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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION 2023

PRIMARY 3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET A

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

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) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

1 Having injured his leg badly, he _____ with pain when he tried to stand up.

(1) froze
(2) grinned
(3) beamed
(4) grimaced

2 No one has _____ to claim the briefcase containing some gold bars.

(1) turned up
(2) turned on
(3) turned off
(4) turned down

3 That photograph brought back _____ of my childhood. I really enjoyed the games I used to play with my friends.

(1) times
(2) dreams
(3) pictures
(4) memories

4 "Please make an effort to write clearly. Your handwriting is_____," Mrs Tan said to Sue.

(1) illegal
(2) inedible
(3) illegible
(4) incredible

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5 After dropping her favourite toy in the mud, Sarah realised that not being careful can be _____.

(1) costly
(2) prized
(3) worthy
(4) priceless

6 Mr Tan is late with his payment again. He never pays his rent _____.

(1) urgently
(2) promptly
(3) irregularly
(4) frequently

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 7 to 16, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

7 This hawker stall is famous _____ its chicken rice. There is always a long queue.

(1) at
(2) in
(3) for
(4) with

8 She missed her flight _____ she left her house early.

(1) for
(2) or
(3) because
(4) although

9 If your television breaks down, call in a technician. Do not try to repair it _____.

(1) itself
(2) herself
(3) himself
(4) yourself

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10 "Listen! Someone _____ to break into the neighbour's flat now," whispered Beth.

(1) try
(2) tries
(3) is trying
(4) was trying

11 The girls _____ with fright when they saw the poisonous snake.

(1) shake
(2) shook
(3) shakes
(4) are shaking

12 Look at _____ big, juicy mangoes on the tree across the street.

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

13 This dress suits her style. She_____ definitely like it!

(1) will
(2) can
(3) may
(4) could

14 Shanti Pereira put in _____effort to get to where she is today. She would not have won the gold medal at the Asian Athletics Championships without hard work.

(1) many
(2) a few
(3) a little
(4) a lot of

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BOOKLET B

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

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	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. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

her	I	she	them	us	we	you

Our class boarded the bus excitedly. **(15)** _____ _____ were thrilled as it was our first learning journey to the Singapore Museum! Before arriving at the destination, our teacher, Madam Tan, addressed **(16)** _____. "Girls, remember that **(17)** _____ are wearing the school uniform. Please make sure to be on your best behaviour," **(18)** _____ said. Our class nodded our heads in agreement and flashed Madam Tan a thumbs-up sign.

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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)

are	had	has	have	is	was	were

South Korea is located in Asia. There **(19)** _____ three seas surrounding South Korea - the Yellow Sea, South Sea and East Sea. It is a mountainous country and **(20)** _____ more than 7,000 mountains! The highest mountain, named Hallasan, is also a volcano. The last time Hallasan erupted **(21)** _____ more than 5000 years ago.

People who had climbed the mountain before said the view from the top was beautiful. Some even said that at the very top, it felt like they **(22)** _____ floating on clouds. Everyone should visit the Hallasan mountain if they have the chance.

Adapted from: https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/south-korea-facts.html

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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)

commonly	habitats	home	hunts	preys	tactic

The leopard cat is a small mammal that looks like a house cat with a leopard-like coat. It is **(23)** _____ found in Asia but is considered a rare animal in Singapore. The leopard cat lives mostly in tropical forests, but it can also be found in other **(24)** _____ such as grassland and plantations. It is nocturnal and **(25)** _____ at night. Being a carnivorous animal, it **(26)** _____ on small frogs, lizards, birds, rats and rodents.

Adapted from: https://eresources.nlb.gov.sg/infopedia/articles/SIP_1508_2009-04-20.html

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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)

(27) ____

I held the invitation card in my hands. I was so ekshilirated to be invited to my best friend's birthday party. However, it fell on the same day as my little brother's

(28) ____

swimming competition! I had already promeesed to watch him swim and support him in the competition. What should I do?

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

Kit Kat is one of the world's most popular chocolate bars. Every year, around 17.6

(29) ____

billion Kit Kat bars were eaten across the world. There are more than 300 different

(30) ____

flavours in Kit Kat, such as banana, strawberry, mango and even coffee! Most of these interesting flavours are produced in Japan.

Adapted from: https://www.readersdigest.ca/culture/what-does-kit-kat-stand-for/

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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 Diana loves drawing. Diana loves cooking too.

_____ and

_____

32 It was raining heavily. The children went out to play.

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_____

33 I threw the pot away. The pot was broken.

_____ as

_____

34 The principal walked into the classroom. The class fell silent.

When _____

_____

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Section G: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 40. (8 marks)

In the animal kingdom, tails serve many different functions and purposes. For many animals, tails are used for balance. Dinosaurs, like the Tyrannosaurus-rex, used their tails to balance their heavy heads and bodies while walking on two legs. Kangaroos use their tails for balance while leaping, and their tails also function as a third leg that helps them to lift off into the air. Climbers like monkeys use their tails for balance and to grip vines and branches.

Some animals have evolved tails into weapons for defence. Stingrays have a spiked tail that they can use to defend against predators. When attacked, they whip around their spiked tails and release venom from them. Rattlesnakes have dried skin on their tail that make a rattling sound to scare off potential predators.

Lastly, animals that live in groups, like dogs and wolves, use the positions of their tails to indicate their rank and communicate with one another. Dogs wag their tails when excited, which is a form of communication with humans too.

Tails serve different functions for animals across different species. Tails have become an essential part of animals' survival as they have various uses, such as balance, defence and communication.

Adapted from: https://www.abc.net.au/education/curious-kids-why-animals-have-tails/14059610

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35 Which sentence from paragraph 1 tells us what many animals use their tails for? [1m]

36 How does a rattlesnake use its tail to defend against potential predators? [2m]

For questions 37 to 39, 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	Tails come in many shapes, sizes and strengths.	✓	
37	Monkeys and kangaroos use their tails to help them lift off into the air.		
38	Wolves use their tails to communicate with their prey.		
39	Stingrays have spiked tails.		

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40 Based on paragraph 4, how do animals' tails help them to survive? [2m]

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Section H: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 45. (8 marks)

It was a quiet Sunday morning on the train. The few passengers aboard were either reading the newspaper or dozing in their chairs. The train stopped as it reached the station, and a father with several young children came on board.

Within seconds, chaos broke out. The father settled into a seat, while his children ran up and down the carriage, screaming and wrestling each other on the floor. The silence in the train disappeared, and it was replaced by the children's loud and messy screams.

The father did nothing.

Time ticked by. Those who were originally dozing were now awake because of the children's screams. Many turned their eyes towards the direction of the noise and gazed angrily at the father, their minds filled with anger and frustration. Some even began grumbling about how annoying the noisy children were.

Finally, unable to bear the disturbance any longer, a well-dressed businessman walked up to the father. Grabbing his shirt collar, the businessman shouted angrily, "Put your children in order immediately!"

The father looked up, tears welling in his eyes. In broken words, he said, "We just left the hospital... Their mother is very sick and I am not sure how to tell it to them. I don't know what to do."

Silence fell upon the carriage. The businessman, stunned by the father's response, released his grip.

"I... I'm so sorry. Can I help with anything?" the businessman apologised. Without waiting for a reply, the nearby passengers who overheard the commotion sprang into action. Some held the young, crying children in their arms to calm them down, while others read books to the older ones to quieten them. From being angry and frustrated with the father, the passengers felt sorry for him.

Adapted from: https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/story-father-subway-empathy-benjamin-gin

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41 Which word in paragraph 2 has the same meaning as "complete disorder"? [1m]

42 List **two** things the passengers on board the train did to show their annoyance at the father.

[2m]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

43 Why did the father do nothing about his noisy children on the train? [2m]

_____

_____

44 Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show the order events in the story. [1m]

_____ The children made a lot of noise on the train.

_____ The people on the train felt annoyed by the noisy children.

_____ Some people on the train were dozing.

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45 (a) Based on the last paragraph, how did the passengers in the train feel towards the father? [1m]

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(b) How did the passengers show how they felt towards the father? [1m]

_____

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Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
4	1	4	3	1	2	3	4	4	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	1	4	We	Us	You	She	Are	Has
Q21	Q22								
Was	Were								

Q23	Commonly
Q24	Habitats
Q25	Hunts
Q26	Preys
Q27	Exhilarated
Q28	Promised
Q29	Are
Q30	Of
Q31	Diana loves drawing and cooking.
Q32	Although it was raining heavily, the children went out to play.
Q33	I threw the pot away as it was broken.
Q34	When the principal walked into the classroom, the class fell silent.
Q35	For many animals, tails are used for balance.
Q36	Rattlesnakes have fried skin on their tail that make a rattling sound to scare off potential predators.
Q37	False
Q38	False
Q39	True

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Q40	Tails have become an essential part of an animal's survival as they have various uses, such as balance, defence and communication.
Q41	Chaos
Q42i	They gazed angrily at the father.
Q42ii	They grumbled about how annoying the children were.
Q43	They just left the hospital and their mother is very sick, he is not sure what to tell them.
Q44	2, 3, 1
Q45a	The passengers in the train felt sorry towards father.
Q45b	Some of the nearby passengers overheard the commotion and held the young, crying children in their arms to calm them down.

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