

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 3 _____

Primary 3
Semestral Assessment 2
24 October 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. The dog _____ in the living room when the fire started.
 - (1) sleep
 - (2) will sleep
 - (3) have slept
 - (4) was sleeping

2. Yesterday, the prefects _____ some activities for Children's Day.
 - (1) organise
 - (2) organised
 - (3) was organising
 - (4) have organised

3. Peter said he would meet me _____ the entrance of the cinema at 7 p.m.
 - (1) in
 - (2) at
 - (3) on
 - (4) up

4. She leaves her home one hour before school starts _____ she wants to be punctual.
 - (1) so
 - (2) but
 - (3) and
 - (4) because

5. Mother told the children to share the sweets among _____.

- (1) herself
- (2) yourself
- (3) ourselves
- (4) themselves

6. No one is allowed to run _____ the corridor.

- (1) into
- (2) over
- (3) along
- (4) between

7. "These biscuits are tasty, _____ they?" asked the little girl.

- (1) isn't
- (2) aren't
- (3) wasn't
- (4) weren't

8. My mother loves to _____ fanciful cupcakes.

- (1) bake
- (2) bakes
- (3) baked
- (4) baking

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 _____ took out their mobile phones to take pictures when the fight broke out in the supermarket.

- (1) audience
- (2) onlookers
- (3) spectators
- (4) competitors

10. At the end of the day, the pupils _____ their books into their bags before leaving the classroom.

- (1) strived
- (2) sieved
- (3) shoved
- (4) swerved

11. The _____ child refused to heed his teacher's advice and got himself into trouble again.

- (1) wilful
- (2) ignorant
- (3) ferocious
- (4) ungrateful

12. The houses in the city were destroyed by the _____ earthquake, which wrecked havoc in the area.

- (1) fiery
- (2) bizarre
- (3) chaotic
- (4) devastating

13. Her carelessness caused her unfortunate _____ of having to move around in crutches.

- (1) resentment
- (2) predicament
- (3) embarrassment
- (4) accomplishment

14. The little boy was _____ by the big and burly bullies.

- (1) cowed
- (2) loathed
- (3) numbed
- (4) discouraged

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.

**A one-day camp
in the library for
avid readers from
8 to 12 years old
on 3rd Dec 2016!**

READ

Proudly organised by
THE LIBRARY BOARD

First 10
participants to
register by
20th Nov will
receive a
slumber party
bag with a
limited-edition
book!

Come on down this December holiday and spend a night at Wonderland Library.
As spaces are limited to only 40 participants, register today!

Price	Age
\$40	8-10 years
\$55	11-12 years

The READ programme
includes fun activities like:

- Puppet shows
- 'Talk about our favourite
book' time
- Bedtime storytelling
- Meet your favourite
character

- Registration starts on
2nd Nov 2016 and ends on
1st Dec 2016
- Registration forms are only
available at our official online
portal, www.READ.com
- Registration forms must be
submitted personally or by post
to Wonderland Office at
12, Stardust Street

For enquires, e-mail us at WLB@lib.com or call
Tinkerbell at 62367911

15. When will the camp be held?
- (1) 1st Dec 2016
 - (2) 3rd Dec 2016
 - (3) 2nd Nov 2016
 - (4) 20th Nov 2016
16. You can get a registration form by _____.
- (1) calling Tinkerbell
 - (2) e-mailing the Library Board
 - (3) visiting Wonderland Library
 - (4) downloading it from the online portal
17. Lily wants to attend the camp. Which of the following must Lily do to ensure that she gets a place?
- (1) Call Tinkerbell
 - (2) Register immediately
 - (3) Have a love for reading
 - (4) Spend the night at Wonderland Library
18. Which of the following statements is false?
- (1) The participants will get to make puppets.
 - (2) The organiser for READ is The Library Board.
 - (3) Sally will get a slumber party bag if she is the 8th person to register.
 - (4) Participants will get to talk about their favourite book during the camp.

END OF BOOKLET A

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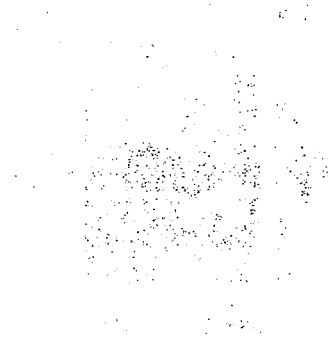
Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A	18
Booklet B	32
Total	50

Figure 1



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 only once.**

(A) I	(C) our	(E) its
(B) we	(D) she	(F) her

I headed up the road to Sophie's house on my bike. (19) _____
always rode to Sophie's ^{house} instead of walking. Sophie gets around in a wheelchair.
(20) _____ was born with spina bifida and her legs do not work. Everything
else works well, especially (21) _____ nose. It makes loud snorting noises
whenever she laughs. (22) _____ usually have a lot of fun together. She is
the coolest friend I have ever had.

Adapted from 'Harriet Huxtable & The Purpose Of Rats' by Louise Pike

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

Read the following passage carefully. Choose the correct word given in the brackets and circle it.

Did you know that koalas can sleep for more than 20 hours a day and sometimes even the whole day? The koala's sleeping habit (23) [is / are] linked to the food it eats. They only (24) [feed / feeds] on the leaves of eucalyptus. The leaves of the eucalyptus (25) [has / have] very little protein and other nutrients. Koalas (26) [do / does] not get much energy from their food. That is why they sleep for a long time.

Adapted from 'Sleepy Animals' The Young Scientists Issue 128/1306

Section F: Comprehension Cloze (4 x 1 mark)

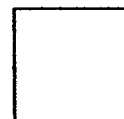
Read the following passage carefully. Fill in each blank with the most suitable word.

Have you tried drawing your family tree? It is very easy to create one. List down the names of all your family members. Now you are ready to (27) _____ drawing your tree.

Choose a piece of paper that is (28) _____ enough to contain your whole family tree. First, draw a tree in pencil. Do not forget to draw in the branches for the names. The tree has to be of the right size for your family.

After that, start filling in the names on the different branches of the tree. You could start with your own (29) _____. Then, fill in the names of your parents, siblings and grandparents. Once you are satisfied with your tree, retrace it (30) _____ black or coloured ink to make it stand out. Now, you have created a family tree of your own.

Adapted from <http://www.wikihow.com/Draw-a-Family-Tree>



Section G: Comprehension [1] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 31 to 39.

Whales live in the sea, but they are not fish. Like seals and dogs, whales are mammals. They cannot breathe underwater like fish, so they come to the surface to fill their lungs with air.

The biggest whales are the blue whales. They are bigger than any dinosaur known to have lived. An adult can weigh as much as five trucks. A newborn calf is 5 heavier than an elephant and can drink up to 490 litres of its mother's milk a day.

Big whales need to eat several tons of food a day. They feed on some of the smallest plants and animals in the sea called plankton. For example, the bowhead whale swims along with its mouth open, catching millions of plankton. It has no teeth. Instead, it has strips of whale bone in its mouth that act as a sieve to trap 10 food.

Grey whales spend the summer in the Arctic Ocean. In the autumn, they travel thousands of miles south to have their young in the warm waters of California and Mexico. The mothers keep a careful watch on their babies to protect them from any danger. 15

These gentle whales are indeed remarkable creatures. We should do our best to ensure their survival.

Adapted from 'Whales and Sharks' by Jane & David Glover

www.sgexam.com

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For question 31, write 1, 2, 3 or 4 in the brackets.

31. Whales come to the water surface to _____. [1m]

(1) hunt

(2) breathe

(3) reproduce

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32. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

An adult blue whale is as heavy as _____. [1m]

	a dinosaur
	five trucks
	an elephant

For questions 33 – 34, tick (✓) whether the statements describe the blue whale or the bowhead whale. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	Blue whale	Bowhead whale
Example	It is bigger than a dinosaur		
33.	Its calf drinks up to 490 litres of milk a day.		
34.	It is the largest of whales.		

For questions 35 – 37, read each statement and tick (✓) 'True' or 'False'. The first example has been done for you. [3m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Fish can breathe underwater		
35.	Big whales eat small plants and animals.		
36.	The bowhead whale swims with its mouth closed.		
37.	Bowhead whales have strips of teeth.		

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38. Tick (✓) your chosen answer.

The word 'their' in line 14 refers to the babies of _____. [1m]

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blue whales

grey whales

bowhead whales

39. Match column A with column B correctly to show where grey whales live during the different times of the year. [2m]

Column A

summer •

autumn •

Column B

• the warm waters of California and Mexico

• the Arctic Ocean

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Section H: Comprehension [2] (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 40 to 46.

As a young horse, I lived in a large, brown stable in a meadow. Shady trees leaned over a nearby pond and water lilies grew at the deep end. It was a place with plenty of fresh air.

When I was very young, I fed on my mother's milk as I could not eat grass. As soon as I was old enough to eat grass, my mother went out to work in the 5 daytime and came back in the evening. We frequently galloped around the meadow in the evenings and met up with other horses.

Our master was a kind, humble man. He gave us a comfortable home and enough food. He spoke to us as kindly as he spoke to his children. My mother would always neigh with joy and trot up to him whenever she saw him. 10

Soon, I became a fully-grown horse. I would never forget the day I was sold and had to leave the meadows and go to Gordon's Park. My coat had been brushed till it shone. My master came to say goodbye to me. I put my nose into his hand as he patted my head. Then I walked away with a heavy heart. I had tears in my eyes as I left my first home. 15

Adapted from 'Black Beauty' by Anna Sewell

40. What was the author's childhood home? [1m]
[Write your answer in a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

41. Why did the author's mother not go out to work when he was very young? [1m]
[Write your answer in a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

42. What did the author and his mother usually do when his mother returned from work? [2m]
[Write your answer in a complete sentence / complete sentences.]

43. Which word in **paragraph 2** has the same meaning as 'often'? [1m]

44. 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 author and his mother were always hungry.		
(b) The author's mother loved their first master.		

45. These statements list the events that happened on the author's last day at the meadows. Put them in the sequence of when they happened. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1m]

_____ His master bade him farewell.

_____ The author's coat was brushed till it shone.

_____ His master patted him.

46. The author was sad to leave his first home.

List two things he did to show that. [2m]

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

ANSWER KEY

YEAR : 2016
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SUBJECT : ENGLISH
TERM : SA2

Booklet A & B

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9
4	2	2	4	4	3	2	1	2
Q10	Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18
3	2	4	2	1	2	4	2	1
Q19	Q20	Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	
A	D	F	B	is	feed	have	do	

*Missing Q27 – Q30

Q31 2

Q32

	a dinosaur
✓	five trucks
	an elephant

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Example	It is bigger than a dinosaur.	✓	
Q33	Its calf drinks up to 490 litres of milk a day.	✓	
Q34	It is the largest of whales.	✓	

	Statement	True	False
Example	Fish can breathe underwater.	✓	
Q35	Big whales eat small plants and animals.	✓	
Q36	The bowhead whale swims with its mouth closed.		✓
Q37	Bowhead whales have strips of teeth.		✓

Q38 ✓ grey whales

Q39 Column A

Column B

summer • the warm waters of California and Mexico
autumn • the Arctic Ocean

Q40 It was a stable.

Q41 The mother had to feed him with milk.

Q42 The author and his mother usually galloped around the meadow in the evenings and met up with other horses.

Q43 frequently

Q44

Sentence	True / False	Reason
(a) The author and mother were always hungry.	False	Their master gave them enough food.
(b) The author's mother loved their first master.	True	The author's mother would always neigh with joy and trot up to their first master whenever she saw him.

Q45 2 His master bade him farewell.

1 The author's coat was brushed till it shone.

3 His master patted him.

Q46 The author walked away with a heavy heart and had tears in his eyes as he left his first home.