

**Primary Three
English Language
Continual Assessment Two**

Questions 1 to 5 carry one mark each.

For each question, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4) and write it in the space provided.

1. Lisa _____ herself so that nobody would know that she was a spy.

- (1) covered
- (2) masked
- (3) disguised
- (4) camouflaged

2. The latest missiles can be fixed with _____ accuracy. They never miss their targets.

- (1) strict
- (2) mighty
- (3) incredible
- (4) interesting

3. He is _____ person. He will ensure that the work will be done.

- (1) a just
- (2) a gullible
- (3) an honest
- (4) a dependable

4. "I am very busy. Just give me the important points. You do not need to _____," the manager said.

- (1) explain
- (2) expand
- (3) elaborate
- (4) exaggerate

5. Mrs. Tan went to the room under the roof of a house often used for storing things to look for an old album.

- (1) vault
- (2) attic
- (3) porch
- (4) garage

Questions 6-20 carry 1 mark each

Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Write its number in the brackets provided.

6. The ball crashed through the window _____ Peter was just about to catch it.

- (1) as
- (2) for
- (3) but
- (4) then

7. The boy was punished _____ he pushed somebody down the stairs.

- (1) if
- (2) so that
- (3) because
- (4) although

8. Minah did not _____ her book to school yesterday and was punished by her teacher.

- (1) bring
- (2) brings
- (3) brought
- (4) bringing

9. Jane managed to find her way out of the forest after she _____ her compass.

- (1) lost
- (2) lose
- (3) loses
- (4) had lost

10. I hope that the parcel _____ as soon as possible.

- (1) arrives
- (2) arrived
- (3) is arriving
- (4) had arrived

11. I think Albert has a chance _____ winning the race.

- (1) on
- (2) at
- (3) of
- (4) with

12. "Look! Can you see _____ column of black smoke in the sky?" Sam asked.

- (1) this
- (2) that
- (3) those
- (4) these

13. In the past, fifty dollars to a poor man _____ a lot of money.

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

14. The girl _____ brother is studying in my class is a top student.

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

15. Nobody _____ where Chu Beng was hiding.

- (1) knew
- (2) know
- (3) knows
- (4) had known

16. Most of the children _____ collecting stamps. It is their favourite hobby.

- (1) love
- (2) loves
- (3) loved
- (4) will love

17. The Wong family spent so much that _____ of their wealth remained.

- (1) few
- (2) less
- (3) little
- (4) least

18. "To _____ a healthy lunch with less salt is a good idea," June said.

- (1) chose
- (2) choose
- (3) chooses
- (4) has chosen

19. Listen! _____ music from America's top band is on the radio.

- (1) A
- (2) An
- (3) The
- (4) Some

20. Previously, not all the soldiers _____ able to complete the marathon.

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

Questions 21 to 23 carry 1 mark each
Fill in each blank with the correct form of the word given.

21. "Good! It was an _____ (imagine) idea," Mr. Lim commented.

22. We look forward to the finals of the soccer match _____. (excite)

23. The tired soldiers walked back home _____ (weary) after the war.

Questions 24 to 25 carry 1 mark each

Write the following sentences in Indirect speech on the lines provided.

24. John always says, "I'm tired."

25. Mrs. Wu answered, "My son is sleeping now."

There are 5 blanks, numbered 26 to 30, in the passage below. From the list of words given, choose the most suitable word for each blank. Write its letter (A to J) in the blank. (5 x 1 mark)

EACH WORD CAN ONLY BE USED ONCE

(A) disappeared	(B) cloud	(C) released	(D) gust
(E) granted	(F) money	(G) initial	(H) appeared
(I) cash	(J) final		

When Ian rubbed the magic lamp that he had found in the monsoon drain, a genie appeared and (26)_____ him three wishes. After much consideration, he decided to ask the genie for a big house and six thousand dollars in (27)_____. In no time, the two things that he requested for (28)_____ before his eyes. However, he could not think of another wish to make.

As he was about to make the (29)_____ wish, the genie said, "I'm sorry my friend, but you have taken too much of my time. I have to go for a meeting now!" Then, in a (30)_____ of smoke, the genie disappeared.

Fill in each blank with a suitable word (5x 1 mark)

Last Wednesday, at about five-thirty in the evening, Michael and his friends gathered at a nearby field for a (31)_____ of soccer.

(32)_____ the game, Michael fell down and hurt himself just as he was about to take a shot at goal. Luckily, his good friend Alan was there to help him (33)_____. Then, he took him (34)_____. When they (35)_____ Michael's house, his mother applied some ointment on his wound. Michael and his mother thanked Alan for his help.

Read the passage below and answer questions 31 to 35.

There are many misconceptions about owls. Stories have been passed down for generations about these birds. Many people believe that owls can turn their heads completely around. This is not true, but it may appear that way.

Owls are able to turn their heads three quarters of the way around very quickly. Owls have necks that are very flexible and are able to move their heads in all directions. People also believe that owls are blind during the day. They can see perfectly well in daylight but see exceptionally well at night. Their excellent eyesight at night is used for hunting food.

Owls have the best hearing of all birds. Their ears are located on the sides of their heads and are hidden by feathers. The “ear-tufts” at the top of an owl’s head have nothing to do with how the owl hears but are meant for other purposes. All owls are predators. They catch, kill, and eat other animals to survive. Owls seize small animals such as mice and kill them with their powerful feet. Some small animals are swallowed whole. Other animals must be torn apart by the owl’s strong, hooked beak.

Most owls are nocturnal and hunt for food at night. They use their excellent eyesight for this purpose. Owls are able to sneak up on their prey because their lightweight bodies, wide wings and unusually soft, fluffy feathers allow them to fly silently.

Questions 36-40 carry 1 marks each

Choose the correct answer for each of the following questions. Write its number in the brackets provided

36. The first sentence in the passage tells us that _____.

- (1) the owl is a very special bird
- (2) there are many different types of owls
- (3) there are many untrue stories about owls
- (4) owls are considered as birds by many people

37. "Ear-tufts" that can be found on owls _____.

- (1) are basically useless to them
- (2) are made invisible by their feathers
- (3) does not contribute to their hearing
- (4) help them to hunt for food at night

38. Owls can hunt well at night because _____.

- (1) they can see very well
- (2) they can hear better at night
- (3) they have powerful feet that kill preys instantly
- (4) their heads can turn away easily to spot preys

39. Owls are considered to be "nocturnal" because they _____.

- (1) have lightweight bodies
- (2) use their sense of sight only in the night
- (3) are not able to see well during the day
- (4) are most active at night

40. Which of the following statements is **not** true about owls?

- (1) Owls are 'animal-eating' birds.
- (2) Owls are able to completely rotate their head.
- (3) Owls can kill their small preys using feet
- (4) Owls possess a sharp sense of sight.

Read the passage carefully and answer questions 41 to 45 (10 marks)

Rama was born in 1995 in a small fishing village. The other villagers often purchased harness and other leather goods made by Rama's father. He often used sharp tools to cut and punch holes in the leather.

One of the tools that he used to make holes was a sharp awl. While playing with one of his father's awls, Rama's hand slipped and he accidentally poked one of his eyes. At first, the injury did not seem serious. However, the wound soon became infected. The first few days after becoming blind were very hard.

As the days went by, he learned to adapt and lead an otherwise normal life. He went to school with all his friends and did well in his studies. He was both intelligent and creative. He was not going to let his disability slow him down one bit.

As he grew older, he realized that the small school he attended did not have the resources he needed. He heard of a school designed for blind students. Rama did not think twice about going there. He packed his bags and went off to find himself a good education.

When he arrived at the special school for the blind, he enquired whether there were books in Braille for blind people to read. To his delight, Rama found out that the school not only had books for the blind but there were audiotapes as well. That made him the happiest boy in the world.

ALL ANSWERS MUST BE IN COMPLETE SENTENCES

41. How did Rama's father earn a living?

42. How did Rama become blind?

43. Why did Rama decide to go to a special school for the blind?

44. "..... small school he attended did not have the resources he needed." What were the resources?

45. Which word in the passage tells you that Rama was willing to change so that he could deal with his blindness successfully?

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