

**Primary Four
English Language
Semestral Assessment Two**

Section A: Grammar (10 Marks)

I. Choose the most suitable answer to complete the blank. Write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (10 x 1 Mark)

1. Peter has a dog _____ is called Cookie.

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

2. How did you feel when Mrs. Tan _____ you just now?

- (1) scold (2) scolds
(3) scolded (4) scolding

3. The price of food usually _____ up just before Chinese New Year.

- (1) go (2) gone
(3) goes (4) went

4. "Please behave _____," said Mrs. Chan to both Ahmad and Rahiz.

- (1) himself (2) themselves
(3) yourself (4) yourselves

5. If I _____ a millionaire, I would donate five thousand dollars to the orphanages.

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

6. Long ago, my grandmother used to _____ in a rickshaw.

- (1) travel (2) travels
(3) travelled (4) travelling

7. Lydia saw a suspicious-looking man _____ into the school compound.

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

8. Someone _____ stabbed Mr. Lee to death. He died with a knife in his heart.

- (1) will have (2) should have
(3) would have (4) must have

9. Sir Stamford Raffles said, "I've already explored the island on my own." Raffles said that he _____ already explored the island on _____ own.

- (1) has...my (2) have...his
(3) had...my (4) had...his

10. The police have recovered most of the _____ goods.

- (1) steal (2) stealing
(3) stole (4) stolen

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)

11. Conical flasks, beakers and bunsen burners are some of the _____ commonly found in the Science laboratory.

- (1) equipment (2) apparatus
(3) appliances (4) instruments

12. The first Singaporean _____ to reach the top of Mount Everest are Khoo Swee Chiow and his team.

- (1) trekkers (2) pioneers
(3) mountaineers (4) globetrotters

13. During the experiment, the students were asked to _____ their results in the given worksheets.

- (1) record (2) classify
(3) observe (4) measure

14. My family went _____ a ship on a cruise to Batam last week.

- (1) abroad (2) aboard
(3) boarded (4) overboard

15. In ancient China, brides had to travel to their grooms' houses in _____ as part of the wedding procession.

- (1) sedan chairs (2) dog sledges
(3) horse carriages (4) camel caravans

16. Professor Chao Tze Cheng was a famous _____ who died recently. His examination of dead bodies helped solve many crimes.

- (1) detective (2) police officer
(3) investigator (4) forensic scientist

17. The police officer told the _____ who was robbed of her valuables to relate the incident of the robbery calmly.

- (1) robber (2) victim
(3) witness (4) suspect

18. A masked burglar crept _____ into the house when everyone was asleep.

- (1) soundly (2) stealthily
(3) silently (4) suspiciously

19. The police are on the look-out for the _____ who preys on old women, making them pay a large amount of money for a worthless stone.

- (1) forger (2) smuggler
(3) kidnapper (4) confidence trickster

20. It was an accident. Jeffrey did not hurt the dog _____.

- (1) badly (2) voluntarily
(3) intentionally (4) accidentally

21. The Egyptian tombs were raided by the _____ for precious antiques and jewellery.

- (1) pilferers (2) poachers
(3) swindlers (4) plunderers

22. The _____ across the South China Sea was very dangerous.

- (1) tour (2) voyage
(3) drive (4) hike

23. Long ago, household chores were done _____. People did not use machines.

- (1) orderly (2) manually
(3) systematically (4) mechanically

24. The robber and his _____ were arrested yesterday.

- (1) helper (2) partner
(3) accomplice (4) accused

25. The man cannot walk _____ because he is drunk.

- (1) steadily (2) slowly
(3) carefully (4) gracefully

Section C: Comprehension (10 Marks)

III. Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions. Choose the most suitable answer and write its number (1, 2, 3 or 4) in the boxes provided. (5 x 2 Marks)

One of the things that can wreck your vacation in a foreign country is to have your pocket picked. Such an unpleasant incident would almost certainly spoil your holiday. Imagine how wretched you will feel if you find your wallet containing your money and passport gone.

There are several ways in which pickpockets pick on their victims. One very easy strategy is for them to mingle with the crowd at bus stations or on buses. It is so easy for a pickpocket to slash the pocket of someone who is trying to scramble for a seat on the bus. A small, sharp penknife is the only tool a pickpocket needs to do the job.

Crowded shopping centres provide the perfect scene for pickpockets to 'acquire' the day's earnings. This has led to some of them operating in gangs. One member of the gang gets in front of the victim while another gets behind him. The one in front distracts the victim while his partner just picks his pocket and disappears in the crowd.

It is therefore advisable to have the wallet put inside a pocket which can be closed with a zipper or buttoned up. Never put your wallet in the rear pocket of your pants especially if you are traveling on the bus or a train. Ladies, on the other hand, should not sling their handbags as this would be an open invitation to pickpockets. Instead, they should carry their handbags close to them, preferably tucked under their arms. This is to protect themselves from snatch thieves. Furthermore, when you are shopping, never leave your shopping bags unattended.

The only way to safeguard your property and possibly your life is not to tempt the thieves. If you count your dollar notes in full view of everyone in a crowded street, then you are to be blamed for having your pocket picked.

26. To steal from passengers on a bus without appearing suspicious, pickpockets _____.

- (1) carry penknives
- (2) mix with the crowd
- (3) scramble for seats on the bus
- (4) wait for passengers to get off

27. A small sharp penknife is useful for _____.

- (1) cutting the victim's pocket to steal his wallet
- (2) prying open the victim's bags to get his wallet
- (3) protecting himself from being caught by police
- (4) threatening the victim into giving him his wallet

28. To "acquire the day's earnings" means to _____.

- (1) earn an income for work done
- (2) buy things with the stolen money
- (3) obtain money stolen from victims
- (4) recover the money taken from victims

29. What advice does the writer have for ladies against pickpockets?
They should _____.

- (1) keep snatch thieves away
- (2) have a zipper in their pockets
- (3) sling their handbags at the side
- (4) tuck their handbags under the arm

30. One way to safeguard oneself from tempting thieves is to avoid
_____.

- (1) crowded places
- (2) shopping complexes
- (3) taking buses and trains
- (4) showing off what you have

Section D: Vocabulary Cloze (10 Marks)

IV. Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the box and write its LETTER to fill in the blanks.

You may use each word only ONCE. (10 x 1 Mark)

(A) spanked (B) pacify (C) whipped (D) broke (E) console
(F) satisfied (G) word (H) sound (I) relieved (J) cracked

One day, I climbed the mango tree in my neighbour's garden against my father's orders. When I was throwing the fruit down to my brother, my father came on us suddenly. Seething with anger, he commanded us to follow him into the house. Without a (31) _____, he took a belt which was hanging on the door knob and (32) _____ our buttocks. We were too afraid to protest or scream. At last he stopped hitting us and left the room in a huff. My mother rushed to my father to (33) _____ him.

We remained in the room, (34) _____ that the ordeal was over. My brother (35) _____ into a grin and pulled down his pants. There, stuffed in his underwear, was a towel folded in fours.

Fill in each blank with the most suitable WORD.

Mr. Seah tore open the white envelope eagerly and pulled out the (36) _____. He scanned the contents quickly and let out a hoot. It was the happiest moment of his (37) _____. He had won two tickets to watch the World Cup Final (38) _____ in Japan. He quickly rushed to his wife and broke the (39) _____ to her. Madam Tham was so overwhelmed

that she could hardly contain her excitement. Then she and her husband decided to make plans for their (40) _____ to the World Cup.

Section E: Grammar (10 Marks)

V. Read the following passage carefully. Choose the most suitable word from the box and write its LETTER to fill in the blanks.

You may use each word only ONCE. (10 x 1 Mark)

Passage 1:

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| (A) give | (B) gives | (C) gave |
| (D) given | (E) gift | (F) giving |

Tim was looking forward to his birthday present from his parents. He had overheard their conversation one evening about his birthday. He had been (41) _____ many presents over the years but none of them was something he had wished for. He was brought up not to complain but to accept them graciously. This time however, it was different. His parents had planned on (42) _____ him a bicycle. It was indeed an expensive gift. Last year, his mother (43) _____ up a job to look after Tim's grandfather who had suffered a stroke. It meant that his father was now the sole breadwinner. Thus, his parents had to scrimp and save to buy the bicycle.

Passage 2:

(A) look (B) looks (C) looked (D) looking

Hilda (44) _____ at her watch and knew she had to hurry. The school bus would be arriving in five minutes' time. She was (45) _____ out of the window to see if the bus had turned the corner to the street where she lived. Just as she was running down the stairs to the lift, she turned to (46) _____ back at her front door. It was left open. With a sigh, she went to close it.

Passage 3:

(A) take (B) takes (C) took
(D) taken (E) taking

Zan was bound, blindfolded and gagged. He could hear what the men were saying. They were (47) _____ him to a hideout where they would contact his father and get the ransom. Zan tried to recall what had happened earlier. Everything had happened so quickly. On his way home from the bus stop, he (48) _____ a short cut when someone called out to him. A man told him that he was sent by his father to (49) _____ him to his office as something urgent had cropped up. He was (50) _____ to a car parked near the playground when suddenly he felt a sharp pain on his head and fell unconscious.

Section F: Open-Ended Comprehension (10 Marks)

VI. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions in complete sentences. (5 x 2 Marks)

Wazi looked up from his book, in a lazy way at first, to see what had made the noise. Then he went stiff with fright. At an arm's length from his chair, something moved. A shape glided smoothly along the window frame. He saw a flat head held up by a single neck.

The creature stopped and lay without moving. It looked dead. But all the time it was trying to sense if any food was in the room.

Wazi felt trapped in his chair, yet he knew he must warn his sister. He thought of what his father had told him so often. He wanted to whisper, but his tongue and mouth were dry with shock. He dared not move. His throat clicked as he tried to utter some sound. If only she would look at him.

Lena must have felt that there was something strange about his silence, for she turned to glance at him. When she saw the fear on his face, she swiftly shifted round, looking at his glazed eyes. She moved her head to see what those eyes were fixed on, then covered her mouth to stifle her gasp of terror.

51. What was the creature that Wazi saw?

52. What had the creature come for?

53. Why could he not warn his sister about the creature?

54. Why did Lena cover her mouth?

55. Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'take a quick look'?
