Maha Bodhi School
Semestral Assessment 2
English Language
Paper 2
(Booklet A)

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Class : Primary 3 _____

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## Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)

**For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.**

1. Yesterday, Sam _____ a nightmare.
   (1) has
   (2) had
   (3) have
   (4) were having

2. Ali _____ to school in the morning every day as he lives nearby.
   (1) walk
   (2) walks
   (3) walked
   (4) is walking

3. "Look at _____ restaurant across the street. Is it open?" my mother asked me.
   (1) this
   (2) that
   (3) these
   (4) those

4. "That eraser is _____. You have to ask him for permission before borrowing it," Meiling reminded.
   (1) his
   (2) hers
   (3) mine
   (4) yours



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5. The bird flew out of the bedroom, _____ the open window and into the garden.

(1) over
(2) across
(3) through
(4) between

6. The dog barked ferociously at the postman _____ was dropping the letters in the letterbox.

(1) who
(2) which
(3) where
(4) whom

7. While the children _____ their food in the canteen, the fire alarm went off.

(1) eat
(2) ate
(3) are eating
(4) were eating

8. My domestic helper was cleaning the house just now, _____ she?

(1) is
(2) isn't
(3) was
(4) wasn't



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## Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1 mark)

**For each of the following, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.**

9. I could see Eric's head _____ up and down among the audience because he could not have a good view of the stage.

(1) bob
(2) bang
(3) bump
(4) bounce

10. Sharifah _____ as she did not know the answer to the question.

(1) shook
(2) bowed
(3) nodded
(4) shrugged

11. After an argument with my best friend, I _____ angrily.

(1) walked in
(2) walked off
(3) walked over
(4) walked through

12. We are planning a surprise party for Miss Lim on Teachers' Day. Promise us you will not _____.

(1) hold your horses
(2) let the cat out of the bag
(3) take the bull by the horns
(4) kill two birds with one stone



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13. "You shouldn't trust strangers. They can be _____," warned Father.

(1) as fierce as a tiger
(2) as playful as a dog
(3) as cunning as a fox
(4) as stubborn as a mule

14. I was just cracking a joke, but he took it _____ and stormed off.

(1) lightly
(2) seriously
(3) positively
(4) completely

15. Farhan was _____ to hear that the soccer match was cancelled due to the rain. He was really looking forward to it.

(1) dissatisfied
(2) discouraged
(3) disappointed
(4) disheartened



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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Read the poster carefully and answer questions 16-20.
Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

# Join the Wild Race!

13 December 2022

Early bird discount ends on **30 Oct**

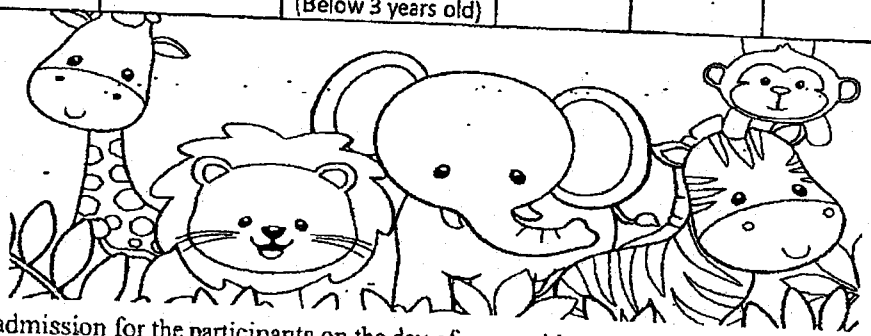
**Join the wild race this December!**
**Enjoy a unique experience running through the Singapore Zoo and the Night Safari, observing the animals and being close to nature.**

Enjoy **FREE ADMISSION*** to Singapore Zoo, River Safari and Night Safari!

Each participant will receive:
- a goody bag that contains a T-shirt, a towel and carnival coupons
- a medal at the end of the race

Early birds will receive an animal plush toy.

| Date | Categories | Number of Participants and Age Limit | Distance | Registration Fee | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Early bird 27 Sep to 30 Oct | Normal Rate 31 Oct to 30 Nov |
| 13 Dec (9pm to 12am) | Parent and Child Race | 1 Adult + 1 Child (4-8 years old) | 3km | $40 | $60 |
| | Fastest Kid Race | Child (9-12 years old) | 2km | $25 | $45 |
| | Stroller Walk | 2 Adults + 1 Toddler (Below 3 years old) | 5km | $60 | $80 |



*Free admission for the participants on the day of competition.

**Sign up today at www.zoornn.com.sg!**



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16. The last date for the participants to enjoy the early bird discount for the registration fee is _____.

(1) 30 October
(2) 30 November
(3) 13 December
(4) 27 September

17. Why is this event called the 'wild race'?

(1) Participants will be running wildly.
(2) Participants will be racing in the wild.
(3) Participants will be able to enjoy running with the animals.
(4) Participants will be able to observe the animals and be close to nature.

18. Participants will receive _____ at the end of the race.

(1) a T-shirt
(2) a medal
(3) carnival coupons
(4) an animal plush toy

19. Chloe is nine years old. She wants to sign up for the race on 1 November. She has to pay _____ for the registration fee.

(1) $25
(2) $40
(3) $45
(4) $80

20. Which of the following statements is **true**?

(1) Admission to the Night Safari is free on any day after the race.
(2) The toddler must run with their parents in the Stroller Walk category.
(3) A father and his ten-year-old child can join the Parent and Child Race.
(4) There is free admission to the Singapore Zoo, River Safari and Night Safari on 13 December 2022.

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| Paper | Booklet | Marks Obtained | Max Marks |
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| 2 | A | | 20 |
| | B | | 30 |
| **Total** | | | **50** |

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## Section D: Grammar Cloze (7 x 1 mark)

Passage 1

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct form of the verb from the box and write the answer in the blanks provided.**

**USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| hurt | hurting | hurts |
| is hurting | was hurting | is hurt |

That morning, Alice was warily walking on the warm sand. She watched her step as she did not want to (21) _____ any sea stars washed ashore. Soon, her father called out to her to have breakfast together.

While making her way back, Alice accidentally stepped on a sharp clam. She cried out, "Ouch! It (22) _____!" Alice's father ran over. When he saw that her foot (23) _____ badly, he took her to the clinic immediately. What an unlucky day!

Adapted from *Ana and the Sea Star* by R. Lynne Roelfs

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## Passage 2

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct pronoun from the box and write the answer in the blanks provided.**

**USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| her | me | them |
| he | they | she |

That night, like any other night, Scaredy Monster climbed into his bed. (24) _____ tossed and turned but could not fall asleep.

"Mum! Please come here!" Scaredy called for his mother. Soon, (25) _____ sat by Scaredy and asked what was wrong. Scaredy replied, "I don't know why it is so hard for (26) _____ to fall asleep." Scaredy's mother promised him that there were no more children under the bed and (27) _____ were long gone. The last one had truly terrified him!

Adapted from *Scaredy Monster and the Bad Dream by* Melka Hashimoto

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## Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the best word from the box and write the answer in the blanks provided.**

**USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| store | cold | sunny | survive |
| adapt | sleeping | exploring | escape |

Deserts are dry places with little rain. They are so dry that animals that live there must learn to (28) _____ in order to stay alive. Camels, for example, (29) _____ fat in their humps and this provides them with energy. Some animals, like beetles, stay in holes to stay out of the sun.

Some animals survive in (30) _____ places for all or part of the year. Changes to their body or behaviour keep them warm. For instance, the snow leopard has thick fur for obvious reasons. Another example is the bear that hibernates by (31) _____ during much of winter. It wakes up only on warm days to stretch or look for food.

Other animals migrate to other places to (32) _____ the cold weather or find food and water. Sometimes, animals lose their homes and must find another one for themselves.

Adapted from *How and Why do Animals Adapt* by Bobbie Kalman

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## Section F: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

**Fill each blank with a suitable word.**

Pablo Picasso was one of the most famous and talented artists of the 1900s. When he showed interest in art as a child, his father took him to an art (33) _____. At first, Picasso painted like the experts but later, he used his creativity to (34) _____ up with new ideas.

When Picasso's friend died in 1901, Picasso expressed his sadness by painting pictures of sad people in shades of blue. This time became known as his Blue Period. A few years (35) _____, he began painting clowns and jugglers he saw at the circus. He felt happier and used (36) _____ colours than the ones before.

Times changed. Picasso did his (37) _____ to be unique as he did not want to be the same as the other artists. He created the Cubism art style where shapes are used in paintings. This is still admired to this day.

Adapted from *Pablo Picasso* by Darice Bailer

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## Section G: Sentence Manipulation – Combining (3 x 1 mark)

**Combine the sentences to make <u>one</u> sentence using the word given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.**

38. The hole was filled with water. Then, Prince Zak saw the ball bobbing up.

_____ before

_____ . ☐

39. I forgot my wallet. I went back home to get my wallet.

_____ so

_____ . ☐

40. Mr Tan asked Joy to start working on her project. Joy had already made plans with her friends.

_____ . but

_____ . ☐

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## Section H: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 marks)

**Read the passage carefully and annotate. Answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

The log walls of their neighbours' house were burned down to the ground. Everything that had been inside was gone except for a few metal pots sticking out of the ashes.

"I'm so glad the Jennings finally agreed to leave. They're safe now," their mother said. "I'd been persuading them to. There have been too many forest fires."

"Mum, will our house be like theirs?" Hunter asked, his lip quivering. Before she could reply, their conversation was interrupted by Brody's sudden barking. They did not realise that he had been digging a hole near the well and was trying to make it bigger. Jasmine ran over and grabbed him by the collar. He fought and broke free.

"Brody!" she exclaimed. She was about to grab him again when they heard something. It was soft, sort of like the wind blowing – no, it was like crying. Was it coming from the hole? She could not tell just by listening to the sound in the air. She dropped to her knees and pressed her ears on the ground.

"Is it coming from the well?" Hunter asked. Jasmine shook her head and replied, "It's coming from the hole Brody was digging."

The hole was not very large. The siblings looked at each other and Jasmine broke the silence. "What if it's their cat, Kitty?" She started to reach into the hole but it was too narrow and deep for her to feel anything.

Jasmine pictured the Jennings' orange cat down in the hole. Her heart sank at the thought. The sound came again. It sounded like a cry for help.

Adapted from *Bear in the Family* by Eric Walters



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41. What remained in the Jennings' house after the fire? [1m]

_____

_____

42. The statements below show the events in the story. Put them in the right sequence according to the flow in the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

_____ Brody barked.

_____ Brody dug a hole.

_____ Brody broke free from Jasmine's grip.

43. State whether each sentence below is True or False. Give a reason why you think so. [2m]

| Sentences | True/ False | Reason |
|---|---|---|
| a. Their mother did not care about their neighbour. | | _____ _____ |
| b. Hunter was anxious when he asked about their house. | | _____ _____ |



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44. What does the word "it" in line 10 refer to? [1m]

It refers to [ ].

45. Why did Jasmine "press her ears on the ground" in line 15? [2m]

_____

_____

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

She started to reach into the hole but it was too **narrow** (A) and **deep** (B) for her to feel anything.

46a) Based on the last paragraph, which adjective best describes Jasmine? Put a tick next to the correct answer. [1m]

| | |
|---|---|
| | resilient |
| | sensitive |
| | quick-witted |

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b) Why do you say so? [1m]

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| Q11 | Q12 | Q13 | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

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| Q21 | Hurt |
| Q22 | Hurts |
| Q23 | Was hurting |
| Q24 | He |
| Q25 | She |
| Q26 | Me |
| Q27 | They |
| Q28 | Adapt |
| Q29 | Store |
| Q30 | Cold |
| Q31 | Sleeping |
| Q32 | Escape |
| Q33 | School |
| Q34 | Come |
| Q35 | Later |
| Q36 | Brighter |
| Q37 | Best |
| Q38 | The hole was filled with water before Prince Zok saw the ball bobbling up. |
| Q39 | I forgot my wallet so I went back home to get it. |
| Q40 | Mr Tan asked Joy to start working on her project but she had already made plans with her friends. |



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| | |
|---|---|
| Q41 | There were only some metal pots left inside Jenning's house after the fire. |
| Q42 | 2, 1, 3 |
| Q43a | False. She was glad that their neighbour was safe. |
| Q43b | True. His lips quivered when he asked about their house. |
| Q44 | The hole |
| Q45 | She needed to get a better hearing so she pressed her ears on the ground. |
| Q46 | A |
| Q46a | Resilient |
| Q46b | She kept thinking that the cat is stuck below the hole so she kept trying. |



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