

SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
 FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2006
 PRIMARY 3
 ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Total	70

A) For each question from 1 to 19, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 and 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (19 marks)

1. Capsicums, tomatoes and lettuce can be bought from Mr Lim, the _____
 (1) butcher (3) greengrocer
 (2) fishmonger (4) vendor

2. During a visit to a pig farm in Malaysia, I could hear the pigs in the pen _____ loudly.
 (1) growling (3) squeaking
 (2) squawking (4) squealing

3. The moon takes 24 hours to _____ round the earth.
 (1) move (3) spin
 (2) rotate (4) turn

4. Owls and bats are _____ animals as they are awake at night and asleep in the day.
 (1) dangerous (3) natural
 (2) endangered (4) nocturnal

5. Mr. Ong likes to eavesdrop on other people's conversation. He is such a _____ man.
- (1) amiable (3) nosy
(2) comical (4) powerful
6. Diane was feeling _____ the whole week because her pet cat had died.
- (1) disgusted (3) miserable
(2) embarrassed (4) thankful
7. During assembly, the teacher told us to walk _____ back to class because the corridors were wet.
- (1) bravely (3) merrily
(2) carefully (4) quickly
8. The lion roared _____ when it saw the hunter.
- (1) ferociously (3) softly
(2) playfully (4) vulnerably
9. Mother is angry with us and has decided that she _____ not allow us to go to the outing because we had disobeyed her.
- (1) may (3) should
(2) might (4) would
10. _____ dogs are known to be man's best friend, Huimin is afraid of them.
- (1) Although (3) But
(2) Because (4) Since
11. Jake took some medicine _____ he was feeling ill.
- (1) after (3) before
(2) because (4) if

12. "I don't want to walk! Please _____ me !" cried the toddler.
- (1) carry (3) carries
(2) carried (4) carrying
13. Mr. Tan _____ the walls of his new home a bright red yesterday morning.
- (1) paint (3) painting
(2) painted (4) paints
14. Janice was afraid to be scolded by her aunt for breaking her vase so she hid _____ the curtains.
- (1) around (3) below
(2) behind (4) under
15. In the weight lifting competition, all the participants weighed over 100 kg but Christopher was the _____ among them.
- (1) heavy (3) heaviest
(2) heavier (4) very heavy
16. My teacher told Pamela to do the assignment _____ and not let her tutor do it for her.
- (1) herself (3) itself
(2) himself (4) yourself
17. The billionaire has _____ ten-thousand dollar bills in a safe in his home.
- (1) many (3) much
(2) most (4) some
18. Penguins can be found in Antarctica. They _____ wings but they cannot fly.
- (1) had (3) have
(2) has (4) having

19. The boys _____ a note to their friend who is sitting in the corner of the room.

(1) are writing

(2) is writing

(3) write

(4) writing

B) Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in each of the boxes (10 marks)

I found the umbrela and the sweater in the closet in the living room.

20.

Outside the rain was so cold and the wind seemed like it had gone mad,

21.

My room door suddenly slammed behind me, jolting me out off my senses.

22.

I have to get to the train station before noon. The bad wether was no excuse

23.

24.

to remain indoors. Feeling confedient that I could endure the cold, I dashed

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out of my home to the bus stop, When I was on board the bus, I realized

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that I had left my sweater behind. I huged my body close to me to keep my

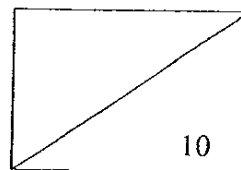
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body warm. Lucky for me, a kind woman offered me her woolen jacket.

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29.

I thanked her profusely for her kindness.



C) Rewrite the sentences below using the words provided. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given one. (8 marks)

30-31. The fisherman was smiling broadly. He caught a big fish.

_____ because

32-33. The necklace was expensive. She bought a dozen pieces.

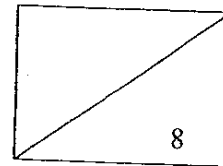
Although _____

34-35. Greg likes chocolate ice-cream. John likes chocolate ice-cream.

Both Greg and _____

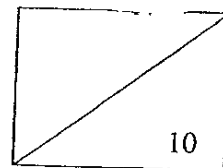
36-37. Terry is usually punctual for class. He was late yesterday morning.

_____ but



D) Read the passage below. Fill in each blank with a suitable word.

A forty-year old woman not only foiled a 38) _____ attempt but also managed to 39) _____ the robber. Mrs Ong was 40) _____ from the market when she noticed a suspicious man lurking 41) _____ the lift of her HDB flat. The robber attacked an elderly woman and grabbed her diamond necklace and handbag. Immediately, Mrs Ong gave 42) _____ to the robber and 43) _____ loudly for help. The robber 44) _____ over a stone and Mrs Ong grabbed him. A policeman on bicycle was on his 45) _____ back to the police post when he 46) _____ Mrs Ong's cries for help. He quickly 47) _____ to the scene and the robber was arrested.



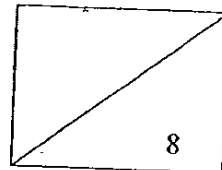
E) For passage 1 and 2, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets. (8 marks)

Passage 1

Chinese cuisine (48) _____ (be) one of the most popular ^{cuisines} around the world. Chinese cooking is both easy and inexpensive to prepare. It (49) _____ (appeal) to the health conscious for it (50) _____ (use) more vegetable than meat. On top of that the cooking is easy to master. Popular dishes (51) _____ (include) sweet and sour fish, sharks fin soup and Hainanese chicken rice.

Passage 2

Heidi (52) _____ (love) her motorcycle. She rides to work every morning and parks her motorcycle at the parking lot near her office. Riding on the road can be dangerous so she (53) _____ (be) always extra careful. She obediently follows traffic rules and (54) _____ (do) not travel at a high speed. On some weekends, Heidi and her sister would (55) _____ (travel) up to Malaysia on their motorcycle.



F) Comprehension (MCQ)

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (5 marks)

Once upon a time there was a good old woman who lived in a little house. She had in her garden a bed of beautiful striped tulips.

One night, while she was asleep, she was awakened by the sounds of sweet singing and of babies laughing. She looked out of the window. The sounds seemed to come from the tulip bed, but she could see nothing.

The next morning she walked among her flowers, but there were no signs of any one having been there the night before.

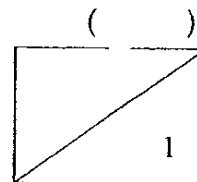
On the following night she was again awakened by sweet singing and babies laughing. She rose and strolled quietly through her garden. The moon was shining brightly on the tulip bed, and the flowers were swaying to and fro. The old woman looked closely and she saw, standing by each tulip, a little fairy mother who was crooning and rocking the flower like a cradle. In each tulip-cup lay a little Fairy baby laughing and playing.

The good old woman smiled and returned to her house. From that day on, she never picked a tulip nor did she allow her neighbors to touch the flowers.

Source: <http://storypalace.ourfamily.com/child030.html>

56. The old woman heard the sound of babies laughing between

- _____
- (1) 2.00pm to 4.00pm
 - (2) 4.00pm to 6.00pm
 - (3) 10.00am to noon
 - (4) 10.00pm to midnight



57. The old woman was _____ so she decided to check where the sound was coming from.

- (1) afraid
- (2) angry
- (3) curious
- (4) sad

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58. In the tulip, the old woman saw a fairy _____.

- (1) baby
- (2) mother
- (3) baby and a fairy mother
- (4) baby, fairy mother and a cradle

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59. The word in the passage that has the same meaning as 'walking slowly' is _____.

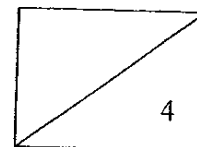
- (1) crooning
- (2) rocking
- (3) strolling
- (4) swaying

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60. The old woman returned to her house because she _____.

- (1) was too sleepy
- (2) wanted to alert her neighbours
- (3) wanted to check on the fairies
- (4) did not want to disturb the fairies

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F) Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answer in complete sentences. (10 marks)

Ever since childhood, King Ludwig was fascinated with buildings and by the age of eight, he had a sketchbook filled with drawings of castles. When he was eighteen he was able to fulfill his dream. King Ludwig chose a high, rocky site for his new castle, which is today known as Neuschwanstein (New Swan Stone).

At first, the King had simply wanted to rebuild the castle that had once stood there but the more he worked on the plans, the bigger his castle became. When building works finally began, it had developed into one of the largest and loveliest castles in Germany.

It was, however, never completed, as building works stopped after King Ludwig's untimely death at just forty-one. Only the main rooms were furnished during his lifetime.

Since the king's death, millions of visitors from all around the world have visited the castle.

(Adapted from the book 'The King and his Castle' by Prestel)

Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences.

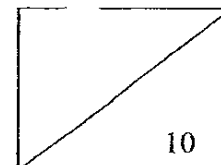
61-62) Which country would you visit to see New Swan Stone Castle?

63-64) How old was the King when building works for the castle began?

65-66) Why was the castle never completed?

67-68) Which word in the passage tells you that the King's death was sudden?

69-70) How do we know that the castle has become a popular tourist attraction?



Answer Sheets
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| 1) 3 | 2) 4 | 3) 2 | 4) 4 | 5) 3 |
| 6) 3 | 7) 2 | 8) 1 | 9) 4 | 10) 1 |
| 11) 2 | 12) 1 | 13) 2 | 14) 2 | 15) 3 |
| 16) 1 | 17) 1 | 18) 3 | 19) 1 | |
| 20) umbrella | 21) . | 22) of | 23) had | 24) weather |
| 25) confident | 26) . | 27) hugged | 28) Luckily | 29) , |
| 38) robbery | 39) catch | 40) returning | 41) near | |
| 42) chase | 43) screamed | 44) tripped | 45) way | |
| 46) heard | 47) rushed | 48) is | 49) appeals | |
| 50) uses | 51) include | 52) loves | 53) is | |
| 54) does | 55) travel | 56) 4 | 57) 3 | |
| 58) 1 | 59) 3 | 60) 4 | | |

- Q30-31. The fisherman was smiling broadly because he caught a big fish.
Q32-33. Although the necklace was expensive, she bought a dozen pieces.
Q34-35. Both Greg and John like chocolate ice-cream.
Q36-37. Terry is usually punctual for class but he was late yesterday morning.
- Q61-62. I would go to Germany to see New Swan Stone Castle.
Q63-64. The King was eighteen years old.
Q65-66. The castle was never completed because the King had died.
Q67-68. The word is "untimely".
Q69-70. Millions of people have visited the Castle.