

**RIVER VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2016
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 3**

Name : _____ () Mark : _____ / 14

Class : Primary 3 _____

Date : 5 May 2016

Parent's Signature : _____

Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklet A and B) : 1 h 15 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this paper until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 14 questions (Questions 1 to 14)
4. Shade your answer on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.
5. Answer all questions.

Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 X 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the OAS.

1. "Your eyesight is really getting worse. You _____ see an optician now!" Mother ordered.
 - (1) can
 - (2) may
 - (3) must
 - (4) might

2. They _____ at the playground tomorrow at 9 am so you can meet them there.
 - (1) was
 - (2) were
 - (3) will be
 - (4) have been

3. "Look at _____ set of tools outside! My brother bought it at a huge discount!" Jiali exclaimed.
 - (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those

4. He has to _____ at home because he has a high fever.
 - (1) stay
 - (2) stays
 - (3) stayed
 - (4) staying

5. When the dog fought with the cats, _____ left ear was injured.
- (1) it
 - (2) its
 - (3) it's
 - (4) it'll
6. Seng Hoon did not _____ his test as he did not study for it.
- (1) pass
 - (2) passes
 - (3) passed
 - (4) passing
7. The old lady fell _____ the high stool but thankfully, she was unhurt.
- (1) of
 - (2) from
 - (3) down
 - (4) through
8. Baker John exclaimed that there was _____ flour left but was not enough to bake the cookies.
- (1) no
 - (2) many
 - (3) some
 - (4) a lot of

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 X 1 mark)

For each question from 9 to 14, four options are given. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the OAS.

9. The idea first sounded _____ but we realised later that it was not crazy after all.
- (1) serious
 - (2) reasonable
 - (3) outrageous
 - (4) troublesome
10. His boss was furious and _____ at him when he made a serious mistake.
- (1) smiled
 - (2) winked
 - (3) crowed
 - (4) frowned
11. A getaway van _____ into a provision shophouse early this morning.
- (1) hurled
 - (2) entered
 - (3) knocked
 - (4) slammed
12. The hot and tired hikers _____ up when they saw a stall selling iced drinks up ahead.
- (1) filled
 - (2) backed
 - (3) warmed
 - (4) brightened

13. I called the police and they arrived at the _____ within minutes and questioned the eyewitnesses.

- (1) area
- (2) scene
- (3) location
- (4) situation

14. When Jill expressed her appreciation for Jack's help ,he replied,"Think _____ . I was glad to help you."

- (1) it out loud
- (2) nothing of it
- (3) the world of it
- (4) outside the box

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Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklet A and B) : 1 h 15 min

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Do not turn over this paper until you are told to do so.
2. Read the questions and follow all the instructions carefully.
3. This booklet consists of 29 questions (Questions 15 to 43)
4. Write your answers in this booklet.
5. Answer all questions.

	Mark Obtained	Total
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Total		50

Section C: Comprehension (8 marks)

Read the following passage and answer questions 15 to 19.

Tara was preparing for a Science fair to be held two weeks later, on a Wednesday. She liked Science and she wanted to be a scientist one day.	
She used a checklist her teacher had given to plan for her Science exhibit. That Friday evening, she realised her plant experiment was not working. The plants that were kept in the dark and not watered, were growing better than those placed in the sun and watered often!	5
Tara needed to switch gears and produce a new idea for her exhibit. She stayed up late that night, to read up more on plants. The next day, she started work fast.	
She found a glass jar. She filled it with a thin layer of sand and covered the sand with some dirt. Next, she put in a few hermit crabs. She placed a small bowl of water, some crab food powder and tiny plants in the jar. Finally, she put a piece of net over the mouth of the jar and fastened it with a rubber band. This allowed air to come through the net. She was pleased with her new exhibit and hoped her teacher would be too.	10
The day finally arrived. Tara proudly placed her research journal beside her seashore terrarium.	15
<i>Adapted from "Tara's Terrarium" by Sue Peterson</i>	

15. What did Tara want to be in the future? [1m]

16. What result was Tara expecting to see in her first experiment? [2m]

17. Which word in paragraph 3 means 'come up with'? [1m]

18. Tick (✓) the correct box.

Which one of the items was not mentioned in the passage, as necessary for Tara's terrarium? [1m]

	a jar
	water
	insects
	sand and dirt

19. Based on the passage, match Column A, Column B and Column C correctly by joining the boxes with lines. [3m]

On _____, Tara had to _____ the _____.

Column A Column B Column C

Column A	Column B	Column C
Wednesday	start work on	first exhibit had failed
Friday	set up	new exhibit
Saturday	read up more as	exhibit at the fair

Section D: Grammar Cloze (8 X 1 mark)

Read each passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. Use each word **ONCE ONLY**.

(A)	by	(C)	on	(E)	out
(B)	in	(D)	under	(F)	into

It was a humid morning. Her friends were (20) _____ the poolside, urging her to dive. Once she jumped (21) _____ the pool, Xin Chang was in trouble. She was a poor swimmer and had just started swimming lessons. A lifeguard saw her struggling. Her head soon went (22) _____ water. Quickly, he got her (23) _____ of the pool. Her friends regretted their earlier act and were thankful that she was rescued.

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(A)	deliver	(C)	delivered	(E)	delivery
(B)	will deliver	(D)	delivers	(F)	delivering

I was excited. I was expecting a special (24) _____. Finally, my doorbell rang. The postman, who (25) _____ our letters stood outside. With a twinkle in his eye, he said, "I just (26) _____ a huge parcel next door."

"Is there one for me?" I asked. Smiling, he gave me a tiny parcel. Then, he continued down the road, (27) _____ letters to the other neighbours.

Meanwhile, I started tearing the wrapping paper.

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Section E: Sentence Manipulation (3 X 2 mark)

For each of the items from 28 to 30, rewrite the given sentence using the word provided. Your answer must be written in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given ones.

28. A man snatched Mrs Soh's handbag. Mrs Soh was boarding the bus.

29. You come home. Feed the fish.

30. The people in the library were too noisy. Hakim decided to leave.

Section F: Comprehension (8 marks)

Read the following passage and answer questions 31 to 37.

Once, there were four men who each thought they were the wisest. They argued over who was the wisest. Finally, a respected old teacher created a test to settle the argument.	
The next morning, he sent the men to the woods where they saw a large pile of bones under a tree.	5
They wondered how they could use the bones to show how wise they were. The first man said he would put them back together like a jigsaw puzzle. Soon, they could see that it was a skeleton of an animal.	
The second man said he knew what animal the bones came from. Using his knowledge, he put flesh and fur back on the bones. Before long, a fierce-looking grizzly bear appeared.	10
The two men started bickering over whose work was the best. The third man spoke, "I can bring the bear back to life. Then, I will be the wisest."	
However, the fourth man cried, "I don't think we should make this ferocious animal alive again. It may attack us." He pleaded with them for a long time but they ignored him. So, he climbed up a tree and watched.	15
The third man then brought the bear to life. It stretched, roared and pounced on them, killing them.	
When the fourth man returned to the village and told them what had happened, everyone realised that he was indeed the wisest man.	20
Adapted from "Wisest Indian Story", Daily Times	

31. Why was a test created? [1m]

32. Where did the test take place? [1m]

33. Which word in paragraph 5 has the same meaning as 'arguing'? [1m]

Based on the passage, state whether each of the statements is true or false. [2m]

Statement		True / False
34.	The first man could not put the bones back together.	
35.	The grizzly bear left the men alone.	

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

He **pleaded** with them for a long time but they **ignored** him.

(A)
(B)

37. How did the fourth man show that he was the wisest? Why did he do that? [2m]

Section G: Comprehension Cloze (6 X 1 mark)

Fill in each blank with a suitable word to complete a letter.

Dear Miss Goh,

We are from Mount Opal Primary School, class 3 Joy. We had a special school trip to (38)_____ your play last week.

Everyone thought it was fantastic, (39)_____ your part!

The (40)_____ has written reviews about it which are displayed in the school hall. One of our (41)_____ parts was when the Wicked Mouse was drenched in custard. We laughed so much that our stomachs (42)_____.

We are putting up a play soon. We would like to (43)_____ you to watch it.

Please do say you will come!

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

The pupils of class 3 Joy

Adapted from "100 Literacy Framework Lessons"

ANSWER SHEET

EXAM PAPER 2016 (P3)

SCHOOL : RIVER VALLEY

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

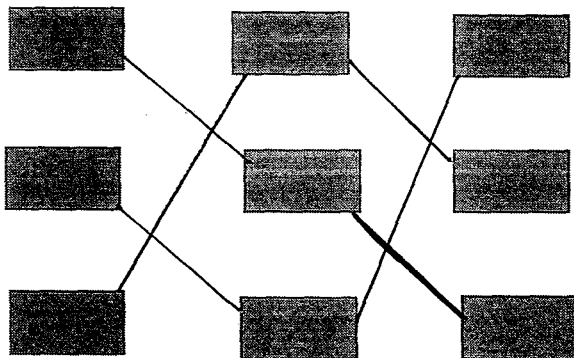
15) Tara liked Science and she wanted to be a scientist.

16) She expected plants placed in the sun and watered often to grow better.

17) produce

18) insects

19)



20)A 21)F 22)D 23)E 24)E 25)D 26)C 27)F

28)As Mrs Soh was boarding the bus, a man snatched her handbag.

29)Feed the fish when you come home.

30)The people in the library were too noisy so Hakim decided to leave.

31)A test was created to settle an argument.

32)It took place in the woods.

33)bickering

34)False

35)False

36)A

37)He wanted to show them that he was the wisest man. The fourth man did not want the bear to come alive because it might hurt them.

38)watch

39)especially

40)class

41)favourite

42)ached

43)welcome