

**Primary Three
English Language
Continual Assessment One**

A. Vocabulary

Choose the correct answer and write its number in the box provided.

(15 x 1 mark = 15 marks)

1. My Aunt is never punctual in writing her letters. Once I received her _____ to my letter after one month.

(1) invitation
(2) notice

(3) reply
(4) request

2. The thief tried to _____ the lady's handbag but was stopped by a few passers-by.

(1) drag
(2) press

(3) push
(4) snatch

3. My cousin smiled _____ to her new classmates when they approached her. She is a very friendly girl.

(1) affably
(2) cruelly

(3) forlornly
(4) wickedly

4. Betty was as _____ as honey when she asked her father for her pocket-money. Her father could find no fault with her manners.

(1) bitter
(2) sour

(3) sweet
(4) thick

5. The snake _____ down the tree stealthily. It then darted towards a chicken and curried its tail around it.

- (1) curled
- (2) glided

- (3) slipped
- (4) swayed

6. Can you read out the story _____, please? I cannot hear you as ti is noisy here.

- (1) loudly
- (2) quickly

- (3) slowly
- (4) softly

7. Some insects like the houseflies are _____ because they spread diseases.

- (1) harmful
- (2) harmless

- (3) important
- (4) useless

8. Tom was fishing at the river bank. Unfortunately it began to rain and Tom was completely _____ from head to toes.

- (1) covered
- (2) dirtied

- (3) drenched
- (4) splashed

9. The children enjoyed the circus _____ very much. The clapped their hands happily.

- (1) appearance
- (2) concert

- (3) match
- (4) performance

10. That rich man is very _____. He talks loudly and walks with his nose in the air.

- (1) arrogant
- (2) humble

- (3) mischievous
- (4) respectful

11. The children are cycling along the _____ track at the East Coast Park. They are careful to keep to the track designated for cyclists only.

- (1) bicycle
- (2) car

- (3) running
- (4) skating

12. In _____, a player must use his legs to kick the ball to other players in his team.

- (1) basketball
- (2) soccer

- (3) softball
- (4) volleyball

13. Mathu's parents did not allow him to watch _____ movies. He had a nightmare after watching "Dracula".

- (1) comedy
- (2) horror

- (3) science fiction
- (4) romantic

14. The audience applauded to the exciting _____ of the acrobats on the trapeze.

- (1) dance
- (2) song

- (3) stunts
- (4) way

15. I watched the movie "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon" last year. The special effects in the show were _____. I really enjoyed it.

(1) boring

(2) fantastic

(3) fun

(4) uninteresting

B. Grammar

Choose the correct answer and write its number in the box provided.

(10 x 1 mark = 10 marks)

16. These projects on this table are very good. _____ over there on the wall are not as good.

(1) This

(2) That

(3) These

(4) Those

17. Mr Tan is as sly as a fox. He tricked some old woman into _____ with their money to buy fake gem stones.

(1) buying

(2) giving

(3) parting

(4) selling

18. Rachel, who is short-sighted, has to sit _____ the class. If she sits too far away from the board, she cannot see the words written on the board.

(1) along

(2) at the back

(3) beside

(4) in front of

19. When May Ling was walking _____ the road yesterday, she met her old classmate.

(1) along

(2) behind

(3) between

(4) in front of

20. "Don't _____ with fire," warned the stern policeman.

- (1) play
- (2) plays

- (3) played
- (4) playing

21. My father _____ watching television in the evening. He particularly likes the Chinese programmes.

- (1) enjoy
- (2) enjoys

- (3) enjoyed
- (4) enjoying

22. They _____ that the school library was closed for renovation so they went to National Library instead.

- (1) know
- (2) knows

- (3) knew
- (4) known

23. Sean told his mother that he _____ a nightmare the night before.

- (1) has
- (2) have

- (3) had
- (4) having

24. Did you _____ to the funfair with your friends or your parents?

- (1) go
- (2) goes

- (3) went
- (4) gone

25. I _____ asleep in the cinema because the movie was very boring.

- (1) fall
- (2) fell

- (3) fallen
- (4) falling

C. Comprehension (5 x 2marks)

Read the passage below and answer the question 26 to 30 that follow. Choose the correct answer and write it in the box provided.

Long ago, there was a hunter who lived in the forest with his two sons. When he became too old, he could no longer hunt with his sons. He would sit under a tree while waiting for them to return from their hunt.

One day, when the two brothers were out looking for food, they came across a water hole. They knew it was a sacred waterhole because their father had told them about it when they were little. When they told their father what they had found, he warned them not to go near it again.

The next day, the two brothers went out hunting again. The younger brother, being curious, decided to return to the waterhole. When he reached the waterhole, he jumped in and swam to the other side. When he got out of the water, something strange happened. White feathers began growing all over his body. Soon his mouth changed into a beak. He had become a white cockatoo!

Immediately, he flew back home. When he tried to speak to his father, his voice changed. He could only make a strange cry. His father heard him. When he saw the white cockatoo flying above him, he knew that his son had disobeyed him.

26. The hunter could no longer go hunting with his sons because _____.

- (1) of his old age
- (2) he was tired of hunting
- (3) he wanted to sit under a tree to meditate
- (4) he preferred to wait for them to return from their hunt

27. The father warned his sons not to go near the waterhole because it was _____.

- (1) dry
- (2) sacred
- (3) polluted
- (4) very deep

28. Which one of the following has a similar meaning as “disobeyed” in the passage?
It is _____.

- (1) did not help
- (2) did not care
- (3) did not listen
- (4) did not change

29. The younger son returned to the waterhole because he _____.

- (1) wanted to drink some water
- (2) was curious about the waterhole
- (3) was told by his father to go there
- (4) liked the peace and quiet of the waterhole

30. The younger son could not speak to his father because he was _____.

- (1) too shocked to speak
- (2) flying above his father
- (3) ashamed of his disobedience
- (4) turned into a white cockatoo

D. Vocabulary (10 x 2marks)

For question 31 to 35, read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to J). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) ran	(E) shells	(I) marbles
(B) played	(F) sandcastle	(J) house
(C) beach	(G) park	
(D) mat	(H) umbrella	

The weather was hot. Dad drove us to the (31)_____. The sea was cold. Dad sat on the sand under our big (32)_____. It was a colourful one. James collected pretty (33)_____ along the beach. Mum swam in the cool water. I made a huge (34)_____ but unfortunately, my dog (35)_____ over it. It was clumsy. Nevertheless, I had a wonderful time that day.

For question 36 to 40, read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to J). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) catch	(E) cage	(I) push
(B) arrived	(F) key	(J) log
(C) tree	(G) lock	
(D) handle	(H) came	

Today I went to the zoo with my brother and sister. When we first (36)_____ I could see that the zookeeper was very worried. A monkey had escape from (37)_____ and was swinging from the branch of a (38)_____. A visitor, who was close to the monkey, picked up a loaf of bread and threw it at the monkey. While the monkey was busy eating, the keeper was able to (39)_____ it and put it back into the cage. He locked the cage quickly and put the (40)_____ in his pocket. It was an unforgettable incident.

E. Grammar (10 x 1marks)

For question 41 to 43, read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to D). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) braver (B) bravest (C) as brave as (D) brave

There once lived three brothers. They were all very (41)_____. They were very proud of their bravery and the youngest brother was the (42)_____ of them all. The elder brother was (43)_____ than the second brother. Everyone respected the three brothers and often came to them for help.

For question 44 to 46, read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to D). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) this (B) those (C) that (D) these

“Welcome back to school! (44)_____ will be the new classroom that you will be studying in. If you need any help, feel free to look for me. I will sit on (45)_____ seat near the whiteboard over there. (46)_____ boxes beside me are for the teachers’ use only. They must always be placed beside the teachers’ table,” Mrs Aminah said.

For question 46 to 50, read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to H). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY

(A) to	(B) across	(C) into	(D) away
(E) in	(F) beside	(G) from	(H) along

As I was walking to school one day, I saw an excited crowd standing by the river. Some of them were pointing (47)_____ something (48)_____ the river. A woman (49) _____ me told her friend that a boy had fallen (50)_____ the river. Luckily, a brave passer-by came to the boy's rescue and managed to bring him safely ashore.

F. Comprehension (5 x 2marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences.

One night Mr Lim, a poultry farmer, was awakened by his chickens. They were squawking and scrambling about in the chicken coop. Mr Lim thought to himself, "A thief! Someone must have come to steal my chickens!" He decided to catch the thief by himself.

Mr Lim wanted to catch the thief by surprise, so he decided to use the back door of the chicken coop. Mr Lim armed himself with a large stick. Before he left the house, he took a small torchlight with him. Then he walked in quietly. It was dark inside the chicken coop. Mr Lim shone his torchlight around. He saw feathers flying about and all the chickens were running around wildly. Mr Lim searched the whole chicken coop for the thief but he found no one. "Perhaps the thief has escaped", Mr Lim thought to himself. Mr Lim counted his chickens and wondered if he had lost many chickens. Suddenly, something long on the floor caught his eye. It was a long snake! The snake was heavy and sleepy after eating some chickens.

Mr Lim called for the police immediately. Soon the police arrived and two policemen used a net and a long pole to put the snake into a big sack. It was too full to put up a struggle!

51. What does Mr Lim do for a living?

52. How was Mr Lim awakened in the middle of the night?

53. What did Mr Lim use to protect himself?

54. Why do you think Mr Lim had to carry a torchlight?

55. Which sentence in the passage tells you that it was easy to catch the snake?
