ST. HILDA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 2019
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY 3
PAPER 2
BOOKLET A

DATE : 25 October 2019

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(Booklets A and B)

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BOOKLET A		
SECTION	**COMPONENT**	**TOTAL MARKS**
A	Grammar	8
B	Vocabulary	6
	TOTAL MARKS	14

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Section A: Grammar (8 x 1 mark)

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

1. Janet likes to walk _____ the path lined with fruit trees and flowers.
   (1) into
   (2) over
   (3) along
   (4) through

2. "James and Julian _____ running after the school bus as they are late again," Mother told Father, shaking her head.
   (1) is
   (2) are
   (3) was
   (4) were

3. Anne _____ for a swim yesterday.
   (1) go
   (2) went
   (3) goes
   (4) going

4. Ben panicked _____ he realised that his wallet was missing.
   (1) but
   (2) and
   (3) then
   (4) when

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5. I like to _____ short stories in my free time.

(1) write

(2) wrote

(3) writes

(4) written

6. That athlete _____ very hard for the international competition last year.

(1) train

(2) trains

(3) trained

(4) training

7. _____ was expected to turn up for the important meeting punctually. They had all been given repeated reminders to be on time.

(1) No one

(2) Anyone

(3) Anybody

(4) Everyone

8. There is _____ water in the canal because of the heavy rain.

(1) less

(2) many

(3) a little

(4) a lot of

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Section B: Vocabulary (6 x 1 mark)

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

9. Many people board the bus early in the morning at the bus _____.
   (1) junction
   (2) platform
   (3) crossing
   (4) interchange

10. Adam wants to buy an _____ watch as he has a tight budget.
   (1) inexpensive
   (2) unaffordable
   (3) indescribable
   (4) unfashionable

11. The staff at this jewellery outlet are always polite to their _____.
   (1) buyers
   (2) patrons
   (3) customers
   (4) consumers

12. The children watched the exciting performance in _____ as they had never seen something like that before.
   (1) agreement
   (2) amazement
   (3) engagement
   (4) Entertainment

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13. Mei Ling finally _____ her friend in the canteen after looking for her for an hour.

(1) spotted

(2) checked

(3) scanned

(4) examined

14. Jonathan is hardworking and is always as busy as a _____.

(1) bee

(2) wasp

(3) butterfly

(4) housefly

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BOOKLET B		
SECTION	**COMPONENT**	**MARKS OBTAINED**
C	Grammar Cloze	/8
D	Vocabulary Cloze	/4
E	Editing For SPG	/4
F	Comprehension 1	/10
G	Comprehension 2	/10
	TOTAL MARKS	/36

BOOKLET A	BOOKLET B	TOTAL MARKS OBTAINED
/14	/36	/50

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Section C: Grammar Cloze (8 x 1 mark)

Read the following two passages carefully. Choose the correct words from the box below. Each word is given a letter (A to P). Letters 'I' and 'O' have been omitted. Write the letter in the blanks provided.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

Passage 1:

(A) is singing	(C) sing	(E) sung
(B) sang	(D) sings	(F) was singing

It is Teachers' Day and all the students from the school have gathered in the hall to watch the performances put up by their schoolmates.

One of the Primary 3 performers, Jill, (15) _____ on the stage now. She has dedicated her song to all the teachers in the school. Jill just loves to (16) _____. Whenever she is in the shower, she (17) _____ as loudly as she can, to her heart's content.

Jill has been taking singing lessons since she was six years old. Not many people know that Jill (18) _____ in a nationwide talent contest last year. Jill is so talented that her friends have asked her to teach them singing.

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Passage 2:

(G) by	(J) in	(L) off	(N) up
(H) for	(K) of	(M) on	(P) with

Squirrels search for nuts and seeds as food. As winter approaches, squirrels carry their food and bury it (19) _____ several locations. They hide more food than they will eat.

Squirrels have an excellent sense (20) _____ smell, which they use to help locate food that they have hidden. They can also pick (21) _____ information about other squirrels by smelling them.

They communicate (22) _____ each other by making sounds and through body movements, such as tail flicking. When foxes and hawks are nearby, squirrles will sound warning calls to alert other squirrels.

Adapted from *https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/eastern-gray-squirrel/*

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Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (4 x 1 mark)
Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct words from the box below. Each word is given a letter (A to F). Write the letter in the blanks provided.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

(A) angrily	(C) decided	(E) profusely
(B) approached	(D) determined	(F) stern

Tom and Jack wanted to play soccer in the field but it was raining cats and dogs. Instead, they (23) _____ to play at the void deck. Although they saw the "No Ball Games" sign, they reacted nonchalantly.

After they had played for about twenty minutes, a policeman (24) _____ them and immediately stopped them from playing. They were given a (25) _____ warning and told not to play at the void deck again.

Tom and Jack felt extremely embarrassed. They apologised (26) _____ to the policeman and promised sincerely not to misbehave again.

Adapted from *https://www.todayonline.com/voices/ball-games-void-decks-danger-lives-property*

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Section E: Editing for SPG (4 x 1 mark)

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Wrong or missing punctuation is shown by a circle at the place where it should be. Put the correct punctuation mark, spelling or form of the underlined word in each of the boxes provided.

Once a crow stole a biscuit from a bakery The crow flew away to a tree

(27) _____

nearby as it wants to eat the biscuit.

As the crow was about to eat the biscuit, a fox, which had seen the crow

(28) _____

stealing the biscuit, thought of teaching it a lesson. He said to the crow, ◯ Oh! My

(29) _____

dear crow, how beautiful you are! Your feathers are really shinney. Surely, your voice

must be very sweet. Please sing a song for me ".

(30) _____

The foolish crow open its mouth to clear its throat and the biscuit fell onto the

ground. At once, the clever fox snapped up the biscuit and returned it to the bakery.

Adapted from *http://www.read.gov/aesop/027.html*

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Section F: Comprehension 1 (10 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 31 – 37.

It was a sunny day. A group of friends was waiting at the **railway station** for the train to arrive. There were many people walking around buying refreshments from the food and drink stalls at the station. Soon, an announcement was heard. People started walking hurriedly towards the train platform.

The group of friends were talking loudly as **they** boarded the train and ran to their seats. A man and a boy came running along to catch the train. They boarded it in time and sat opposite the group before the train moved off.

The boy was excited to see everything around him. "Father, the train is moving so quickly that everything outside **the window is a blue**" he exclaimed. His father smiled and nodded his head. Soon, the boy called out again, "Father, the trees are green and run **backwards very quickly!**" His father smiled again and replied, "Yes, son." The boy was watching everything with great enthusiasm and happiness.

A fruit seller with a basket of apples and oranges **passed** by. The boy asked, "Father, can you buy me an apple?" Holding the apple in his hands, the boy said, 'Oh, the apple looks so sweet. I love this colour."

The group of friends was watching the boy and asked the man, "Why is your son behaving oddly?" One of the friends shouted, "His son is mad!"

"My son was born blind. He was operated on a few days ago and has just **gained his vision.**He is seeing things in his life for the first time," the man replied calmly. The group became very quiet and apologised to the father and son for their hurtful words.

Adapted from *https://www.kidsworldfun.com/think-before-you-speak.php*

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31. Why do you think the announcement was made? [2m]

_____

_____

32. The word "they" in line 6 refers to _____

_____ [1m]

33. Based on the story, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason in your own words to support each answer. [3m]

	True / False	Reason
The father and son sat next to the group of friends.		
The fruit seller was selling pears and grapes in his basket.		
The boy could finally see his surroundings.		

34. Please tick (✓) **two** options that show what the boy was surprised to see. [1m]

green trees	
the group of friends	
the colour of the apple	
that everything outside the train window was a blur	

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35. Write **1**, **2** and **3** in the blanks below to show the sequence of events. Use "1" for the event that happened the earliest. [1m]

_____ The boy just had an operation.

_____ The boy requested for an apple.

_____ The boy said the trees were green.

36. Which word has the same meaning as 'interest'? **Circle** either (A) or (B). [1m]

The boy was watching everything with great enthusiasm and happiness.   **(A)** **(B)**

37. Put a tick (✓) against the adjective that best describes the father in the story. [1m]

timid	
patient	
steadfast	

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Section G: Comprehension 2 (10 marks)

Read this passage and answer questions 38 - 43. Write your answers in complete sentences.

It was the Sunday before their mother's birthday. Mother was preparing dinner at home while May and her sister, Jane, were at the shopping mall nearby. A huge crowd of shoppers was already at the mall. May told her little sister to hold onto her hand at all times.

They went up the escalator to the thrid floor.With so many choices, May was engrossed in looking for a gift. She did not even realise that Jane had wandered off! When she suddenly remembered and turned around, she was shocked to discover that Jane was missing! She panicked. Calling out her sister's name, May went searching all over the third floor.

May started to cry when Jane did not respond to her calls. Different thoughts went through her mind. "Where's Jane? Should I go to the information counter and ask for help? Suddenly, she heard a familiar voice behind her. May turned around. To her relief, there was Jane, holding an ice cream in one hand and holding out another to May. May heaved a sigh of relief and hugged her sister.

The lady beside Jane said that she had found Jane wandering in the toy shop. Jane started crying when the lady asked her why she was in the toy shop alone. Jane said the music from the shop attracted her and she went in to take a look. Therefore, the lady bought Jane an ice cream to calm her down, Jane had asked her to buy one for her sister as well!

May thanked the lady and went home with her sister, each with an ice cream in their hands.

Adapted from *http://www.englishdaily626.com/reading_comprehension.php?068*

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38. Why was Mother not with the sisters at the shopping mall? [1m]

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39. Explain why May and her sister were at the shopping mall. [2m]

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40. How did May lose her sister? [2m]

_____

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41. In paragraph 3 why did Mary cry ? [2m]

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42. Which sentence in paragraph 4 tells you that Jane was a curious girl? [1m]

43. Do you think Jane loved May? How can you tell? [2m]

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3	2	2	4	1	3	4	4	4	1
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	2	1	1	A	C	D	B	J	K
Q21	Q22	Q23							
N	P	C							

Q24)	B	Q28)	"
Q25)	F	Q29)	shiny
Q26)	E	Q30)	opened
Q27)	wanted		

Q31)	It was to alert the passengers that it was time to board the train.
Q32)	The group of friend.
Q33)	a)False / The man and son sat opposite of where the group of friends. b)False / The fruit seller was selling apples and oranges. c)True / The boy had gone for an eye operation to help him see.
Q34)	green trees
Q35)	1 , 3 , 2
Q36)	A
Q37)	patient √
Q38)	The mother was preparing dinner while the sisters were shopping.
Q39)	They were buying a gift for their mother as their mother's birthday was approaching.
Q40)	May was too engross in looking for a gift and she did not realise that her sister had wandered off.

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Q41)	May cried because she lost her sister.
Q42)	Jane said the music from the shop attracted her and went to take a look.
Q43)	Yes, she asked the lady to buy May an ice cream.

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