

**Primary Three
English Language
Semestral Assessment One**

Section A: Vocabulary

For each question from 1 to 10, four options are given. One of them is correct. Choose the correct answer and write your answer in the boxes provided. (10 x 1 mark)

1. The scouts are taught how to use a compass so that they will know their _____ and avoid being lost when trekking.

- (1) direction (2) lane
(3) passage (4) road

2. Helen and her group of friends enjoy singing _____ which is without the accompaniment of music.

- (1) acapella (2) choir
(3) duet (4) solo

3. Although the film was packed with special effects and well-known actors, the audience found it _____ as it lacked a good story-line.

- (1) dull (2) interesting
(3) moving (4) scary

4. An outdoor activity such as _____ is enjoyed by many people.

- (1) chess
- (3) reading

- (2) kite-flying
- (4) snake and ladder

5. "Are you sure it is Kramjit who started the quarrel? He is as peaceful as a _____. I'm sure you've made a mistake!" said Uncle Armajit.

- (1) chicken
- (3) pigeon

- (2) dove
- (4) turkey

6. Mr. Lim is taking his family to the _____ to pick some chikus and mangoes.

- (1) barn
- (3) nursery

- (2) estate
- (4) orchard

7. Every afternoon, the Primary Three pupils _____ in the hall for their silent reading.

- (1) assemble
- (3) crowd

- (2) collect
- (4) wait

8. The impact of the accident was so great that it caused the windscreen of the car to _____.

- (1) bend
(2) shatter
(3) split
(4) tear

9. I need to _____ some money from you as I have left my wallet at home. I will return the money tomorrow.

- (1) beg
(2) borrow
(3) lend
(4) steal

10. Yingyi _____ to Lihua so that others could not hear what she was saying.

- (1) groaned
(2) moaned
(3) smiled
(4) whispered

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 11 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write your answer in the boxes provided. (5 x 1 marks)

11. When the police arrived at the scene of the accident, the two men _____ angrily.

- (1) quarrel
(2) quarrels
(3) are quarrelling
(4) were quarrelling

12. Everybody in the class has passed the mid-year examinations and they _____ going out to celebrate now.

- (1) is
- (3) was

- (2) are
- (4) were

13. I cannot accompany you to go shopping as I still have _____ work to do.

- (1) a few
- (3) any

- (2) little
- (4) some

14. While the dragon was resting in the castle, the brave prince managed to _____ the princess.

- (1) rescue
- (3) rescued

- (2) rescues
- (4) rescuing

15. The poor kittens are shivering _____ the cold. Please put them in a dry and warm place with a bowl of milk.

- (1) at
- (3) in

- (2) by
- (4) on

Section C: Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer the questions 16 to 20 that follow.
Choose the correct answer and write your answer in the boxes provided.
(5 x 2 marks)

Last weekend, the Lim family was at the Sungei Buloh Nature in Kranji. Armed with binoculars, Mr. and Mrs. Lim and their children observed some rare birds at an observation site. Singapore's first nature park is an important stopover for many species of migratory birds such as sandpipers, egrets and herons. These birds come from faraway countries like Japan and China once a year to flee from the harsh winter. The park also serves as a permanent home to kingfishers, quails, woodpeckers and weavers.

The children were excited as they had never been in such **close proximity** with so many birds.

"Look, Mummy, those herons are taking off! They look so magnificent!" said Sandy, the elder of their young twins. Mrs. Lim was extremely pleased with her daughter's interest in nature.

"I wish to thank the authorities for providing such wonderful facilities," she told the park officials later.

"With this nature park, Singaporeans can better enjoy our natural heritage and learn to enjoy nature," beamed Susie. Her father nodded in agreement.

"Such a shame that your sister Andrea has to stay at home to study for her Primary Six examination," said Mr. Lim, deep in thoughts.

“Let us get a souvenir for her!” chorused the two children excitedly. Their parents looked at each other and laughed at their twins’ behaviour.

16. The Lim family consists of _____.

- (1) Mr. and Mrs. Lim
- (2) Mr. and Mrs. Lim, the young twins
- (3) Mr. and Mrs. Lim, Sandy and Susie
- (4) Mr. and Mrs. Lim, Andrea, Sandy and Susie

17. According to the passage, birds like herons migrate to Singapore _____.

- (1) to look for water
- (2) to raise their young
- (3) to find a colder place
- (4) to escape the cold winter

18. The words ‘close proximity’ mean _____.

- (1) very near
- (2) very cosy
- (3) very peaceful
- (4) very beautiful

19. Mrs. Lim was grateful to the authorities because _____.

- (1) they gave the Lim family free tickets to the park.
- (2) they introduced the Lim family to the park officials.
- (3) they brought in birds from different parts of the world.
- (4) they preserved a park to allow Singaporeans to enjoy nature.

20. The Lims were _____ with their visit to the nature park.

- (1) upset
- (2) unhappy
- (3) delighted
- (4) disappointed

Section D: Vocabulary

Read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to J). For 21 to 25, write the letter for the correct word in each blank. Use a word once only. (5 x 1 mark)

(A) dinner	(B) expand	(C) shape	(D) shape
(E) peel	(F) breakfast	(G) remove	(H) contract
(I) Bake	(J) size		

Baked Apple

A different way to enjoy your apple is to stuff it with brown sugar and raisins and then bake it until soft. Baked apple makes an excellent (21) _____ dish to start the day.

Ingredients:

Baking apples, brown sugar and raisins.

Instructions:

Step 1. Clean and (22) _____ the cores of the apples with a coring tool. Lightly cut the skin around the middle of each apple to keep them from exploding as they (23) _____ in the oven.

Step 2. Place the apples into a baking dish and fill each hole with brown sugar and then cover with raisins. It is perfectly fine if the raisins spill over into the dish. In fact, you might like to have some extra. Add about 50 ml of water into the bottom of the dish.

Step 3. (24) _____ the apples uncovered in a 350 to 375-degree oven until done; about 30 to 45 minutes depending on the apple type and (25) _____. The apples are done if they feel soft when a fork is poked into them.

Step 4. Serve immediately or cool them and serve later.

Section E: Grammar

Read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to D). For 26 to 28, write the letter for the correct word in each blank. Use a word once only.

(10 x 1 mark)

(A) less pretty	(B) prettiest	(C) pretty	(D) prettier
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Last year in my class, there was a proud little girl, named Pei Ling. Pei Ling would go to everyone and say, “I’m the (26)_____ girl in the school. Even sweet Siti isn’t as (27)_____ as me. Although Sue-Ann claims that she is (28)_____ than me, I really doubt it! Her looks can’t be compared to mine!”

Many of her classmates ignored her and soon she felt lonely.

Read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to F). For 29 to 32, write the letter for the correct word in each blank. Use a word once only.

(A) up	(B) into	(C) at
(D) through	(E) in	(F) with

A dog was carrying a piece of meat in its mouth. The dog wanted to eat it (29)_____ peace at home. On its way it had to cross a bridge. Below was a stream. As it was crossing, it looked down and saw its own reflection in the water. Thinking it was another dog with another piece of meat, it made (30)_____ its mind to have that too. So it made a snap (31)_____ the reflection in the water, but as it opened its mouth the piece of meat fell out. The

meat dropped (32) _____ the water and was lost. The dog was disappointed with itself.

Read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to D). For 33 to 35, write the letter for the correct word in each blank. Use a word once only.

(A) up	(B) into	(C) at
(D) through	(E) in	(F) with

Osman walked cautiously into the living room. He thought he had heard (33)_____ and went to investigate. He looked around but saw (34)_____.

“Is there anybody here?” he cried out.

Everything was still. As he moved slowly into the centre of the living room, suddenly, he heard a shattering pop.

“Surprise! Happy birthday, Osman!” shouted (35)_____ who came out of their hiding places.

Section F: Comprehension

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

Max remained faithful to his owner for many years. He did his job well and was often rewarded by his owner. But when Max began to age, he grew weaker and was not as useful as before. Max began to sleep more, instead of eagerly sniffing into corners and barking ferociously at strangers who came near the iron gate.

Max's behaviour irritated his owner. One day, his owner took Max out for a walk. However, he left him in a quiet lonely lane far from his home. Max, unsure of the way back to his kennel, wandered everywhere until he found a place. It was a sheltered dumping ground. For many days, Max hid himself there, feeding only on tiny scraps of food that people threw away. Sometimes, children came to tease him. They threw stones at him. However, Max was too weak to bark or growl at them.

One day, Max was lying down, hoping sleep would help to overcome his increasing hunger when the two gentle hands began stroking him. "Oh, you poor thing! I'll take you home right away," said a gentle and loving voice.

And that was how Max came to live with old Mrs. Rajoo, a childless widow who lived all alone by herself. In his new home, Max's only job was to lie by the old lady every evening and keep her company. Once in a while, they would take a stroll to the beach and watch the sun set together. That was how **they** spent the rest of their days, living happily together.

36. What did Max like to do in his younger days?

37. Where did Max hide after his owner left him?

38. Use one word to describe Mrs. Rajoo's character in this story?

39. What did the word '**they**' in the last paragraph refer to?

40. Which sentence in the passage tells us that Max did not do anything to defend himself from the children?
