick** "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 3 to help you. An example has been done for you. [3 marks]

	Statement	**True**	**False**
Example	Gary wanted to keep his job at Foodkoala.	✓	
38.	Working as a delivery rider for Foodkoala was Gary's first job.		
39.	Gary was riding his motorcycle at a great speed just before the accident.		
40.	Gary knocked down a pedestrian.		

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41. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story. [1 mark]

_____ Gary fainted.

_____ Gary's motorcycle hit a lamppost.

_____ Passers-by called for an ambulance.

42. What did Ken think was the most important at the end? [1 mark]

_____

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Section I – Comprehension – Open-ended (4 x 2 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

As my turn approached, I was terrified. I wished I had not signed up for this piano contest. I also wished I had practised harder.

The emcee called out, "Next contestant, Lionel Lim!"

I had butterflies in my stomach. Walking slowly onto the stage, I felt a hundred pairs of eyes on me. I uttered, "Today, I am going to play..." I had forgotten what I wanted to say and was desperately searching for the words in my mind. Finally, I croaked, "River flows in you."

I walked towards the piano and sat down. After taking a few deep breaths, I started playing the notes to the song that I had been practising for the past few weeks.

There was a roaring applause when I finished playing the last note. As I stood up, I bowed and walked down the stage. I waited for the other contestants to play their pieces. After they had finished playing, it was time for the emcee to announce the contest results.

"In third place, we have David Chee! In second place, we have Julian Chen! And the first prize goes to ... ... Lionel Lim!"

Holding the gold trophy in my hands, I beamed from ear to ear. I was proud of myself for having overcome stage fright. After taking part in this competition, I decided to participate in more competitions to gain more experience.

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Write your answers in complete sentences.

43. What did the writer wish while waiting for his turn?

44. Which 4-word phrase in the passage shows that the writer was nervous?

45. What does "they" (line 13) refer to?

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ANSWER KEY

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SECTION A (30 marks)

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	1	4	4	3	4	4	1	4	2

Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14
2	4	3	3

SECTION B

(15) D
(16) E
(17) A
(18) B
(19) dash
(20) loves
(21) has
(22) look
(23) moved
(24) organized
(25) friendly
(26) street
(27) bought
(28)Immediately
(29) comfort
(30) vanished
(31) lost
(32) for
(33) felt
(34) grateful
(35) A food delivery business.
(36) scurried
(37) Gary
(38) False
(39) True
(40) False
(41) 3,1,2
(42) Safety of his employees.
(43) He wished that he had not signed up for the piano contest and he had practiced harder.
(44) butterflies in my stomach
(45) It refers to the other contestants.

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