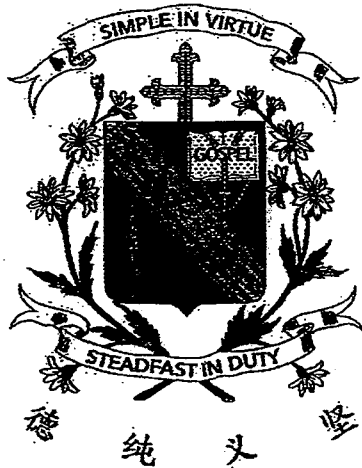


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Class : Primary 3 _____

CHIJ ST NICHOLAS GIRLS' SCHOOL (PRIMARY)



Primary 3

Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2016

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet A

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

18 questions

18 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.



Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

1. I saw a cat at the playground yesterday as _____ was sharpening its claws on the tree trunk.

- (1) I
- (2) it
- (3) he
- (4) she

2. I passed the book _____ him after I had finished reading it.

- (1) to
- (2) at
- (3) on
- (4) from

3. He was _____ such a hurry to complete his project that he worked late into the night.

- (1) in
- (2) at
- (3) on
- (4) for

4. Jasmine was scolded by Mr Ng _____ she had forgotten to do her homework.

- (1) so
- (2) as
- (3) but
- (4) and

5. During the March holidays, my grandparents from Malaysia usually _____ with us for a week.

- (1) stay
- (2) stays
- (3) stayed
- (4) staying

6. _____ herd of buffaloes is grazing on the grass on the other side of the river.

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

7. "You have to finish your dinner _____ you can watch your favourite cartoon show," Mother told my younger sister.

- (1) yet
- (2) after
- (3) before
- (4) though

8. "Did you just _____ your brother?" asked Mother with her arms akimbo.

- (1) push
- (2) pushes
- (3) pushed
- (4) pushing

Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (6 x 1 mark)

Read the questions carefully. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.

9. The unhappy passengers _____ when the train they were travelling on broke down.
- (1) muttered
 - (2) mumbled
 - (3) grumbled
 - (4) whispered
10. The hockey match was _____ as it was raining heavily. It will be held another day.
- (1) blocked
 - (2) deserted
 - (3) prevented
 - (4) postponed
11. Mr Sim, our neighbour, is a very _____ old man. He does the weirdest things.
- (1) common
 - (2) ordinary
 - (3) peculiar
 - (4) familiar
12. The mischievous boy tried to _____ the cat with a thin stick but it quickly ran into the bushes.
- (1) prod
 - (2) pinch
 - (3) punch
 - (4) pound

13. Finally, the police finally was able to _____ out the truth from the thief who had stolen the expensive watch.

- (1) take
- (2) carry
- (3) ferret
- (4) speak

14. The poor hungry boy picked up every _____ of biscuit from the floor to eat.

- (1) slice
- (2) crumb
- (3) chunk
- (4) section

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension MCQ (4 x 1 mark)

Study the advertisement carefully and answer questions 15 to 18. Choose the most suitable answer (1, 2, 3 or 4) and shade the correct oval on the Optical Answer Sheet.



This coming June holiday , we offer parent-child cooking classes for your child to learn the basics of cooking from our culinary team! It will be a great opportunity to bond with your child too! All classes will be held at 66 Bur aundv Road.

Classes available:

Pizza Making Learn the basics of baking pizza! Experiment with different kinds of toppings! Schedule: Saturdays, 4th, 11th & 18th June Time: 12 noon to 2 p.m. Fee: \$88 per parent-child pair 	Sushi Making Learn how to make traditional Japanese rice rolls. It is easy and you can be as creative as you like! Schedule: Sundays, 5th, 12th & 19th June Time: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Fee: \$68 per parent-child pair 
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* Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration starts on
1st May 2016 and
ends 30th May 2016!
Sign up at
www.juniorchefs.com.sg

For more information, you may call Sabrina Chew at 6777 4333 or email to enquiry_juniorchefs@yahoo.com.sg

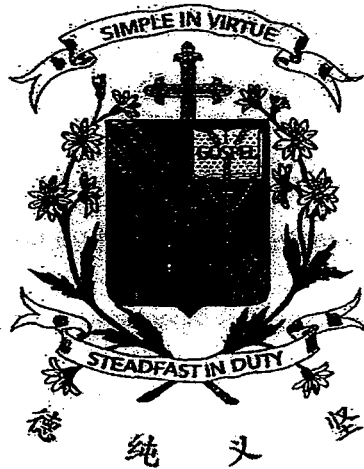
15. Interested applicants can start to register for the classes on _____.
- (1) 1st May 2016
 - (2) 30th May 2016
 - (3) 4th June 2016
 - (4) 5th June 2016
16. Maurice and his mother would like to sign up for the **Pizza Making** class. How much do they have to pay?
- (1) \$ 68
 - (2) \$ 88
 - (3) \$136
 - (4) \$196
17. Pamela's father is interested in the **'Sushi Making'** class. He has _____ way(s) to find out more about the class.
- (1) 1
 - (2) 2
 - (3) 3
 - (4) 4
18. Which of the following statements is **true**?
- (1) All classes are held on Saturdays.
 - (2) Pamela and her father will each get a free apron if they are among the first 20 applicants.
 - (3) By attending the cooking classes, the children will get a chance to bond with their parents.
 - (4) Interested participants can go to 66 Burgundy Road to sign up for the cooking classes.

END OF BOOKLET A

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Semestral Assessment 1

9 May 2016

English Language

Paper 2 Booklet B

Duration of Paper (Booklets A & B): 1 h 30 min

28 questions

32 marks

Instructions to Candidates:

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Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Booklet A	18
Booklet B	32
Total	50

This booklet consists of 10 printed pages and 2 blank pages.

Section D: Grammar Cloze [1] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **Use each word/phrase only once.**

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| (A) break | (C) broken | (E) were breaking |
| (B) broke | (D) was breaking | (F) breaking |

A thousand dollars were stolen from a fruit shop on Tuesday morning. Two men (19) _____ into the shop and ransacked it. The owner, Mr Loh, discovered that a hammer was used to (20) _____ the lock on the main door. He was surprised that it had (21) _____ so easily. Fortunately, a cleaner walked past while the two men (22) _____ into the shop and tipped the police off. They were arrested later that day.

Adapted from 'Police nab two men suspected of stealing \$500k from fruit shop' by Ng Huiwen



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Section E: Grammar Cloze [2] (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable answer from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to E) in each blank. **Use each word only once.**

(A) beauty	(C) beautiful	(E) beautifying
(B) beautify	(D) beautifully	

Roses come in many colours. They are one of the most (23) _____ flowers in the world. They are often used to decorate homes (24) _____. However, a rose is not just a thing of (25) _____. Roses have many other uses too. The sweet smell of a rose is often used in perfumes. In addition, rose water is also an important ingredient in most make-up products. It is used to (26) _____ your skin. Aren't roses amazing?

Adapted from Young Scientists Pte Ltd 'The Young Scientists Issue 154/1602'



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Section F: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

When we burn forests, a lot of smoke is produced. This pollutes the air and results in haze. Haze can (27) _____ health problems in old people and children. It can also cause a person to develop a sore throat or a cough.

When there is haze, you should avoid doing activities (28) _____. You should stay indoors instead. If you must go outdoors, remember to wear a mask. It is important to wear the (29) _____ properly. Firstly, look for the top of the mask. The part of the mask with a hard edge or metal strip is meant to be at the top. Put the mask on carefully. Then, pinch the hard edge or metal strip so that it follows the shape of your nose. Lastly, pull the mask down to make sure it (30) _____ your nose and mouth. Keep the mask on until you step back indoors.

Adapted from Young Scientists Pte Ltd 'The Young Scientists Issue 1402'



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Section G: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Kanchil was a clever little mousedeer. One day, he was walking alone. Feeling thirsty, he looked for a stream. However, no rain had fallen for weeks and so the streams had dried up.

Finally, Kanchil decided to go to the river. He usually avoided the river as he knew Crocodile was always there, waiting to catch him. 5

When he reached the riverbank, Kanchil looked around but Crocodile was nowhere to be seen. Relieved, he bent his head to enjoy the water. Suddenly, he saw an object floating not far away. Kanchil jumped back, surprised. He was unsure as to whether it was a log or Crocodile.

"Hey, you in the river! If you are a crocodile, don't answer me! If you are only a 10 log, tell me!" Kanchil shouted.

It was indeed Crocodile who was floating in the river. He was waiting to catch Kanchil. Without thinking, Crocodile answered, "Oh, I'm only a harmless log!"

Immediately, Kanchil ran away as fast as his legs could carry him. He laughed and shouted over his shoulder, "Oh, silly Crocodile! Have you ever heard a log talk?" 15

Adapted from 'Favourite Stories From Indonesia' by Marguerite Siek

For Q31, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

Q31. Kanchil was looking for a stream to _____. [1m]

- (1) look for a log
- (2) go for a swim
- (3) quench his thirst
- (4) wait for Crocodile

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Q32. Why did Kanchil avoid the river? [1m]

_____ was in the river.

For Q33 – 34, tick (✓) whether the statements describe Kanchil or Crocodile. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		Kanchil	Crocodile
Example	He was always at the river		✓
Q33	He was foolish.		
Q34	He was quick-thinking.		

Q35. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The word 'it' in line 8 refers to the _____. [1m]

	riverbank
	water in the river
	object floating in the river

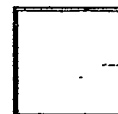
For Q36 - 38, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Crocodile did not want to catch Kanchil		✓
Q36	Crocodile and Kanchil were good friends.		
Q37	Crocodile was waiting for Kanchil at the riverbank.		
Q38	Crocodile failed to trick Kanchil into thinking that he was a log.		

Q39. What two things did Kanchil do as he ran away? [2m]

He

and



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Section H: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

Mr and Mrs Pulido were working in the fields on their farm. They heard loud rumblings and the earth began to shake. The Pulidos thought it was an earthquake. To their surprise, a mixture of lava and rock burst out from underneath the earth.

The mixture continued spewing out of the earth. The pile of mixture got bigger and bigger. Within a week, it became a little volcano that was as tall as a 5 five-storey building! The villagers marvelled at the speed it grew. It was then named the Paricutin Volcano.

The Paricutin Volcano erupted regularly. The lava that flowed out of the little volcano began to burn the land around it. The lava also buried all the villages nearby. Hundreds of villagers had to move away to keep themselves safe. Lava 10 kept flowing out of the volcano and after a year, it had grown to 336 metres tall! The Paricutin Volcano stopped erupting nine years after it was created.

The Paricutin Volcano is of great interest to scientists. Many of them came to study it. Volcanoes, such as the Paricutin Volcano, have given scientists a chance to learn more about how volcanoes change their surroundings. 15

Adapted from Little Red Dot 'The Baby Volcano'

- Q40. Why did Mr and Mrs Pulido think that there was an earthquake? [2m]
[Write your answer in a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

- Q41. Which word in **paragraph 1** has the same meaning as 'below'? [1m]

- Q42. These statements describe the creation of the Paricutin Volcano. Put them in the right sequence according to the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

_____ Some mixture spewed out of the earth.

_____ The mixture grew into a little volcano.

_____ The mixture piled up and got bigger.

- Q43. Give **one** reason why the villagers were forced to move away. [1m]
[Write your answer in a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

- Q44. Which word in **paragraph 3** has the opposite meaning of 'destroyed'? [1m]

Q45. State whether each sentence below is 'True' or 'False'.

Give a reason for your answer. [2m]

[Write your reasons in complete sentences.]

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) The Paricutin Volcano grew very fast.		
(b) The Paricutin Volcano stopped erupting after one year.		

Q46. What can scientists learn from volcanoes? [2m]

[Write your answer using a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

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ANSWER KEY

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Booklet A & B

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2	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	3	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
3	1	3	2	1	2	2	3	B	A
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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Q31 3

Q32 A crocodile

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Q35 ✓ object floating in the river

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Q39 He laughed and shouted over his shoulder.

Q40 Mr and Mrs Pulido heard loud rumblings and the earth began to shake.

Q41 underneath

Q42 1 Some mixture spewed out of the earth.

3 The mixture grew into a little volcano.

2 The mixture piled up and got bigger.

Q43 The lava buried all the villagers nearby.

Q44 created

Q45

Sentence	True / False	Reason °
(a) The Paricutin Volcano grew very fast.	True	Within a week, it became a little volcano that was as tall as a five-storey building.
(b) The Paricutin Volcano stopped erupting after one year.	False	The Paricutin Volcano stopped erupting nine years after it was created.

Q46 Scientists can learn how volcanoes change their surroundings.

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