

Anglo-Chinese School (Junior)
P4 English Continual Assessment 1 (2005)

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SECTION A

Vocabulary (15 marks)

Choose the correct answer for each of the following and write its number in the bracket.

1. Henry _____ the sandwiches and then started on the cakes.

- (1) fished for
- (2) wolfed down
- (3) crowed about
- (4) horsed around

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2. Photographers and camera crews _____ and shoved to get a better view of the royal couple as they drove past.

- (1) jostled
- (2) rushed
- (3) pressed
- (4) squeezed

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3. Mr Toh _____ a passing taxi and it stopped in front of him.

- (1) hailed
- (2) waved
- (3) blocked
- (4) signalled

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4. The divers were amazed to see a _____ of colourful fish swimming past them.

- (1) fleet
- (2) flight
- (3) shoal
- (4) swarm

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5. My class gave a fantastic _____ of Shakespeare's play 'The Merchant of Venice'.

- (1) contest
- (2) parade
- (3) marathon
- (4) performance

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6. A lorry attendant was fined \$5000 for two drug _____.

- (1) sins
- (2) wrongs
- (3) offences
- (4) mistakes

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7. "Please, don't dismiss me. I'll be careful next time," the servant _____.

- (1) pleaded
- (2) snapped
- (3) demanded
- (4) complimented

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8. The angry man _____ his fist as he confronted his inconsiderate neighbour.

- (1) closed
- (2) clasped
- (3) clinched
- (4) clenched

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9. Alfred suffers from backache, so he was able to understand and show care and concern towards me when I told him about my back problem.

The best word to describe Alfred is _____.

- (1) showy
- (2) carefree
- (3) sympathetic
- (4) conscientious

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10. Today was the release of the audition results. Mary stood some distance away from the notice board staring at a crowd of candidates fighting their way to the front of the notice board. After what seemed like eternity, she finally managed to muster enough courage to walk towards it. Her heart pounded hard and fast as every step she took brought her nearer to the results.

How did Mary feel as she walked towards the notice board?

- (1) nervous
- (2) relieved
- (3) annoyed
- (4) disappointed

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Read the poem carefully. Choose the correct word and write its letter in the blank. Use each word ONLY ONCE.

A) dewdrops	B) clover	C) sunlight	D) shells
D) breeze	E) butterflies	F) flying	G) swarming

Only One Mother

Hundreds of stars in the pretty sky,

Hundreds of (11) _____ on the shore together,

Hundreds of birds that go (12) _____ by,

Hundreds of lambs in the sunny weather.

Hundreds of (13) _____ to greet the dawn,

Hundreds of bees in the purple (14) _____

Hundreds of (15) _____ fluttering on the lawn,

But only one mother the wide world over.

Adapted from George Cooper

SECTION B : Grammar (15 marks)

Choose the correct answer for each of the following and write its number in the brackets.

16. _____ of the children have helped in the flag day.

- (1) Any
- (2) Each
- (3) Every
- (4) A few

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17. Kenny had apologised to his sister _____ she still refused to forgive him.

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

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18. The doctor gave the patient some painkillers.

The indirect object and verb in the sentence above are _____ and _____ respectively.

- (1) the doctor ... to
- (2) some pain-killer...to
- (3) the patient ... gave
- (4) some pain-killer ... gave

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19. Ali likes to _____ his elder sister whenever he has finished his homework.

- (1) disturb
- (2) disturbs
- (3) disturbed
- (4) disturbing

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20. Herds of elephants _____ bathing in the river while a flight of birds _____ flying in the sky.

- (1) isis
- (2) is are
- (3) are are
- (4) are is

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Read the diary entry below.

Choose the correct word and write its letter in the blank. Use each word ONCE.

A) on	B) in	C) out	D) across
E) and	F) through	G) off	H) but

Dear Diary,

25th February

I had a great fright today. My brother and I decided to go fishing at a nearby pond. We took our dog, Suki with us. We packed our rods, nets and bait, and set off. We pedalled (21) _____ at top speed with Suki following close behind.

When we were nearing the pond, something attracted Suki's attention. He ran (22) _____ the road, right in front of an oncoming truck. We watched in horror as Suki gave a loud yelp and darted (23) _____ an opening in a fence. He raced across a field and disappeared. My brother and I called and whistled for Suki. We searched everywhere (24) _____ failed to find him. I was worried for Suki's safety.

When we reached home, we heard a familiar bark. Soon, we saw Suki dashing (25) _____ of our house. Except for a few spikes sticking to his ear, Suki looked none the worse. Both my brother and I heaved a sigh of relief.

Read the information report below.
 Choose the correct word and write its letter in the blank. Use each word ONCE.

A) however	B) so	C) around
D) which	E) between	F) with

Here is some information on buffaloes.

Buffaloes

Many ranchers think that buffaloes are a lot easier to care for than cows. They do not require any shelter or any help to deliver their babies. They like to be left alone.

Unsociable Animals

Buffaloes are not social animals. Sometimes you can walk (26) _____ with them, but you cannot trust them. It is not uncommon for buffaloes to hit or push each other (27) _____ their heads or horns, and they like to charge at each other. They are not affectionate animals, (28) _____ it is advisable not to touch or pat a buffalo.

What they are raised for

Buffaloes are usually butchered for meat when they are (29) _____ 18 and 36 months old. Buffalo hides, (30) _____ are used to make clothes, can be sold for \$700 to \$900. Even the bones are used for items such as pipes, knives, jewellery, dice and toys.

SECTION C

Comprehension MCQ (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully. Choose the best answer and write its number in the bracket. Your answer must be based on the passage.

Vampire Bats

The vampire bat lives in Central and South America. Though it lives only on blood, it is not a scary-looking animal. Just like other bats, the vampire bat is a mammal. Its body is covered with short grey or brown fur. Its body is only about eight centimetres long, and it has a wingspan of about thirty centimetres.

Razor-liked teeth

The bat has teeth as sharp as a razor. It uses its teeth to make a slit in the skin of its prey. Then it laps up the blood that comes out of the slit. The cut is made so skilfully that the prey may not even wake up from its sleep. Vampire bats attack their prey only at night. These bats often feed on cattle, horses and other domestic animals, though in some rare cases, vampire bats will also attack people. 5

Harm caused by the bats

The slit on the prey's skin heals quickly, but repeated feedings on the same animal can make it weak and ill. Even more serious are the diseases that can be transmitted by the bats. Among the worst of the diseases is rabies, which often results in the death of the prey. 10

Habitat

Vampire bats live in colonies of about one dozen or more. During daylight hours, the nocturnal bats roost in cracks and crevices in the walls of caves. If disturbed, the bats may run along the walls at surprising speed. When their wings are folded, the bats walk like a four-footed animal or hop like a frog. 15

31. Which of the following statement reveals that the vampire bat is a mammal?

- (1) It lives on blood.
- (2) It has razor-like teeth.
- (3) Its body is covered with fur.
- (4) Its body is about eight centimetre long. ()

32. The wingspan of the vampire bat is _____ twice its body length.

- (1) exactly
- (2) less than
- (3) more than
- (4) none of the above ()

33. The vampire bat attacks its prey by _____.

- (1) biting the skin of its prey
- (2) lapping up the blood of its prey
- (3) passing on diseases to its prey
- (4) making a slit in the skin of its prey ()

34. The common prey of the vampire bat are _____.

- (1) horses and cattle only
- (2) horses and people only
- (3) horses, cattle and other domestic animals
- (4) horses, cattle, people and other domestic animals ()

35. The vampire bats sleep in the caves during the day because _____.

- (1) they are afraid of darkness
- (2) they want to avoid sunlight
- (3) their prey only appear at night
- (4) their prey can only see in the night ()

Comprehension OE (10 marks)

Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions.

4th February

Dear Diary

There were only two days of vacation, yet it seemed a long time to wait without seeing Garrone. The more I know him, the better I like him. It is the same with everyone except the bullies, who will not have anything to say to him because he will not let them bully him.

Garrone's father is an engineer on the railway. Garrone began school late because he was ill for two years. He is the tallest and strongest in the class. He can lift a bench with one hand.

He always sits still on the bench which is too small for him, with his back bent and his big head between his shoulders. When I look at him, he smiles at me with his eyes half shut as if to say, "Well, Enrico, are we friends?" He makes me laugh because, as he is tall and stout, his jacket, trousers and sleeves are all too small and short. He has a hat that will not stay on his head. Dear Garrone! Just looking at his face is enough to make one love him.

He has a knife with a mother-of-pearl handle that he found a year ago on the parade ground. One day he cut his finger to the bone but no one in school noticed it, and he would not breathe a word about it at home for fear of frightening his parents.

I am very fond of Garrone. I am happy when he presses my hand with his big one, which seems like a man's hand. I am perfectly certain that he would risk his life to save a companion, or let himself be killed in defending one. Although he always seems to grumble with his big voice, you can tell it is a voice from a gentle heart.

(Adapted from 'The Heart of a Boy' by Edmondo de Amicis)

36. Who wrote the diary entry?

37. "There were only two days of vacation, yet it seemed a long time to wait without seeing Garrone."

Why do you think the writer felt this way?

38. Which sentence from the passage tells us that Garrone was older than the writer?

39. Why did Garrone always make the writer laugh?

40. "... and he would not breathe a word about it at home for fear of frightening his parents."

What do the words from paragraph 4 tell you about Garrone?

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| 2) 1 | 29) E |
| 3) 1 | 30) D |
| 4) 3 | 31) 3 |
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| 6) 3 | 33) 4 |
| 7) 1 | 34) 3 |
| 8) 4 | 35) 2 |
| 9) 3 | 36) Enrico wrote the diary entry. |
| 10) 1 | 37) I think Enrico missed Garrone |
| 11) D | 38) Garrone began school late because he was ill
for two years. |
| 12) G | 39) He always wore clothes which did not fit him |
| 13) A | 40) He was filial to his parents. |
| 14) B | |
| 15) F | |
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