

FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PRIMARY THREE

BOOKLET A: LISTENING

TOTAL TIME: 1 hour 35 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

**Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
Follow all instructions carefully.
Answer all questions.**

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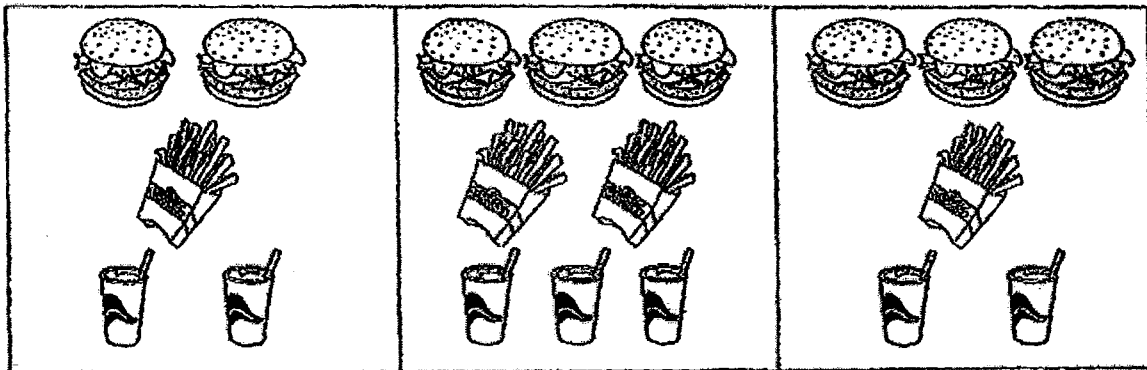
Section A: Picture-matching (4 X 1 mark)

Look at the set of pictures. Listen to the statements being read out. Then, choose the picture that describes what has been read. Put a tick in the box for the correct picture.

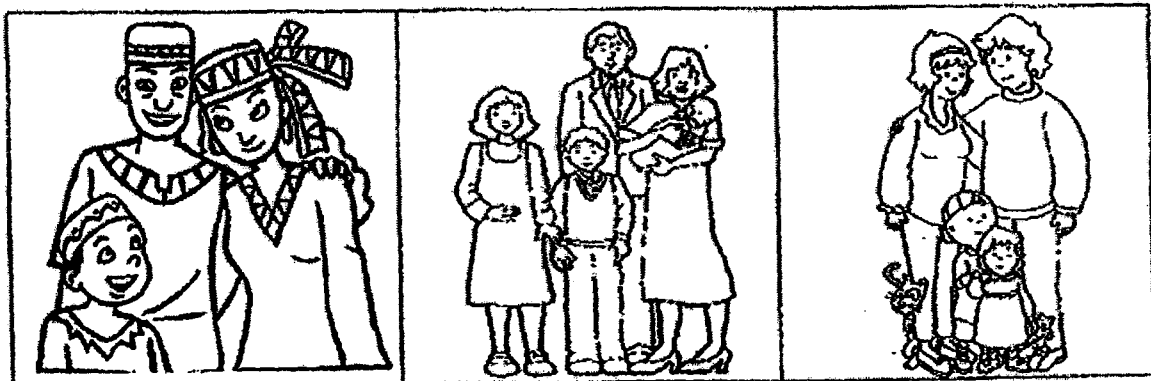
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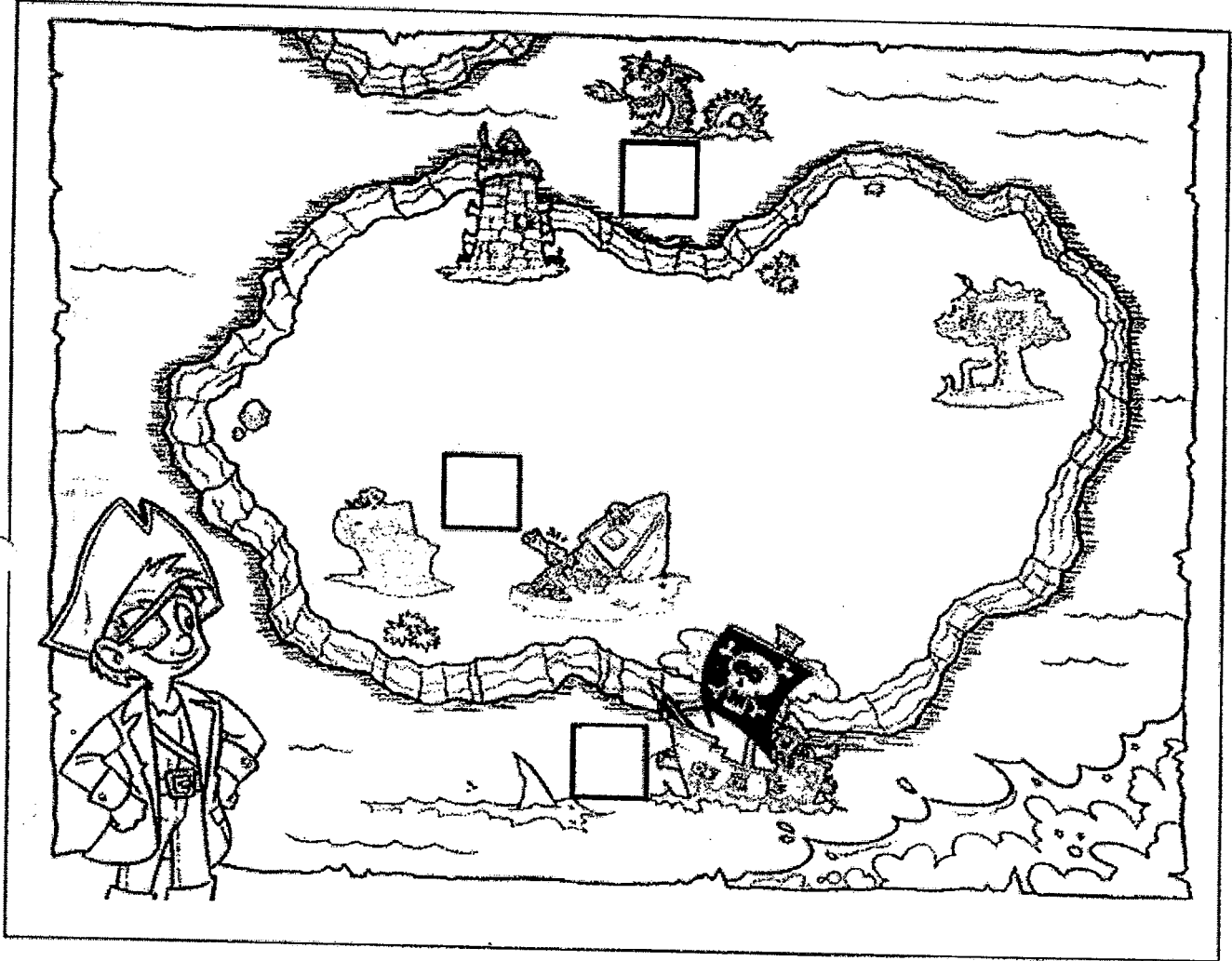
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Section B: Note-taking (4 X 1 mark)

Listen carefully now. Q5 to Q8 is a note-taking test. Q9 is a dictation test.

An announcement regarding the upcoming art competition was made during the morning assembly. As you listen, fill in each blank numbered Q5 to Q8 with a suitable word or words from the information given.

Q5. Theme of this year's competition : _____

Q6. What to write on the artwork : _____

Q7. Who to collect the application form from : _____

Q8. Where to submit artwork : _____

Section C: Dictation (6 marks)

Take down the passage in full as you listen to it being read out.

Q9. By the time Mark had completed his artwork, _____

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BOOKLET B

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Name: _____ () Class: Pr 3 ()

Parent's Signature: _____

Booklet A: Listening Comprehension	/14
Booklet B: Part 1 & Part 2 – Language Use & Comprehension	/50
Writing	/20
Total	/84

Any query on marks awarded should be raised by 18 May 2017. We seek your understanding in this matter as any delay in the confirmation of marks will lead to delays in the generation of results.

PART 1

SECTION A: GRAMMAR (8 X 1 mark)

For each question from 1 to 8, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

1. Mark and Susan _____ attending a wedding this Saturday.

- (1) is
- (2) are
- (3) was
- (4) were

2. _____ girls who are sitting with me are planning a class party.

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

3. This orchestra, _____ these musicians are from, is very good.

- (1) who
- (2) what
- (3) which
- (4) whom

4. Mrs Tan reminded the pupils to complete that piece of assignment all by _____.

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

5. While Johnny _____ along the pavement, a flowerpot fell from above and smashed onto the ground in front of him.

- (1) walk
- (2) walks
- (3) is walking
- (4) was walking

6. The nurse reminds us not to put too _____ salt in our food as it is unhealthy.

- (1) few
- (2) little
- (3) much
- (4) many

7. Phil did not _____ when a lion growled at him.

- (1) shiver
- (2) shivers
- (3) shivered
- (4) shivering

8. The hens in Mr Brown's farm _____ eggs for his family every day.

- (1) lay
- (2) lays
- (3) is laying
- (4) are laying

SECTION B: VOCABULARY (6 X 1 mark)

For each question from 9 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer. Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).

9. The wolf thought his eyes were playing _____ on him when the pig built a house of straw.

- (1) tricks
- (2) jokes
- (3) stories
- (4) games

10. The man insisted that he was _____ as he did not steal anything.

- (1) guilty
- (2) ignorant
- (3) innocent
- (4) responsible

11. On International Friendship Day, the pupils wore their national costumes and _____ proudly across the stage.

- (1) bolted
- (2) crawled
- (3) scurried
- (4) paraded

12. Azman's passport has _____ so he must get it renewed soon.

- (1) ended
- (2) retired
- (3) expired
- (4) finished

13. Fatimah tried to _____ open the lid of the biscuit tin with a spoon.

- (1) fix
- (2) prise
- (3) prick
- (4) fiddle

14. Our class _____ tales of princes and magical kingdom on stage during the Teachers' Day concert.

- (1) imagined
- (2) disguised
- (3) pretended
- (4) performed

PART 2**SECTION C: GRAMMAR CLOZE (8 X 1 mark)**

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

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| (A) about | (B) in | (C) into | (D) of |
| (E) on | (F) to | (G) over | |

Passage 1

A twenty-seven-year-old man, Abul, suffered from a rare disease. This disease caused warts to grow all (15) _____ his body. People called him the "Tree Man" because his skin looked like a tree's bark. He was one of the only four people (16) _____ the world known to have this condition. When it was diagnosed, doctors treated him by removing warts (17) _____ his limbs. He had at least sixteen operations in one year.

After his last operation, he is now able (18) _____ hold his three-year-old daughter for the first time. If the warts do not return, Mr Abul could be the first person ever to be cured of this terrible condition.

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|---------|---------|----------|--------|
| (A) her | (B) him | (C) I | (D) it |
| (E) me | (F) she | (G) them | |

Passage 2

I disliked Snow White not because I was jealous of her beauty. In actual fact, (19) _____ was very mischievous and lazy. Instead of doing her homework, she would go to the forest to play with those seven little dwarfs. She would play with (20) _____ till dusk and come home covered in dirt.

Once, I was kind enough to offer her a big red juicy apple. Instead of thanking me, she threw (21) _____ away. I was really upset. She had also disobeyed (22) _____ several times. Hence, I had no choice but to teach her a lesson.

SECTION D: EDITING FOR SPELLING (4 X 1m)

Correct each underlined word for Spelling. Write the correct word in the box provided.

China's government has decided to ban people from buying and selling ivory,

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which comes from the tusks of elephants. Elephants are being killed to setisfi

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people's greed for ivory. Ivory can be made into beatyful and expensive sculptures

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and jeweleri. However, live elephants are much more praceous. China's decision

to ban the ivory trade will definitely help to save these magnificent mammals from

extinction.

SECTION E: SENTENCE COMBINING (4 X 2m)

For each of the following sentences, rewrite the given sentences using the words provided. Your answer must be in **one** sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentences.

27. Ansel accidentally stepped on a pebble. Ansel twisted his ankle.

_____ when

28. Aisha lost her mobile phone. She also lost her wallet.

_____ as well as

29. Lihua was hungry. She gobbled down a big hamburger.

_____ because

30. Nathan's car broke down. Nathan was driving along the highway.

While _____

SECTION F: COMPREHENSION (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

When Mousedeer realised that Tiger was ready to pounce on him, he trembled fearfully. He knew he would be in trouble if he did not think fast enough.

"Be prepared to meet your maker. I'm going to eat your juicy red meat shortly," sniggered Tiger.

5 "Oh Tiger, I hope you aren't starving now, because you can't eat me. I've been entrusted by King Solo to safeguard his most prized item," said Mousedeer while pointing to a bee nest dangling from a tree. Out of curiosity, Tiger asked what that was.

10 "That's the Gold Gong of King Solo. His Majesty likes to hear the sound of the gong when he's hunting in the jungle as it makes him happy. Anyone who hears it would feel likewise," replied Mousedeer.

15 Immediately, Tiger begged Mousedeer to let him hit at the gong. Mousedeer said, "For sparing my life, I'll allow you to hit the gong but I'm afraid of the wrath of His Majesty. Promise to strike the gong only when I'm far from here so that I can claim that I don't know who did it." Tiger promised to do so.

Mousedeer started to flee. When Tiger got the signal from Mousedeer, he struck the bee nest. The bees were so annoyed with the disturbance that they started to attack Tiger.

For Q31- 32, read each statement and tick (✓) "True" or "False". The first example has been done for you. [2m]

Statement		True	False
Example	Tiger ate up the piece of juicy red meat greedily.		✓
Q31.	Mousedeer was frightened when he first saw Tiger.		
Q32.	King Solo loved to listen to the sound of gong all the time.		

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

I have been entrusted by King Solo to safeguard his most prized item.
(A) (B)

34. Which word in **paragraph 5** tells us that King Solo would get angry with Mousedeer for letting Tiger hit his 'gong'? [1m]

35. What happened to Tiger in the end? [2m]

36. Put a tick (✓) in the box to show which pair of adjectives describes Tiger and which describes Mousedeer. [2m]

		Tiger	Mousedeer
(a)	cunning and quick-thinking		
(b)	foolish and curious		

SECTION G: COMPREHENSION (4 X 2m = 8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

It was a hot summer's night. It was so hot that a workman could not get to sleep. Instead, he lay on the bed with the window open, hoping that a little breeze might blow through. He was listening to the beautiful songs of a nightingale and he was charmed by its sweet singing.

5 The following night, the workman set a trap for the nightingale and he managed to capture it.

"Now that I have caught you," he cried, "you will have to sing to me, whenever I want."

10 However, the little bird held its chin up proudly and shook its head. "We nightingales never sing in a cage," it said.

"I have always heard that a nightingale on toast is a tasty snack," said the workman.

15 The nightingale quivered in terror and pleaded, "No, please don't eat me! Let me go free, and I will tell you three things that are worth far more than my little body."

The workman thought for a moment, but he did not see how he could lose to the bird. "All right," he shrugged, and he set the bird free.

20 Without hesitation, the nightingale flew up to the highest branch of a nearby tree. It looked down at the workman and tweeted, "I've three pieces of advice. Firstly, never believe a captive's promise. Secondly, keep what you have. And thirdly, don't feel sad for what you've lost and can't get back."

The workman hung his head low in shame. While he was wondering how he could have been tricked by a tiny bird, the nightingale flew away.

Adapted from The Wolf and His Shadow and other Aesop's Fables

Write your answers in complete sentences. (4 x 2m = 8m)

37. Why did the workman want to capture the nightingale?

38. What did the workman decide to do with the nightingale when it refused to sing for him?

39. What did the nightingale promise the workman if he set it free?

40. According to the passage, why was the workman ashamed of himself in the end?

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS CAREFULLY
END OF PAPER**

EXAM PAPER 2017 (P3)

SCHOOL : Nanyang

SUBJECT :English

TERM : SA1

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
2	3	4	4	4	3	1	1	1	3
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
4	3	2	4	G	B	E	F	F	G
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28	Q29	Q30
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23)satisfy

24)beautiful

25)jewelry

26)precious

27)Ansel twisted his ankle when he accidentally stepped on a pebble.

28)Aisha lost her mobile phone as well as her wallet.

29)Lihua gobbled down a big hamburger because she was hungry.

30)While Nathan was driving along the highway,his car broke down.

31)True

32)False

33)B

34)wrath

35)Tiger got stung by the bees.

36)a)Mousedeer

b)Tiger

37)The workman wanted the nightingale to sing for him whenever he wanted.

38)The workman decided to eat the nightingale on toast.

39)The nightingale promised to tell the workman three things that were worth far more than its little body.

40)The workman was ashamed of himself as he was tricked by the nightingale.