

MAHA BODHI SCHOOL  
2004 SEMESTRAL ASSESSMENT 2  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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**Section A: Grammar (8 × 1 mark)**

For each of the following, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

- Dark clouds covered the sky \_\_\_\_\_ it did not rain.  
(1) because (2) but  
(3) and (4) so
- The beast \_\_\_\_\_ towards the group of women when it saw them.  
(1) charge (2) charges  
(3) charged (4) charging
- \_\_\_\_\_ bag is this ?  
(1) Whose (2) Who  
(3) Whom (4) Which
- Marc had to \_\_\_\_\_ the glass of the window so that he could escape.  
(1) break (2) breaks  
(3) broke (4) broken
- Nobody in class knew \_\_\_\_\_ to solve the word problem.  
1) why 2) how  
3) which 4) who

6. John \_\_\_\_\_ having dinner with his mother just now.

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

7. Gina has been playing the piano \_\_\_\_\_ she was three years old.

- (1) until (2) since  
(3) while (4) although

8. The baby is crying. Can you feed him \_\_\_\_\_ milk, please?

- (1) any (2) few  
(3) some (4) much

### Section B: Vocabulary (5 X 1 mark)

For each of the following, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

9. Alex was \_\_\_\_\_ with embarrassment when he realised that he did not zip his pants.

- (1) squabbling (2) squawking  
(3) squirming (4) squeezing

10. Be careful not to spill your coffee. This carpet \_\_\_\_\_ easily.

- (1) colours (2) paints  
(3) stains (4) darkens

11. While walking in the forest, the girls were attacked by a \_\_\_\_\_ of bees.

- (1) team (2) swarm  
(3) collection (4) shoal

12. Daddy went to the travel agency and came home with some travel \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) programmes (2) letters  
(3) brochures (4) e-mails

13. Television and radio programmes for the day are listed in the \_\_\_\_\_ news section of the newspaper.

(1) fashion

(2) entertainment

(3) international

(4) sports

**Section C: Comprehension - MCQ (5 x 2 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.**

Christine felt as if she was in an oven when she woke up. She looked at the clock and realised that it was only midnight. She touched her forehead. It was terribly warm.

Christine decided to go to the kitchen to get a drink. She got up from her bed and tried to stand. As her feet touched the floor, she quickly lay down again. She felt as if the whole room was spinning. She wanted to call out to her mother as she knew she was very sick. She had to see a doctor immediately. However, no sound came out from her mouth. Suddenly, she had an idea. She pushed a pile of books which was on the table beside her onto the floor. Within seconds, her mother dashed into the room.

"I heard a noise! Are you alright, Christine?" she asked anxiously.

Then she saw her daughter's pale face. Immediately she knew that Christine was sick. She rushed her to the hospital. The doctor who examined Christine said that her fever was dangerously high. She was then given an injection and had to be hospitalised for further observation.

14. Why did Christine feel as if she was in an oven when she woke up?

- (1) She had a fever.
- (2) Her room was very warm.
- (3) The oven was not turned off.
- (4) She realised it was only midnight.

15. The sentence "She felt as if the whole room was spinning." tells us that Christine felt \_\_\_\_\_ when she got out of bed.

- (1) warm
- (2) giddy
- (3) scared
- (4) unhappy

16. Christine wanted to call out to her mother because she needed \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) a drink
- (2) some food
- (3) to see a doctor
- (4) her mother to pick up her books

17. Christine's mother entered Christine's bedroom because she \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) saw Christine's pale face
- (2) heard Christine calling her
- (3) was worried for Christine's health
- (4) heard a loud noise from Christine's bedroom

18. In the end, Christine \_\_\_\_\_ the hospital.

(1) did not go to

(2) had to stay in

(3) was not treated in

(4) went home immediately after going to

**Section D:**

**Grammar Cloze Passage 1: (4 X 1 mark)**

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the boxes. Use each word once only.

for	to	towards	down
over	up	off	under

It was Children's Day. Ali and his family set (19) \_\_\_\_\_ for a picnic at the East Coast Park.

When they reached there, Ali's mother laid a mat (20) \_\_\_\_\_ a tree. They settled (21) \_\_\_\_\_ and started to eat the food that they had brought along.

Just then, dark clouds covered the sky and it looked like it was going to rain. They quickly packed (22) \_\_\_\_\_ and got ready to leave. Ali was very disappointed!

**Grammar Cloze Passage 2: (4 X 1 mark)**

**Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the boxes. Use each word once only.**

swim	swims	swam
swum	swimming	swimmer

John is a very good swimmer. He has been (23) \_\_\_\_\_ since he was five years old. John loves to (24) \_\_\_\_\_ at the swimming complex near his home at least twice a week. He usually (25) \_\_\_\_\_ twenty laps before taking a rest.

When John participated in the Annual School Swimming Competition last year, he (26) \_\_\_\_\_ so well that he was the fastest swimmer. He broke the school's record! He was honoured.

**Section E: Vocabulary Cloze Passage : (5 X 1 mark)**

**Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the boxes. Use each word once only.**

contact	party	carol	shock
decorations	ideas	present	surprise

It was Christmas again and the Lim family was busy preparing for it. Helen and Fred were putting up (27) \_\_\_\_\_ on the Christmas tree. Mr Lim was stringing up the coloured lights and Mrs Lim was preparing food for the Christmas (28) \_\_\_\_\_. Suddenly, the doorbell rang.

"Who could it be at this time?" asked Mr Lim.

Helen went to open the door and she got a pleasant (29) \_\_\_\_\_. It was Mr and Mrs Yeo, whom she had not met for years. Mrs Lim rushed up to hug them. Since the Yeo family emigrated five years ago, they had lost (30) \_\_\_\_\_ with each other. To Mrs Lim, seeing Mr and Mrs Yeo was the best Christmas (31) \_\_\_\_\_ she could ever have. Everyone had an enjoyable time.

Section F: Editing For Spelling / Punctuation: (5 X 1 mark)

Each of the circles has a wrong or missing punctuation mark.  
Each of the underlined words contains a spelling error.  
Write the correct punctuation mark or spelling in the boxes.

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December finally arrived! The Yeo family took a flite to Singapore to

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visit their friends. After checking in at the hotell and having a quick meal,

they were all ready to have fun.

(34)

"What are we going to do today?" asked Mrs Yeo.

(35)

Mr Yeo said  "Let's go to the beach!"

Mrs Yeo agreed and they spent their day sun bathing and swimming.



**Section G: Comprehension (5 x 2 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

One of the most useful Man's inventions is the alarm clock. Without it, many students will miss an early paper in an examination. A young man working for the first time may arrive late. Many young students late for school have said that their bus is late, or their alarm clock is not working. Without it some bridegrooms may fail to arrive at their wedding in time. He would then have to face an angry bride.

Yet there are some who hate the alarm clock. It insists on waking them up when they prefer to go on sleeping. Some even sleepily turn off the alarm and go back to sleep.

As the old-fashioned alarm clock rings loudly and startles some people out of their sleep, a new type of electric alarm clock has been invented which goes 'beep, beep, beep'. For the light sleepers, it is a blessing. For those who 'sleep like a log', the electric alarm clock is useless. For them, the old-type alarm clock with a loud bell is much better.

36) In what way can the alarm clock help a student in his examination?

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37) What would happen if the bridegroom was late for his wedding?

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38) Give one excuse a student may give if he is late for school.

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39) Which phrase in the passage means you are not late for an appointment?

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40) What kind of alarm clock suits people who can wake up at the slightest noise?

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~The End~



*Please remember to check your work thoroughly.*



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|-------|-----------------|---|
| 1) 2  | 19) off         | 36) It can make him up to be on time for his examination. |
| 2) 3  | 20) under       |   |
| 3) 1  | 21) down        | 37) He would have to face the angry bride.                |
| 4) 1  | 22) up          |   |
| 5) 2  | 23) swimming    | 38) His excuse is that his bus is late.                   |
| 6) 3  | 24) swim        | 39) The phrase is "in time".                              |
| 7) 2  | 25) swims       | 40) It is the electric alarm clock.                       |
| 8) 3  | 26) swam        |   |
| 9) 3  | 27) decorations |   |
| 10) 3 | 28) party       |   |
| 11) 2 | 29) surprise    |   |
| 12) 3 | 30) contact     |   |
| 13) 2 | 31) present     |   |
| 14) 1 | 32) flight      |   |
| 15) 2 | 33) hotel       |   |
| 16) 3 | 34) "           |   |
| 17) 4 | 35) ,           |   |
| 18) 2 |                 |   |