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SINGAPORE CHINESE GIRLS' SCHOOL
FIRST SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT (2005)
PRIMARY 3
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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A) Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2, 3, or 4) in the brackets provided. (15 marks)

1. The banquet manager was teaching his staff the proper ways of arranging the _____ on the dining table.

- (1) crockery
- (2) cutlery

- (3) glassware
- (4) utensils

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2. The woman was sentenced to imprisonment as she was found guilty of harbouring an/a _____ immigrant by the judge.

- (1) lawful
- (2) legible

- (3) illegal
- (4) illegitimate

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3. The bride and bridegroom were married in a _____ as they were both devout Hindus.

- (1) church
- (2) mosque

- (3) temple
- (4) synagogue

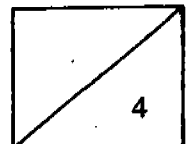
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4. While watching soccer, Sam and Jeremy _____ the striker for scoring a goal.

- (1) applauded
- (2) chased

- (3) rewarded
- (4) shouted

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5. The hotel by the lake was _____ a castle.

- (1) basically (3) formerly
(2) exclusively (4) usually

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6. Mary is stubborn. She _____ obey the doctor's orders and stay in bed instead of playing in the park.

- (1) could (3) should
(2) might (4) would

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7. Sue and Fred were once very happy children _____ their happiness was shortlived. Their parents died in a plane accident two years ago.

- (1) because (3) if
(2) but (4) since

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8. _____ the plane was delayed, the passengers had to wait patiently at the airport.

- (1) Although (3) But
(2) Before (4) Since

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9. "Get out of here!" screamed the angry woman as she _____ the door.

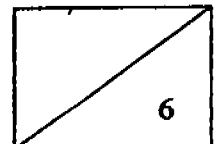
- (1) slam (3) slamming
(2) slammed (4) slams

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10. "Someone _____ our bags by mistake!" cried the children.

- (1) take (3) has taken
(2) takes (4) have taken

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11. The workmen _____ their faces with towels as it was a hot day.

- (1) wipe (3) wipes
(2) wiped (4) wiping

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12. Franna woke her mother up as she was afraid of the sound of thunder
_____ the middle of the night.

- ~~(1) at~~ (3) on
~~(2) in~~ ~~(4) under~~

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13. The watermelon is _____ than the honeymelon.

- ~~(1) sweet~~ (3) sweetest
~~(2) sweeter~~ (4) very sweet

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14. Susan bought that doll _____ with the money given to her by Mrs
Devi.

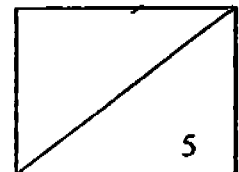
- ~~(1) herself~~ (3) myself
(2) himself (4) yourself

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15. Not _____ children are fond of the colour black.

- ~~(1) any~~ ~~(3) much~~
(2) many ~~(4) some~~

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B) Read the following passage. The ○ shows the position of the missing punctuation.

Fill in the missing punctuation in the boxes provided.

One afternoon Jake visited his aunt in the nursing home ○

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It turned out that she was taking a nap, so he just sat down in a chair in her room ○

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flipped through a few magazines, and munched on some peanuts sitting in a bowl on the

table. Eventually, his aunt woke up, and her nephew realized he had absentmindedly

finished the entire bowl.

"I ○ am so sorry, Aunt Jane, I've eaten all of your peanuts ○"

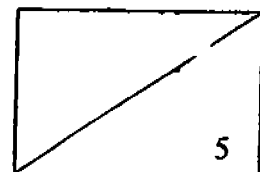
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"That's okay, dearie, ○ Aunt Jane replied, "After I've licked the chocolate off, I don't

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care for them anyway."

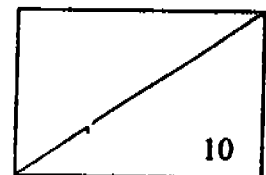


C) Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the box to fill in the blanks in the passage. Use each word ONCE ONLY. (10 marks)

problems	attention	unhappy	one
world	sisters	family	someone
younger	two	brothers	sibling

In a house with more than (21) _____ child, there are bound to be some (22) _____ Brothers and (23) _____ borrow stuff, and do not always return it in tip-top condition. (24) _____ children sometimes feel that the older children get to do whatever they want. Older brothers and sisters think that the youngest in the (25) _____ gets more (26) _____. These are typical problems found throughout the ages, everywhere in the (27) _____.

When brothers and sisters do not get along, it is called (28) _____ rivalry. It is normal, but too much competition can make for an (29) _____ home life. If the situation gets out of control and you and your brother or sister start fighting a lot, you may need to talk to (30) _____



For passage 1, choose the most suitable word from the box to fill in the blanks.
Use each word ONCE ONLY. (5 marks)

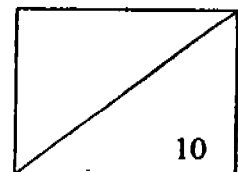
Passage 1

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Ben hates cats (31) _____ he loves dogs. He loves nothing more than taking his dog, Crumbs (32) _____ a walk. When he returns home (33) _____ school, Crumbs is always the first (34) _____ greet him, with bright eyes (35) _____ a big red tongue. They go everywhere together. He is more than a dog. He is a special friend.

For passage 2, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets. (5 marks)

There is a unique mix of retail shops in 'Chics Singapore' offering shoppers a diverse cultural (36) _____ (shop) experience. 'Chics Singapore' was set up in 2003 and it now (37) _____ (feature) a wide variety of fashion and household goods. All the shops have been (38) _____ '(decorate) with different themes. Most of their previous customers were mainly women. Today, even men (39) _____ (be) seen to be shopping there. Most shops (40) _____ (operate) between 11.00am to 8.00pm daily.



E) Comprehension (MCQ)

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

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Children who eat breakfast regularly do better in tests.

Some children skip breakfast because they sleep too late or because they think it is a way to stay thin. But skipping breakfast does not help people maintain a healthy diet. In fact, someone who skips breakfast tends to eat more calories throughout the day.

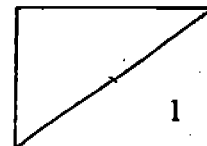
Many people think eating breakfast means having a big meal with eggs and bacon, but that is not true! There are all sorts of things you can eat for breakfast, such as cereal, a piece of toast or even some fruit. Breakfast is a great way to get servings from the five food groups. For example, a bagel with applesauce and a glass of milk covers three different food groups: Grains, fruits and dairy.

Breakfast is also a great time to sit down with your family and talk. You can find out what is going on with your parents' day, as well as talk about your own day. Even if it is only for a few minutes, it is a nice way to start the morning.

41. To maintain a healthy diet, one should _____.

- (1) skip breakfast
- (2) eat eggs and bacon
- (3) eat more during the day
- (4) eat servings of the different food groups

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42. Children skip breakfast because they _____.

- (1) sleep early
- (2) fear getting fat
- (3) believe that it is unhealthy
- (4) have nothing suitable to eat

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43. What is a misunderstanding that most people have towards breakfast?

- (1) Breakfast is a difficult meal to prepare.
- (2) A person needs to have a heavy breakfast.
- (3) A person can only have bacon and eggs for breakfast.
- (4) Breakfast is a great way to get all the servings of the five food groups.

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44. The writer recommends that children can have _____ for breakfast.

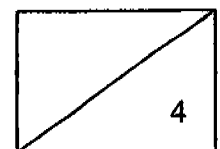
- (1) fruit and toast
- (2) cereal and ice-cream
- (3) bacon and french fries
- (4) cold pizza and fried chicken

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45. One advantage of having breakfast is that _____.

- (1) it is a good diet plan
- (2) you will not get hungry easily
- (3) it encourages communication within the family
- (4) it provides you with all the servings of the five food groups

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

The land of Crestalia was divided into two kingdoms. There was Lower Crestalia, which no one knew or cared much about and there was Upper Crestalia, home to King Adolph, Queen Frida, and their only child, Prince Ralph.

The King cared little for ruling the land. He left that to the Queen whose main interest was her jewellery collection. She loved every kind of precious gem – except one.

“Opals! Yuck! I can’t bear them,” she said. “A gypsy once told me that an opal would change my life. I like my life the way it is, thank you.”

So the Queen continued thinking about gems. The more the Queen thought about gems, the more she wanted to own them all. Then one day while she was admiring a ruby, Prince Ralph entered his mother’s bedchamber.

“Mother, there is something on my mind,” he said.

“What is it?” she asked.

She was very fond of her son as long as he did not disturb her gem collection.

“I want to get married,” he declared.

The Queen paled. She thought about how much a royal wedding would cost. And, before that, the Prince might even want to have one of her gems, perhaps a diamond, for an engagement ring.

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

46-47) Where did the royalty live?

48-49) What was the Queen's main interest?

50-51) What were the Queen's views about opals?

51-52) Why did Prince Ralph enter his mother's bedchamber?

53-54) Why did the Queen look pale?

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- 46-47) They lived in Upper Crestalia.
- 48-49) The Queen's main interest was collecting precious gems.
- 50-51) She hated them. She did not like them.
- 51-52) Prince Ralph entered his mother's bedroom because he wanted to get married.
- 53-54) She was afraid about the cost of the wedding and that the Prince might want one of her gems.

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