



Maha Bodhi School  
2019 Semestral Assessment 2  
English Language  
Paper 2  
(Booklet A)

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ (     )

Class : Primary 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Date : 29 October 2019

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

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4. Shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided.

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**Section A: Grammar MCQ (8 x 1 mark)**

**For each of the following, choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS).**

1. "\_\_\_\_\_ you be able to help me with my homework later?" Sally asked her mother.  
  
(1) Must  
(2) Shall  
(3) Would  
(4) Should
  
2. "Beware! There \_\_\_\_\_ a ferocious dog in that house," warned the security guard.  
  
(1) is  
(2) are  
(3) was  
(4) were
  
3. When the rain stopped, the children \_\_\_\_\_ outdoors to play.  
  
(1) go  
(2) went  
(3) are going  
(4) were going
  
4. John was afraid to jump off the cliff \_\_\_\_\_ he was afraid of heights.  
  
(1) as  
(2) so  
(3) but  
(4) and

5. "Every August, millions of pufflings leave \_\_\_\_\_ burrows and fly for the first time," the teacher explained to the pupils.

- (1) its
- (2) our
- (3) their
- (4) your

6. "The woman \_\_\_\_\_ led the troops in the war was called Mulan," the boy told his classmates.

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

7. Kaelyn was excited to see the giraffes as she had \_\_\_\_\_ seen them before.

- (1) never
- (2) always
- (3) usually
- (4) sometimes

8. I took the stray cat home and gave it \_\_\_\_\_ food.

- (1) few
- (2) much
- (3) many
- (4) some

**Section B: Vocabulary MCQ (7 x 1 mark)**

**For each of the following, choose the best answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.**

9. Feeling \_\_\_\_\_ from the long walk with his dog, Ravi fell asleep as soon as he reached home.

(1) eager  
(2) excited  
(3) energetic  
(4) exhausted

10. The Emperor wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ a medal to the brave soldier.

(1) grant  
(2) reward  
(3) shower  
(4) present

11. Carrying a heavy bag, the mountain climber \_\_\_\_\_ up the wooded trails slowly. He arrived at the camp.

(1) dashed  
(2) trekked  
(3) crawled  
(4) scurried

12. The motorists were sounding their horns at other drivers in the \_\_\_\_\_ traffic jam.

(1) vast  
(2) gigantic  
(3) massive  
(4) tremendous

13. After many years of pulling plants out with his bare hands, the farmer's hands are \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) as soft as cotton
- (2) as brittle as glass
- (3) as tough as leather
- (4) as tender as a chicken

14. When Meng reached the zoo, he immediately went to the elephant \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) den
- (2) barn
- (3) container
- (4) enclosure

15. During the discussion, Ali \_\_\_\_\_, "Let's put on a skit for the elderly."

- (1) grumbled
- (2) suggested
- (3) demanded
- (4) whimpered

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Section C: Visual Text Comprehension (5 x 1 mark)

Read the poster carefully and answer questions 16 - 20.

Choose the correct answer and shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

## Outdoor Adventure Camp 2019 at Fort Canning Park

*Join our fun-filled outdoor adventure camp and  
build your self-confidence!*

Learn to pitch your  
own tent and cook  
your own food!



### Activities

- Rock Climbing
- Treasure Hunt
- Campfire
- Fishing (only for upper primary)
- Hiking Through the Forest (only for upper primary)

### Lower Primary Camp

Age: 7 to 9 years old

Dates: 1 – 4 December 2019

### Upper Primary Camp

Age: 10 to 12 years old

Dates: 6 – 9 December 2019

Cost per camper : \$40

Outward Bound  
Committee  
will give a free  
camp T-shirt  
to  
every camper!



To sign up, apply online at  
[www.outward.obs.com](http://www.outward.obs.com).

### Early Bird Bonus!

Sign up before 10 November 2019  
and get a free flashlight!



Proudly  
organised by  
Nature Lovers.  
Call us at  
67889000 or  
email us at  
[fcpc@camp.com](mailto:fcpc@camp.com)  
if you have any  
enquiries.



16. The **main** aim of the poster is to encourage children to

\_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) have fun
- (2) take part in the camp
- (3) get free camp T-shirts
- (4) learn how to cook their own food

17. Joven is eight years old. Which activities can he take part in?

- (1) Campfire and Fishing
- (2) Rock Climbing and Fishing
- (3) Rock Climbing and Treasure Hunt
- (4) Pitching his own tent and Hiking through the forest

18. Mr Lim wants his children to participate in the camp. However, he has a few questions about it. He can \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) log on to the website
- (2) call Fort Canning Park
- (3) email to fcp@camp.com
- (4) meet up with the Outward Bound Committee

19. To register for the outdoor adventure camp, Bala must

\_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) apply online
- (2) send an email
- (3) call the hotline
- (4) go personally to Fort Canning Park

20. Which of the following statements is **true**?

- (1) Participants must pay \$40 for the camp T-shirt.
- (2) The outdoor adventure camp is organised by Nature Lovers.
- (3) Participants who sign up on 10 November 2019 will get a free flashlight.
- (4) Yong Meng who is eleven years old will attend the camp from 1 to 4 December 2019.

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|--------------|---------|----------------|-----------|
| 2            | A       |                | 20        |
|              | B       |                | 30        |
| <b>Total</b> |         |                | <b>50</b> |

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**Section D: Grammar Cloze (7 x 1 mark)**

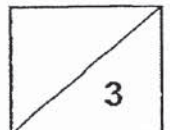
**Read the passages carefully. Fill in the blanks with the correct word(s) from the box. Use each word(s) once only.**

**Passage 1**

|         |        |             |
|---------|--------|-------------|
| fall    | fell   | falls       |
| falling | fallen | was falling |

A fox was walking alone in the forest. Suddenly, the fox (21) \_\_\_\_\_ into a well. As he was (22) \_\_\_\_\_, he screamed. Unable to get out, he waited for help. A passing goat saw the fox and asked how he had gotten into the well. The cunning fox replied, "I did not (23) \_\_\_\_\_ into the well. I jumped into it to drink some water." The silly goat believed that there was water in the well and jumped into it. The fox swiftly jumped on top of the goat and used its legs to push itself out of the well. The poor goat was stuck inside the well.

Adapted from *The Fox and the Goat*, Aesop's Fables



Passage 2

|     |    |       |
|-----|----|-------|
| she | it | them  |
| her | us | their |

The artist Frida Kahlo's life was not always easy. At the age of eighteen, Frida was studying to be a doctor when (24) \_\_\_\_\_ was involved in a serious accident. She got badly injured. (25) \_\_\_\_\_ injuries were so serious that she had to spend many months in hospital.

She became friends with another patient in the room. Both of (26) \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed painting pictures. The nurses admired (27) \_\_\_\_\_ pictures and hung them on the walls. Painting became Frida's hobby. It changed her life forever.

Adapted from *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed The World* by Kate Pankhurst

Section E: Vocabulary Cloze (5 x 1 mark)

Read the passage carefully. Fill in the blanks with the best word from the box.  
Use each word once only.

|          |            |          |        |
|----------|------------|----------|--------|
| arrogant | surrounded | big      | kind   |
| tiny     | terrified  | gathered | begged |

Once, there lived a lion. He was (28)\_\_\_\_\_ and always **boasted** about how he ruled the entire forest because he was bigger than the others.

One day, he was lying under a tree, looking at the other animals in the forest. He saw a mosquito buzzing by and thought, "I'm so glad I'm not as (29)\_\_\_\_\_ as mosquitoes. I can crush them just by flinging my tail! They are (30)\_\_\_\_\_ of me."

When the mosquitoes heard this, they were furious! They quickly (31)\_\_\_\_\_ him and bit him. When he ran away, they followed him. Finally, he was in so much pain that he (32)\_\_\_\_\_ them to let him go. They said, "Don't look down on those who are smaller than you."

Adapted from *The Lion and the Mosquitoes* by Aesop's Fables



**Section F: Comprehension Cloze (5 x 1 mark)**

**Fill in each blank with a suitable word.**

Something strange was happening. Last week, I collected the (33) \_\_\_\_\_ from the class and counted them. There were thirty-three of them but we only had thirty-two students. I checked the names and found two workbooks with my name on them!

It happened again on Wednesday. During a Math lesson, Miss Lee wrote a sum on the board and I (34) \_\_\_\_\_ my hand to answer it. Before I could, a voice behind me called out, "12!"

"That's incorrect," said Miss Lee.

"It wasn't me!" I protested.

I looked around and wondered who could have (35) \_\_\_\_\_ the question.

On Friday, I did not have breakfast. By ten o' clock, I was (36) \_\_\_\_\_. My mum had made a sandwich for me. When the recess bell finally (37) \_\_\_\_\_, Mark and I dashed to the canteen. When I opened my lunch box, I saw that my sandwich was half eaten!

Adapted from *The Shadow* by Ho Lee-Ling



**Section G: Sentence Manipulation - Combining (3 x 1 mark)**

**Combine the sentences into one sentence using the word(s) given. The meaning of the sentence must be the same as the sentences given.**

38. Nora was reading a book. There was a knock on the door.

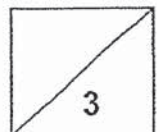
\_\_\_\_\_ when  
\_\_\_\_\_.

39. Ravin was playing soccer. Ravin's classmates were studying.

\_\_\_\_\_ while  
| | | |  
\_\_\_\_\_.

40. Jeff ate ten hamburgers. Jeff had a stomachache.

\_\_\_\_\_ because  
\_\_\_\_\_.



**Section H: Comprehension Open-Ended (10 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions in complete sentences. Your answers must be based on the passage read.**

Nancy was coming down the staircase when a movement behind a cupboard caught her eye. Her heartbeat increased. She shone the light at the cupboard. She caught a glimpse of a scrap of white fabric. Someone was hiding in the cupboard!

Nancy turned as pale as a sheet and her hands began to tremble slightly. She wanted to flee up the staircase but she needed to stay to solve this mystery. Instead of running away, she demanded, "Who are you? Show yourself before I shout for help. I am sure the police will be able to hear me!"

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"Hold it," a male voice echoed through the darkness. A man came out from the darkness. Nancy pointed her torch at him, so she could have a better look.

"Could he be a burglar?" Nancy thought, as she stared at him suspiciously.

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Before Nancy could say anything, he introduced himself. "I am Joseph Mascelli, a mystery story writer. I have received a tip about the burglary. I thought that this juicy bit of information would improve my story. Could you lower the light? It is hurting my eyes."

Nancy lowered the torch. She did not believe what he had said as nobody could enter the premises without being spotted by the police. Not taking her eyes off him, she moved backwards in the direction of the exit.

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*Adapted from Nancy Drew: The Clue Of The Gold Doubloons*

41. What did Nancy notice as she was coming down the staircase? [2]

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42. Why did Nancy decide not to run away? [2]

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43. Which two of Nancy's actions in the last paragraph tell you that she was suspicious of Joseph Mascelli? Put 2 ticks (✓) in the correct boxes. [1]

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | lowered her torch             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | did not take her eyes off him |

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | moved backwards in the direction of the exit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | entered the premises                         |

44. Which three-word phrase in paragraph 1 tells you that Nancy had a quick look at what was behind the cupboard? [1]

The phrase is

|         |
|---------|
| " " " " |
|---------|

45. Which adjective best describes Nancy? [1]  
Put a tick (✓) next to the correct answer.

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | courageous |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | arrogant   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | fierce     |

46. State whether each statement below is **True** or **False**. Then, give one reason why you think so. [2]

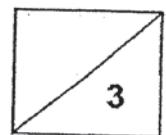
| Sentence  | True / False | Reason |
|---|--------------|--------|
| (a) Joseph received a tip about the burglary and he wanted to solve it. |              |        |
| (b) Nancy lowered the torch as her hands were tired.                    |              |        |

47. The statements below show the events in the story. Put them in the right sequence, according to the flow of the story. Write 1, 2 and 3 on the lines. [1]

\_\_\_\_\_ Nancy walked backwards towards the exit.

\_\_\_\_\_ Nancy shone her light at the cupboard.

\_\_\_\_\_ Nancy was going down the staircase.



**- End of Paper -**

*Please remember to check your work thoroughly.*

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| Q1   | Q2      | Q3   | Q4  | Q5  | Q6  | Q7  | Q8  | Q9  | Q10 |
| 3    | 1       | 2    | 1   | 3   | 1   | 1   | 4   | 4   | 4   |
| Q11  | Q12     | Q13  | Q14 | Q15 | Q16 | Q17 | Q18 | Q19 | Q20 |
| 2    | 3       | 3    | 4   | 2   | 2   | 3   | 3   | 1   | 2   |
| Q21  | Q22     | Q23  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| fell | falling | fall |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

|      |       |      |            |      |          |
|------|-------|------|------------|------|----------|
| Q24) | she   | Q28) | arrogant   | Q32) | begged   |
| Q25) | Her   | Q29) | tiny       | Q33) | books    |
| Q26) | them  | Q30) | terrified  | Q34) | raised   |
| Q27) | their | Q31) | surrounded | Q35) | answered |

|      |   |
|------|---|
| Q36) | hungry / staving / famished   |
| Q37) | rang  |
| Q38) | There was a knock on the door when Nora was reading a book.   |
| Q39) | Ravin was playing soccer while his classmates were studying.  |
| Q40) | Jeff had a stomachache because he ate ten hamburgers.   |
|      | She noticed a movement behind a cupboard.   |
|      | She wanted to stay to solve the mystery.  |
| Q43) | a)Moved backwards in the direction of the exit.<br>b)did not take her eyes off him.   |
| Q44) | " caught a glimpse "  |
| Q45) | courageous  |
| Q46) | a)False / He thought that the information would improve his story.<br>b)False / Joseph asked if she could lower the torch as his eyes were hurting. |



|      |         |
|------|---------|
| Q47) | 3, 2, 1 |
|------|---------|