

Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)



SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2 (2019)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY 3

Name : _____ ()

Class : P 3 . ()

Date : 24 October 2019

BOOKLET A

15 Questions

15 Marks

Total Time For Booklet A and B : 1 hour 15 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.

This paper consists of 4 printed pages (inclusive of cover page).

Part 1: Vocabulary (6 marks)

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.

1. Mother is as _____ as a bee buying gifts for the coming Christmas celebrations.

(1) lazy
(2) cool
(3) busy
(4) excited

2. "Pick up the sweet wrapper you threw on the floor! You should not litter!" the discipline master _____ Wei Jie.

(1) inquired
(2) requested
(3) commended
(4) reprimanded

3. The boy scout rushed forward to help the _____ old lady cross the road.

(1) frail
(2) rickety
(3) damaged
(4) breakable

4. The audience applauded when a _____ of monkeys entered the stage to perform.

(1) litter
(2) herd
(3) pack
(4) troop

5. Nancy was unwell so she had to _____ her birthday party.

(1) call on
(2) call up
(3) call off
(4) call back

6. "There is _____ any food left on the table!" complained the starving boy.

(1) very
(2) hardly
(3) nearly
(4) extremely

Part 2: Grammar (8 marks)

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.

7. _____ must have taken my watch. I cannot find it anywhere!

(1) Nobody
(2) Anybody
(3) Somebody
(4) Everybody

8. _____ majestic building across the canal is called Taj Mahal," Li Heng explained to his sister.

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

9. "I hope you have enjoyed _____ at tonight's party," Mr Rajah said to the crowd.

(1) itself
(2) himself
(3) ourselves
(4) yourselves

10. "Wayne and I _____ the bus to school every day," I told my teacher.

(1) take
(2) took
(3) takes
(4) is taking

11. As soon as the lights went out last night, everyone _____.
- (1) screams
 - (2) screamed
 - (3) is screaming
 - (4) had been screaming
12. Meng Li played computer games last night _____ his father had clearly told him not to.
- (1) since
 - (2) so that
 - (3) because
 - (4) although
13. Not _____ time is left. I have to work faster.
- (1) few
 - (2) little
 - (3) much
 - (4) many
14. I am different _____ my twin sister in many ways.
- (1) with
 - (2) from
 - (3) among
 - (4) between

Part 3: Punctuation (1 mark)

For question 15, choose the correct punctuation to complete the passage. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet.

15. "Here's my report card ()" Tai Sen mumbled as he placed it in front of his parents.
- (1) [,] comma
 - (2) [.] full stop
 - (3) [?] question mark
 - (4) [!] exclamation mark

END OF BOOKLET A

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Parent's Signature

BOOKLET B

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Booklet	Component	Possible Marks	Marks Obtained
A	-	15	
B	Grammar Cloze 1	4	
	Grammar Cloze 2	4	
	Editing for Spelling & Grammar	3	
	Synthesis and Transformation	4	
	Comprehension Passage 1	10	
	Comprehension Passage 2	10	
	Total	35	

This paper consists of 10 printed pages (inclusive of cover page).

Part 4: Grammar Cloze 1 (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the boxes and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

A	his	B	I	C	our
D	their	E	you	F	we

During dinner, a boy asked his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?"

"That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner,"

(16) _____ father replied.

The father and son continued eating and after they had finished

(17) _____ meal, the father asked, "Now, son, what did

(18) _____ want to ask me?"

"Oh, nothing," said the boy. " (19) _____ saw a bug

in your soup earlier. It's gone now."

Part 5: Grammar Cloze 2 (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets.

Dear Mrs Tan,

Thank you for teaching us English. The stories that we write
(20) [is / are] now more interesting and we check our work before we hand
it in. Everyone in class (21) [behave / behaves] better now. Our English
examination results (22) [has / have] also improved. Thank you for not giving
up on us. We know you nag at us because you (23) [care / cares] about us.

Happy Teachers' Day!

Yours sincerely,

Class 3B

Part 6 : Editing for Spelling and Grammar (3 marks)

Read the passage carefully. The words with spelling errors are in **bold** and the words with grammatical errors are underlined. Write the correct spelling or form of the word in each box.

As I was doing my prefectorial duty today, I saw two boys behaving

(24)

suspiciously in a classroom. One boy (24) is putting some stationery items into

(25)

his bag while the other kept watch. To my (25) **suprise**, I recognised one of

(26)

them. It was my classmate, Ming. I (26) stand rooted to the spot in disbelief.

Why would Ming do such a thing?

Part 7 : Synthesis and Transformation (4 marks)

For each question, 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).

27. The lesson ended. Then the students were dismissed.

After _____
_____.

28. It started raining. Ben could not fly his kite.

_____ because
_____.

Part 8 : Comprehension Passage 1 (10 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 29 to 33.

Nadya was the smallest girl in her class. Usually, that did not bother her. However, one day something happened to make her change her mind.	
There was a new boy in her class called Jim. He was extremely tall and Nadya detested him as he made fun of her height by calling her 'Shortie'. One day, the whole class had to paint the school wall and the two of them were chosen to work together. Nadya had planned to paint a blue sky with fluffy clouds but she just could not reach the top of the wall. On the other hand, Jim reached the top of the wall effortlessly.	5
When Nadya got home, she broke into tears and recounted the whole incident to her mother. "My dear, we are all different. Our differences make us unique. Most people would have something about themselves that they would like to change," her mother said.	10
The next day, Nadya approached Jim. "If you had one wish, what would you change about yourself?" asked Nadya. Puzzled and awkward, Jim replied hesitantly, "My hair. At my old school, they called me 'Carrots' because of my orangey-brown hair." Nadya looked at his hair and thought the colour was rather nice.	15
Smiling to herself, Nadya thought, "Indeed, we are all different and unique in our own ways! I wonder what I can do to help him feel better about himself?"	20
Just then, Jim looked at Nadya sheepishly and apologised for laughing at her height and calling her 'Shortie'. Nadya smiled and that afternoon, they worked well together with Jim painting the sky with fluffy clouds just as Nadya wanted.	
Adapted from <i>Essential Fiction Series</i>	

WRITE YOUR ANSWERS IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

29. What did Jim do to make Nadya detest him? [2m]

30. Which word in paragraph 4 has the same meaning as "in an uncertain manner"? [2m]

31. What was one thing about himself that Jim wished he could change? [2m]

32. How do you know that Nadya and Jim worked well together in the end? [2m]

33. Why was Jim's help needed to paint the fluffy clouds on the wall? [2m]

Part 9 : Comprehension Passage 2 (10 marks)

Read the passage below carefully and answer questions 34 to 41.

Easily recognised by its coat of reddish-orange with dark stripes, the tiger is the largest wild cat in the world. The stripes are like fingerprints; no two tigers have the same pattern. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur. A tiger's stripes help to camouflage its body at night.	
Tigers use their tails to communicate with one another. A tiger is relaxed if its tail is loosely hanging. Aggression is displayed by rapidly moving the tail or by twitching it intensely.	5
Tigers are able to detect the movement of prey in the dark, hence, they hunt at night. Once a tiger spots its prey, it sneaks close to its victim. Then, the tiger sprints to the unsuspecting animal, pulling it off its feet with its teeth and claws. If the prey is large, the tiger bites its throat to kill it. Smaller prey is killed when the tiger breaks its neck. Tigers eat up to 27 kilogrammes of meat in one night. The tiger eats until it is full, and covers the remaining meat with leaves and dirt. It comes back to feed on the meat again when it is hungry.	10
Tigers have been overhunted for their fur as well as other body parts that people use in traditional medicines. Tigers' habitats have dwindled as humans have developed land for uses such as farming and logging.	15
<i>Adapted from National Geographic Kids</i>	

According to paragraphs 1 to 3, which **three** statements clearly describe tigers? **Tick (✓)**
your three chosen answers. An example has been done for you. [3m]

Descriptions of tigers from paragraphs 1 to 3		Tick your <u>three</u> answers
Example	Tigers are the largest wild cats in the world.	✓
34	The stripes are unique for each tiger.	
	Only the fur of the tiger is striped.	
	Tigers are able to hide well at night.	
	When a tiger's tail is hanging loosely, it is relaxed.	
	Tigers eat more than 27 kilogrammes of meat in one night.	

35. Write **1**, **2** and **3** in the blanks below to show the sequence of the tiger's hunt in paragraph 3. [1m]

_____ The tiger sprints to the prey and kills it.

_____ The prey does not know it is in danger.

_____ The tiger sneaks close to the prey.

36. Which word has the same meaning as 'quickly' in paragraph 2?

Circle either (A) or (B).

[1m]

Aggression is displayed by **rapidly** moving the tail or by twitching it
intensely. (A)
 (B)

37. Complete the following sentence. Refer to paragraph 3 to help you. [1m]

One way a tiger kills its prey is to _____.

For Q38 to Q40, read each statement and **tick (✓)** "True" or "False". Refer to paragraphs 3 and 4 to help you. An example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Tigers are able to hunt in the dark.	✓	
38	Tigers are able to kill both large and small prey.		
39	Tigers keep the remaining meat of the animal and eat it later when they are hungry.		
40	Tigers are hunted only for their fur.		

41. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

From the last paragraph, we learn that the tigers' habitats _____ as humans develop land for other uses. [1m]

☐	have no change
☐	become larger
☐	are getting smaller

End of Booklet B



ANSWER KEY

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LEVEL : PRIMARY 3

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TERM : SA2

Q1	3	Q2	4	Q3	1	Q4	4	Q5	3
Q6	2	Q7	3	Q8	2	Q9	4	Q10	1
Q11	2	Q12	4	Q13	3	Q14	2	Q15	2

Q16 A

Q17 D

Q18 E

Q19 B

Q20 are

Q21 behaves

Q22 have

Q23 care

Q24 was

Q25 surprise

Q26 stood

Q27 After the lesson ended, the students were dismissed.

Q28 Ben could not fly his kite because it started raining.

Q29 He made fun of Nadya of her height by calling her 'Shortie' as he was extremely tall.

Q30 hesitantly

Q31 It was the orangey brown coloured hair because of his that Jim had because in his old school, they called him carrots because of his hair.

Q32 Jim apologised to Nadya for calling her 'Shortie' and he painted the sky with fluffy clouds as Nadya wanted.

Q33 Nadya could not reach the top of the wall to paint a blue sky with fluffy clouds and needed Jim's help as he was tall and could reach the top of the wall effortlessly.

Q34 The stripes are unique for each tiger. ✓

Tigers are able to hide well at night. ✓

When a tiger's tail is hanging loosely, it is relaxed. ✓

Q35

3
2
1

Q36 rapidly

Q37 break its neck

Q38 True

Q39 True

Q40 False

Q41 are getting smaller

