

**Primary Four
English Language
Continual Assessment Two**

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)

1. Catch the bird before it _____ away.

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| (1) fly | (2) files |
| (3) mine | (4) ours |

2. Kelly has a headache _____ she did not sleep well last night.

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| (1) so | (2) if |
| (3) but | (4) because |

3. There _____ a lot of food at the party last night.

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| (1) is | (2) are |
| (3) was | (4) were |

4. He is _____ hardworking than anybody in the class.

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| (1) very | (2) most |
| (3) more | (4) the most |

5. These shoes need _____. I shall take them to the cobbler.

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| (1) mend | (2) mends |
| (3) mended | (4) mending |

6. Mrs Goh was certain she saw her son _____ down the road.

- (1) walking (2) walks
(3) walked (4) was walking

7. Steven told me to write my address in her handbook, so I _____.

- (1) do (2) did
(3) should (4) would

Vocabulary MCQ

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

8. The piranha has very _____ teeth which it uses to attack and eat live animals.

- (1) ferocious (2) fearsome
(3) fascinating (4) frightening

9. Jellyfish swim around the ocean with their mouth and five _____ pointing down.

- (1) tentacles (2) gills
(3) fins (4) suckers

10. The _____ of Singapore by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles took place in 1819.

- (1) discovery (2) exploration
(3) founding (4) expedition

11. Weisheng was arrested because some fingerprints found at the scene of the crime _____ his.

- (1) resembled (2) identified
(3) detected (4) matched

12. The confidence trickster spoke so _____ that the old lady was taken in by his lies.

- (1) clearly (2) convincingly
(3) politely (4) truthfully

13. Long ago, most chores had to be done _____ as most people could not afford to buy machines to assist them in their work.

- (1) manually (2) wearily
(3) cheaply (4) poorly

14. Running a laundry is a _____ trade in Singapore.

- (1) decreasing (2) shrinking
(3) vanishing (4) diminishing

Grammar Cloze

III. Read the passage carefully. Choose the best option to complete the blank. Write its letter (A) to (E) in the blanks provided.

Use each word ONCE only. (3 X 1 Mark)

(A) live	(B) lives	(C) lived	(D) had lived	(E) living
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Thousand of yeas ago, there were already people (15) _____ on this earth. They did not (16) _____ in houses as we do. In fact they did not even know how to build them. They (17) _____ in caves and they hunted wild animals with wooden clubs and spears or sharp stones. Life was difficult for these early cavemen.

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the best option to complete the blank. Write its letter (A) to (E) in the blanks provided.

Use each word ONCE only. (3 x 1 Mark)

(A) must have	(B) could have	(C) used to
(D) ought to	(E) should have	

When we reached Mr Wong's house at 9 am, all the doors and windows were shut The gate was closed and his car was not in the garage. "He (18) _____ left for work," we thought. It was rather unusual because Mr Wong (19) _____ leave for work at

10 am. " Guess we only have ourselves to blame. We (20) _____
given him a call before we came, " I said.

Grammar Cloze

**Read the passage carefully. Choose the best option to complete the blank.
Write its letter (A) to (F) in the blanks provided.**

Use each word ONCE only. (4 x 1 Mark)

(A) in (B) on (C) at (D) with (E) under (F) over

Odysseus was a great hero in Greek stories. Clear blue seas surrounded the country of Greece. Many Greek legends are about sailors and their adventures (21) _____ sea.

One of these legends tells about Odysseus' strange adventure when he went (22) _____ a long sea journey. Sea journeys were dangerous because somewhere (23) _____ the sea lived strange women who had magical powers. Nobody had ever seen them but everybody knew they existed. They had beautiful singing voices and their songs floated (24) _____ the waves making every sailor on a ship stop to listen. These women were known as Sirens.

Vocabulary Cloze

IV. Read the passage carefully. Choose the best option to complete the blank. Write its letter (A) to (K) in the blanks provided.

Use each word ONCE only. (6 x 1 Mark)

(A) lives	(B) punishable	(C) but	(D) harmful
(E) because	(F) bad	(G) people	(H) poor
(J) observe	(K) follow		

A crime is an act that violates the law and is
(25)_____ by the state. It may be (26)_____ to
either people or property.

Whether a person will become a habitual criminal depends on
the environment in which he (27) _____ in. For instance,
more crimes are committed in slums where the (28) _____ live
crowded together in large groups. Young people growing up in this
environment (29) _____ criminal acts being
performed frequently and they are often led to imitate such acts. They
are willing to perform a crime (30) _____ they believe that
the chances for rewards are greater than the possible punishment.

Comprehension MCQ

V. Read the passage carefully. Then answer the following questions.

(5 x 2 Marks)

Serena pedalled slowly along a grass-lined track. The following day was the start of the weekend and she was busy daydreaming about the fishing trip that her father had promised her. At the back of her mind, she could hear a strange noise. She came to a stop. When she looked up, she was shocked and horrified by what she saw.

A huge swarm of bees was flying towards her. Serena sped off in the opposite direction, not knowing where she was heading. She then raced towards a wooden bridge that spanned a dry riverbed.

She felt that she was going very fast but the bees were still closing in behind her. As she began to work her way up a hill, the bees caught up with her and started stinging her.

Suddenly, from the corner of her eyes, she spotted a pond. Without hesitation, she jumped into it and disappeared below the surface.

31. This story took place on _____.

- (1) Monday
- (2) Wednesday
- (3) Friday
- (4) Saturday

32. When Serena first saw the bees, she _____.

- (1) thought of a route to escape
- (2) pedalled up a hill
- (3) knew that she should look for a nearby pond
- (4) sped towards the direction of the wooden bridge immediately

33. The phrases “closing in on her “ line 10 means _____.

- (1) the bees were covering her
- (2) the bees surrounding her on all sides
- (3) the bees were catching up with her
- (4) the bees were circling her

34. Besides travelling at a faster speed, the bees were able to catch up with Serena because she _____.

- (1) was too shocked and horrified
- (2) was riding up a hill
- (3) was busy daydreaming about her fishing trip
- (4) had to cross a wooden bridge

35. Serena jumped into the pond because she _____.

- (1) was hot from the chase
- (2) had lost control of her bicycle
- (3) did not know where to go
- (4) knew the bees would not follow her

Comprehension OE

**VI. Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions that follow.
(5 x 2 Marks)**

“ We look like a pair of giant frogs, ” thought Peter, as he walked awkwardly to the water’s edge in a pair of flippers. But once he and his cousin were in the water, they moved as gracefully as the sea creatures around them.

The underwater world was amazingly beautiful. Orange and purple corals glowed on the rocks and shoals of silver fish swam past them. “Andy was right,” thought Peter. “These flippers make swimming so easy. The water here is quite shallow too and it’s not dangerous.”

Suddenly a sea turtle swam past them. The boys decided to follow it. They kicked their flippers gently, easy action, taking them further and further away from the shore.

“We’ve got to swim back now,” shouted Peter with a worried tone. “Come on.”

It was hard work swimming against the current but Peter was managing quite well. But when he look a glance to see where Andy was, he got a nasty shock. His cousin was far behind and waving his arm and shouted frantically for help. “ So

he's not such a strong swimmer after all," muttered Peter to himself. "I bet he told me he was the school champion just to persuade me to go snorkelling with him." Peter swam swiftly back to his cousin.

36. What made the boys look like a pair of giant frogs?

37. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as "to be placed under a spell"?

38. What made the boys swim further and further away from the shore?

39. Which sentence in the passage tells you that Peter was the more cautious of the two cousins?

40. Why was Peter shocked to find Andy struggling in the water?

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