

**Primary Four  
English Language  
Continual Assessment Two**

**Section A: Grammar (15 Marks)**

**I. Choose the most suitable answer to complete the blank. Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (15 x 1 Mark)**

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1. Mrs. Soh searched for her two daughters everywhere but \_\_\_\_\_ was found.

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| (1) none   | (2) both    |
| (3) either | (4) neither |

2. The train \_\_\_\_\_ to leave the station at 8 o'clock tonight.

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| (1) expects     | (2) is expected  |
| (3) will expect | (4) was expected |

3. Aunt Sylvia told her nieces, "Tidy the room \_\_\_\_\_ as the maid is busy."

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| (1) yourself   | (2) ourselves  |
| (3) yourselves | (4) themselves |

4. Does Mary \_\_\_\_\_ the way to the museum?

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| (1) know | (2) knows |
| (3) knew | (4) known |

5. Dylan arrived \_\_\_\_\_ hour earlier than his friends.

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| (1) a  | (2) the  |
| (3) an | (4) some |

6. Tom has as \_\_\_\_\_ toy cars as Jeff.

- (1) many (2) most  
(3) more (4) much

7. Mrs. Tan's blood pressure has gone up because she is \_\_\_\_\_ much stress.

- (1) behind (2) under  
(3) near (4) with

8. This pink wallet is \_\_\_\_\_. I bought it last week.

- (1) mine (2) hers  
(3) my (4) ours

9. Otters are animals \_\_\_\_\_ feed on fish.

- (1) who (2) whom  
(3) which (4) whose

10. Meimei who is from China could hardly \_\_\_\_\_ a word of English when she first came to Singapore.

- (1) speak (2) speaks  
(3) spoke (4) spoken

11. As the luggage is \_\_\_\_\_, you must return it to them.

- (1) his (2) them  
(3) theirs (4) ours

12. "Has the school bell \_\_\_\_\_ yet?" asked Gillian.

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| (1) ring | (2) rings |
| (3) rang | (4) rung  |

13. We have kept in touch with each other even \_\_\_\_\_ leaving school.

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| (1) since | (2) before |
| (3) until | (4) after  |

14. The gardener \_\_\_\_\_ down the tree yesterday.

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| (1) cut    | (2) cuts    |
| (3) cutted | (4) has cut |

15. The teacher made Gary \_\_\_\_\_ his exercise before letting him go for recess.

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| (1) finish   | (2) finishes  |
| (3) finished | (4) finishing |

**Section B: Vocabulary (15 Marks)**

**II. Choose the most suitable answer to complete the blank. Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (15 x 1 Mark)**

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16. Thomas drank a big glass of water to \_\_\_\_\_ his thirst.

- (1) kill (2) replace  
(3) catch (4) quench

17. As the tea was hot, Selina \_\_\_\_\_ it slowly.

- (1) tasted (2) sipped  
(3) gulped (4) swallowed

18. My best friend left Singapore for Canada nearly a \_\_\_\_\_ ago. I wonder how she looks like now.

- (1) week (2) decade  
(3) century (4) fortnight

19. Mother tried ways and means to \_\_\_\_\_ my little brother to finish his food.

- (1) beg (2) invite  
(3) coax (4) request

20. How much is the \_\_\_\_\_ to Orchard Road?

- (1) fee (2) fine  
(3) rent (4) fare

21. The prisoner admitted his guilt and \_\_\_\_\_ for mercy.

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| (1) cried | (2) pleaded  |
| (3) asked | (4) demanded |

22. Uncle Denny hired a \_\_\_\_\_ to drive him around in a car.

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| (1) guide     | (2) security guard |
| (3) chauffeur | (4) watchman       |

23. The thief snatched Grandmother's \_\_\_\_\_ leaving her with a bruised neck.

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| (1) chain  | (2) watch    |
| (3) brooch | (4) bracelet |

24. My sister \_\_\_\_\_ a taxi to take her to Shenton Way as she was late for work.

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| (1) hailed | (2) called    |
| (3) hailed | (4) signalled |

25. The cattle was slaughtered at the \_\_\_\_\_.

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| (1) market   | (2) stable |
| (3) abattoir | (4) hangar |

Choose the most suitable answer to replace the underlined word(s) and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided.

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26. My father put the goldfishes in the man-made glass tank.

- (1) bucket                      (2) aquarium  
(3) basin                        (4) emporium

27. Every hiker has to carry a big bag on his back.

- (1) file                         (2) satchel  
(3) haversack                (4) artfolio

28. We could hear the wind blowing hard and making a loud noise during the storm.

- (1) crying                      (2) wailing  
(3) weeping                    (4) howling

29. The maid is washing the forks, spoons and knives.

- (1) cutlery                      (2) jewellery  
(3) crockery                    (4) appliances

30. The old building will soon be pulled down to make way for a new shopping centre.

- (1) damaged                    (2) demolished  
(3) destroyed                   (4) smashed

**Section C: Comprehension (10 Marks)**

**III. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

**Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (5 x 2 Marks)**

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While Mr. Sim helped Eunice in her half-hearted effort to pitch her own tent, her mother and brother, Evan went to the river to see if it was safe for swimming. They returned with the good news that it was safe to swim there. They then changed and ran to the river which was wide with shallow and clear water, flowing smoothly over stones and sand.

“No pollution here,” said Eunice’s father who was a Geography teacher. He seemed ready to give a lecture on the environment. “Come on everyone,” Mother shrieked, more like an eager girl than Eunice, who had been quiet and disinterested. “Last one in cleans up after lunch!”

Eunice stepped into the water. Knee deep and trying to gather enough courage to plunge the rest of her body into the cold water, she watched her mother wade across, testing its depth, before letting Evan go any farther. Father had also joined them and soon, they were splashing water at one another.

Suddenly, Eunice realized that this holiday was her parents’ escape from their work and responsibilities. They had chosen to spend time with their children. Eunice had to admit she was a selfish, sullen and critical girl to spoil their enjoyment.

“Here I come!” she yelled and plunged into the water. She was soon splashing water at her father. Later, she even swam an uneven race against her mother’s smooth, swift strokes. To her surprise, she was soon enjoying herself. Once out of the water, she was glad to huddle into dry clothes. She also helped her brother to put on his clothes. Working hard at being the new, co-operative Eunice, she helped to prepare lunch. She was glad that her little gestures had brought so much pleasure to her parents. She knew it would be a great holiday.

31. The expression “half-hearted effort” means Eunice \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) showed no real interest
- (2) was a little hesitant and afraid
- (3) depended much on her father’s help
- (4) could concentrate on two things at one time

32. Eunice was quiet and disinterested when Mother asked them to swim because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) she was unhappy with her family
- (2) she did not like the idea of this holiday
- (3) she was by nature a selfish and critical girl
- (4) she did not want to hear her father give a lecture

33. Mother tested the depth of the water because she \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) was a poor swimmer
- (2) knew Evan was a beginner
- (3) knew her children might drown
- (5) (4) feared they would be hurt by the stones

34. Eunice swam an “uneven race” against her mother. This means that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) they had a good and enjoyable race
- (2) one of them was faster than the other
- (3) they made plenty of waves as they swam
- (4) the race had not been planned but it went on well

35. At the end of the story, Mr. and Mrs. Sim were \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) glad they had a good swim
- (2) satisfied they had escaped from their work
- (3) contented that lunch was prepared by Eunice
- (4) happy that their daughter was enjoying herself



**Section D: Grammar (10 Marks)**

**IV. Read the following two passages carefully.**

Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter (A to H).

Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.

**USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE. (10 x 1 Mark)**

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**Passage 1:**

(A) swim	(B) swims	(C) swam	(D) swum
(E) swimming	(F) has been swimming	(G) has swum	(H) swimmer

(36) \_\_\_\_\_ is a good form of exercise to keep fit. When a person (37) \_\_\_\_\_ regularly, he feels alert and healthy. Having (38) \_\_\_\_\_ many laps, the (39) \_\_\_\_\_ will find his heartbeat increasing and his breathing go deeper. Some people (40) \_\_\_\_\_ to keep fit while others swim to participate in competitions.

**Passage 2:**

(A) on	(B) of	(C) at	(D) in
(E) over	(F) under	(G) along	(H) beside

Edison, a Primary Four pupil (41) \_\_\_\_\_ Evergreen School, was found unconscious (42) \_\_\_\_\_ a tall tree. He must have climbed the tree to look for birds' nests as one was found (43) \_\_\_\_\_ him. Two of the eggs (44) \_\_\_\_\_ the nest were cracked. Edison was sent to the hospital and (45) \_\_\_\_\_ the way there, he regained consciousness.

**Section E: Vocabulary (10 Marks)**

**V. Read the passage carefully.**

**Choose the words given in the box. Each word is given a letter (A to R).  
(Letters I and O have been omitted.)**

**Write the letter for the correct word in each blank.**

**USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE. (10 x 1 Mark)**

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(A) handed	(E) route	(J) jotted	(N) grumbled
(B) timidly	(F) picked	(K) towards	(P) surprised
(C) exclaimed	(G) passed	(L) belong	(Q) stepped
(D) reported	(H) called	(M) excitedly	(R) praised

David was on his way to school. He was walking along the street  
(46) \_\_\_\_\_ the bus-stop. Suddenly David (47) \_\_\_\_\_ on  
something. He looked down and saw a wallet. David (48) \_\_\_\_\_ the  
wallet up. He opened it and was (49) \_\_\_\_\_ to find a lot of money  
inside. David counted it. "Five hundred dollars!" he (50) \_\_\_\_\_.

David was excited. He had never seen so much money. "Oh, but I can't  
keep it," he said. "It does not (51) \_\_\_\_\_ to me." So he took the wallet to  
the police station. He (52) \_\_\_\_\_ it over to a police officer there and told  
him where he had found it. The officer wrote down David's name and address.  
He also (53) \_\_\_\_\_ down the name of his school.

The next day, David was (54) \_\_\_\_\_ up to the principal's office.  
The police officer was there too. The principal (55) \_\_\_\_\_ David for being  
an honest boy.

**Section F: Editing - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (10 Marks)**

**VI. Each of the underlined word contains either a spelling or grammatical error. Wrong or missing punctuation is shown by a circle at the place where it should be.**

**Put the correct punctuation mark, spelling or form of the underlined word in the boxes provided. (10 x 1 Mark)**

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When Mrs. Wu gave berth, her excited husband telephoned his elderly

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mother  in  law with the good new. "We have twins!" he told her.

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The telephone connection were noisy and she did not heard him clearly.

(61)  (62)  (63)

"Could you repeat that

(64)  (65)

sounding started. "In fact, I am surpised myself. It has happened the first time."

**Section G: Comprehension (10 Marks)**

**VII. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences. (10 x 2 Marks)**

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The house was dimly lit as I approached it. The surroundings were serene and quiet as it was already past midnight and the next day was a working day. I had forgotten to bring my latch key so I expected Father or Mother to open the door when I knocked.

“Not Father, I hope,” I said to myself. It was he who laid down the rule that no one should return home later than midnight. I could still remember the punishment he gave me when I last came home late. He was the strict parent while my mother would only shake her head and say, “You’d better not be late again.” So I wished Mother would be the one to open the door.

At the main door-step, I **kept my fingers crossed** and nervously knocked at the door. For a few moments, there was silence followed my footsteps and the latch being lifted. I looked up and to my dismay, it was Father staring sternly at me as if to ask, “Now, what excuse are you giving this time?” Before I could open my mouth to explain, he started questioning me without stopping. Just at that moment, the telephone rang. Father picked it up. It was my classmate, Donny. He had called to inform me that I had left behind an expensive pen at his house. I had gone there that afternoon to study with him for the coming school examination.

That convinced Father that I was not up to any mischief outside. He gave me a pat on my shoulder and told me to go to bed.

66. Why was the house dimly lit and the surrounding quiet?

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67. Who would the writer prefer to open the door and why?

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68. What does “**kept my fingers crossed**” mean?

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69. How was Father convinced that his son was not up to mischief?

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70. What kind of Mother did the writer have?

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