

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Class: Primary 3

Time: 1 hr 15 min

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Marks:

OAS	24
OE	46
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 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (19 marks)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ who crashed his van into a tree was badly injured.

- (1) archer
- (2) miser

- (3) motorist
- (4) pedestrian

2. We went to the \_\_\_\_\_ to watch the orchestra perform last night.

- (1) abattoir
- (2) asylum

- (3) auditorium
- (4) aviary

3. Some horses are \_\_\_\_\_ across the grassland.

- (1) carousing
- (2) hopping

- (3) galloping
- (4) marching

4. I did not \_\_\_\_\_ Shanon when I saw her yesterday.

- (1) recall
- (2) recognise

- (3) recollect
- (4) remember

5. Nadia is getting \_\_\_\_\_ as she has waited for Jill for more than an hour.
- (1) comfortable (3) impatient  
(2) hopeful (4) mysterious
6. The drunkard was caught red-handed for driving \_\_\_\_\_ on the road.
- (1) forcefully (3) recklessly  
(2) powerfully (4) strangely
7. The man \_\_\_\_\_ led his team even though he was new at the job.
- (1) anxiously (3) hastily  
(2) confidently (4) meekly
8. It \_\_\_\_\_ to Maylee to find out that her sister had broken her favourite vase.
- (1) disappointing (3) has disappointed  
(2) is disappointed (4) was disappointing
9. "We need to change our strategy because we are \_\_\_\_\_ very badly to the opponent," said the badminton coach to the team.
- (1) lose (3) losing  
(2) loses (4) lost
10. Every night, Hamzah \_\_\_\_\_ up late to study.
- (1) stay (3) stayed  
(2) stays (4) staying
11. Only \_\_\_\_\_ pupils have signed up for the enrichment class.
- (1) a few (3) many  
(2) a little (4) much
12. Geena is as \_\_\_\_\_ as her mother.
- (1) more pretty (3) prettiest  
(2) prettier (4) pretty

13. My teacher promised to give us an early recess \_\_\_\_\_ we behave ourselves.
- (1) although  
(2) because
- (3) before  
(4) if
14. He ate the poisonous fruit \_\_\_\_\_ he is still alive.
- (1) after  
(2) because
- (3) but  
(4) since
15. "I have a favour to ask \_\_\_\_\_ you. Will you oblige me?" Katharine said to her brother.
- (1) for  
(2) from
- (3) of  
(4) with
16. Mr Tan's son went \_\_\_\_\_ his parent's wish and married a widow.
- (1) against  
(2) on
- (3) over  
(4) through
17. Adam, \_\_\_\_\_ father is a rich man, was arrested for theft yesterday.
- (1) which  
(2) who
- (3) whom  
(4) whose
18. Amanda accidentally pricked \_\_\_\_\_ with a needle while she was sewing a dress.
- (1) herself  
(2) himself
- (3) itself  
(4) yourself
19. They \_\_\_\_\_ be able to finish their project soon if they work on schedule.
- (1) could not  
(2) might not
- (3) shall  
(4) should

**B) Comprehension (MCQ)**

Read the passage below. Choose the most suitable answer and make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (5 marks)

The next morning when Carrie awoke, the housemaid was making a fire. The housemaid told her a strange secret about the place. "One of the gardens is locked up," she said. "No one has been in it for ten years!" Carrie was amazed because she had been playing in the gardens around the house but never knew that there was a secret garden. So, she began to wonder where it might be. 5

One day, she saw something half buried in a flower bed. She picked it up—it was a key. "What key is this?" she thought. She looked around for a door but could not find any. Suddenly, a robin flew to a wall and began to sing. There, under the ivy, was a door she had never seen before. Carrie put the key in the lock and turned it. She pushed open the door and found herself standing in a garden. It was the most mysterious-looking place anyone could imagine. "This must be the secret garden, how still it is!" she whispered. 10

As days went by, Carrie spent as much time as she could in the garden without anyone's knowledge. She loved it there because she felt as if she had found her own world. 15

Weeks later, when Carrie was in the secret garden, she heard a low whistle. She came out and saw a boy sitting under a tree playing a wooden pipe. She made friends with the boy whose name was Danny. They soon became friends and Carrie showed him her garden. Danny knew all about plants so he showed her how to clear away the weeds and stir the earth to let the air in. 20

Adapted from *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett

20. The secret garden was locked up for a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) decade
  - (2) century
  - (3) fortnight
  - (4) leap year
21. Carrie found the key \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) under the door
  - (2) in the flower bed
  - (3) under the ivy tree
  - (4) in the secret garden
22. When Carrie saw the door, she \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) forced it open
  - (2) unlocked it with the key
  - (3) did not know what to do
  - (4) thought she had seen the door before
23. The sound Carrie heard came from the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) robin
  - (2) wooden pipe
  - (3) boy's whistle
  - (4) secret garden
24. Carrie first saw Danny \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) at the secret garden
  - (2) outside the secret garden
  - (3) on her way to the secret garden
  - (4) when she was walking home from the secret garden

C) 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)

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Do you know that deserts occupies one-seventh of the Earth's surface (.)

They are covered with many miles of sand dunes and receive little rainfall so they

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are extreemly hot. Most plants cannot survive in such harsh condisions.

However, the cactus is one of the best-known desert plants. Whenever it rains,

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cacti absop and store water in their fleshy stems in order to survive many

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months without rain. The Saguaro which is the larger cactus in the American

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desert can glow to a height of about 15 metres when it is over years (,) The

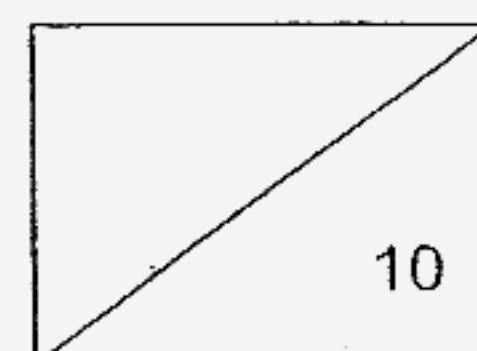
colourful Mexican gold poppy is another plant that grows in the desert but for a

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short period of time. The flowers blooming in a few weeks and completely

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covers the desert floor for a while before they wither and die.





D) Rewrite the sentences below in the reported speech. Your answers must be in one sentence. The meaning of your sentence must be the same as the given one. (8 marks)

35. "Alice, where are you going?" asked Minah.

Minah asked \_\_\_\_\_  
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36. "Mother, what time is Father coming home?" asked Little Ali.

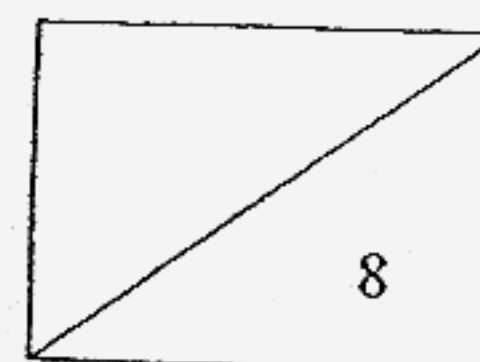
Little Ali asked \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

37. Mr Muthu says, "I jog in the park every evening."

Mr Muthu says that \_\_\_\_\_  
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38. ~~These are~~ <sup>This is</sup> "These are my latest sticker collection," Mary told Priya.

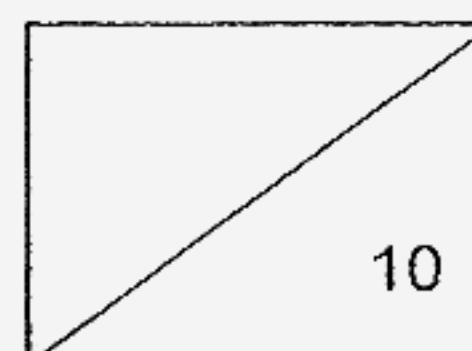
Mary told \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



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

Kyla's father laid the animal on the patchwork rug before the fire. Kyla (39) \_\_\_\_\_ before it, staring in wonder. It was a tiny horse of purest white, so delicate that it seemed to be (40) \_\_\_\_\_ from ice. Its hooves were of gold and they (41) \_\_\_\_\_ yellow in the firelight and its ears pricked like petals, as though it was (42) \_\_\_\_\_. Amazed by its beauty, she asked her father (43) \_\_\_\_\_ he had caught it. Her father told her that he had found it (44) \_\_\_\_\_ his fishing nets when he last went to sea. He wanted to (45) \_\_\_\_\_ it back in the sea but it seemed tired. Its (46) \_\_\_\_\_ were closed and it hardly seemed to move. Kyla (47) \_\_\_\_\_ that they keep it as she was afraid that such a tiny creature would not (48) \_\_\_\_\_ in the rough seas. However, her father told her that there are tinier creatures in the sea than that sea horse.

Adapted from *The Little Sea Horse* by Helen Creswell





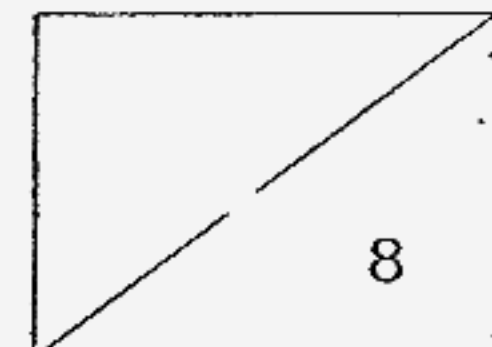
F) For passage 1 and 2, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets. (8 marks)

**Passage 1**

Anita was alone at home. The house (49) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) so quiet that she could hear the ticking of the clock. Suddenly, there was a loud crash in the living room. Anita (50) \_\_\_\_\_ (run) out of her bedroom to investigate. She was surprised to see that a vase had fallen on the floor. She wondered how it had happened. Then, she (51) \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the rustling of the leaves outside the window. The wind must have (52) \_\_\_\_\_ (blow) the small vase off the table, she thought.

**Passage 2**

I have been helping my parents supervise the workers who were (53) \_\_\_\_\_ (renovate) our new apartment. Apart from that, we (54) \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) our weekends hunting for tiles and lightings. When all the work was done, Father (55) \_\_\_\_\_ (arrange) for our furniture to be moved from the old house. We were delighted that we had (56) \_\_\_\_\_ (succeed) to move in as scheduled.



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

One winter evening, a recently married couple was sitting by the fire, admiring their new home. The young bride told her husband to shut the front door. Her husband looked up in surprise. He could not believe that his new wife expected him to wait on her. "I am not your servant! Shut it yourself," he grumbled.

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The bride replied angrily that she would not because she might catch a cold. They both sat glaring for a moment or two. Then, the wife suggested that whoever spoke first must shut the door. Her husband agreed and they settled back with their lips firmly clenched. A group of robbers who was passing by noticed the open door and crept into the silent house. The couple saw them but did not do anything. The robbers loaded their arms with the precious wedding gifts. When they saw the couple sitting so still in the living room, they mistook them for wax statues. So, they even took what the couple were wearing, leaving them sitting in just their undergarments.

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In the early morning, a policeman saw the open door and went to investigate. He realized that a robbery had taken place. He saw the couple but was very puzzled. He asked them what had happened. When they refused to answer, he threatened to arrest them. When he was about to handcuff them, the young bride could not restrain herself any longer. "We are innocent!" she cried out. Immediately, the foolish husband jumped up shouting, "I won!"

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*Adapted from the book 'Folktales- The Short Anthology' retold by Jane O' Loughlin*

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

57) What did the couple do while sitting by the fire?

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58) How did the robbers get into the couple's house?

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59) Why did the couple remain silent when their house was robbed?

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60) Which **three** words in the passage tell you that the robbers had taken a lot of things from the house?

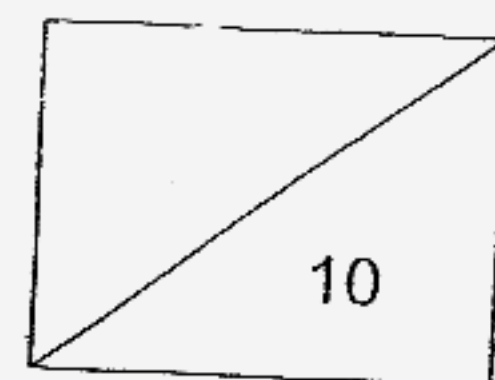
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61) How did the young bride react when the policeman wanted to arrest them?

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6) 3      7) 2      8) 4      9) 3      10) 2
- 11) 1      12) 4      13) 4      14) 3      15) 2  
16) 1      17) 4      18) 1      19) 4      20) 1
- 21) 2      22) 2      23) 2      24) 2
- 25) **occupy**      26) ?      27) **extremely**      28) **conditions**      29) **absorb**  
30) **largest**      31) **grow**      32) .      33) **bloom**      34) **cover**
- 39) **sat**      40) **made**      41) **shone**      42) **listening**  
43) **if**      44) **in**      45) **threw**      46) **eyes**
- 47) **suggested**      48) **survive**      49) **was**      50) **ran**  
51) **heard**      52) **blown**      53) **renovating**      54) **spent**
- 55) **arranged**      56) **succeeded**

- Q35. Minah asked Alice where she was going.  
Q36. Little Ali asked his mother what time his father was coming home.  
Q37. Mr. Muthu says that he jogs in the park every evening.  
Q38. Mary told Priya that was her latest sticker collection.
- Q57. They were admiring their new home.  
Q58. They went in by the front door.  
Q59. They had agreed that the person who spoke first would lose the deal.  
Q60. The words are "**loaded their arms**".  
Q61. She said that they were innocent.