

FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2017
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
PRIMARY THREE

Name: _____ ()

Date: 2 May 2017

Class: Primary 3 SY / C / G / SE / P

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)
BOOKLET A

14 questions

14 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

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

Follow all instructions carefully.

Answer all questions.

Section A: Vocabulary

For each question from 1 to 6, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (6 marks)

1. As Peter was having a toothache, his mother took him to visit a _____.
(1) dentist
(2) surgeon
(3) pharmacist
(4) veterinarian

2. Janet is crying because she is _____ over the death of her pet.
(1) sulking
(2) grieving
(3) exclaiming
(4) complaining

3. Mr. Khong is always _____ for appointments. You can expect him to be there on time.
(1) fast
(2) late
(3) punctual
(4) responsible

4. The thief walked _____ across the dark room, careful not to create any noise.
(1) rashly
(2) clumsily
(3) leisurely
(4) stealthily

5. Mother glared at me and _____ something under her breath.

- (1) yelled
- (2) muttered
- (3) squealed
- (4) screeched

6. The game was _____ because of bad weather.

- (1) called in
- (2) called off
- (3) called out
- (4) called down

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 7 to 14, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (8 marks)

7. John has to ask his sister for permission before taking the book as it is _____.

- (1) his
- (2) her
- (3) hers
- (4) theirs

8. I invited all my classmates to my birthday party _____ only two came.

- (1) or
- (2) but
- (3) despite
- (4) although

9. _____ of the restaurants will be closed by midnight. You will not be able to get any food at all by then.
- (1) All
 - (2) Few
 - (3) One
 - (4) Some
10. We will be going out for lunch in a while. Will you be _____ us?
- (1) join
 - (2) joins
 - (3) joined
 - (4) joining
11. Mr. Lim will be taking Alice and _____ to the zoo tomorrow.
- (1) I
 - (2) he
 - (3) me
 - (4) she
12. The rule states that we _____ observe silence in the library.
- (1) can
 - (2) may
 - (3) must
 - (4) might
13. "Please help me take _____ apples," Sonia told Paul as she pointed at a crate of apples that was lying on the pavement across the road.
- (1) this
 - (2) that
 - (3) these
 - (4) those

14. She fell asleep _____ her chair while revising for the test.

- (1) in
- (2) over
- (3) around
- (4) between

END OF BOOKLET A

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Parent's Signature:

	Marks Obtained	Highest Possible Marks
Booklet A		14
Booklet B		36
Sub-total		50

PAPER 2 (LANGUAGE USE AND COMPREHENSION)

BOOKLET B

34 questions

36 marks

Total time for Booklets A and B: 1 hour 15 minutes

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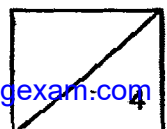
Answer all questions.

Write your answers in this booklet.

Section C: Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Underline the correct word from the words given in the brackets. (4 marks)

I love my brother very much. We are similar in many ways. My brother and I (15) [share / shares] many things in common. For example, we (16) [love / loves] to read. My brother (17) [dislikes / disliked] reading in the past but now, he enjoys it. My mother, as well as our close relatives, thinks that my brother and I (18) [am / are] very fortunate to have each other. I totally agree with my mother.



Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 marks)

her

my

our

she

them

we

I love running. Running has been my passion since (19) _____

teenage days.

Many of my peers do not share the same interest. To (20) _____,

running is boring and tiring.

My coach, Miss Ng, taught my team the values of discipline and perseverance.

(21) _____ also taught us the importance of teamwork. We are grateful for

(22) _____ guidance.

I will always remember what Miss Ng has taught us.



Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given and fill in the blanks. **USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 marks)

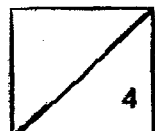
comedian	doubtful	fond	muscular	shepherd	terrified
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Once upon a time, in Israel, there was a man named David. He was a (23) _____ tasked to take care of sheep. David was also a talented harpist. He played the harp for the King of Israel.

There came a period when Israel was at war with their enemy. There was a strong warrior within the enemy's troop who was extremely (24) _____ and tall. His name was Goliath. People were (25) _____ of him because of his size.

David was a courageous man. He sought permission from the king to fight Goliath. Although many were (26) _____ of David's ability, he did not give up. He had faith that he would be able to defeat Goliath. Surprisingly, David managed to kill Goliath with a slingshot that was used to fend off animals that attacked his sheep.

Source: <http://shortstoriesshort.com/story/david-and-goliath/>



Section E: Editing

Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (2 marks)

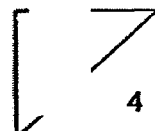
If you swap your eyes for an eagle's, you could see an ant crawling on the
 (27)
 ground from the roof of a ten-storey building. You could make out the expressions on
 basketball players' faces from the furthest seats in the arena. Objects directly in your
 (28)
 line of sight would appear biger. Everything would be brilliantly coloured.

Source: <http://www.livescience.com/18658-humans-eagle-vision.html>

Each of the underlined words contains a grammar error. Write the correct word in each of the boxes. (2 marks)

There are three kinds of ants in a colony. They are the queen, the female workers
 (29)
 and the males. An ant community is lead by a queen whose function is to lay thousands of
 (30)
 eggs. Queen ants were often larger than other members of their colonies. They can live
 over a decade and they have one of the longest lifespans of any known insect.

Source: <http://pestworldforkids.org/pest-guide/ants/>



Section F: Sentence Combining

For each of the questions 31 to 34, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word(s) provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s). (4 marks)

31. Eunice loves ice cream. Her brother loves ice cream too.

Both _____

32. Lydia saw her report card. She was overwhelmed with joy.

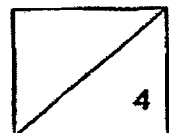
When _____

33. Bala is a busy man. He will help out with the chores at home.

_____ although

34. Ali loves to swim when he is free. Ali loves to dance when he is free.

_____ or



Section G: Comprehension (Short Response)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 35 to 41.

(8 marks)

In ancient Greece, Socrates was known to be highly knowledgeable. One day, a woman met Socrates for tea. She wanted to tell Socrates what she had heard about Socrates' friend.

Socrates was a wise man who did not like discussing about his friends with others. He immediately stopped her before she could continue. He told her to pause and put what she wanted to say through the test of Truth. Socrates asked the woman if she was sure that what she wanted to say was the truth.

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The woman was caught by surprise. She pondered over Socrates' question and admitted to him that what she wanted to say was a rumour.

Then, Socrates asked the woman to put what she wanted to say through the test of Goodness. The woman had to think if what she wanted to say about his friend was something good. The woman thought for a brief moment and told Socrates honestly that on the contrary, what she wanted to say was unpleasant.

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Socrates frowned. He explained the last test, the test of Usefulness, to her. She had to check if what she wanted to say to Socrates was useful to him. The woman shook her head.

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Finally, Socrates said, "Well, if what you want to tell me is neither true, nor good, nor even useful, why tell it to me at all?"

Source: <http://www.energymindfulkids.com/2011/10/true-good-useful.html>

35. Name two other tests Socrates mentioned besides the test of Truth. (2m)

(i) _____

(ii) _____

For question 36, write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what happened first, next and last in paragraphs 1 to 4. (1m)

36.

1	The woman told Socrates honestly that what she wanted to say regarding his friend was unpleasant.
2	The woman met Socrates for tea and wanted to tell him what she had heard about his friend.
3	The woman admitted to Socrates that she did not know if the rumour was true.

For questions 37 to 39, read each statement and tick ✓ "True" or "False". Refer to the passage to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3m)

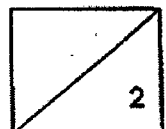
	Statement	True	False
Example	The women wanted to tell Socrates something about his friend.	✓	
37.	Socrates loved talking about his friends with others.		
38.	The woman ignored Socrates' questions.		
39.	Socrates brought up the test of Kindness.		

40. Write one word from paragraph 3 that has a similar meaning as "thought about". (1m)

41. What does this passage tell you about Socrates? (1m)

- (1) Socrates did not like listening to rumours.
- (2) Socrates did not like talking to the woman.
- (3) Socrates did not have time for discussions.
- (4) Socrates knew what the woman wanted to say.

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Section H: Comprehension (Open-Ended)

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 42 to 45.

(8 marks)

The long-awaited school holidays had finally arrived. Father decided to take Jake on a trip to the mountains. They were in a crammed carriage, eagerly waiting for the train to depart. There were more families than usual.

Finally, an automated voice came on, announcing the departure of the train. Jake seemed so surprised to see everything. He exclaimed to his father, "Dad, the train is moving and the things outside are moving backwards." 5

As the train moved, the scenery blurred. Jake squealed unexpectedly, "Dad, the trees are green in colour and run backward quickly."

A drink seller, who was selling various drinks, pushed the trolley past them. The young boy cried, "I love the different colours of the drinks." He could not take his eyes off the drinks and stood up to follow the seller. 10

The families on the train did not bother to conceal their displeasure. They locked their gaze on Jake's father and one of them asked, "What's wrong with your son? He looks like he is fifteen and he is acting like he is five!" 15

Father replied softly, "My son lost his sight at the age of five. He regained his sight a few days ago. He is seeing things for the first time after ten years."

Guilt was written all over their faces. With downcast eyes, they stared at the floor. They learnt a valuable lesson that day.

Source: *Think Before Your Speak* from <http://www.kidsworldfun.com>

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES.

42. Where did Father want to take Jake to? (1 m)

Father wanted to take Jake on a trip to the _____.

- (1) sea
- (2) park
- (3) village
- (4) mountains

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For question 43, write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to show what happened first, next and last. (1m)

43.

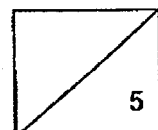
Jake regained his sight.

The people on the train were not pleased with Jake.

Jake was excited to see the drinks in different colours.

For questions 44 to 46, read each statement and tick "True" or "False". Refer to the passage to help you. The first example has been done for you. (3 m)

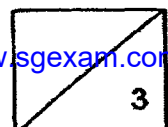
	Statement	True	False
Example	Father and Jake went on a trip during the holidays	✓	
44.	The train was crowded with people.		
45.	Jake was mentally ill.		
46.	Jake was born blind.		



47. Write one word from paragraph 5 that has a similar meaning to "hide". (1m)

48. How did the train passengers react after hearing Jake's father's explanation?
Give a reason for your answer. (2m)

----- END OF BOOKLET B -----



EXAM PAPER 2017 (P3)

SCHOOL :SCGS

SUBJECT : ENGLISH

TERM : SA1

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

15)share 16)love 17)disliked 18)are 19)my 20)them

21)She 22)her 23)shepherd 24)muscular 25)terrified

26)doubtful 27)expressions 28)bigger 29)led 30)are

31)Both Eunice and her brother love ice cream.

32)When Lydia saw her report card, she was overwhelmed with joy.

33)Bala will help out with the chores at home although he is a busy man.

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35)i)test of Goodness ii)test of Usefulness

36)3 , 1 , 2 37)False 38)False 39)False 40)pondered

41)1 42)4 43)1 , 3 , 2 44)True 45)False

46)False 47)conceal

48)The train passengers stared at the floor because they felt guilty for being rude to Jake's father when Jake regained his eyesight a few days ago.