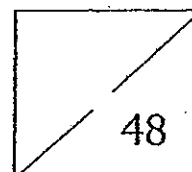




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ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2  
PRIMARY 3

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**Instructions to Pupils:**

1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so.
2. Follow all instructions carefully.
3. ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

	Maximum	Marks Obtained
Grammar & Vocabulary	28	
Comprehension Cloze	5	
Comprehension (MCQ)	5	
Comprehension (OE)	10	
Total	48	

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**Section A: Grammar (14 marks)**

**For questions 1 to 6, choose the most suitable answer and write the number in the brackets provided. (6 x 1 mark)**

1. "\_\_\_\_\_ knows how to repair my old sewing machine," sighed Aunt Su Kim sadly.  
(1) Anyone (2) Nobody  
(3) Someone (4) Somebody ( )
2. "You do know how to go home on your own, \_\_\_\_\_ you?" Mr Tan asked Joey.  
(1) do (2) can  
(3) don't (4) can't ( )
3. Larry was writing a letter to his penpal when the doorbell \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) ring (2) rang  
(3) rings (4) was ringing ( )
4. "Terry, please put your storybook on \_\_\_\_\_ shelf over there after you have finished reading it," Mother said.  
(1) this (2) that  
(3) these (4) those ( )
5. Don heard a roaring sound and saw the jet plane fly \_\_\_\_\_ his house.  
(1) over (2) through  
(3) against (4) between ( )

6. Doreen and her sister were proud of \_\_\_\_\_ for completing the 500-piece jigsaw puzzle without help from anyone.

(1) herself

(2) yourself

(3) ourselves

(4) themselves

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For questions 7 to 10, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to F) in each blank.

USE A WORD ONCE ONLY. (4 x 1 mark)

(A) then

(B) but

(C) before

(D) so

(E) and

(F) when

One day, a young boy visited the grounds of a travelling circus. He was watching the acrobats practise their somersaults (7) \_\_\_\_\_ he noticed some elephants nearby. Running over to admire them, he discovered something amazing. These huge creatures were being held by only a small piece of rope tied to their front legs. It was obvious that the elephants could break away from their bonds (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for some reason, they did not.

Seeing the young boy's puzzled expression, the trainer explained why the elephants made no attempt to get away. "When they were very young (9) \_\_\_\_\_ much smaller, we used a rope of the same size to tie them. At that age, the rope was strong enough to hold them. As the elephants grow up, they believe the rope can still hold them (10) \_\_\_\_\_ they do not try to break free."

Adapted from *The Elephant Rope* by AcademicTips.org

For questions 11 to 14, read the passage carefully. Write the correct form of the verb in each blank. (4 x 1 mark)

Once there was a little girl, Bella, who lived with her mother near the forest. They were poor and often (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) hungry because they could not afford to buy any food.

One day, while Bella was (12) \_\_\_\_\_ (look) for some berries in the forest, she met an old woman. She seemed to know about Bella's sorrowful life. She showed Bella a little pot and said, "Cook, little pot, cook." Immediately, the little pot cooked some sweet porridge. Then she commanded, "Stop, little pot!" It (13) \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) cooking at once.

Bella thanked the kind old woman for her gift and hurriedly (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the pot home to her mother. From that day onwards, Bella and her mother could eat sweet porridge as often as they chose.

Adapted from *Sweet Porridge* (Kiddsen Fables and Fairytales)

**Section B: Vocabulary (14 marks)**

**For questions 15 to 20, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (6 X 1 mark)**

15. The witness was reminded to tell the truth when he \_\_\_\_\_ in court.

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|---------------|------------------|---------|
| (1) judged    | (2) announced    |         |
| (3) testified | (4) demonstrated | (     ) |

16. Jean's sister wore a beautiful wedding gown that was as white as \_\_\_\_\_.

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|-----------|-------------|---------|
| (1) ice   | (2) snow    |         |
| (3) paper | (4) crystal | (     ) |

17. Mother watched her children \_\_\_\_\_ as they played in the baby pool.

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|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| (1) safely      | (2) closely    |         |
| (3) confidently | (4) thoroughly | (     ) |

18. The spy paid a large sum of money to obtain the \_\_\_\_\_ information.

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|-------------|----------------|---------|
| (1) secret  | (2) public     |         |
| (3) covered | (4) mysterious | (     ) |

19. Our family has decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the new restaurant this weekend and have dinner there.

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|--------------|---------------|---------|
| (1) check in | (2) check on  |         |
| (3) check up | (4) check out | (     ) |

20. The white-bellied heron, an endangered bird, is losing its \_\_\_\_\_ as the river and its banks are becoming polluted.

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|----------|-------------|---------|
| (1) den  | (2) region  |         |
| (3) area | (4) habitat | (     ) |

For questions 21 to 28, read the passage carefully. Choose the correct word from the words given in the box and write its letter (A to M) in each blank. The letter "I" has been omitted to avoid confusion. USE EACH WORD ONLY ONCE. (8 X 1 mark)

(A) good	(B) empty	(C) shock	(D) pointed
(E) stab	(F) last	(G) briefly	(H) safety
(J) appeared	(K) uneasy	(L) delayed	(M) hurriedly

Kate had just returned from a shopping trip to a nearby mall. She had bought a new wallet for herself and was pleased because it was on sale. As she entered the lift to her flat, a young man suddenly (21) \_\_\_\_\_.

Tall and wearing dark glasses, the young man (22) \_\_\_\_\_ entered the lift. Kate found his behaviour suspicious so she decided to get out of the lift. She was concerned for her (23) \_\_\_\_\_. However, before she could exit, the man took out a knife and (24) \_\_\_\_\_ it directly at her.

In a low voice, he told her, "Don't scream or I'll (25) \_\_\_\_\_ you." Kate almost collapsed in (26) \_\_\_\_\_. The robber demanded that she handed over her wallet. Kate immediately took out her new wallet and gave it to him. The robber fled the scene with the new but (27) \_\_\_\_\_ wallet in his hand. Kate was unharmed and in the end, she had the (28) \_\_\_\_\_ laugh. Her old wallet filled with money was still in her bag.

**Section C: Comprehension Cloze (5 marks)**

**For questions 29 to 33, read the passage carefully. Fill in each of the blanks with the most suitable word. (5 x 1 mark)**

Mrs Huang was horrified. She searched high and low but her three-year old son was nowhere to be found. She called out Peter's (29) \_\_\_\_\_ over and over again but received (30) \_\_\_\_\_ reply. In despair, she dashed out of her house and ran down the streets.

Then, it struck her. Lately, her son had the habit of opening and (31) \_\_\_\_\_ the cupboard in his room repeatedly. Once he even hid in it. Thinking that he might have done it again, Mrs Huang rushed (32) \_\_\_\_\_ and headed straight for his bedroom. She heaved a sigh of relief when she opened the cupboard. True enough, Peter was hiding (33) \_\_\_\_\_ quietly. She warned him not to be mischievous again.



**Section D: Comprehension (MCQ) (5 marks)**  
**Read the following passage carefully.**

A hungry wolf had been watching a flock of sheep for several days. Stealing sheep was nothing new as she had been successful all this time. On that day, however, there was a difference. One of the two men keeping guard carried a rifle. The other, as usual, had a pole.

Hiding among the bushes, the wolf waited patiently for the right moment. 5  
Everything should go according to plan. She would pounce on the smallest lamb and carry it quickly into the bushes. She would then have a fine meal for the day.

The wolf's vast experience had made her bolder and more confident. She was sure that she was going to get what she wanted. As she watched the sheep grazing in the meadow, she felt hungrier. Finally, after what seemed like an eternity, the 10  
moment arrived. The hungry wolf made a sudden dash at the flock. In her enthusiasm, it had slipped her mind that one of the men had a rifle. A shot rang out before she could get a little lamb. A bullet hit the wolf's leg, paralysing her.

The two men immediately raised the alarm. Soon, several villagers rushed to the scene, armed with ropes, daggers and knives. As the wolf lay on the ground, she 15  
listened intently to the villagers as they discussed what to do with her. Some felt she should not be harmed further and be taken to the zoo. Others felt she should be killed.

The wolf did not expect her plan to fail. Bleeding profusely at the foot of a hill, she wished everything had gone smoothly that fateful day. If only she had 20  
remembered about the rifle!

For questions 34 to 38, choose the most suitable answer and write its number in the brackets provided. (5 X 1 mark)

34. What had the wolf been doing for several days?

She had been \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) observing the sheep
- (2) spying on the two men
- (3) stealing a flock of sheep
- (4) keeping guard over the flock of sheep

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35. What was unusual that day?

- (1) Both men keeping guard carried rifles.
- (2) Both men keeping guard carried poles.
- (3) One of the men keeping guard carried a rifle.
- (4) One of the men keeping guard carried a pole.

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36. Where did the wolf hide before her ambush?

She hid \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) in the village
- (2) in the meadow
- (3) at the foot of a hill
- (4) among the bushes

(       )

37. Why was the wolf unsuccessful this time?

She was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) too fast
- (2) too confident
- (3) unsure of the plan
- (4) very cunning and skillful

(       )

38. How did the wolf feel at the end of the story?

She was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) overcome with fear
- (2) relieved that she was not killed
- (3) remorseful for what she had done
- (4) filled with regret for being forgetful

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**Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)**

Read the following passage carefully. Write the answers for questions 39 to 43 in complete sentences. (5 x 2 marks)

A colony of frogs lived in a pond surrounded by a forest. They were worried about their safety and held a meeting one day.

"It's unbearable," said one frog. "The herons hunt us by day and the raccoons prey on us at night."

"Yes," said another. "We should demand that the herons leave the pond. 5  
Banish them first!"

All the frogs readily agreed. Their noisy gathering drew the attention of a heron who was resting nearby. She wanted to know who the frogs wanted to banish. When the frogs looked at her beak, which was like a sword for stabbing frogs, they trembled. The frogs quickly told her they wanted the raccoons to leave. On hearing 10  
that, the heron flew away.

The frogs now had to decide who would tell the raccoons to leave. The bullfrog, being the biggest, was instantly chosen. The bullfrog, however, was hesitant. After all, the raccoons were bigger than him.

The other frogs assured the bullfrog that they would go with him to meet the 15  
raccoons. They said, "We'll stick to you like your shadow!"

At twilight, the bullfrog asked the frogs again, "All of you are going to stand by me like my shadow, right?" The frogs nodded their heads vigorously.

Feeling confident now, the bullfrog hopped onto the shore and met the 20  
raccoons. There were four of them, a mother and her three *kits* (baby raccoons). The bullfrog bravely demanded that the raccoons leave the forest. The mother raccoon simply twitched her nose. The bullfrog repeated his demand, expecting the other frogs to back him up. However, there was only silence. He turned and saw, just before he was eaten, that he was the only frog there.

39. What did the frogs worry about?

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40. What did the frogs want to do first?

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41. Why did the frogs choose the bullfrog to meet the raccoons?

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42. Which word in paragraph 6 has the same meaning as "promised"?

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43. Why was the bullfrog confident when he met the raccoons?

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Semestral Assessment (2) 2012  
Primary 3 – English

Section A: Grammar							
1. (2)	2. (3)	3. (2)	4. (2)	5. (1)	6. (4)	7. F	8. B
9. E	10. D	11. went	12. looking	13. stopped	14. took		

Section B: Vocabulary							
15. (3)	16. (2)	17. (2)	18. (1)	19. (4)	20. (4)	21. J	22. M
23. H	24. D	25. E	26. C	27. B	28. F		

Section C: Comprehension Cloze					
29. name	30. no	31. closing	32. back	33. there	

Section D: Comprehension MCQ				
34. (1)	35. (3)	36. (4)	37. (2)	38. (4)

Section E: Comprehension (Open-Ended)	
39	Q: What did the frogs worry about? A: They worried about their safety.
40	Q: What did the frogs want to do first? A: They wanted to banish the herons.
41	Q: Why did the frogs choose the bullfrog to meet the raccoons? A: The bullfrog was the biggest, therefore the frogs chose him.
42	Q: What word in paragraph 6 has the same meaning as "promised"? A: The word is "assured".
43	Q: Why was the bullfrog confident when he met the raccoons? A: He was confident because he thought the other frogs would be behind him.

