Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)

BITE-SIZED ASSESSMENT 3

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 5

Name : _____ ( )

Class : P 5._____

52 Questions

67 Marks

Total Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1 Do not open the booklet until you are told to do so.

2 Follow all instructions carefully.

3 Answer all questions.

Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
Grammar Cloze	10	
Editing for Spelling & Grammar	12	
Comprehension Cloze	15	
Synthesis and Transformation	10	
Comprehension OE	20	
Total	67	

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There are 10 blanks, numbered 1 to 10, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to Q) in the blank. The letters (I) and (O) have been omitted to avoid confusion during marking. (10 marks)

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE

(A) are	(D) but	(G) from	(K) since	(N) where
(B) as	(E) by	(H) of	(L) to	(P) which
(C) at	(F) for	(J) on	(M) were	(Q) whom

Kublai Khan, a Mongolian general and statesman, was the grandson and greatest successor of Genghis Khan. (1) _____ the fifth emperor of the Yuan or Mongol dynasty, he completed the conquest of China started by his grandfather in 1211 and thus became the first Yuan ruler (2) _____ the whole of China. (3) _____ the same time, Kublai was the overlord of all the other Mongol lands, which included areas in southern Russia, Persia and the heartlands (4) _____ Mongol princes were still living the traditional nomadic life.

The Mongols (5) _____ a nomadic power. Except (6) _____ some organised hunting and the management of their herds, they had little knowledge about trading. (7) _____ they had almost no experience in the management of public affairs prior to the establishment of the Yuan, they relied heavily on their foreign advisers.

The Mongols' limited knowledge and ability to manage an empire contributed to the relatively rapid collapse of the Yuan dynasty (8) _____ lasted less than a century. With a few outstanding exceptions, such as Kublai himself, (9) _____ the Mongols always called the "Wise Khan", the rulers of the Mongols seem to have looked on power as something to be exploited for immediate gain. The final years of the Yuan dynasty were marked (10) _____ struggle, famine, and bitterness. Hence, it is no surprise that the Yuan emperors who followed after Kublai lost their influence which led to the decline of the Yuan dynasty.

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Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes.
(12 marks)

(11) [ ]

Who is Sherlock Holmes? He is a private detective, creates by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

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A brilient London-based detective, Holmes is famous for his prowess at using logic and astute

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observation to solve cases of crime. He is perhaps the most famous fikshenal detective and

literary character in the world.

(14) [ ]

Sir Doyle wrote four novels and fifty-six short stories featured Holmes. Almost all were

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narayted by Holmes' friend, Dr John Watson. The stories first appeared in a magazine series over

(16) [ ] (17) [ ]

a period of fourty years. This was a common form of publication at the timing.

(18) [ ]

Little is known of Holmes' early life or his background. However, what we did know is that

(19) [ ]

Holmes studied at one of the country's leading youpivercities, though no one is certain if it is Oxford,

(20) [ ] (21) [ ]

Cambridge and both. Sherlock had only one sibling, a brother, Myrcroft, who was old by seven

(22) [ ]

years. The younger Holmes considered Mycroft to be more interlektually gifted than himself.

Sherlock Holmes has had a profound impact on the world of literature and continues to be an

inspiration for many authors.

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Fill in each blank with a suitable word. (15 marks)

Do you know that there is a species of the firefly that is unique to Singapore?

Researchers in Singapore have identified a new species of luminous firefly, the first _____(23)_____ made in Singapore since 1909. The Singapore firefly, which is less than 5mm long, was discovered in the Nee Soon Swamp Forest, the _____(24)_____ remaining freshwater swamp forest in Singapore. The _____(25)_____ of researchers from the National University of Singapore (NUS) and National Parks Board (NParks) documented the species in a paper published on 4 March 2021.

Lead researcher Dr Wan, said the discovery was interesting _____(26)_____ fireflies are rarely documented in freshwater swamp forests. Dr Wan first learnt of the _____(27)_____ species when two specimens of the previously unidentified Singapore firefly were collected during a 2009 nationwide survey of fireflies by NParks.

Dr Wan shared how her _____(28)_____ was piqued when she visited the Natural History Museum at NUH in 2016. She _____(29)_____ across the firefly collection, and found three similar specimens collected back in 1989. A year later, Dr Wan joined the museum and arranged _____(30)_____ subsequent visits to the swamp forest where the team collected additional specimens of the firefly in 2019.

It _____(31)_____ the researchers two more years of laboratory work and analysis to prove that the Singapore firefly was distinct _____(32)_____ 19 other luminous firefly species. Dr Wan said, "I'd like to say that every species has a story to _____(33)_____. This story is about the Singapore firefly, _____(34)_____ it has been named."

"The discovery of a new species in a small and highly developed _____(35)_____ like Singapore highlights the need for continued biodiversity here," added Dr Wan.

The discovery of the new species is very significant to science in Singapore, and it shows the _____(36)_____ of conserving the last freshwater swamp forest here. The Nee Soon Swamp Forest is _____(37)_____ within the Central Catchment Nature Reserve, which is a protected area. It is therefore everyone's hope that the Singapore firefly will not become extinct one day.

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For each of the questions 38 to 42, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

(10 marks)

38 Dan enjoys reading the Harry Potter novel series. Alim also enjoys reading the Harry Potter novel series.

Both _____

_____

39 The bookcases were moved into the library by the workmen.

The workmen _____

_____

40 Mother will allow us to attend the party if we complete all our chores.

_____ unless

_____

41 I did not complete my homework. I joined my friends for a game of football.

_____ instead of

_____

42 "I have attended all the training sessions so I am ready for the tournament," announced Bob.

Bob announced _____

_____

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Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (20 marks)

Standing at the door tentatively, ten-year-old Greg realised it was open and he let himself in. A few days earlier, Greg had noticed with great curiosity that the door on the ground floor of the apartment block opposite his home was now slightly ajar. This apartment block had been abandoned for months with the front door boarded over.

It was dark inside except for the dim light that filtered through the windows from the street lamps. Making out a sofa at the far end of the room, he walked over and sat down. For a moment, Greg thought he heard something that sounded like scraping against the wall. He listened carefully, but it was gone. Greg thought he heard the noise again. He stood up quickly. His stomach tightened and his heart beat faster as he held himself still and listened intently. The scraping noise had stopped, but he was sure he had heard something in the darkness – something breathing!

"Who are you?" came a voice in the darkness. "I'm Greg Ridley," whispered Greg, hardly recognising his own voice. "Who are you?" Greg asked, plucking up his courage. "I'm Lemon Brown," came the answer.

Lemon Brown peered forward and Greg could now finally see him clearly. He was an old man. He had a halo of crinkly white hair that seemed to separate his head from the layers of filthy coats piled on his small body. Greg relaxed. He had seen him before, picking through the trash at the corner and knew he had nothing to fear.

"You aren't here to swipe my treasure, are you?" asked Lemon Brown, squinting one eye as he looked at Greg. "I'm not looking for your treasure," Greg answered smiling. "If you have one." "What do you mean, if I have one," Lemon Brown retorted. "Every man has a treasure. If you don't know that, you must be a fool!" "Sure," Greg responded, not quite understanding what the old man meant. "What do you have? Gold coins?" "Never mind about what I have. Have you heard of me?" asked Lemon Brown. Greg shook his head slowly.

"What happened to you? Why do you live here?" asked Greg. "Hard times, Greg. Hard times caught up with me. I didn't always live here though. A long time ago, I was a musician and everyone wanted to hear me sing. They paid me well too. One day I fell sick and so I lost my job. Before I knew it, my savings were gone. I was old and all alone. All I have left is my memory of the times when I was on stage performing."

"Hey, Old Man! Are you in there? Throw down your money! We know you got that treasure," came a voice breaking the stillness of the night.

Greg crept to the window and peeking out, he saw three older teenagers at the same front door. They were well-known thugs in the neighbourhood. He gestured to Lemon Brown, who moved quietly across the room to the window. The old man looked out, then beckoned frantically for Greg to follow him. For a moment Greg could not move. Then Greg felt Lemon Brown's hand on his arm, pulling him down as they crouched in the darkness. They waited for such a long time that Greg started to doze off. Finally, Lemon Brown stood up. "I think they have gone," said Lemon Brown.

"They were talking about treasure," Greg said. "You really have a treasure?" "What did I tell you? Didn't I tell you every man has a treasure?" Lemon Brown said. "Do you want to see it?"

Greg nodded enthusiastically, wondering what kind of treasure this old man had. Lemon Brown sat on the ground and untied the strings that held the rags on his right leg. When he took the rags away, Greg saw a piece of plastic. The old man carefully took off the plastic and unfolded it, revealing a battered harmonica and some newspaper clippings.

"Here it is," he said, nodding his head. Greg looked at the clippings which told of Lemon Brown, a jazz singer and harmonica player who was appearing in different theatres. One of the clippings said that he had been the star of the show. Greg looked at the harmonica which was badly dented. It was then that he finally understood what the treasure was, and how priceless it was to Lemon Brown.

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43 Which word from the first paragraph shows that Greg was uncertain about entering the building? [1m]

44 What enabled Greg to see the sofa in the room? [2m]

45 "*His stomach tightened and his heart beat faster as he held himself still and listened intently.*" (lines 8 – 9) What does this tell us about how Greg felt? Give one reason why he felt that way. [2m]

46 In line 16, what caused Greg to relax? [2m]

47 Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right. [3m]

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
it (line 8)	
a voice (line 11)	
one (line 19)	

48 Choose a word from lines 3 – 19 which has a similar meaning to the given word for each question. [3m]

Given word	A word from the passage
open	
dirty	
steal	

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49 From lines 24 to 28, state one reason why Lemon Brown was living in the abandoned apartment block? [1m]

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50 Based on Lines 31 to 42, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so. [3m]

	True/False	Reason
Lemon Brown was worried when he saw the three teenagers outside the building.		
Lemon Brown and Greg crouched in the darkness for a brief moment.		
Greg wanted to see Lemon Brown's treasure.		

51 Where had Lemon Brown hidden his treasure? [1m]

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52 What was Lemon Brown's treasure? Why was it priceless? Support your answer with evidence from the passage. [2m]

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ANSWER KEY

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SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : BITE-SIZED ASSESSMENT 3

Q1	B
Q2	H
Q3	C
Q4	N
Q5	M
Q6	F
Q7	K
Q8	P
Q9	Q
Q10	E

Q11	created
Q12	brilliant
Q13	fictional
Q14	featuring
Q15	narrated
Q16	forty
Q17	time
Q18	do
Q19	universities
Q20	or
Q21	older
Q22	Intellectually
Q23	discovery
Q24	only
Q25	team
Q26	because
Q27	rare
Q28	Intrest
Q29	came
Q30	the
Q31	took

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Q32	from
Q33	tell
Q34	Now
Q35	country
Q36	importance
Q37	located
Q38	Both Dan and Alim enjoy reading the Harry Potter novel series.
Q39	The workman moved the bookcases into the library.
Q40	Mother will not allow us to attend the party unless we complete all our chores.
Q41	I joined my friends for a game of football instead of completing my homework.
Q42	Bob announced that he had attended all the training sessions so he was ready for the tournament.
Q43	"tentatively"
Q44	The dim light that filtered through the window from the street lamps enabled Greg to see the sofa at the end of the day.
Q45	He felt afraid. He thought that there was something inside the building as he had heard a strange noise.
Q46	Greg knew that he had nothing to fear about Lemon Brown because he had seen him before, picking though the train at the corner.
Q47	scraping noise Lemon Brown's voice a treasure
Q48	open – ajar dirty – filthy steal – swipe
Q49	Lemon Brown fell sick so he lost his job and his savings were gone.
Q50	True – Lemon Brown felt anxious and beckoned frantically for Greg to follow him and pulled him down into the darkness so the three teenagers could no longer see them False – Lemon Brown and Greg waited in the darkness for such a long time that Greg started to doze off. True – When Lemon Brown asked if Greg wanted to see his treasure, Greg nodded enthusiastically, wondering what kind of treasure Lemon Brown had.
Q51	Lemon Brown had hidden treasure in the rags on his right leg.
Q52	It was priceless as it had helped him remember his past as a performer/to be successful, everyone wanted to hear him perform.

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