PEI CHUN PUBLIC SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2, 2019

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3

PAPER 2

Additional Materials: Optical Answer Sheet (OAS)

Time : 1 h 15 min

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Paper 1 (Composition)	20
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INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

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FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.
ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

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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. Amirah visited an exhibition on ancient Chinese art at the _____.

(1) theatre
(2) museum
(3) bookshop
(4) auditorium

2. We packed torches in our camping backpacks so that we will not be as _____ at night.

(1) blind as bats
(2) quiet as mice
(3) busy as bees
(4) brave as lions

3. There was a fire in my block of flats yesterday. Fortunately, _____ of the residents were seriously injured.

(1) all
(2) most
(3) none
(4) several

4. Ever since Benny's teacher told his parents that he was _____ in art, his ambition was to be an artist.

(1) lazy
(2) clumsy
(3) average
(4) talented

5. We saw a _____ of sheep grazing on the fields during our trip in New Zealand.

(1) pack
(2) flock
(3) brood
(4) swarm

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6. Devi _____ a sigh of relief when she found her Social Studies project file.

(1) yelled
(2) heaved
(3) squealed
(4) screamed

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. Enid took three weeks to recover _____ chicken pox.

(1) in
(2) on
(3) from
(4) through

8. Fran _____ her water bottle at a discounted price during the sale last week.

(1) buy
(2) bought
(3) is buying
(4) has bought

9. Geraldine _____ a fever and will not be going to school today.

(1) has
(2) had
(4) have
(3) was having

10. "Would you like to purchase _____ sweets on the shelf there?" asked the cashier.

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

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11. Remember to wash your hands _____ you have your meals.

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

12. Hafiz and I tidied up the messy room by _____.

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

13. Janet _____ sing and dance very well.

(1) can
(2) may
(3) shall
(4) should

14. Mother has to choose _____ two dresses. She cannot afford to have both.

(1) with
(2) from
(3) among
(4) between

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Study the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.

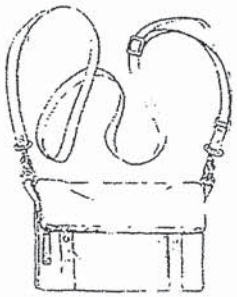
The Peninsula Annual Sale

5 to 7 December 2019

3 DAYS ONLY!

Ladies, this sale is just for you!

- Spend $50 in a single receipt to qualify for the lucky draw



- Branded ladies' handbags! Choose among 5 popular brands! Up to 70% discount. Prices start as low as $12!



- Top selling ladies' shoes at half price! Prices start as low as $18! Buy 2 pairs of shoes and buy the third pair at only $10*.



- Ladies' dress watches at $30! Get an attractive gift box with every watch purchased. Buy 2 watches and get a pearl pendant free!

*The original price of the third pair must not be more than $25.

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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. The Peninsula sale is located at the _____ department.

(1) ~~mens~~ men's
(2) ladies'
(3) children's
(4) household

16. How can you qualify for a lucky draw?

(1) Buy 2 ladies' watches at $30.
(2) Spend $50 in a single receipt.
(3) Buy 2 pairs of shoes at $10 each.
(4) Buy branded ladies' handbags at $12.

17. Karina can get her third pair of shoes at $10 if _____.

(1) the pair she selects is not more than $25
(2) she buys two pairs of shoes that cost $12
(3) she spends a total of $50 in a single receipt
(4) she buys two pairs of shoes that are less than $25

18. Leon will get _____ if she buys two dress watches.

(1) two gift boxes only
(2) two pearl pendants only
(3) two gift boxes and a pearl pendant
(4) two pearl pendants and two gift boxes

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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) he	(B) him	(C) his
(D) their	(E) them	(F) they

Mesh and Neil are best friends. (19) _____ have a lot of things in common. Not only are they neighbours, they even go to the same school. One of (20) _____ hobbies is assembling toy aeroplanes. Whenever Mesh gets a new set, he will try his best to assemble it. (21) _____ usually manages to do it himself. If he finds it too difficult, he will call Neil. Together, they will try and fix the aeroplane themselves. If it is still not possible, they will ask Mesh's father for help. He will gladly help (22) _____ . After all, Mesh's father is an aircraft engineer.

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

Have you ever wondered how clouds are formed? Clouds **(23)** [is / are] formed as part of the water cycle. As the Sun **(24)** [shine / shines], some water evaporates. The water changes into water vapour. As the water vapour **(25)** [rise / rises], it expands and cools down to form tiny water droplets. Clouds are formed when many of these water droplets **(26)** [combine / combines]. The clouds become heavier and darker. When the clouds become too heavy, they will start to release the water droplets. That is how we get rain.

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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. Osman was unwell. He went home during recess.

_____ **because**

_____ .

28. Penny received many praises for her sportsmanship. Penny came in last.

Although _____

_____ .

29. Quon likes to eat fried fish. His sister also likes to eat fried fish.

_____ **and**

_____ .

30. Finish your homework. Then you can play soccer with your neighbours.

_____ **before**

_____ .

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Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Ratna sat quietly by the window and sighed, "Where are you, Tiger? Please come back soon." Her mother came in, sat beside her and stroked her head. "Don't worry, Ratna, we'll find her." Ratna hugged her mother and cried.

Tiger was the closest thing she had to a sibling. When she came home from school, Tiger would be the first one to greet her. After Ratna finished her homework, chores and all that was needed to be done, Tiger would be all set to have a game of tag. Tiger would know when Ratna was too tired to play and would simply sit quietly on her lap and let Ratna stroke her. Ratna felt that Tiger was the only one who understood her. Ratna loved her with all her heart.

Then one day, something terrible happened. Ratna came home and realised Tiger was gone. Her mother had no idea where Tiger was. Ratna searched for Tiger but Tiger was nowhere to be found. When her father came home, she pleaded with him to go out and look for Tiger. He came home crestfallen and empty-handed. That night, Ratna tossed and turned in her bed. She prayed hard that Tiger would return safely.

The next morning, there was a surprise for Ratna. There sitting on the sofa was Tiger! Ratna ran forward and hugged her. Silently, she said, "Thank you!"

Adapted from *The Lost Pet*

31. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
After school, Ratna would _____ first. (1m)

	go out to play a game of tag
	do her homework and chores
	sit quietly on her mother's lap

32. List 2 activities that Ratna and Tiger often do together. (2m)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

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For Q33 and 34, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. Refer to paragraphs 2 and 3 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (2m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	Ratna's mother knew where Tiger was.		✓
33.	Ratna greeted Tiger first when she came home from school.		
34.	Ratna could not sleep well as she was worried about Tiger.		

35. Write **1, 2** and **3** in the blanks below to show the order in which the events happened in the story. Refer to paragraph 3 to help you. (1m)

_____ Ratna's father helped to look for Tiger.

_____ Ratna found Tiger sitting at home.

_____ Ratna realised that Tiger was gone.

36. Which 4-word phrase in **paragraph 3** tells you that Ratna could not find Tiger? (1 m)

37. Which word has the same meaning as "bringing nothing"?
Circle either **(A)** or **(B)**. (1m)

He came home crestfallen and empty-handed.
(A) **(B)**

38. Tick ✓ your chosen answer.
When Tiger went missing, Ratna _____. (1m)

	went out to look for Tiger
	made "Lost & Found" posters
	prayed for Tiger to return home safely

Write your answer in complete sentences.

39. According to the passage, how did Ratna express her excitement when she found Tiger? (1m)

_____

_____ .

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Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Have you ever been told that you move like a sloth? Do you know what that means? Sloths are unusual animals that are found in the rainforests of Central and South America. They are the slowest moving animal in the world. In fact, they move so little that their predators such as hawks and cats find it very difficult to spot them. They are nocturnal and sleep through the day.

Sloths are also lazy. They do not even clean themselves. That is why a layer of green algae covers their fur. **It** is a useful camouflage as they spend most of their lives in the trees. The algae make the sloth look like a bunch of leaves when they hang upside down from tree branches. Their diet only includes fruits, leaves, shoots and twigs. This makes them herbivores.

Sloths hardly come to the ground. When they do, they use their strong claws to drag themselves along the forest floor as they cannot stand or walk. However, they are excellent swimmers.

Being a sloth does have more advantages than drawbacks. So the next time someone calls you a sloth, you need not be too upset.

Adapted from *https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/sloth/*

For Q40 to 42, tick (✓) whether the statements describe the sloth. Refer to paragraph 1 to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

	Statement	True	False
Example	The sloth moves very quickly to escape predators.		
40.	Sloths can be found in the rainforests of America.		
41.	Sloths are too lazy to clean themselves		
42.	Sloths cannot run but they can swim.		

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43. Which word in **paragraph 1** has the same meaning as "active at night?" (1 m)

44. List two things that a sloth eats.

i. _____ (1m)

ii. _____ (1m)

45. Which word in **paragraph** 2 tells us that sloths are able to hide themselves in their surroundings. (1m)

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

47. Which word has the same meaning as "problems"?
Circle either **(A)** or **(B)**. (1m)

Being a sloth does have more advantages (A) than drawbacks (B).

Write your answer in complete sentences.

48. According to the passage, how do sloths move along the forest floor? (1m)

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ANSWER KEY

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SECTION A

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Q16	2	Q17	1	Q18	3				

SECTION B

Q19 F

Q20 D

Q21 A

Q22 E

Q23 are

Q24 shines

Q25 rises

Q26 combine

Q27 Osman went home during recess because he was unwell.

Q28 Although Penny came in last, she received many praises for her sportsmanship.

Q29 Quon and his sister like to eat fried fish

Q30 Finish your homework before you can playsoccer with your neighbours.

Q31 do her homework and chores

Q32 (i)have a game of tag

(ii)Let Ratna stroke her as she sits quitely on Ratna's lap.

Q33 False

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Q34 True

Q35 2

3

1

Q36 nowhere to be found

Q37 empty-handed

Q38 prayed for the tiger to return her home safely

Q39 Ratna ran forward, hugged Tiger and said thank you sliently when she found her.

Q40 False

Q41 True

Q42 True

Q43 noctural

Q44 i. fruits

ii. leaves

Q45 camouflage

Q46 the algae

Q47 drawbacks

Q48 Sloths use their strong clawsto drag themselves along the forest floor as they cannot stand or walk.

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