

**Primary Four
English Language
Continual Assessment One**

Section A: Vocabulary

For each question from 1 to 15, four options are given. One of them is correct. Choose the correct answer and write your answer in the boxes provided. (15 x 1 mark)

1. Sue was really _____ at her own clumsiness when she knocked a cup of coffee over her uncle.

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| (1) zany | (2) determined |
| (3) embarrassed | (4) excited |

2. Jimmy does his homework after school each day. He is indeed a _____ child.

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| (1) jovial | (2) generous |
| (3) calm | (4) diligent |

3. The flow of the river is _____ by the dam.

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| (1) prevented | (2) avoided |
| (3) occupied | (4) obstructed |

4. That _____ earthquake left many people homeless

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| (1) terrifying | (2) displeasing |
| (3) disgusting | (4) revolting |

5. Mrs. Lim was _____ of her son's good results in school.

(1) jealous

(2) proud

(3) suspicious

(4) ashamed

6. Pat cried _____ when her dog died.

(1) uncontrollably

(2) unsteadily

(3) unnaturally

(4) unwillingly

7. The Great Singapore Sale _____ many tourists from the neighbouring countries.

(1) accepted

(2) absorbed

(3) attracted

(4) accustomed

8. The children can see a _____ of elephants in the zoo.

(1) litter

(2) pack

(3) herd

(4) nest

9. Mr. Chow is my music teacher. He is teaching me to _____ the guitar.

(1) clap

(2) tap

(3) beat

(4) strum

10. Andrew bought a _____ of roses for his wife on their first anniversary.

- (1) wreath
- (3) bush

- (2) bouquet
- (4) packet

11. Catherine collects stamps from different countries. This has been her _____ for two years.

- (1) vocation
- (3) hobby

- (2) career
- (4) ambition

12. Spring is a time when flowers _____ and animals come out to play.

- (1) bloom
- (3) enlarge

- (2) expand
- (4) bulge

13. The farmers are _____ after a hard day's work in the field.

- (1) encouraged
- (3) entertained

- (2) enthusiastic
- (4) exhausted

14. Please write neatly. Your writing is _____.

- (1) illegitimate
- (3) illegible

- (2) illogical
- (4) illegal

15. Janet was so afraid that she cried when the dentist told her that he would _____ her tooth.

- (1) execute
- (3) extricate

- (2) extract
- (4) export

Section B: Grammar

For each question from 16 to 25, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write your answer in the boxes provided. (10 x 2 marks)

16. It is dangerous to take shelter _____ a tree during a thunderstorm.

- (1) from
- (3) in

- (2) of
- (4) under

17. This is the boy _____ parents have been killed in an accident.

- (1) whose
- (3) who

- (2) which
- (4) whom

18. Mr. Lee thought it would be a good idea to hire a maid to do the household chores _____ his wife did not think so.

- (1) and
- (3) but

- (2) because
- (4) since

19. When I _____ Kenneth yesterday, he told me he had spent his last holiday in Sunway Lagoon.

- (1) meeting (2) met
(3) meets (4) has met

20. Jim found the computer _____ to use than he had expected.

- (1) easy (2) more easy
(3) easier (4) easiest

21. All the students in the class except Ken _____ to the Discovery Centre for enrichment lesson next Thursday.

- (1) is going (2) have gone
(3) are going (4) has gone

22. _____ Jonathan _____ his brothers were at home last night. They had gone to Sentosa to celebrate New Year Eve.

- (1) Either ... or (2) All ... except
(3) Neither ... nor (4) Both ... and

23. In case of emergency, passengers on the plane _____ advised to wear oxygen masks before helping others.

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

24. My brother and I _____ down with influenza. We had to stay at home the whole of last week.

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

25. One of the girls _____ older than the rest of us by two years.

- (1) is (2) be
(3) are (4) am

Section C: Comprehension

**Read the passage below and answer the questions 26 to 30 that follow.
(5 x 2 marks)**

Jimmy hugged his legs as he sat on the concrete floor in total darkness. He stared hard at the walls surrounding him. The cold bare walls did nothing to cheer him up but instead, they brought back memories of Jimmy's past.

"Welcome to our gang, Jimmy!" exclaimed Seng Hoe as he put his arm around Jimmy. Seng Hoe was the chief of the gangsters and his gang was very powerful. Jimmy beamed with pride as he looked at Seng Hoe and his gang. He felt that he is really fortunate to be so warmly welcomed by Seng Hoe and promised to serve him loyally.

In the months that followed, Jimmy was involved in burglaries, drug trafficking and a host of other crimes. His initial fear turned into confidence and a fierce determination to succeed in escaping arrests. Soon, he became the best burglar in the gang and gained the respect of the rest.

As fate would have it, this "glory" was not to be enjoyed for long. Jimmy was arrested one day as he was ransacking a house. All

his accomplices escaped when they heard the siren of the patrol car. Jimmy refused to leave his loot behind and was caught.

At his trial, his heart tore at the sight of his crying mother and his aged father who was confronting her. It was the first time he felt so much sorrow and regret.

26. What effects does the cold bare walls have on Jimmy?

They made him _____.

- (1) scared
- (2) feel cold
- (3) remember his past
- (4) stare hard at them

27. Why was Jimmy proud to join Seng Hoe's gang?

- (1) The gang was very powerful.
- (2) The gang treated him very well.
- (3) The gang can help him earn a living.
- (4) The gang promised to be loyal to Jimmy.

28. How did Jimmy become a "successful" criminal?

- (1) He burgled many houses.
- (2) He was very loyal to Seng Hoe.
- (3) He committed crimes that the others had not tried.
- (4) He was able to change fear into confidence and determination.

29. Why did Jimmy not leave the police arrived?

- (1) He could not run fast.
- (2) He wanted to take his loot back.
- (3) He was not warned by his accomplices.
- (4) He was too busy ransacking the house.

30. When did Jimmy realize his mistake? It was when _____.

- (1) he was in prison.
- (2) his accomplices escaped without him.
- (3) he saw his parents at his trial.
- (4) he heard the siren of the patrol car.

Section D: Vocabulary

For questions 1 to 5, read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to H). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (5 x 2 marks)

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| (A) strand | (E) move |
| (B) flat | (F) fluttered |
| (C) rolled | (G) string |
| (D) slippery | (H) crept |

Kitty stared at the big ball of wool. As it did not seem to (1) _____, she (2) _____ slowly forward to rub her nose against it. When she pushed it with her paw, it (3) _____ across the floor, leaving a single (4) _____ of thread in its path. Kitty dashed after it, and skidded helplessly on the (5) _____ floor. She spun round to find her feet and tail tangled in the loose thread.

For questions 6 to 10, read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to H). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (5 x 2 marks)

(A) spying
(B) collar
(C) lying
(D) age

(E) looking
(F) leaning
(G) sleeves
(H) manner

The man I can see from my window is short with broad shoulders. I think his (6) _____ is about twenty-five or thirty, he cannot be more than thirty-five years old. I cannot see the colour of his hair as he is wearing a brown cap and the (7) _____ of his dirty rain coat is turned up.

He has a small, dark, almost black, moustache. His face is largely hidden, but he appears to have sharp features.

His trousers are grey. His shoes are black and muddy.

He is (8) _____ against a tree and keeps looking up and down the road in a rather nervous (9) _____. I think he might be (10) _____ on or running away from someone because of the way he behaves.

Section E: Grammar

For question 11 to 13, read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to D). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

(A) singing	(B) sang	(C) sung	(D) sing
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Andy loves to (11) _____. He has been (12) _____ since the age of two. He has (13) _____ in two concerts already.

For question 14 to 16, read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to D). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

(A) might	(B) could	(C) neither	(D) either
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When Mrs. Lim entered the classroom, she placed bags of cookies on the table. She told her pupils that they (14) _____ only choose one bag for themselves. However, (15) _____ the boys or the girls will get to be the first to choose but (16) _____ of them wants to go first.

For question 17 to 20, read the passage carefully. Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter name (A to F). Write the letter for the correct word in each blank. USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (6 x 1 mark)

(A) under	(B) over	(C) beside
(D) in	(E) from	(F) between

Dolly the cat sleeps in a wicker basket. She loves to lie (17) _____ the basket with a cloth over her body on cold days. On warm days, she sleeps with the cloth (18) _____ her body. Sometimes, she sleeps (19) _____ her mistress on her bed. Her mistress allows her to sleep on it (20) _____ morning to night.

Section F: Comprehension

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in complete sentences. (5 x 2 mark)

On Tuesday, 18th of March, Madam Ng emerged from the tunnel after 83 hours. The rescuers found her trapped in what had been the bank counter, pinned under a lot of timber, concrete and broken stones.

After being trapped in the darkness for a long period, Madam Ng would flinch whenever a bright light was shone in her face. The MRTC (Mass Rapid Transit Corporation) men took her out only after

all the external lights had been dimmed. The crowd at the tunnel mouth had also been cleared.

Soon, tremendous cheering and clapping was heard. Everyone felt an incredible lightness of spirit. The atmosphere of celebration was in the air. The rescuers emerged from the tunnel feeling as if the load had been lifted off them. The goal of the rescue mission was now accomplished.

The taxi driver who was driving along a road outside the scene of the disaster also heard the news on his radio. A woman had just been rescued. Hearing the drone of a helicopter just then, he craned his neck out of his taxi to look. He knew that it had to be Madam Ng being brought to safety. The team had done a great job. He, too, cheered.

21. On which day was Madam Ng successfully rescued?

22. What did the rescuers hope to achieve in this rescue mission?

23. What was the response of the crowd when the mission was accomplished?

24. How was Madam Ng taken to the hospital?

25. Write down the sentence which suggests that Madam Ng had difficulty adjusting to bright light.
