



2023 PRIMARY 3 END-OF-YEAR EXAMINATION

Name: _____ () Date: 23 October 2023

Class: Primary 3 ()

Time: 8.00 a.m. – 9.10 a.m.

Parent's signature: _____

Duration: 1 hour 10 minutes

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 BOOKLET A

Booklet A	20
Booklet B	30
Total	50

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

- Write your name, class and register number.
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- For questions 1 to 20, shade your answers in the Optical Answer Sheet (OAS) provided using a 2B pencil.
- For questions 21 to 43, write your answers in Booklet B.

This booklet consists of 7 printed pages.

Section A (9 x 1m)

Grammar

For each question from 1 to 9, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

1. Sally opened her bag to _____ her lunchbox.
(1) find
(2) finds
(3) found
(4) finding

2. You must walk _____ the stream to reach the train station.
(1) by
(2) on
(3) over
(4) around

3. The basket of apples that Mrs Raju has just bought _____ very sweet.
(1) is
(2) are
(3) was
(4) were

4. I saw the twins leaving their stationery on their desks. The pencil cases could be _____.
(1) ours
(2) mine
(3) theirs
(4) yours

5. There is _____ wrong with Aminah today. She is not smiling like she always does.

- (1) nothing
- (2) anything
- (3) something
- (4) everything

6. "_____ a sea star regrow its arms once they are broken off?" asked Sam curiously.

- (1) Can
- (2) May
- (3) Shall
- (4) Should

7. _____ it was raining heavily, I did not feel cold.

- (1) If
- (2) As
- (3) Then
- (4) Although

8. Wei Xiong went home after school, _____ he?

- (1) didn't
- (2) hasn't
- (3) hadn't
- (4) doesn't

9. My dad bought _____ furniture when we moved into the new house because we had thrown away all the old ones.

- (1) many
- (2) a few
- (3) a little
- (4) a lot of

Section B (6 x 1m)

Vocabulary

For each question from 10 to 15, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

10. Camille's portrait appeared like magic on the _____ that Vincent was painting on.
- (1) cloth
 - (2) fabric
 - (3) textile
 - (4) canvas
11. You should refer to the _____ if you want to know the meaning of the word "dormant".
- (1) caption
 - (2) glossary
 - (3) sub-heading
 - (4) contents page
12. My classmate _____ up the stairs leading to his classroom as he was late for school.
- (1) ambled
 - (2) marched
 - (3) sauntered
 - (4) scrambled
13. Shanti was told to _____ the responsibility of being the class monitor for this term.
- (1) take in
 - (2) take up
 - (3) take off
 - (4) take away

14. Staring at her poor results, my sister regretted revising only _____.

- (1) in the long run
- (2) at the eleventh hour
- (3) in the twinkling of an eye
- (4) on the spur of the moment

15. I am grateful to my teacher's _____ explanation. The solution is now crystal clear to me.

- (1) brief
- (2) thorough
- (3) immediate
- (4) spontaneous

Section C (5 x 1m)

Visual Text Comprehension

Study the following poster and answer questions 16 to 20.

Mandai Safari Park School Holiday Special!

Mandai Safari Park is home to more than 500 exotic animals.
Visit with your family for an escape from the city this year-end school holidays!

Meerkats are omnivores – they eat fruits and vegetables as well as animals. Unlike humans, they have no excess body fat and therefore, searching for food is a constant activity. Their diet mostly consists of insects, which they sniff out using their acute sense of smell. They also eat small rodents, fruit, birds, eggs, lizards, scorpions as well as snakes.

Despite living in the desert, meerkats do not need extra water in their diet. They get all the moisture they need from the insects and grubs they eat.



Meet our Meerkats

Get up close and personal with our mischievous meerkats. They will run over to you for mealworms which will be provided.

Date : 9 - 16 December

Time : 1 - 2 pm

Cost : \$10 per person

③ Did you know?

- Meerkats can spot birds miles away! The dark patches around their eyes help to cut down glare from the sun and see far into the distance.
- Meerkats can live up to eight years in the wild but life can be harsh and they have many predators. In captivity, they live between 12 and 14 years and have been known to live up to 20 years!

For each question from 16 to 20, four options are given. One of them is the correct answer. Make your choice (1, 2, 3 or 4). Shade the correct oval (1, 2, 3 or 4) on the OAS.

16. The **main** aim of the poster is to _____.

- (1) introduce Mandai Safari Park to everyone
- (2) explain how the park is home to many exotic animals
- (3) encourage people to visit the park during the school holidays
- (4) inform readers that the year-end school holidays are approaching

17. According to the poster, what is the **main** food source for meerkats?

- (1) rats
- (2) insects
- (3) mealworms
- (4) fruits and vegetables

18. What is the purpose of the dark patches around the meerkats' eyes?

- (1) To protect them from predators.
- (2) To reduce the glare from the sun.
- (3) To protect their eyes from the sun.
- (4) To help them spot birds that are miles away.

19. How long do meerkats live typically in captivity?

- (1) Up to eight years
- (2) Up to twelve years
- (3) Up to fourteen years
- (4) Up to twenty years

20. Which one of the following statements about the poster is **true**?

- (1) Meerkats are shy animals.
- (2) Meet our Meerkats take place during lunchtime.
- (3) Meerkats are always searching for food to store fats in their bodies.
- (4) You can meet the meerkats during the first two weeks of December.

End of Booklet A



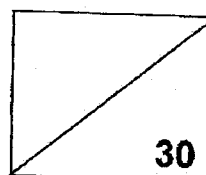
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Section D (4 x 1m)

Grammar Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct answer from the words in the box. Write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

- | | | | |
|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| (A) after | (B) instead | (C) moreover | (D) our |
| (E) rather | (F) since | (G) their | (H) therefore |

The temperature in Singapore has been rising. To combat the heat, schools across the island have been relaxing (21)_____ uniform rules. Many schools have allowed the students to wear the Physical Education attire (22)_____ of the full uniform. This is clearly a step welcomed by parents (23)_____ their children spend long hours in school. (24)_____, the scorching weather will be here to stay. With this hot spell, students may not be wearing their uniforms all year round.

Adapted from <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/>

Section E (4 x 1m)

Comprehension Cloze

Read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box. Write its letter (A to H) in each blank.

EACH WORD CAN BE USED ONLY ONCE.

- | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| (A) audience | (B) free | (C) once | (D) purchase |
| (E) receive | (F) spectators | (G) theme | (H) topic |

Dear Diary,

This year's National Day Parade will be held at the Padang - a place of great importance and history to Singaporeans. My parents are over the moon when they (25) _____ three complimentary tickets for the event. We can watch the show for (26) _____! Hooray! According to my Social Studies teacher, the (27) _____ this year is "Onward as One". At any of the five stadiums in the heartlands, (28) _____ will be entertained by a Total Defence parade and numerous phenomenal performances. Thus, I'm looking forward to the NDP this year. Goodnight!

Love,

Nura

Section F (4 x 2m)

Synthesis and Transformation

For each of the questions 29 to 32, rewrite the given sentence(s) using the word provided. The meaning of the sentence(s) must be the same as the meaning of the given sentence(s).

29. Mr Mouse met Gruffalo in the deep dark wood. Mr Mouse was walking in the deep dark wood.

While _____

30. Gary enjoys playing badminton. Gary's brother enjoys playing badminton, too.

Both _____

31. The construction workers continued to work until the sky turned dark.

_____ only

32. Li Ming was very excited. Li Ming unwrapped his birthday presents.

With much _____

Section G (6 x 1m)

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

Each of the underlined words contains either a spelling or grammatical mistake. A wrong or missing punctuation mark is indicated by a circle. Put the correct punctuation mark or word in the box.

Muthu loved collecting model airplanes. Every day after completing his

(33)

(34)

homework Muthu would assemble the parts of the airplanes together. Muthu makes

sure that he saved some of his pocket money so that he could buy more model airplanes.

(35)

His favourite between all his airplanes cost him an arm and a leg.

(36)

One day, as Muthu was dusting his airplanes in the cupboard, he acidantelly

(37)

dropped one of them onto the floor. It broke into smithereens. "Mum he wailed. His

(38)

mother ran out of the kitchen immediately. Fourtunetely, she managed to glue the broken

parts together and it looked as good as new. "You're the best, Mum!" said Muthu, a big

grin spreading across his face.

Adapted from: <http://www.englishdaily626.com>

Section H (8 marks)

Comprehension Open-ended

Read the passage below and answer questions 39 to 43. Your answers must be based on the passage.

Every day, Grumpy Goblin dug for precious stones at a mine in the forest to add to his huge collection. However, the more he collected, the grumpier he became. Nothing was ever right for him. Worried that someone might steal his treasure, he never invited anyone to his house.

In a nearby forest lived a fairy who was always happy. She was never 5
bored as the animals and trees all around were her friends.

One day, the goblin had a misfortune. He was pushing his cart full of precious stones out of the mine when all of a sudden, a crow swooped down, grabbed a brilliant ruby and flew off. The goblin was furious. He ran after the thief, yelling, "Come back, you fool!" Grumpy Goblin ran for such a long time 10
that he ended up in the forest where he nearly collided with the fairy.

"Hello!" greeted the fairy. "Where are you from?"

"None of your business!" said the goblin in his grumpiest voice.

"You look upset. Would you like some fruits and a drink?"

"I don't want anything but my ruby back!" 15

Fairy handed the goblin a cup of dew and some berries anyway. As he was thirsty, he drank the cool dew and ate a few berries. Fairy began to sing. "Would you like to dance with me?" she asked. Without waiting for an answer, she held Grumpy Goblin's hand and together, they flew up into the sky, twirling high above the trees. The more fun the goblin had, the less grumpy he felt. 20

Then, out of nowhere, the crow appeared. It hopped over to the fairy and presented her the red stone. "Oh! That's so sweet of you!" said the fairy. "You remembered my birthday!"

"But...that's MY ruby!" shouted the goblin.

The fairy looked at the goblin in astonishment and despair. "You shouldn't get so angry about a little stone," she said and held out the stone to the goblin who snatched it angrily from her. 25

Fairy then turned her back on him and walked away sadly. "That stone belongs to me," he muttered. He wanted to believe that but deep down inside him, he was cross with himself. He had ruined everything. All the precious stones in the world were not as valuable as friendship. So, he went back to find the fairy to salvage the situation. 30

Ever since, the animals could hear the goblin singing merrily in the mountains.

39. Which word has the same meaning as 'sadness'. Circle (A) or (B). [1m]

The fairy looked at the goblin in astonishment and despair.

(A)

(B)

40. Read each statement and write 'True' or 'False' in the boxes beside the statements. [2m]

Statements	
a) The fairy and the goblin lived in the forest.	
b) The fairy forgave the goblin in the end.	

41. State two things that the fairy did to make the goblin feel better after losing his ruby. [2m]

a) _____

b) _____

42. Tick ✓ the title that **best** describes the story. [1m]

<input type="checkbox"/>	How to Become a Happy Fairy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grumpy Goblin Learns the Value of Friendship
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Importance of Collecting Precious Stones for Happiness

43. Would you like to have a friend like Grumpy Goblin? Give **one reason** to support your answer. Your answer must be based on the text. [2m]

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CONTACT :

Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	Q10
1	1	1	3	3	1	4	1	4	4
Q11	Q12	Q13	Q14	Q15	Q16	Q17	Q18	Q19	Q20
2	4	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2
Q21	Q22	Q23	Q24	Q25	Q26	Q27	Q28		
G	B	F	C	E	B	G	F		

Q29	While Mr Mouse was walking in the deep dark wood, he met Gruffalo.
Q30	Both Gary and his brother enjoy playing badminton.
Q31	The construction workers only stopped working when the sky turned dark.
Q32	With much excitement, Li Ming unwrapped his birthday present.
Q33	,
Q34	Made
Q35	Among
Q36	Accidentally
Q37	!"
Q38	Fortunately
Q39	B
Q40	a) False b) True
Q41a	Dancing with the goblin in the air.
Q41b	The fairy handed a cup of dew and some berries.
Q42	✓ Grumpy Goblin Learns the Value of Friendship
Q43	No. It was because whatever he had, he would not share or lend, so I don't want to be his friends.

