

2017 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 1
CONTINUOUS WRITING
PRIMARY 3

Name : _____ () Marks : _____ / 20

Class : Pr 3 / _____

Date : 25 April 2017

Duration : 50 minutes

Parent's Signature : _____

Write a composition of at least 100 words about helping out at home.

The pictures, not arranged in sequence, are provided to help you think about this topic. Your composition should be based on one, two or all of these pictures.

Consider the following points when you plan your composition:

- What happened at home?
- How serious was it?
- What happened after that?
- What help was offered at home?

You may use the points in any order and include other relevant points as well.

Helping Words:

- broken arm
- arm was in a sling
- too painful to move
- offered to help around the house
- household chores



2017 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – PAPER 2
LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION
PRIMARY 3

Name : _____ ()

Class : Primary 3 / _____

Date : 3 May 2017

Note:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Read carefully the instructions given at the beginning of each section.
3. Do not waste time. If a question is difficult for you, go on to the next one.
4. Check your answers thoroughly and make sure you attempt every question.

42 Questions

50 Marks

Duration of Paper: 1 hour 15 minutes

ITEMS	OBTAINED	POSSIBLE
MCQ		22
Qn 19 - 42		28
TOTAL		50

Parent's Signature : _____

Section A: Vocabulary (6 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

- 1 These boxes are too _____ for me. I cannot carry them myself.
- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| (1) firm | (2) hard |
| (3) heavy | (4) tough |
- 2 I love using my _____ to take beautiful photographs.
- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| (1) telescope | (2) camera |
| (3) binoculars | (4) spyglass |
- 3 Sam _____ the secret in Ben's ear.
- | | |
|---------------|----------------|
| (1) whispered | (2) complained |
| (3) grumbled | (4) commented |
- 4 James tiptoed _____ out of the room so as not to wake his wife up.
- | | |
|-------------|--------------|
| (1) easily | (2) loudly |
| (3) quietly | (4) casually |
- 5 The case remains a/an _____. The police were not able to solve it.
- | | |
|---------------|---------------|
| (1) confusion | (2) adventure |
| (3) surprise | (4) mystery |
- 6 Susan's parents do not want her to walk home by herself at night as it is _____.
- | | |
|---------------|-----------|
| (1) wicked | (2) nasty |
| (3) dangerous | (4) mean |

Section B: Grammar (8 marks)

Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.

- 7 During the test yesterday, we _____ shocked by a sudden loud noise outside the classroom.
- | | |
|---------|----------|
| (1) is | (2) are |
| (3) was | (4) were |
- 8 "Look closely. The magician _____ the rabbit out of his hat right now," said Jane.
- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| (1) pulls | (2) pulled |
| (3) has pulled | (4) is pulling |
- 9 _____ restaurant over there has the best steak in town.
- | | |
|-----------|-----------|
| (1) This | (2) That |
| (3) These | (4) Those |
- 10 Ben _____ very upset with himself when he spilt water onto his test paper.
- | | |
|---------|----------|
| (1) is | (2) are |
| (3) was | (4) were |
- 11 Last week, a stray dog _____ me after I got off the bus.
- | | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| (1) attacks | (2) attacked |
| (3) has attacked | (4) was attacking |
- 12 Mother decided to bake an apple pie as there were _____ apples in the fridge.
- | | |
|----------|------------|
| (1) no | (2) little |
| (3) much | (4) many |

13 Justin is not feeling well, _____ he did not go to school today.

- (1) as
- (3) so

- (2) but
- (4) because

14 Mr Lee and his family live in a house _____ the sea.

- (1) in
- (3) above

- (2) by
- (4) over

Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (8 marks)

Read the advertisement carefully and answer the questions that follow.
Choose the correct answer and shade its number on the OAS provided.



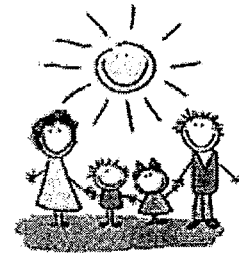
Annual Drawing Competition

Starbright Mall is organising a drawing competition for children aged between 5 to 12 years old.

The theme for this year's competition is 'Family'.

The competition aims to raise children's interest in art and encourage creative expressions through art.

Three winners from each category will be chosen and their winning artworks will be displayed at the mall.



Category A: 5 to 8 years old
Category B: 9 to 12 years old

Prizes for each category:

1st Prize: \$500

2nd Prize: \$300

3rd Prize: \$100

Each winner will be presented with a certificate as well.



Entry forms are available at the Customer Service counter.

Terms and conditions:

- > Contestants should submit entries personally to Starbright Mall, 8 Starview Road
- > All drawings should reach us before 12 noon on 15 June 2017

15 The drawing competition is held every _____.

- (1) day
- (2) week
- (3) month
- (4) year

16 The theme for the competition is '_____'.
,

- (1) Family
- (2) Friends
- (3) Children
- (4) Customers

17 The third prize winner from each category will receive _____.

- (1) \$500 cash and a certificate
- (2) \$300 cash and a certificate
- (3) \$100 cash and a certificate
- (4) a certificate only

18 Which of the following statements is true of the Annual Drawing Competition?

- (1) Six winners will receive prizes.
- (2) Drawings will be sold at Starbright Mall.
- (3) Contestants can mail their entries to 8 Starview Road.
- (4) All drawings and entry forms are to be submitted after 15 June 2017.

Section D: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.

(A) him	(B) she	(C) her
(D) he	(E) their	(F) his

Mrs Tan knocked on John's door asking him to get up. _____ had
(19)

prepared breakfast for the family. John jumped out of _____ messy bed and
(20)

ran hurriedly into the kitchen. Mrs Tan told _____ to sit down quietly. Both Mary
(21)

and Mr Tan were already enjoying _____ eggs and toast. John greeted
(22)

everyone and started tucking in.



Section E: Grammar Cloze (4 marks)

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

USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE.

(A) bake	(B) bakes	(C) baked
(D) baking	(E) were baking	(F) have been baking

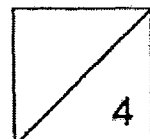
Alice and May spend a lot of time with each other. They love to _____ all
(23)

sorts of cakes, cookies and tarts. They _____ since they were five years old.
(24)

Just last week, they _____ a seven-tiered rainbow cake for their mother's surprise
(25)

birthday party. While they _____ their mother walked into the kitchen. She was
(26)

very impressed!



Section F: Editing (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Correct each word in bold for spelling. Correct each word in italics and underlined for punctuation.

All Bryan Liu wanted was to meet Joseph Schooling after he had won Singapore's

(27)

first Olympic gold medal. Many people turned up for Schooling's public appearance

yesterday.

(28)

"I admire Joseph because he is a **brilliant** swimmer," Liu told the reporter. "I am

(29)

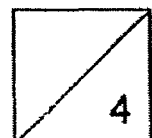
very happy to have met him," shouted Liu excitedly. It was Schooling's first return to

(30)

Singapore since the Olympic Games. He would be attending a tea reception at the

Istana with President Tony Tan Keng Yam.

Adapted from: Joseph Schooling inspires kids, Today Online Edition



Section G: Synthesis (4 marks)

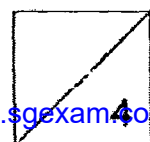
For each question from 31 and 32, combine the sentences to make one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.

31. I will not eat the food. I am really hungry.

Although _____

32. He trained very hard. He failed to complete the marathon.

_____ despite



Section H: Comprehension Cloze (4 marks)

Read the passage carefully and fill in each blank with a suitable word.

River otters are aquatic mammals. They generally _____ along
(33)

rivers but they are also found near streams and lakes. Hence, they are _____
(34)

swimmers.

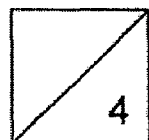
As river otters dive, they close their ears and nostrils to keep _____ out.
(35)

They hunt underwater for fish _____ grabbing their prey with their mouths.
(36)

While river otters spend most of their time in water, they do travel across land as well,

often in search of a mate.

Adapted from: <http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/animals/river-otter/#river-otter-swimming.jpg>



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Section I: Comprehension (8 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Mary Lennox lived in a gigantic old house in the countryside. The house was said to have a secret garden but no one knew its location. Mary was curious about the garden and was determined to find it, especially when she had the help of a kind bird which was a robin.

One morning, Mary was playing at the back of the house when she heard the soft 5
rustling of the wings of the robin. The robin was of no surprise to Mary. She whispered,
"You showed me where the key to the secret garden was yesterday. I hope you can show
me the door today!"

The robin quickly flew off and landed on a stone wall. It chirped sweetly, calling for
Mary's attention. Mary moved closer towards the stone wall when unexpectedly, a gust of 10
wind disturbed some of the plants growing upon the wall. Something caught Mary's eyes.
It was a door hidden under the leaves of the plants

Mary drew out the unique key that the robin had given her the previous day.
She realised it fitted the keyhole. Mary's heart began to thump and her hands started to
shake a little. She put the key in and turned it. Mary pushed open the door and stepped 15
into the secret garden!

Adapted from The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

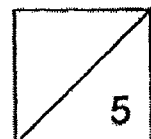
<http://www.stornory.com/category/secret-garden/>

For Question 37 – 38, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to paragraph 1 to help you. The first example has been done for you. [2m]

	Statement	True	False
Example	Mary knew where the secret garden was at first.		✓
Q37	Mary lived in a small house in the countryside.		
Q38	Mary was not bothered to find the secret garden.		

39. Which word in paragraph 3 has the same meaning as 'hurriedly'? [1m]

40. Why was no one able to find the door to the secret garden? [2m]

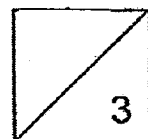


41. Tick your chosen answer.
The line "Mary drew out the unique key..." in line 13 suggests that the key was
_____. [1m]

☐	old
☐	special
☐	expensive

42. How do we know that Mary felt excited when she realised that the key could open the door to the secret garden? [2m]

END OF PAPER



EXAM PAPER 2017 (P3)

SCHOOL : RED SWASTIKA

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

27)appearance

28)brilliant

29)him!"

30)Games

31)Although I am really hungry,I will not eat the food.

32)He failed to complete the marathon despite training very hard.

33)swim

34)excellent

35)water

36)by

37>false

38>false

39)quickly

40)The door was hidden under the leaves of the plants.

41)special

42)Mary's heart began to thump and her hands started to shake a little.