

Singapore Chinese Girls' Primary School  
Second Semestral Assessment 2004  
English

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ( )

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: Primary 3

Time: 1 hour 15 mins

Marks \_\_\_\_\_ / 55

Section A

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

For each question from 1 to 18, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3, 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3, 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet. (18 marks)

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ has a wonderful collection of paintings by many famous artists for sale.

- 1) aquarium
- 2) cathedral
- 3) gallery
- 4) temple

2. Mrs Leong went to the shop to have the photograph \_\_\_\_\_. The original photograph was too small.

- 1) cut
- 2) enlarged
- 3) shrank
- 4) zoomed

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ landlord punished the slaves by locking them up in the dark room.

- 1) cruel
- 2) friendly
- 3) happy
- 4) tired

4. Please be careful. This is a very \_\_\_\_\_ vase. I paid a huge sum of money for it, as it is the only piece in Singapore.
- 1) adorable
  - 2) hideous
  - 3) inexpensive
  - 4) rare
5. Judith is a very shy girl. She smiled \_\_\_\_\_ at her friends.
- 1) busily
  - 2) excitedly
  - 3) madly
  - 4) timidly
6. "\_\_\_\_\_ you please help to pack the cupboard?" Mother asked Brandon.
- 1) Can
  - 2) May
  - 3) Shall
  - 4) Should
7. Your parents \_\_\_\_\_ inform the clerk in the general office by 8am if you cannot come to school.
- 1) shan't
  - 2) should
  - 3) won't
  - 4) would
8. The little girl screamed and cried loudly \_\_\_\_\_ no one could hear her cries.
- 1) and
  - 2) but
  - 3) or
  - 4) while
9. Please \_\_\_\_\_ Mr Goh that his car is ready for collection.
- 1) inform
  - 2) informed
  - 3) informing
  - 4) informs

10. The boys and I \_\_\_\_\_ happily in the room when the doorbell rang.
- 1) played
  - 2) plays
  - 3) was playing
  - 4) were playing
11. It has been three years since my grandmother \_\_\_\_\_ the Singapore Zoological Gardens.
- 1) visit
  - 2) visited
  - 3) visiting
  - 4) visits
12. The naughty children \_\_\_\_\_ their parents by being rude and obnoxious all the time.
- 1) anger
  - 2) angered
  - 3) angering
  - 4) was angering
13. This tiny container can hold the \_\_\_\_\_ amount of wine as compared to the other bigger containers.
- 1) least
  - 2) less
  - 3) little
  - 4) more
14. We celebrated Christmas with our family at a chalet \_\_\_\_\_ the sea.
- 1) after
  - 2) below
  - 3) by
  - 4) under

15. There are \_\_\_\_\_ cups of jelly left in the fridge. I think I need to buy more for the party.

- 1) a few
- 2) a little
- 3) many
- 4) much

16. The little kitten found \_\_\_\_\_ a new home behind the old sofa.

- 1) herself
- 2) himself
- 3) itself
- 4) themselves

17. Our nation's birthday \_\_\_\_\_ celebrated on 9<sup>th</sup> August every year.

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

18. The bouquet of roses \_\_\_\_\_ delivered by the shop this morning.

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

### Section B

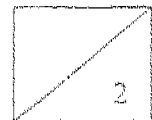
Rewrite the following sentences in the reported speech. (2 marks)

19. Junie asked, "Miss Tan, where are the books?"

Junie asked Miss Tan \_\_\_\_\_

20. Susie said, "My uncle is sick and he is resting at home."

Susie said that \_\_\_\_\_



Section C

Choose the most suitable word from the box to fill in the passage.

Use each word **ONLY ONCE**. (10 marks)

ourselves	way	awake	sang	always
screamed	thickest	found	pattern	losing
choice	said	apple	famine	idea

At the edge of the forest lived a poor woodcutter with his two children and their stepmother. The boy's name was Hansel and the girl's name was Gretel. The family was (21) \_\_\_\_\_ very poor, and when a terrible (22) \_\_\_\_\_ came, the family could find nothing to eat.

The woodcutter could not sleep at night. He said to his wife, "How can we feed our children when we haven't enough for (23) \_\_\_\_\_?" His wife came up with an (24) \_\_\_\_\_. She suggested that they take the children out into the (25) \_\_\_\_\_ part of the forest and leave them there. The woodcutter did not agree at first, but he had no (26) \_\_\_\_\_ as they were too poor and hungry. They did not know that the children were (27) \_\_\_\_\_ and they had heard what their stepmother (28) \_\_\_\_\_ to their father.

Gretel started crying and Hansel said, "Don't worry, I will find a (29) \_\_\_\_\_ to save us." Hansel went into the kitchen, (30) \_\_\_\_\_ some breadcrumbs and put them into his pockets.

*Adapted from Hansel and Gretel*

Section D

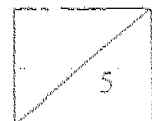
For Passage 1, choose the most suitable word from the box to fill in the blanks.

Use each word **ONLY ONCE**. (5 marks)

Passage 1

and	because	since	beside
under	for	above	in

I love my grandfather very much. He is the best grandfather (31)\_\_\_\_\_ the world. He used to work at the post office when he was young. He has been taking care of me (32)\_\_\_\_\_ I was three months old. My grandfather loves to sing (33)\_\_\_\_\_ read to me. He enjoys taking me to his favourite tree (34)\_\_\_\_\_ our house. We would sit (35)\_\_\_\_\_ the tree and my grandfather would tell me many stories about himself when he was young.



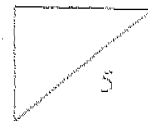
For Passage 2, fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in the brackets.

(5 marks)

Passage 2

Why do pet owners (36)\_\_\_\_\_ (feed) centipedes to their birds and fish? Many people believe that fish scales become brighter and birds sing better on this diet.

Mr Leong, a pet-shop owner, (37)\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to import thousands of centipedes a month ago. He claims that he can (38)\_\_\_\_\_ (sell) five thousand centipedes every three days. He (39)\_\_\_\_\_ (get) his supply of centipedes from Indonesia. He (40)\_\_\_\_\_ (make) huge profits last month and he is very proud of his success.



Section E

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

Sam Seng, Simone and Porky were spending the weekend with Granny. The children were excited as Granny's house was near East Coast Park and they could walk to the beach from her house.

After arriving at Granny's house, the children took their lunch and then took a slow walk to the beach as they felt they had eaten too much. They spent the whole day at the beach building sandcastles and flying kites. Granny sat under a big tree, reading her book.

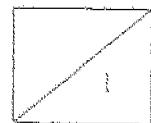
The children had such fun chasing each other, splashing in the water and playing in the sand. They hoped that the day would not end.

They went home happily, and to their surprise, they saw a tall man standing outside Granny's house. He was carrying a pink plastic bag.

"Uncle Jack!" Simone shouted happily. Uncle Jack was their favourite uncle. To the children's delight, Uncle Jack brought them a small yellow rubber boat. They blew up the boat and climbed in. To the children's surprise, the boat was big enough for them. After playing for a while, the children went back into the house and ate the tuna sandwiches, which Uncle Jack brought.

*Adapted from Three Adventurers At Sea*

41. The children were excited because they \_\_\_\_\_
- 1) miss Granny very much
  - 2) do not like staying at home
  - 3) wanted to play at the beach
  - 4) wanted to play at Granny's house
- (       )





42. Why do you think the children took a slow walk to the beach?

They \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) were too tired
- 2) do not like to run
- 3) felt too full after lunch
- 4) wanted to fly their kites

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43. Why were the children surprised to see Uncle Jack?

They \_\_\_\_\_.

- 1) did not want to see him
- 2) thought that Uncle Jack was sick
- 3) were waiting for Uncle Jack to come
- 4) did not know that he was coming to Granny's place

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44. What was in Uncle Jack's pink plastic bag?

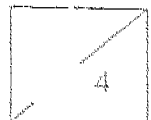
- 1) A red rubber boat.
- 2) A yellow rubber boat.
- 3) A yellow rubber boat and some tuna sandwiches.
- 4) A yellow rubber boat and some chicken sandwiches.

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45. Why do you think the children were surprised to see the big rubber boat?

- 1) The boat was small and light.
- 2) The children hated rubber boats.
- 3) The children wanted a small rubber boat.
- 4) The boat was very small before they blew air into it.

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Section F

Read the passage below and answer the following questions in complete sentences.

(10 marks)

A long time ago in the Southern part of China, there lived a boy named Ping. He loved flowers and there was something special about this little boy. Anything he planted could bloom! He could plant flowers, bushes and even big fruit trees.

Everyone in the state loved flowers. One can find flowers everywhere in the state. Flowers were planted everywhere and anywhere, and the whole state smelled like perfume. The Emperor of the state loved flowers too. He enjoyed spending time tending to his own garden in the palace. However, the Emperor had a problem. He knew that he was not getting any younger and that he needed to find a capable successor to the throne.

Since he loved flowers so much, the Emperor decided to let the flowers solve his problem for him. The Emperor invited children from all over the land to his palace. He gave each child some special flower seeds. He said, "Whoever can show me the best plant in a year's time, will succeed me to the throne." The children did not know that the seeds could not grow at all.

Ping was very happy and excited to receive the seeds. He was sure that he could grow the most beautiful plant in the whole state. Ping took very good care of the plant, he watered it daily and waited patiently for his plant to grow. Day after day passed, but nothing grew in his pot. After one year, all the children ran to the palace, carrying pots of beautiful flowers. Only Ping turned up with his empty pot. The Emperor frowned when he saw the beautiful flowers from the other children. He finally smiled in relief when he saw Ping's empty pot.

*Adapted from The Empty Pot*

46-47) What special ability did Ping have?

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48-49) Why did the whole state smell like perfume?

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50-51) What was the Emperor's problem as he grew older?

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52-53) How did the Emperor use flowers to solve his problem?

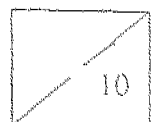
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54-55) Why do you think the Emperor was happy to see Ping's empty pot?

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1) 3                    36) feed            37) started        38) sell        39) gets

2) 2                    40) made

3) 1                    41) 3                42) 3                43) 4                44) 3

4) 4                    45) 4

5) 4                    46-47) Anything Ping planted would bloom.

6) 1                    48-49) There were flowers everywhere.

7) 2                    50-51) The Emperor needed a capable successor to  
 the throne.

8) 2

9) 1                    52-53) He wanted to find who the most honest child  
 was.

10) 4                    54-55) The Emperor wanted to see who was honest and  
 returned with an empty pot, but all the  
 children except Ping came with pots of  
 beautiful flowers.

11) 2                    01. 3                    11. 2

12) 1                    02. 2                    12. 1

13) 1                    03. 1                    13. 1

14) 3                    04. 4                    14. 3

15) 1                    05. 4                    15. 1

16) 3                    06. 1                    16. 3

17) 2                    07. 2                    17. 2

18) 3                    08. 2                    18. 3

19) 2                    09. 1

20) 3                    10. 4

19) Junie asked Miss Tan where the books were.

20) Susie said that her uncle was sick and he was resting at home

21) always        22) famine        23) ourselves        24) idea

25) thickest        26) choice        27) awake        28) said

29) way            30) found

31) in            32) since        33) and        34) beside        35) under