

**Primary Four  
English Language  
Continual Assessment One**

**Section A: Grammar**

**I. Choose the best option to complete the blank. Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (7 X 1 Mark)**

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ James \_\_\_\_\_ his friends are going to the party tonight. They have to stay in school to complete the project.

- (1) Either...or                      (2) Both...and  
(3) Neither...nor                  (4) Only...but

2. Princess Helina was an intelligent \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful women.

- (1) or                                      (2) while  
(3) but                                    (4) and

3. Jimmy \_\_\_\_\_ frustrated when he cannot find his report card.

- (1) feel                                    (2) feels  
(3) felt                                    (4) has felt

4. Father \_\_\_\_\_ Selene to piano lessons every weekend but she \_\_\_\_\_ to the community center this morning.

- (1) drive...walk                      (2) drives...walked  
(3) drives...walks                  (4) is driving...walks

5. The branded bag \_\_\_\_\_ handle is made of leather belongs to Sammi.

- (1) who (2) which  
(3) whose (4) who's

6. Minister Lee decided to \_\_\_\_\_ for Singapore after signing the document in Malaysia.

- (1) leave (2) leaving  
(3) leaves (4) left

7. Mary, like her elder sister, \_\_\_\_\_ reading and swimming.

- (1) enjoy (2) enjoys  
(3) is enjoying (4) are enjoying

**Section B: Grammar Cloze**

**II. Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word for each of the blanks from the box. Use the letter A to F. (4 X 1 Mark)**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

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| (A) break | (C) breaks     | (E) broken   |
| (B) broke | (D) was broken | (F) breaking |

I fell asleep while I was watching television. The sudden sound of glass (8) \_\_\_\_\_ awoke me. My dog, Alloy, must have (9) \_\_\_\_\_ another cup or vase. This was the third time this week. I went to the living room to see what (10) \_\_\_\_\_ this

time. I hoped Alloy did not (11) \_\_\_\_\_ anything expensive or else my parents would be very angry.

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word for each of the blanks from the box. Use the letter (A) to (F). (4 X 1 Mark)**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) ago	(C) later	(E) at
(B) after	(D) when	(F) from

It was Josephine's tenth birthday. All her friends and relatives were invited. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 10 a.m., mother gave Josephine her birthday present. She also received a big red packet (13) \_\_\_\_\_ her father. All the food and drinks were prepared and laid on the dining table. Not long (14) \_\_\_\_\_, Josephine's relatives and friends arrived. Everyone sent his or her birthday wishes and presents to the delighted birthday girl. They enjoyed themselves and left (15) \_\_\_\_\_ the party ended.

**Section C: Vocabulary**

**III. Choose the best option to complete the blank. Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (7 X 1 Mark)**

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16. "What a \_\_\_\_\_ story!" exclaimed the students who dozed off during the story-telling session just now.

- (1) interesting                      (2) boring  
(3) enjoyable                      (4) disgusting

17. "Please do not \_\_\_\_\_ your younger brother with ghost stories!" scolded mother.

- (1) afraid                              (2) excite  
(3) amuse                              (4) frighten

18. It was \_\_\_\_\_ of Jason to buy a walking stick for grandfather as he had difficulties in walking.

- (1) thoughtful                      (2) kind  
(3) generous                      (4) courteous

19. Ahmad tripped off the stage when he was performing. He felt \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) embarrassed                      (2) confused  
(3) annoyed                              (4) disgusted

20. The Lord was \_\_\_\_\_ towards General Lorde even though he had betrayed him.

- (1) considerate                      (2) chivalrous  
(3) generous                              (4) merciful

21. "Snow White and the seven dwarfs" is the most touching \_\_\_\_\_ that teacher Jane has ever told us.

- (1) tale (2) passage  
(3) legend (4) fable

22. During winter, the homeless people were \_\_\_\_\_ and cold because they have nowhere to go.

- (1) filled (2) icy  
(3) white (4) numb

**Section D: Vocabulary Cloze**

**IV. Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word for each of the blanks from the box.**

**Use the letter (A) to (H). (4 X 1 Mark)**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) irritated (C) tired (E) ill (G) understanding  
(B) stressed (D) worried (F) forgetful (H) angry

Mrs. Tan has been working a twelve-hour day for two weeks now. She often comes home feeling very (23) \_\_\_\_\_ and all she thinks of is to go to bed as soon as she has cooked dinner and fed her family. Sometimes, she becomes so (24) \_\_\_\_\_ that she leaves the kettle boiling. Mrs. Tan knows that she needs to have enough sleep or else she is going to fall (25) \_\_\_\_\_ soon. Her

children are (26) \_\_\_\_\_ and they try to lessen her burden by helping out with the household chores.

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word for each of the blanks from the box.**

**Use the letter (A) to (H). (4 X 1 Mark)**

**USE EACH WORD ONCE ONLY.**

(A) horrified	(C) apologised	(E) found	(G) realised
(B) disappointed	(D) worried	(F) suspicious	(H) annoyed

Jamie hid her test results from her mother after she had received her report card last week. Her mother became (27) \_\_\_\_\_ when she did not mention about her results. When she found out the truth from her classmates, she was (28) \_\_\_\_\_ with Jamie for keeping quiet about it. "Never do it again, daughter, do you understand me? I hope to help you with your work." Jamie (29) \_\_\_\_\_ how much her mother really cared. She (30) \_\_\_\_\_ for her behaviour and promised to work harder.

## **Section E: Comprehension**

**V. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow by writing its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (5 X 2 Marks)**

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The school children chatted happily as they made their way out through the school gate. Kelly and her school friends appear somewhat shorter with their school bags strapped to their backs. The trio walked in a single file down the alley which ran alongside the school.

Suddenly, Mary and Pamela stopped dead in their tracks. “Look at that!” They pointed excitedly at something in front of them. Kelly, who had her head bowed as she walked, looked up and stood on tip-toes as she peered over the shoulders of Mary. “What is it?” she asked excitedly.

“I think there is someone over there at the end of this alley!” Mary whispered. Kelly saw what appeared to be an old man squatting down on the ground with his head clutched tightly in his hands. He seemed to be in pain because the girls could hear soft moans coming from him.

“Shall we find out what is wrong with him?” asked Pamela.

“Yes, I remember what Mr. Wong told us in our Pastoral Care lesson this morning. He spoke about lending a hand to others when they needed it. But I am scared.” Mary whispered.

“Come on. I do not think there is any harm in finding out. Besides, there are three of us if anything should go wrong!” Kelly offered. Kelly felt that this was just the right thing to do at the least.

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31. When Kelly and her friends saw the old man, they were \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) halfway to their homes
- (2) walking down the alley
- (3) just coming out of the school
- (4) just going towards the alley

32. Why do you think the girls 'appear shorter' (line 3) than usual?

- (1) The girls bowed their heads.
- (2) The girls were too tall.
- (3) Their bags were heavy.
- (4) Their bags were too small.

33. The girls "walked in a single file down the alley" (line 4) because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) the shortest was supposed to be in front
- (2) the alley was rather narrow
- (3) the bravest always took the lead
- (4) the girls liked to play 'follow the leader'

34. Why do you think Kelly 'stood on tip-toes' when she heard Mary's excited voice?

- (1) Kelly was standing between Mary and Pamela.
- (2) Pamela was blocking her view.
- (3) Mary told her to look over her shoulders.
- (4) Kelly was shorter than Mary.



35. The Pastoral Care lesson earlier in the day had taught the three girls to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) help others when there is a need
- (2) be brave and not be afraid to help others
- (3) donate their limbs to people needing them
- (4) find out what was wrong with old people

**Section F: Comprehension**

**VI. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences. (5 X 2 Marks)**

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There is a story about why the owl flies only at night. This is what my grandmother told me when I went to visit her last Christmas. One day, all the birds of the forest decided to hold a competition to see who among them had the right to rule over the rest as King. The crow, being the boldest, cawed, "The one who flew the highest deserves to be the king of all." Everyone agreed.

As the birds got ready for the competition, no one noticed the tiny sparrow creeping under the wings of the eagle. When all the birds had taken to the air, the small crafty bird then came out from under the eagle's wings and soared even higher.

The other birds were angry because the sparrow had cheated and they decided to punish him. However, before they could catch

him, he flew into a small hole in an old tree where none of the other birds could follow.

The owl, who was known to be the wisest, was then asked to guard the hole and to capture the sparrow when he finally came out. Hours passed and the owl grew sleepy. When the owl closed its eyes, the sparrow escaped.

The owl felt ashamed and thought that he would no longer be called wise. So he hid himself during the day and came out only at night so that he would not be seen by anyone.

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36. How did the author come to know of the story about the owl?

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37. Why did the birds in the forest come together one day?

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38. Did the sparrow do the right thing by making use of the eagle?  
Give a reason for your answer.

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39. Why was the owl told to guard the tree hole where the sparrow was hiding?

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40. Find a word from the passage which has the **same** meaning as 'got away'.

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