

**Primary Three  
English Language  
Continual Assessment Two**

**Section A: Grammar (20 Marks)**

**I. Choose the most suitable answer to complete the blank. Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (5 x 1 Mark)**

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1. The bus which we took broke down \_\_\_\_\_ we were late for school.

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| (1) so   | (2) but   |
| (3) when | (4) until |

2. The girls \_\_\_\_\_ home before it started to rain.

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| (1) reach        | (2) reaches     |
| (3) have reached | (4) had reached |

3. He fractured his leg \_\_\_\_\_ he was playing football.

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| (1) so    | (2) while     |
| (3) after | (4) therefore |

4. Josie \_\_\_\_\_ the piano half an hour ago.

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| (1) is practising   | (2) was practising     |
| (3) were practising | (4) will be practising |

5. The thieves \_\_\_\_\_ before the police arrived.

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| (1) escape       | (2) escapes     |
| (3) have escaped | (4) had escaped |

**For questions 6 to 8, read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks with the words given in the box.**

**You may use each word only ONCE. (3 x 1 Mark)**

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draw	drawing	drew	drawn
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I love to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ planes. I began (7) \_\_\_\_\_ planes when my mother bought me my first plane. I have a collection of more than fifty drawings of planes. One of the planes I (8) \_\_\_\_\_ last year won first prize in an art competition.

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**For questions 9 to 11, read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. Start with a capital letter if the blank is at the beginning of the sentence.**

**You may use each word only ONCE. (3 x 1 Mark)**

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and	while	but	next	later
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May (9) \_\_\_\_\_ June were friends. One day, they decided to watch the movie, "Finding Nemo" together. May arrived at the cinema first and bought the tickets. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ waiting for June, she read her book. After 15 minutes, she became impatient and walked around the cinema to look for June. The movie was about to start (11) \_\_\_\_\_ June was not there yet. May telephoned June. She found out that June had overslept. May was disappointed and went into the cinema alone.

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**For questions 12 to 14, read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks with the words given in the box. Start with a capital letter if the blank is at the beginning of the sentence.**

**You may use each word only ONCE. (3 x 1 Mark)**

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When	So	Firstly	Then	Finally
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Uncle John, the hunter, wanted to catch the ferocious tiger in the jungle. He set a trap near the tiger's den. (12) \_\_\_\_\_, he dug a big hole in the ground. (13) \_\_\_\_\_ he covered the hole with some branches and leaves. He hung a piece of meat from a branch directly above the covered hole. He hid behind some bushes nearby and waited for the tiger. Uncle John waited for a long time. (14) \_\_\_\_\_, the tiger appeared. It pounced on the meat and fell into the trap.

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**For questions 15 to 17, read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks with the past tense of the verbs provided in the brackets.**

**You may use each word only ONCE. (3 x 1 Mark)**

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Last Sunday, I was awakened by a loud thunder clap. I looked out of my window and (15) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) gloomy dark clouds. I (16) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to my sister's room. I (17) \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) her that we should postpone our trip to the Botanic Gardens.

**For questions 18 to 20, rewrite the given sentences using the word provided. Your answer must be in one sentence. (3 x 1 Mark)**

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18. My cousin wanted to go to the Butterfly Park. The Butterfly Park was closed.

\_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_

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19. The hall was very noisy. The principal walked up the stage.

\_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_

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20. Grandmother had a toothache. She went to see a dentist.

\_\_\_\_\_ so \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section B: Vocabulary (20 Marks)**

**II. For questions 21 to 25. Choose the most suitable answer to complete the blank. Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (5 X 1 Mark)**

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21. The street lights are turned on at \_\_\_\_\_ when the sun sets.

- (1) dawn (2) noon  
(3) dusk (4) midnight

22. My grandmother bought twelve metres of cloth from the cloth \_\_\_\_\_ to make curtains for all the windows in my house.

- (1) peasant (2) merchant  
(3) buyer (4) heir

23. Mindy politely \_\_\_\_\_ her friend's offer of sweets because she was having a toothache.

- (1) took (2) denied  
(3) declined (4) accepted

24. The market stallholders caused a \_\_\_\_\_ when one of them saw a thief steal a watermelon.

- (1) commotion (2) confusion  
(3) commentary (4) celebration

25. Our school basketball team \_\_\_\_\_ the other team by 8 points to emerge the winner.

- (1) won (2) failed  
(3) lost (4) defeated

**For questions 26 to 28, read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks with the words given in the box.**

**You may use each word only ONCE. (3 x 1 Mark)**

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flit	slither	scurrying	gliding	hop	squirm
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Visiting the Fragile Forest in the Singapore Zoological Gardens is a wonderful experience. When you enter the Fragile Forest, you will be greeted by beautiful butterflies as they (26) \_\_\_\_\_ freely in the enclosure. On the ground, you will be able to see tortoises crawling towards the pond and ducks (27) \_\_\_\_\_ gracefully on the water. If you look carefully at the trees, you may see a chameleon (28) \_\_\_\_\_ across a branch.

**For questions 29 to 31, read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks with the words given in the box.**

**You may use each word only ONCE. (3 x 1 Mark)**

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cub	calf	goslings	fawn	colt	ducklings
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Mr. Lim, the zookeeper, looks after the baby animals in the zoo. Each morning, he goes to the lion enclosure to feed the lion (29) \_\_\_\_\_ first. Next, he walks over to the elephant enclosure to feed the elephant (30) \_\_\_\_\_. The he brings food over to the pond for the geese and their (31) \_\_\_\_\_. In the evening, he does the same routine again to feed the baby animals.

**For questions 32 to 34, read the passage carefully and fill in the blanks with the words given in the box.**

**You may use each word only ONCE. (3 x 1 Mark)**

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humming	lavish	rebellious	dancing	simple	filial
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Everyday after school, Adrian goes to the hawker centre to help his father at their food stall. He helps to take orders and wash the dishes. Although it is hard work, he enjoys the work and is always (32) \_\_\_\_\_ a happy tune.

At night, when Adrian's family returns home after closing the food stall, Adrian does his homework and studies. He helps his parents save money by not spending on (33) \_\_\_\_\_ items.

Adrian is indeed a (34) \_\_\_\_\_ son.

**For questions 35 to 40, read the passage carefully and use the clues given in the passage to fill in the blanks with suitable words. (6 x 1 Mark)**

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Mr. Tan is leading a team on a mountain climbing expedition. They are given a (35) \_\_\_\_\_ to guide them. The starting point is at the edge of the forest. First, the team has to walk through the (36) \_\_\_\_\_ until they come to a clearing. The team has to look for a cave where they will stop to (37) \_\_\_\_\_. After resting, they have to swim across a (38) \_\_\_\_\_. When the team reaches the other side, they have to pitch their (39) \_\_\_\_\_. The next day, they will climb up the mountain. Mr. Tan will plant a flag at the (40) \_\_\_\_\_ once the team has reached the mountain top.

**Section C: Comprehension (10 Marks)**

**Passage 1**

**Read the passage carefully. For questions 41 to 42, choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (2 X 2 Marks)**

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41. What gift does DOG PARADISE offer when you buy a puppy?

- (1) A leash
- (2) Pure breed puppies
- (3) Vaccination papers
- (4) Another puppy of your choice

42. Jack Russells, Pomeranians and Shih Tzus are \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) breeds of dogs
- (2) types of dog food
- (3) names of puppies
- (4) types of vaccinations



## Passage 2

Read the passage carefully. For questions 43 to 45, answer the questions in the space provided. (3 x 2 Marks)

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A long time ago, tigers had thick yellow fur. All the animals in the jungle feared them. One day, a tiger came to a farm and saw a buffalo helping a farmer plough his land. The tiger looked at the buffalo and wondered, "Why is the large buffalo bullied by such a tiny man?"

When the farmer went for lunch, the tiger confronted the buffalo, "You are a strong animal. Why do you allow yourself to be bullied by that farmer?"

The buffalo answered, "Although I'm stronger than the farmer, I do not have his intelligence. That is why I do not resist him."

The tiger growled in anger and said, "Intelligence? What is that? Does he have more of it than me, the King of the Jungle?"

The buffalo cowered a little and stammered, "Well.....I.....I..... can't explain what intelligence is. Why don't you ask the farmer?"

When the farmer came back, the furious tiger let out a loud roar and demanded to see the farmer's intelligence. The farmer trembled with fear and replied, "Err.....I left my intelligence at home. Wait here and I'll go get it. First let me tie you to this tree so that you cannot eat my buffalo."

The tiger agreed. The farmer used a strong rope and tied the tiger to a tree trunk. The farmer soon returned with some firewood. The puzzled tiger asked, "What are you doing?"

"Err.....It's getting cold. I am making a fire to keep you warm," lied the

farmer. The gullible tiger thought the farmer was being very considerate.

The farmer lit the firewood and a huge fire began to burn! The tiger was badly burnt for it could not break free from the rope. The farmer stood aside and shouted to the tiger, "Hah! Didn't you want to see my intelligence? This is my intelligence! The tiger finally broke free and fled the scene.

From then on, the tiger had black stripes all over its body as a result of the farmer's fire. Since then, tigers have been afraid of fire.

*Adapted from Amazing Asian Folktales, translated by Geraldine Chay*

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43. What was the buffalo doing on the farm?

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44. Why did the tiger think the farmer was being considerate?

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45. How did the tiger get its stripes?

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