

**Primary Three  
English Language  
Semestral Assessment Two**

**Section A: Grammar (14 marks)**

**For item 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the box provided. (6 x 1 mark)**

1. Everyday, Jack jogs in the park \_\_\_\_\_ his dog.

(1) on

(2) and

(3) with

(4) against

2. To make good cakes, you must \_\_\_\_\_ the eggs until they become light and fluffy.

(1) beat

(2) beats

(3) beaten

(4) beating

3. The little boy \_\_\_\_\_ his milk when his mother came home.

(1) drinks

(2) is drinking

(3) drank

(4) was drinking

4. They will go for picnic \_\_\_\_\_ the weather is fine.

(1) if

(2) as

(3) until

(4) because

5. Alice \_\_\_\_\_ to apologise to her neighbour for her mischief.

(1) must

(2) could

(3) should

(4) ought

6. Rani \_\_\_\_\_ her birthday at MacDonalds' yesterday.

(1) celebrates

(2) celebrated

(3) has celebrated

(4) was celebrating

**For items 7-10, fill in the blanks with the given words, You may use the work only ONCE. (4 x 1 mark)**

and

until

if

but

because

while

Linda and Annie are very excited. Their uncle will arrive from Malaysia tomorrow. The girls look forward to his visit (7)\_\_\_\_\_ they have not seen him for a long time. They are in a hurry to finish cleaning their home (8)\_\_\_\_\_ getting the guestroom ready. They hope to make the guestroom as clean and cosy as possible so that their uncle will be comfortable (9)\_\_\_\_\_ staying with them. However, there is so much housework to do (10)\_\_\_\_\_ no time to complete them in one day. Both Linda and Annie plan to continue cleaning their house the next day.

**For Items 11 to 14, fill in the blanks with the past tense of the verb in the brackets provided. (4 x 1 mark)**

An orang utan (11)\_\_\_\_\_(go) to a small café and ordered a chocolate milkshake. The waitress was a little surprised that he orang utan could speak but she still (12)\_\_\_\_\_ (bring) it the milkshake. When the orang utan has finished its milkshake, it handed the waitress a fifty-dollar note. The waitress (13)\_\_\_\_\_ (think) that the orang utan would not know anything about money, so she (14)\_\_\_\_\_ (give) it only five dollars change.

“Thanks for coming,” she said, “We don’t get many orang utan here.”

“I’m not surprised,” replied the orang utan, “ at forty five dollars for a milk shake!”

**Section B: VOCABULARY (14 marks)**

**For item 15 to 20, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the box provided. (6 x 1 mark)**

15. The boys changed into suitable shoes and clothes before going to their \_\_\_\_\_ in the forest

(1) hike

(2) ride

(3) cruise

(4) flight

16. My family and I will spend our December \_\_\_\_\_ in Australia.

( 1) pastime

(2) leisure

(3) vacation

(4) semester

17. The injured man was \_\_\_\_\_ when the ambulance arrived.

(1) unable

(2) unafraid

(3) unwanted

(4) unconscious

18. The children were stung by a \_\_\_\_\_ of bees during their expedition.

(1) pack

(2) flock

(3) swarm

(4) school

19. Alex is the top student in our school but he remains \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) loyal

(2) humble

(3) patient

(4) arrogant

20. The agile monkey \_\_\_\_\_ from tree to tree when we visited the zoo.

(1) gliding

(2) flitting

(3) hanging

(4) swinging

**For item 21 to 28, fill in the blanks with the given words. You may use the word only once. (8 x 1 mark)**

disappeared

greeted

menu

patiently

brochure

Possible

want

ordered

restaurant

recipe

Sean was a waiter in a small town. One day, a woman came into the (21) \_\_\_\_\_ where he worked. Sean (22) \_\_\_\_\_ her and brought her the (23) \_\_\_\_\_. The woman (24) \_\_\_\_\_ some roast chicken with salad.

After Sean had taken her order, he (25) \_\_\_\_\_ into the kitchen.

“Wait a moment, waiter,” called the woman. “Please have it cooked just right and with as little fats as (26) \_\_\_\_\_.”

“Very well, madam,” answered Sean (27) \_\_\_\_\_. “I’ll tell the cook.”

Once more, he headed towards the kitchen but the woman stopped him again. “I forgot to tell you that I only (28) \_\_\_\_\_ the leg of the chicken.”

“Very well, Madam,” answered Sean.” Do you want the left leg, or the right?”

**Section C : Comprehension (20 marks)**

**Read the diary entry carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

Dear Diary,

It's me, Mark , again. Let me tell you what happened to my brother Ben, last Monday. He had celebrated his birthday the day before so he decided to bring his birthday present- an new basketball to school.

I was waiting for the school bus with him when he began to get restless. he started to bounce the ball. All of a sudden, the ball rolled onto the road. Before, I could stop Ben, he had dashed out to the road to retrieve his ball. I was *shocked!*

Just then, I noticed an oncoming car heading towards him. Everything happened so fast, I had no time to think; I stood there and screamed. At that moment, Ben looked up and realise he was in danger, but he was too stunned to move.

The driver of the car honked furiously at him. Just as I thought the car was going to hit my brother, it swerved violently away form him. It mounted a curb before screeching to a stop. It missed my beloved brother by a few centimeters!

The driver got out of the car and gave Ben a good scolding before driving off. Ben learnt precious lessons that day. As for me, I was glad my brother was still alive and well.

**Choose the correct answer and write its number (1, 2,3, or 4) in the box provided. (5 x 2 marks)**

29. Ben celebrated his birthday on \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) Saturday
- 2) Sunday
- 3) Monday
- 4) Tuesday

30. Why did Ben bounce the ball?

- 1) He wanted to practice bouncing ball.
- 2) He was getting impatient waiting for the bus
- 3) He could not wait to play the ball with his friends.
- 4) He wanted to show off how good he was with the ball.

31. Why was Mark “shocked’ in the second paragraph?

- 1) Ben ran after the ball
- 2) Ben bounced the ball
- 3) The ball rolled onto the road
- 4) Ben did not listen to instructions.

32. Why did the driver honk at Ben?

- 1) The driver wanted to show how angry he was
- 2) The driver wanted Ben to pick up the ball quickly.
- 3) The driver wanted Ben to get out of the way quickly
- 4) The driver wanted to stop the car and give Ben a good scolding.

33. What was the “precious lesson” Ben learnt that day?

- 1) Ben learnt to listen to his brother
- 2) Ben learnt to look after his basketball.
- 3) Ben learnt not to play outside the house.
- 4) Ben learnt not to be careless and impulsive.

### Comprehension (Open ended)

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Write your answers in completed sentences.

Except for one terrifying moment when the boy had poked his finger through the mousehole, a hungry young mouse named Ralph eagerly watched everything that went on in room 215. At first he was disappointed at the size of the boy who was to occupy the room. A little child, preferably two or even three children, would have been better. Little messy children were always considerate about leaving crumbs on the carpet. Oh well, at least these people did not have a dog. If there was one thing Ralph disliked, it was snooty dog.

Next Ralph felt hopeful. Medium sized boys could almost always be counted on to leave a sticky candy bar wrapper on the floor or a bag of peanuts on the bedside table, where Ralph could reach them by climbing up the telephone cord.

The third emotion Ralph felt was one of joy when the boy lay the apple core by the telephone. This was followed by despair when the mother dropped the core into the metal wastebasket. Ralph knew that ***anything at the bottom of metal wastebasket was lost to a mouse forever.***

Adapted from "the mouse and the Motorcycle' By Beverly Cleary.

**Answer the following questions. Write your answers in complete sentences. (5 x marks)**

34. Who was Ralph?

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35. Where did Ralph live?

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36. Why did Ralph prefer to have more children in the room?

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37. How could Ralph reach for the apple core on the bedside table?

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38. In the last paragraph of the passage, why did Ralph feel that *“anything at the bottom of a metal wastebasket was lost to a mouse forever”*?

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