

**Primary Three  
English Language  
Semestral Assessment Two**

**Section A: (15 x 1 mark)**

**Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the box provided.**

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1. Jill and Sharon \_\_\_\_\_ to the playground regularly.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) gone
- (4) are going

2. There were three marbles in the box. Each \_\_\_\_\_ of a different colour.

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

3. Since my brother and I had not eaten the whole day, \_\_\_\_\_ of us were very hungry.

- (1) all
- (2) both
- (3) most
- (4) some

4. What does Hanming normally \_\_\_\_\_ after the examinations?

- (1) do
- (2) did
- (3) does
- (4) is doing

5. The children had \_\_\_\_\_ to the canteen before they left school.

- (1) go
- (2) goes
- (3) went
- (4) gone

6. Jess should not \_\_\_\_\_ the plants on a rainy day.

- (1) water
- (2) waters
- (3) watered
- (4) watering

7. The lady \_\_\_\_\_ the story worked as a cashier.

- (1) in
- (2) to
- (3) at
- (4) of

8. We have a microwave oven \_\_\_\_\_ we seldom use it.

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

9. Minghua tripped \_\_\_\_\_ a stone and fell.

- (1) behind
- (2) above
- (3) under
- (4) over

10. Raju saw a kitten \_\_\_\_\_ he liked in a pet shop.

- (1) who
- (2) whom
- (3) which
- (4) where

11. My family and I have decided to go for a holiday. We have bought \_\_\_\_\_ air tickets.

- (1) my
- (2) our
- (3) your
- (4) their

12. While they were doing their homework, they \_\_\_\_\_ the phone ring.

- (1) hear
- (2) heard
- (3) had heard
- (4) were hearing

13. Danny says that generally sheep \_\_\_\_\_ very tame and good-natured animals.

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

14. When Weiming heard the bad news, he could not control his emotions and started to \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) break in
- (2) break up
- (3) break out
- (4) break down

15. When Peter was in Primary Five, he \_\_\_\_\_ to school everyday.

- (1) cycles
- (2) cycled
- (3) has cycled
- (4) had cycled

**Section B: (7 x 1 mark)**

**Choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the box provided.**

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16. Blood \_\_\_\_\_ down the injured motorcyclist's face as he had a small cut on his forehead.

- (1) trickled
- (2) rippled
- (3) gushed
- (4) poured

17. My sister is a good story-teller. When she has almost finished the story, she lets me guess the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) plot
- (2) setting
- (3) ending
- (4) characters

18. Siti has rehearsed her speech many times yet she is feeling \_\_\_\_\_ as she walks onto the stage.

- (1) strange
- (2) nervous
- (3) annoyed
- (4) confused

19. I am going to \_\_\_\_\_ my grandmother to the clinic tomorrow. We will leave at 10a.m.

- (1) join
- (2) fetch
- (3) follow
- (4) accompany

20. Every night, my brother will write down his thoughts and feelings for the day in his \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) diary
- (2) letter
- (3) notice
- (4) album

21. If the lost hiker in the desert is not found soon, he will die of \_\_\_\_\_ as he would have lost a lot of water from his body.

- (1) suspicion
- (2) confusion
- (3) frustration
- (4) dehydration

22. It was exciting to see the cheetah \_\_\_\_\_ towards its prey.

- (1) loping
- (2) sprinting
- (3) scurrying
- (4) lumbering

**Section C: (3 x 1 mark)**

**Choose the most suitable word to replace the underlined words. Write its number in the box provided.**

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23 When Sam went hiking in the nature reserve, he saw a group of monkeys swinging from tree to tree.

- (1) pod
- (2) herd
- (3) pride
- (4) troop

24. I like my teacher because she is able to remain calm and not get angry, especially when she has to wait for someone.

- (1) patient
- (2) careful
- (3) generous
- (4) hardworking

25. Tommy was alone and unhappy on his first day of school as he did not know anyone.

- (1) timid
- (2) forlorn
- (3) moody
- (4) frightened

**Section D: (4 x ½ mark)**

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Put the correct word in each box.

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Dear Meimei,

(26)

Last week, I went to the hospital to visit my fren. She had been there for

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(28)

three days. Her family are there and they brought all her feivorite food. She was

(29)

feeling better but still have to take some medicine. I hope she gets well soon.

From,

Raymond

**Section E: (3 x 1 mark)**

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the word given in the brackets.

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30. The soldier charged at the enemy \_\_\_\_\_ (fearless)
31. I had to read the questions a few times as I was \_\_\_\_\_ (certain) about the answer.
32. My cousin and I are going to watch a netball game. I am sure we will have \_\_\_\_\_ (enjoy) time.

**Section F (5 x 1 mark)**

**Fill in the blank with the helping word from the box. Each word is to be used once**

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away	interview	earlier	claimed	between
arrested	in	returned	later	recovered

Police have arrested three people in connection with the murder of a 73-year old man. Mr lau was robbed nearly two weeks ago (33) \_\_\_\_\_ the bedroom of his Bedok South flat.

He was tied up and (34) \_\_\_\_\_ died of suffocation. The robbers got (35) \_\_\_\_\_ with branded watches, cash, mobile phones and jewellery.

On Monday, police (36) \_\_\_\_\_ more than five thousand dollars worth of valuables when they raided a flat at Block 118, Elton Road. A man and woman were (37) \_\_\_\_\_ there. They are expected to be charged today with murder.



**Section G (5 x 1 mark)**

**Fill in each blank with the most suitable word of your own.**

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It was my tenth birthday. My family and I decided to (38) \_\_\_\_\_  
to Short Beach Restaurant to (39) \_\_\_\_\_ my birthday. I had never  
been there (40) \_\_\_\_\_ but my friend Don said that the food and the  
ambience there were very good.

When we (41) \_\_\_\_\_ at the restaurant, I was impressed. It  
was lighted by warm glowing lights and there was a vase of flowers on each  
table. I was pleased and (42) \_\_\_\_\_ Don for his recommendation  
when I met him the next day.

## Section H

Read the passage carefully.

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Early to bed and early to rise makes a crow healthy, wealthy and wise. I'm always up at the crack of the dawn, together with my friends, we do not pause even for the morning wash, and we set off on the day's work. This is the time when trashcans are overflowing with the goodies and we like to sift through them before the arrival of the dustmen in their disposal trucks. We are not afraid of hunger because as the number of human beings increase, so do their rubbish.

We crows have a stretch of road to ourselves. I pick the bungalow with the orchard at the back. After all, I do not eat rubbish all the time. Sometimes, I like the fruit beetles. The humans in the bungalow should be grateful to me for keeping the number of fruit beetles down and recycling their refuse; but NO, NEVER.

There was once, at the bungalow, the table was laid. Before the family entered the dining room, I nipped in through the open window and made a quick round among the dishes. Just as I was reaching for the pancake, the owner entered and shouted at me. Suddenly, something flew at me when I was nearing the wall and in an effort to escape "missile", I put my head through a circular object on the table and then it would not come off, no matter how hard I tried, I was trapped!

The next day, the other crows in the area swooped and dived down on me, hammering at the napkin ring until they knocked me off the wall. "What are you trying to do – kill me?" That brought them to a halt. They stood back, looking puzzled. "Why, it's Speedy! What are you doing here? And where's the guy we were hammering just now?"

(Adapted From Treasury Of Stories For Children)

**Answer the following questions. Your answers should be based on the passage (5 x 1 mark).**

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43. Speedy usually wakes up early because \_\_\_\_\_

- (1) needs to look for food
- (2) has to meet his friends early
- (3) goes to bed early every night
- (4) enjoys being earlier than the dustmen

44. Speedy is not afraid of getting hungry because

- (1) there are friends to help him
- (2) he wakes up earlier than the humans
- (3) The disposal trucks come late in the morning
- (4) there are more and more 'rubbish' in the area

45. The circular object in line 15 was a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) "missile"
- (2) trashcan
- (3) napkin ring
- (4) piece of pancake

46. The crows attacked Speedy because they \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) were hungry
- (2) had poor eyesight
- (3) did not recognize him
- (4) liked to charge at one another

47. Which of the following is the reason for Speedy to stay in the bungalow?  
He can \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) have more
- (2) have a variety of food
- (3) help to recycle refuse for the humans
- (4) help the humans to get rid of the fruit beetles

**Section I**  
**Read the passage carefully**

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Chong was uneasy about seeing his old classmates again. Most, if not all, were successful people. But he had to struggle to pay his electricity bills. Karim had offered to help him but Chong would not accept it. Karim assured Chong that it would be a casual get-together lasting only a few hours.

The party was at Jerry's apartment. The moment Karim reached the door; he saw many pairs of smart looking shoes- except for one pair which he recognized as Chong's.

There was a notice pasted on the entrance sidewall. It said, "when you leave, choose any pair to wear home-only don't leave with more than one."

Soon, it was time to go. All were carried over by the choice of shoes. By the time Karim came out, there were five pairs left, all reasonable good looking ones. Karim made his choice and put on the pair he had selected. He headed for the fire escape next to the lift, waiting patiently to eavesdrop on the remaining guests when they came out. They emerged. They were laughing and Karim heard a person tell Jerry, "That's one stupid fellow who must have been blind. He took my old friend." Karim was not a blind but a happy man because he had been able to do something for a friend whose feet needed new shoes.

(Adapted from Singapore Short Stories)

**Answer questions 48 – 52. Your answers must be based on the passage.  
(5 x 2 marks)**

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48. Why did Chong feel uneasy about meeting his old classmates?

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49. How do you know that most of Chong's old classmates were quite rich?

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50. How did Karim help Chong after the party?

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51. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as listen secretly to what people are talking?

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52. Who is "old friend" referred to in line 16?

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