

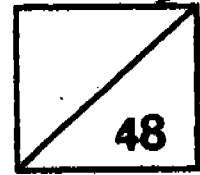


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ROSYTH SCHOOL
SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 1, 2005
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2
PRIMARY 3

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Instructions to Pupils:

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar /Vocabulary	28	
Comprehension (MCQ)	10	
Comprehension (OE)	10	
Total	48	

* This paper consists of 9 pages altogether.

Section A: Vocabulary (14 marks)

For questions 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)

1. David's favourite pastime is _____. He goes to the pool often.
- (1) fishing (2) surfing
(3) bathing (4) swimming
2. Helen watches _____ films to improve her general knowledge.
- (1) action (2) horror
(3) romantic (4) documentary ()
3. The scouts are taught how to use a compass so that they will know their _____ and avoid being lost when trekking.
- (1) lane (2) road
(3) passage (4) direction ()
4. Our Science teacher, Mrs. Lim, is bringing us to the _____ to view some ancient exhibits.
- (1) museum (2) seminar
(3) art gallery (4) eco-garden ()
5. With so many places of _____ in Singapore, tourists will have a fun and enjoyable holiday.
- (1) attention (2) attraction
(3) appreciation (4) information ()

6. Some folk dances in Brunei are _____ during festivals.

(1) displayed

(2) celebrated

(3) performed

(4) conducted

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For questions 7 to 14, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to K) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion. **USE A WORD ONLY ONCE.**
(8 X 1 mark)

(A) seriously

(B) competitive

(C) provided

(D) main

(E) rented

(F) introduced

(G) several

(H) weekend

(J) suddenly

(K) form

In some countries such as China, cycling is the (7) _____ mode of transportation. In Singapore, cycling is more popularly treated as a (8) _____ of recreation. Singaporeans love to go cycling in the parks. For this reason, cycling tracks have been (9) _____ at the East Coast Park. They are certainly put to good use, for on any given (10) _____ you can see hundreds of Singaporeans happily riding their (11) _____ bicycles along the tracks.

Cycling, besides being a mode of transportation, is also a branch of sports, taken very (12) _____ by many sportsmen. Cycling was (13) _____ as an Olympics event in the first modern Olympic Games in 1896. However, even before that, (14) _____ cycling had taken on several forms such as time trial and pursuit race.

Section B: Grammar (14 marks)

For questions 15 to 20, choose the most suitable answer and write the number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)

15. Could you please _____ me a cup of tea?

- (1) make (2) made
(3) makes (4) making ()

16. She _____ when I called her.

- (1) sleeps (2) is sleeping
(3) slept (4) was sleeping ()

17. My brother always _____ up very late on Sundays.

- (1) wake (2) woke
(3) wakes (4) waking ()

18. Jane will improve _____ she puts in more effort in her work.

- (1) if (2) and
(3) but (4) although ()

19. My brother can swim as fast as _____.

- (1) I (2) me
(3) mine (4) myself ()

20. Every guest _____ given a door gift when they entered the restaurant.

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

For questions 21 to 24, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 X 1 mark)

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| (A) hide | (B) hiding | (C) hides |
| (D) hid | (E) being hidden | (F) will be hiding |

The children are playing (21) _____-and-seeK at the nearby playground. Carol (22) _____ behind a big, tall tree while the rest of them go into some huge tunnels nearby.

The other time when they played the same game, Carol (23) _____ behind a bench and was caught. The bench was too small to be used as a (24) _____ place. She hopes that no one can catch her today.

For questions 25 to 28, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank. **USE A WORD ONCE ONLY.** (4 X 1 mark)

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| (A) they | (B) he | (C) she |
| (D) wa | (E) I | (F) me |

Jack and Jane were blowing some balloons for the Easter Party. Their mother was preparing some food. (25) _____ asked them to invite my brother, John and (26) _____ to the party. We wondered what we could bring to the party. John suggested that (27) _____ could make some fruit salad and he volunteered to buy the fruits.

Jack and Jane were excited and (28) _____ could not wait for evening to come.

Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)

For questions 29 to 33, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with a suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)

My neighbour, Mrs Lim, has an unusual hobby. She likes to (29) _____ empty containers and cans. She used to store them in her kitchen cabinets but recently she has run out of (30) _____. So she has to stack them in a corner of her garden.

Several weeks later, her family members started complaining about getting (31) _____ bites. One day, her son saw the containers and cans in the garden. He told his mother that mosquitoes (32) _____ to breed in still water, just like those in the containers.

After hearing what her son said, Mrs Lim (33) _____ threw all her precious containers away.

Section D: Comprehension (MCQ)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable option and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the brackets provided. (5x 1 mark)

My mother loves gardening. Although we live in a 5-room HDB flat, she has been creative enough to transform our balcony into a mini garden filled with lots of greenery and attractive colours. This has certainly brightened up our whole living room. The guests to our home will definitely not miss it. She has planted yellow and peach roses, orange freesia, money plant, purple orchids and some ferns. The purple orchids are one of her favourites.

Despite working as a full-time beauty consultant and doing the household chores, my mother still manages to find time for gardening. Her love for gardening started since she was a child. She used to dig and play around in her grandparents' garden. They lived in a big bungalow then. My grandmother taught her the skill of gardening. My father is also very supportive of her hobby. He often buys her books on gardening and plants. He helps to water and weed the plants every evening. When he sees that the plants have out-grown the pots, he will buy her bigger pots.

"Seeing the seedling grow into young plants and later, bloom into flowers is like watching your children grow and that gives me lots of satisfaction," she said, beaming proudly at her mini garden. As for me, I enjoy watching my mother tend to her plants although I do not have green fingers like hers!

34. The word "This" in line 3 of the passage refers to _____.

- (1) the balcony
- (2) the living room
- (3) the mini garden
- (4) her grandparents' garden ()

35. The author's mother works as a _____.

- (1) florist
- (2) gardener
- (3) beauty consultant
- (4) full-time housewife ()

36. The author's mother has _____ types of rose plants in her mini garden.

- (1) two
- (2) three
- (3) four
- (4) five ()

37. The author's mother picked up her gardening skill from _____.

- (1) her father
- (2) her mother
- (3) her guests
- (4) her husband ()

38. The author does not do the gardening but she enjoys _____.

- (1) having green fingers
- (2) seeing the seedling grows
- (3) watching the children grow
- (4) watching her mother tending to the plants. ()

Section E: Comprehension (Open-ended)

Read the following passage carefully. Then write the answers for questions 39 to 43 in the blanks provided. (5 x 2 marks)

There was once a boatman who earned his living by transporting passengers from one side of the riverbank to the other. One day, while he was resting, a trader came and asked, "How much do you charge for a trip?"

"Eight coins each way," answered the boatman.

The trader claimed that it was too costly. He told the boatman that he would only pay him six coins. The boatman did not say anything and began to row his boat towards the opposite bank. When he was about to reach the other side, he stopped and said, " You may get down here."

Upon hearing this, the trader raised his voice at the boatman. "What! You expect me to get off here, right in the middle of the river?"

The boatman smiled and replied politely. "Sorry sir, six coins will only take you here while eight coins will take you to the riverbank."

"Well then, take me back to where we came from," instructed the trader. He thought the boatman would think that it would be troublesome to send him back and would just send him to the other side.

The boatman just followed as instructed. When they arrived, the boatman asked for twelve coins. The trader then realised that the boatman was really serious about the fare.

He said, "I'm sorry. I will pay you for all the trips you've made. Please send me to the other side." The boatman began to row towards the opposite riverbank.

39. How did the boatman earn his living?

40. What does the word "it" in line 5 of the passage refer to?

41. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as the word 'expensive'?

42. How did the trader feel when the boatman asked him to get down in the middle of the river?

43. Why did the trader think that the boatman would find it troublesome to row him back to the starting point?

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- 15) 1
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- 18) 1
- 19) 1
- 20) 2
- 21) A
- 22) C
- 23) D
- 24) B
- 25) C
- 26) F
- 27) D
- 28) A
- 29) keep
- 30) space
- 31) mosquito
- 32) like
- 33) sadly
- 34) 3
- 35) 3
- 36) 1
- 37) 2
- 38) 4
- 39) He earned a living by transporting passengers from one side of the Riverbank to the other.
- 40) It refers to the fare.
- 41) The word is "costly".
- 42) He felt angry when the boatman asked him to get down in the river.
- 43) The distance to row back was longer than the distance to send him to the other side.