SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
SECOND SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2022

PRIMARY 3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

Total Time for Booklets A and B: 1h 15 min

Name: _____ ( ) **31 October 2022**

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

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 Use a 2B pencil to shade your answers on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

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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 My mother looked at my clothes with _____ and told me to change into a new outfit.

(1) misery
(2) delight
(3) disapproval
(4) satisfaction

2 When Mother heard the _____ news that the typhoon had destroyed Grandmother's entire village, she broke into tears.

(1) exciting
(2) alarming
(3) amusing
(4) embarrassing

3 Although Kim had never taken any dance lessons, she danced very _____ onstage. Everyone was so impressed by how elegant she was.

(1) gently
(2) sloppily
(3) clumsily
(4) gracefully

4 Having a balanced diet can make a/an _____ to the state of our health .

(1) effort
(2) promise
(3) mistake
(4) difference

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5 To _____ himself, Father wore a wig, a hat and a beard before leaving the house. He hoped that no one would recognise him.

(1) show
(2) display
(3) distract
(4) disguise

6 Our teacher told us to _____ with new ideas for our project.

(1) come in
(2) come up
(3) come by
(4) come across

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 Mary and her younger sisters decided to buy the ingredients and bake a cake _____.

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

8 The rescuers searched _____ the wreckage for more survivors after the earthquake.

(1) about
(2) along
(3) among
(4) against

9 Wenling isn't a fussy eater, _____ she? She eats everything that her mother cooks.

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

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10 My grandfather's birthday is next week _____ my family and relatives are planning a surprise party for him.

(1) so
(2) or
(3) while
(4) although

11 Mother lifted up the shopping bags and said, "_____ are the goodie bags for the party."

(1) This
(2) That
(3) These
(4) Those

12 Mrs Menon had _____ time to prepare for the surprise dinner party but the food was delicious!

(1) little
(2) some
(3) many
(4) much

13 Last week, my father _____ a long-lost relative. Today, our whole family will be having lunch with her.

(1) visits
(2) visited
(3) was visiting
(4) will be visiting

14 My mother and I _____ watching the puppy when it climbed out of the play pen.

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

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4 Write your answers in this booklet.

	Highest Possible Marks	Marks Obtained	Parent's Signature
Booklet A	14		
Booklet B	36		
Subtotal	50		

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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)

It was Monday. Nancy was walking home from school when she **(15)** [see / saw] a puppy lying on its side. She walked quickly towards the puppy. When it **(16)** [hears / heard] Nancy's footsteps, it started to whimper. The puppy looked at her hopefully. Nancy **(17)** [notices / noticed] that it had a name tag around its neck.

Suddenly, Nancy recognised the puppy. It was Snoopy! It was the newly adopted puppy of Nancy's neighbour. "I **(18)** [am / was] so glad that I recognise you! Now, let's go home. I am sure Mr Yan must be desperately looking for you!"

Snoopy gave a happy yelp!

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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	his	it	she	their	they

Shanti loves helping others. She wants to help people in any way she can. Last year, **(19)** _____ and her friends decided to volunteer at a home for the elderly. Together, **(20)** _____ did some research online and found a few activities to engage the residents at the home.

Shanti and her friends also wanted to raise some funds for the elderly home. They approached their form teacher, Mr Seet, for help. **(21)** _____ suggested that it could be their class project. They thanked him for his suggestion. Everyone in class was very excited to be part of the project. Shanti thought that **(22)** _____ was a great idea. They started work at once!

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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)

carelessly	contented	cleverly	inspiration	pull	throw

It does not take much to make me happy. All I need as my companions are books. I am perfectly happy and **(23)** _____ with sitting the whole day with a storybook in my hands. When I am reading an entertaining book, not even cartoons on television can **(24)** _____ me away from it.

I admire the authors. I always wonder how they are able to write so well and where they get the **(25)** _____ for their stories. I enjoy the words that they so **(26)** _____ use. One day, I hope to be an author. I would love to hold in my hands a book that I have written.

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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)

Everyone was very excited as they waited quietly. It was Mother's birthday

(27) [ ]

so it was a suprise that they had been planning for months. The plan was to greet

(28) [ ]

her imedeately when she opened the door. It was going to be the best birthday

party ever!

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

(29) [ ]

Elly loves music. Every day, she sits on her piano for two hours. She also

enjoys singing as she plays on her keyboard. Like Elly, her family enjoys singing.

(30) [ ]

We have decided to put up a musical together at the end of the year. The proceeds

of the show will be donated to charity.

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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 Mr Tan managed to run ten rounds. It was not easy.

Although _____

_____

32 Molly cheated during the examination. She did not study for the examination.

_____ **because**

_____

33 Tom was tired. He went to bed early.

_____ **and**

_____

34 The pie is ready. Take the pie out of the oven.

_____ **when**

_____

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Section G: Comprehension (Short Response)

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

It was a warm morning. Ama and her family were driving across the Howard Bridge over the Tampa River. They were ecstatic to travel as a family. The family had moved from Russia to Germany and finally to Florida five years ago. That day, they were on their way to have lunch with their relatives. Ama's two brothers, Rama and Emra, were in the backseat of the car with her.

The siblings were playing games and singing songs. As they approached the end of the bridge, there was a deafening sound. The back left tyre had blown out. The car started to spin across the road. Ama's father tried his best to control the car. Ama and her brothers were petrified. They held on tightly to one another. Ama's mother tried to calm the children. Fortunately, the road was quiet, with only a few cars around.

After a few minutes, the car finally came to a halt. Ama's mother quickly used her mobile phone to call for help. She checked on Ama and her brothers, making sure that the children were not hurt. She was relieved that her family had only suffered some bruises and cuts.

Soon, the police and the ambulance arrived with a tow truck. The police told Ama's family that they were very fortunate that traffic was light that day and that they had only suffered some bruises and cuts. The police gave the family a ride to their relatives' home.

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35 Write **one** sentence from paragraph 1 which has a similar meaning to 'being very happy'. [1m]

36 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the order of the places that Ama and her family had lived in. [1m]

_____ Germany

_____ Russia

_____ Florida

37 Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

Ama was _____ when the accident happened. [1m]

- ☐ calm
- ☐ elated
- ☐ frightened

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For questions 38 to 40, 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	They were driving across Howard Bridge.	✓	
38	The car drove over a blown-out tyre.		
39	Ama's mother was driving the car.		
40	There were five people in the car.		

41 Based on paragraph 4, why did the police say that Ama's family was fortunate? [2m]

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Section H: Comprehension (Short Response)

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

A cobbler and a banker were neighbours. The cobbler was always singing as he worked. Whatever he earned from making and repairing shoes was just enough for food and simple clothing for his family, yet he was always cheerful.

Unlike the cobbler, the banker was almost always frowning. He hardly laughed and seemed to be unhappy all the time. The banker never sang.

One day, while the banker was taking an afternoon nap, he was rudely awakened by the cobbler's ear-piercing singing. Irritated by the singing, he decided to put a stop to it. He thought hard and devised a plan.

The banker went over to the cobbler's house where he was greeted cheerfully by the cobbler. He offered to pay the cobbler well if he looked after a bag of gold coins for him. The cobbler agreed to his offer as he wanted to be able to give his family a better life.

The cobbler thought that it was an easy job. He dug a hole and buried the bag of gold. However, now he had something to worry about. He was worried that robbers might take it away. He was so worried that he stopped singing. He was unable to sleep well. Seeing him worry made his family unhappy.

Suddenly, the cobbler realised that the bag of gold coins had destroyed his happiness. He quickly returned the bag of gold coins to the banker. Soon after, he was singing happily again.

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42 Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as 'almost not'? [1m]

43 Tick (✓) your chosen answer. [1m]

The cobbler had a/an _____ personality.

- ☐ jovial
- ☐ bossy
- ☐ grumpy

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 cobbler and the banker were neighbours.	✓	
44	The banker enjoyed the cobbler's singing.		
45	The cobbler was not willing to take on his new job at first.		
46	The cobbler was happy again after returning the bag of coins.		

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47 List **two** actions of the cobbler which show how worried he was.

[2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

48 Why did the cobbler return the gold coins to the banker? [1m]

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Q 1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
3	2	4	4	4	2	4	3	1	1
Q 11	Q12	Q13	Q14						
3	1	2	4						

Q15)	saw	Q21)	He	Q27)	surprise
Q16)	heard	Q22)	it	Q28)	immediately
Q17)	noticed	Q23)	contented	Q29)	at
Q18)	am	Q24)	pull	Q30)	They
Q19)	she	Q25)	inspiration		
Q20)	they	Q26)	cleverly		

Q31)	Although it was not easy, Mr Tan managed to run ten rounds.
Q32)	Molly cheated during the examination because she did not study for it.
Q33)	Tom was tired and went to bed early.
Q34)	Take the pie out of the oven when it is ready.
Q35)	"They were ecstatic to travel as a family."
Q36)	2 1 3
Q37)	√ frightened
Q38)	√ False
Q39)	√ False
Q40)	√ True

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Q41)	Based on paragraph 4, the police said that Ama's family was fortunate because that traffic was light that day and that they only suffered some bruises and cuts.
Q42)	Hardly
Q43)	√ jovial
Q44)	√ False
Q45)	√ False
Q46)	√ True
Q47)	i) Stopped singing ii) Unable to sleep well
Q48)	The cobbler returned the gold coins to the banker because he realized that the bag of gold coins had destroyed his happiness.

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