

**Primary Three  
English Language  
Semestral Assessment One**

**Section A: Grammar**

For each question from 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the boxes provided. (6 x 1 mark)

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1. Jill and Patricia are sisters. \_\_\_\_\_ are very pretty.

(1) We

(2) You

(3) She

(4) They

2. When the ice \_\_\_\_\_, it becomes water.

(1) melt

(2) melts

(3) will melt

(4) is melting

3. Ali \_\_\_\_\_ in the pool once a week.

(1) swim

(2) swims

(3) will swim

(4) is swimming

4. He worked \_\_\_\_\_ than anyone else during Job Week.

(1) hard

(2) harder

(3) hardly

(4) hardest

5. Harry and I were walking \_\_\_\_\_ the road when we saw a red car speeding towards us.

- (1) along (2) beside  
(3) are walking (4) between

6. As we \_\_\_\_\_ down the street, we saw a pair of Siamese cats.

- (1) walk (2) had walked  
(3) are walking (4) were walking

**For questions 7 to 9, fill in the blanks with the given words. Start with a capital if the blank is in the beginning of a sentence. You may use the word only ONCE. (3 x 1 mark)**

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Laiming, Hamid and Gopal spent the afternoon in the park. While they were walking, Hamid stepped on something. He looked down and found a purse. (7)\_\_\_\_\_ picked up the purse and opened (8)\_\_\_\_\_. The purse contained fifty dollars, a credit card and a student pass. The three boys walked around the park, looking for the owner of the purse. Unfortunately, (9)\_\_\_\_\_ could not find anyone who looked like the boy in the photograph on the student pass. Finally the three boys decided to hand the purse over to the police.

**For questions 10 to 12, fill in the blanks with the given words. You may use the word only ONCE. (3 x 1 mark)**

Lazy	lazier	laziest
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Tom is a (10)\_\_\_\_\_ boy. He does not complete his homework and needs constant reminders from his teacher. However, Tom's classmate, Terry is worse. He is (11)\_\_\_\_\_ than Tom. He often does not do his homework. However, no one in class is comparable to Thomas. Thomas is the (12)\_\_\_\_\_ boy in class. He never does his homework at all. Sometimes he does not even come to school when he wakes up late!

**For questions 13 to 16, fill in the blanks with the past tense of the verb in the brackets. (4 x 1 mark)**

Liling invited her American friend, Amy, for dinner at her house last night. Liling's father cooked a delicious spread of Chinese dishes. There (13)\_\_\_\_\_(be) stir-fried beef, sweet and sour chicken, pork spareribs, dumplings and steamed rice. The food was nutritious and (14)\_\_\_\_\_(season) with herbs, spices and sauces.

Amy was a little nervous about eating with chopsticks. Liling (15)\_\_\_\_\_(teach) Amy how to hold and pick up food with the chopsticks. Amy managed to pick up a piece of chicken. Suddenly, her fingers slipped and the chicken (16)\_\_\_\_\_(fly) into Liling's soup with a splash. Everyone smiled. Liling then handed

Amy a fork and a knife. Amy was relieved and continued to eat her dinner happily.

**For question 17 to 20, complete the given sentences by changing the direct speech to indirect speech. (4 x 1 mark)**

17. The man said, "The train is late."

The man said

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18. "I like this dress," Anne told Kamal.

Anne told Kamal

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19. Mina said, "I want to go to the bookshop today."

Mina said

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20. My sister often asks, "Am I petty?"

My sister often asks

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

**For questions 21 to 30, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the boxes provided. (10 x 1 mark)**

21. My teacher is very \_\_\_\_\_. He scolds us when we do something wrong and does not allow us to talk in class.

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| (1) strict  | (2) calm    |
| (3) relaxed | (4) lenient |

22. The documentary is so \_\_\_\_\_. I fell asleep while watching it.

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| (1) funny    | (2) boring    |
| (3) exciting | (4) thrilling |

23. Scrabble is a word-building game played on a board using \_\_\_\_\_ marked with letters.

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| (1) sticks | (2) tokens |
| (3) tiles  | (4) cards  |

24. All pupils must line up in an \_\_\_\_\_ manner when they buy their food during recess.

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| (1) orderly    | (2) ordinary   |
| (3) obediently | (4) officially |

25. Peter is part of a/an \_\_\_\_\_ group. His singing group performs without background music.

- (1) solo
- (3) choir

- (2) duet
- (4) acapella

26. Angela \_\_\_\_\_ her sister into the room to look at the kittens.

- (1) flagged
- (3) beckoned

- (2) pointed
- (4) signaled

27. We looked at the \_\_\_\_\_ to see what was available in the cafe.

- (1) menu
- (3) recipe

- (2) list
- (4) receipt

28. Wayang Kulit is an Indonesian storytelling \_\_\_\_\_ using shadow puppets.

- (1) occasion
- (3) competition

- (2) function
- (4) tradition

29. That homeless man has not eaten for two days. He is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) as blind as a bat
- (3) as hungry as a wolf

- (2) as strong as an ox
- (4) as timid as a mouse

30. John chased the snatch thief who stole the old lady's handbag and caught him. He was \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) as sly as a fox

(2) as wise as an owl

(3) as brave as a lion

(4) as silly as a sheep

**For question 31 to 35, fill in the blanks with the words given in the box (5 x 1 mark)**

narrow	gossip	dismayed	reliable	secrets
broad	whisper	Impressed	respectful	convesations

Hassan is our class monitor. He is responsible and (31)\_\_\_\_\_. Miss Sim, our teacher can always trust him to run errands for her.

Hassan is also a good friend. He does not (32)\_\_\_\_\_ unlike James who talks behind others' backs. We can even share our (33)\_\_\_\_\_ with him as he will not tell them to anyone else.

Anyone who meets him will be (34)\_\_\_\_\_ with his good manners. He is very polite and always has a (35)\_\_\_\_\_ smile on his face.

**For question 36 to 40, fill in the blanks with suitable words  
(5 x 1 mark)**

I had a great day yesterday. In the morning, my parents brought me to the (36)\_\_\_\_\_ to borrow some books. Then we went to a Thai (37)\_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate my sister's birthday. The food there was delicious, especially its spicy 'tom yam' soup.

After lunch, my father bought movie tickets for an evening show. In the meantime, we went shopping. My mother bought a beautiful glass (38)\_\_\_\_\_ to add to her collection on her display shelves at home.

At 5pm, we walked to the (39)\_\_\_\_\_ to watch the movie, 'Dracula'. The movie was too scary for me. I closed my eyes most of the time and held on tightly to my sister's hand.

When we returned home, I had a surprise waiting for me. It was a (40)\_\_\_\_\_ from my pen pal, Jimmy, in Australia. Although I was exhausted, I wrote a reply letter telling him about my eventful day.



**Section C : Comprehension (15 marks)**

**Read the following passage. For questions 41 to 45, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (5 x 1 mark)**

**Passage 1**

**Let the journey of fun and adventure begin at the**



Here are some of our **ADVENTURE RIDES**

Wet & Wild**	Asia's highest water ride
Night Rider**	Singapore's first high speed "coaster-in-the-dark".
Soaring Hawk**	Soar through the skies like a real pilot on our cool fighter planes.
Family Express	A fun-filled rain ride for the whole family
Daytona Go-Kart**	Race around our world's highest multi storey Formula 1 racetrack
Bumper Boats	Have a splash bumping other boats.

**\*\* Not suitable for people with heart problems, pregnant women and infants.**

**The "Fun Hours"**

5.00pm to 10.30pm (Weekdays)

10.00am to 10.30pm (Weekends, School Holidays & Public Holidays)

**How To Get There Fast!**

By MRT : Just a 5-minutes walk from the Pasir Ris MRT station.

By Bus : SBS 354

41. Which of the following is described as a high speed roller coaster ride?

- (1) Night Rider
- (2) Wet & Wild
- (3) Family Express
- (4) Daytona Go-Kart

42. Which adventure ride is considered suitable for all in the family?

- (1) Night Rider
- (2) Daytona Go-Kart
- (3) Soaring Hawk
- (4) Family Express

43. The 'Night Rider' is not suitable for

- (1) people afraid of the dark
- (2) pregnant women and infants
- (3) people who have heart problems
- (4) all of above

44. The term 'Fun Hours' refers to

- (1) the fun at the amusement park
- (2) the rides at the amusement park
- (3) the closing hours at the amusement park
- (4) the opening hours at the amusement park

45. Where is the Escape Fun Park located?

- (1) Near Pasir Ris Park
- (2) Near Pasir Ris MRT station
- (3) Near Pasir Ris beach
- (4) Near Pasir Ris resort

**Read the following passage and answer the questions 46 to 50 in the space provided. (5 x 2 marks)**

**Passage 2**

Dear Jason,

My mother told me that you are coming to Singapore for a month's vacation in December. I can't wait to show you the many exciting places here. We can go to the zoo, the bird park or spend a day at Sentosa.

Our Singapore Zoological Gardens is one of the best zoos in the world. We can even have breakfast with Ah Meng, an orang utan. The Jurong Bird Park has many species of birds. My favourite is the Golden Eagle.

Have you seen a shark up close? Have you touched a live starfish? We can do all these when we visit the Underwater World in Sentosa. **Sentosa is just a stone's throw away from Singapore.** It only takes ten minutes to get there by ferry. Besides the ferry, we can also get to Sentosa by cable car or by bus. What's your pick?

I can't wait to see you and invite you to join me on the grand tour of Singapore!

See you soon!

Your cousin,  
Liming

46. What is the relationship between Jason and Liming?

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47. Which are the places Liming intends to show Jason when he comes to Singapore?

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48. What can Liming and Jason do at the 'Underwater World' in Sentosa?

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49. How can Liming and Jason get to Sentosa?

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50. What does '**Sentosa is just a stone's throw away from Singapore**' mean?

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