

**Primary Four
English Language
Semestral Assessment One**

Section A: Vocabulary

Choose the correct word to complete the blank and write your answer in the boxes provided. (10 x 1 mark)

1. The soccer match was _____ to the following week because of bad weather.

(1) adjourned (2) changed
(3) delayed (4) postponed

2. The _____ of horns is not allowed in the vicinity of a hospital.

(1) wailing (2) rumbling
(3) booming (4) tooting

3. No one recognized the detective because he _____ himself as an old lady.

(1) distorted (2) disguised
(3) disfigured (4) displayed

4. The driver swerved his car to _____ hitting the cyclist.

(1) prevent (2) escape
(3) evade (4) avoid

5. Osman's left hand was badly _____ by the hot soup.

- (1) burnt (2) boiled
(3) scalded (4) steamed

6. The eagle _____ at the dead snake that was on the ground.

- (1) munched (2) chewed
(3) pecked (4) gobbled

7. Susan's arm is in a cast as she _____ it when she fell from a tree.

- (1) twisted (2) fractured
(3) amputated (4) sprained

8. The Tan family was very upset to find that somebody had _____ their house when they were away on holiday.

- (1) searched (2) stolen
(3) ransacked (4) robbed

9. Immediately after the disaster, many public-spirited citizens _____ blood to the victims.

- (1) transfused (2) donated
(3) transferred (4) contributed

10. Young people should be taught to _____ their seats to the elderly, the disabled and the pregnant women in buses and in MRT trains.

- (1) give in
- (3) give out

- (2) give up
- (4) give away

Section B: Grammar

Choose the correct word to complete the blank and write your answer in the boxes provided. (5 x 1 mark)

11. One of the clowns _____ my uncle. Everybody calls him Bozzo.

- (1) is
- (3) are

- (2) was
- (4) were

12. Neither the girls nor their father _____ yet.

- (1) eat
- (3) has eaten

- (2) eats
- (4) have eaten

13. The dog hurt _____ paw when it stepped on a sharp object.

- (1) it's
- (3) its'

- (2) its
- (4) it

14. Did your father _____ you permission to leave the house?

(1) gives

(2) give

(3) gave

(4) given

15. It was being reported that the jetliner had crashed and burst _____ flames.

(1) into

(2) with

(3) over

(4) up

Section C: Comprehension

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer and write your answer in the boxes provided. (5 x 2 marks)

A full grown tiger can measure about three metres long. It has strong sharp teeth which it uses for seizing and eating the animals it catches. When the tiger is attacked, it defends itself with its claws and teeth. It eats mainly deer, wild pigs, monkeys and other small animals. Tigers usually hunt and eat at night.

In the day time, they lie resting, hidden in the long grass. They do not like the great heat and when it is very hot, they rest near the river or on some wet ground. When the tiger has killed its prey, it will often drag the dead animal away to a place where it can eat its meat in peace.

Tigers belong to the same family as cats. They are very strong creatures as well as excellent swimmers. They can swim across fast flowing rivers easily. They will also dive into the river to escape from dangers such as forest fires.

16. Tigers usually live in the _____.

- (1) Indian jungles
- (2) South East Asia
- (3) grassy plains near rivers
- (4) forested places where many other animals are also found

17. In hot weather, the tiger usually rests in _____.

- (1) its usual shelter
- (2) a damp place
- (3) the river
- (4) the grassland

18. When a tiger is attacked, it protects itself by _____.

- (1) going to hot places
- (2) hiding in long grasses
- (3) using its teeth and claws
- (4) eating its attackers

19. The word "prey" in the second paragraph describes an animal that _____.

- (1) is hunted and eaten by other animals
- (2) can defend itself from the tiger
- (3) lives on other animals
- (4) has been dragged to its death by a tiger

20. Tigers escape from danger by _____.

- (1) climbing trees
- (2) showing their fangs
- (3) diving into the river
- (4) hiding in the long grass

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze

Read the passage 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 a word once only. (5 x 1 mark)

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| (A) lifted | (E) picked |
| (B) stack | (F) card |
| (C) pavement | (G) wad |
| (D) address | (H) returning |

While (21) _____ home from school one day, Dave found a wallet lying on the (22) _____. He (23) _____ it up and looked inside.

Dave was surprised to find a (24) _____ of hundred dollar notes. There was neither name nor (25) _____ in the wallet. Honest Dave brought the wallet to the nearest police post.

Section E: Grammar Cloze

I. 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 1 mark)

(A) on	(E) at
(B) by	(F) in
(C) up	(G) and
(D) off	(H) behind

Mr. Yong was woken up by three armed robbers who broke into his terraced house in Pasir Ris View early one Saturday morning. He and his grandson were tied (26) _____, gagged and threatened with parangs and screwdrivers (27) _____ the masked robbers.

Police officers immediately searched the area and the housing estate (28) _____ the house. Mr. Yong believed the robbers got (29) _____ through an unlocked sliding window (30) _____ the back of the house.

II. 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 1 mark)

(A) one	(E) when
(B) they	(F) it
(C) from	(G) to
(D) as	(H) if

Penguins are fun to watch. With their black backs and white fronts, (31) _____ look like funny little men in dress suits. They walk upright, using their flippers (32) _____ balancing poles. As they walk, they rock (33) _____ side to side like short-legged fat men. Even (34) _____ they go for a swim, they act like people. They try to push (35) _____ another in the water.

Section F: Comprehension

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

During the March holidays one of my friends suggested that we should go on a hike instead of idling our time away at home. We immediately welcomed the idea of a nature ramble and all agreed to meet at MacRitchie Reservoir the following Wednesday.

We started off in high spirits, cracking jokes and singing all the songs we know. There was a well-trodden path for the first few kilometers and we covered these with ease. The deeper we went into the forest the taller the trees grew and the undergrowth was much thicker. Occasionally we came across queer plants bearing beautiful flowers. We would pause every now and then to collect rare specimens and oversized leaf or stone of a particular colour so that

on our return we could boast about our achievements to our friends who had remained at home.

After a light meal, we increased our pace as it was now late in the afternoon. An ordinary hike had turned out into a race against the sun. At one stage, we were frightened as the possibilities of being trapped at the reservoir for the night were very real. Our feet ached terribly. We still pressed on to reach the end of our journey before night fell. We won, and reached the main road at seven-thirty, more dead than alive, but we all agreed that it was great fun.

36. Where did the writer's friend suggest they should go?

37. Why did they want to collect more specimens?

38. How did you know that the hikers were light-hearted?

39. What does the phrase "we increased our pace" in the third paragraph mean?

40. Which sentence in the passage tells us that the hikers were very determined to reach home in spite of their difficulties?
